



MINUTES OF THE LEZIATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON the 21st of January 2026 at Sandboys, Bawsey

PRESENT: Cllrs. Adrian Bramwell (AB), Graham Mathais (GM), Andy Blatch (ABL) and Michael de Whalley (MdW). The Parish Clerk (CB)
Borough Councillors Michael de Whalley and County Councillor Jim Moriarty
1 member of the public present.

1. **CLLR de WHALLEY WAS VOTED IN TO CHAIR THIS MEETING AND WELCOMED ALL**
2. **PARISHIONERS 15 MINUTE FORUM:** Re village hall agreement – item 6.1
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**
Cllrs Anota, Kempley, and Brammer
4. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
5. **Approval of the circulated minutes from the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 12th of September 2025.** Proposed MdW, seconded AB and all in favour who attended this meeting.
6. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - 6.1 Village Hall – GM asked for the current position of committee members of the VH Committee and advised that there are now 5 committee members and the Chair will not be leaving. All decisions are made by the committee. It was confirmed that if there was no committee, then the Parish Council would take over immediate administration.
MdW has the instructions for the CCTV camera and funding from a community grant could be used for an internet connection. MdW and ABL offered to help set up and MdW can provide a monitor. ABL suggested mobile internet service providers as an alternative. ACTION: MdW/ABL
The next VH meeting is on the 9th of January from 7.30.
The agreement was proposed by GM, seconded ABL with all in favour. Document duly signed by Cllr de Whalley and the VH Chair.
GM thanked the VH Chair and PC Clerk for their work on this agreement.

6.3 Traffic Project update – Cllr Moriarty advised that he had spoken to Andy and Jason at Highways and an onsite meeting is due w/c 26.1.26 weather permitting. Cllr Moriarty will continue to monitor.

6.4 HGVs on East Winch Road – ABL advised the usual suspects were using the road 2 Agriculture, Middleton Aggregates, Baco and Roger Warnes. AB advised that although we are unable to prevent using the road, we could formalise an official letter to these companies, asking that they only allow vehicles to use the road if on business and not as a short cut to the A47.

GM thanked ABL for the monitoring and ABL will go ahead with a further 2 weeks monitoring.

ACTION: ABL

Cllr Moriarty will mention this to Highways.

ACTION: JM

GM raised the fact that the grass verges on East Winch Road were being destroyed by the HGV's

Cllr Moriarty added that a County infrastructure development meeting/scrutiny panel reported that the public were satisfied although fed up!

Cllr Moriarty was thanked for his attendance which is most appreciated and valued.

7. **PLANNING:** to consider:

7.1 Application received after agenda issued:

25/02164/F - HOUSEHOLDER - Second floor extension and internal alterations at Hadleigh Farmhouse Hadleigh Farm 43 Well Hall Lane Ashwicken

25/01976/F - HOUSEHOLDER- Extensions and new roof to form first floor accommodation. at 7 Fen Lane Ashwicken

No observations comments on both above applications. Proposed GM, seconded ABL and all in favour with MdW abstaining.

7.2 Decisions: None

7.3 Enforcement/Appeals: None

8. **REPORTS FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:**

Cllr de Whalley advised that there was no further news on the proposed wellness resort with both planning and clerk receiving on responses. We need to keep aware.

Local Government Reorganisation consultation now closed and response from the Government due in March 26.

There is scope for parishes to submit intent to change boundaries. This was not considered something the PC would be interested in.

GM raised the continued switch off of the Bawsey Lights which is causing some issues with cyclists etc.

CIL funding is to have a new set of guidance from March 2026 with training on the 2.2.26 (clerk attending). King's Lynn are looking at applying for the Town of Culture project which gives £3m of investment for the winner. Discussions taking place for a Town Council at King's Lynn at a full council meeting.

Cllr Moriarty reported:

Norfolk County Council Updates

Funding for active travel improvements in Norfolk

Norfolk County Council has been awarded more than £12 million in capital funding and nearly £3 million revenue funding from the Department for Transport's Active Travel

Capability Fund - to improve walking, wheeling, and cycling infrastructure across the county.

