

TERRINGTON ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Serving the villages of Terrington St John and St John's Fen End

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held On Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 7pm in St John's Church

1. To record the names of those present

Cllr A Bishop, Cllr J McCallum, Cllr B Dye and Cllr J Ware

Cllr P Kunes – Terrington Ward Councillor

2 members of the public

2. To consider accepting apologies for absence

It was **resolved** to accept apologies from Cllr M Knights.

3. To consider co-option applications

There were no applications for co-option to consider.

**4. To record declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest from
members in any item to be discussed and consider any requests for
dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. To approve the minutes of the last ordinary council meeting held
Wednesday 5th February 2025**

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held 5th February 2025 as a true and