The funding forms part of the Government's national commitment to invest £616 million in schemes as they are confirmed.

Norfolk Trails Public Survey

The council is seeking feedback to ensure that the future of [Norfolk's Trails](#) aligns with the values and preferences of residents. A public survey is being conducted to gather community input, which will inform the long-term planning and improvement of the trails, with the aim of enhancing accessibility for all.

We welcome the views of our local councillors and are keen to hear from your residents – so please share the link to the public survey. The link to the survey is available [here](#).

New mentoring programme for Norfolk care-experienced young people

A new mentoring programme is being launched to support Norfolk children and young people in care. The Beyond Limits scheme pairs care-experienced young people with mentors who share similar backgrounds, providing dedicated support and guidance. Five care-experienced young adults have been recruited as mentors. They will also visit schools, colleges, and other settings, and participate in events and training for employers and professionals.

The mentoring team will be led by James Waterson, Virtual School Apprentice Project Manager. James joined Norfolk County Council to help build a team of volunteer mentors who, like him, are all care experienced.

Find out more, including videos and team details [here](#).

For referrals, or to express interest in becoming a mentor, please contact jamie.waterson@norfolk.gov.uk.

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9. Reports and updates:

9.1 Clerks Report: Both Scribe and NPTS are featuring training/information on the new Assertion 10 rules and regulations which will lead to additional work on the AGAR/year end. The additional policies and procedures are now in place but need to approve and sign the IT equipment form. Now working on our Data Map and risk assessments. Access to the parish public consultee portal is now set up and working well Working on the defibrillator by the school and have asked Sibelco for help with the VH car park pot holes.

9.2 Cllr Blatch advised that there are now 2 SAM units working with one on East Winch Road now on Brow of the Hill. The data will be downloaded as soon as Cllr Anota is available to help. The clerk was thanked for obtaining a second hand unit.

ACTION: ABL/BA

9.3 Play Areas – Cllr Blatch advised the Glosthorpe was fine with the mole returning. Any digging brings up the glass and this has been reported to the clean-up team at Borough Council.

9.4 Bus Shelters – Cllr Mathias advised nothing untoward and the wooden shelters were intact. A Spring Clean would be ideal via P. Jones. Cllr Moriarty mentioned that a QR Code should be on every bus stop.

Seating on the bus shelter on the B1145 to be discussed at the next meeting.

9.5 Footpaths – Cllr Bramwell advised no change.

9.6 Highways – no further updates.

9.7 Grass cutting / sponsorship – clerk had received a new quote but savings were less than 2% and it was agreed by all to continue with our current supplier. Proposed ABL, seconded by GM with all in favour.

10. Finance:

10.1 Bank reconciliations, approval of payments, bank statements and payments/receipts for September, October, November & December 25- Proposed AB seconded GM and all in favour.

10.2 Payments for January (to date) Proposed AB seconded GM and all in favour.

10.3 Approve the proposed precept and budget. Agreed a 10% increase in precept and approval of the budget. Proposed ABL, seconded GM with all in favour.

10.4 The third quarter financial review was approved, proposed AB, seconded GM with all in favour.

11. Correspondence/Communications

11.1 Middleton Towers Station – no update

11.2 The Voice – Cllr Kempley to advise when next edition is due.

11.3 Defibrillator at Ashwicken School. The clerk has been working on this with the school as it is out of order. The defibrillator was donated to the school by the PC on the understanding that they maintain the unit. Cllr. Bramwell provided information that all schools must have a defibrillator and clerk to follow this up.

ACTION: Clerk

12. Items for next agenda: include Bawsey Lights

Please advised the clerk of any items 7 days before the next meeting date.

13. The next Meeting will be on the 25th of March 2026 from 6.30pm at Sandboys, Bawsey.

The meeting closed at 19.58

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JANUARY PAYMENTS

C Boyden	Salary	429.70
HMRC	PAYE	143.44
C Boyden	Expenses December	35.99
P Jones	Grass cutting	TBA
BCKLWN	Dog Bin charges monthly	158.18 DD
Sandboy	Meeting hire	25.00

Signed

Date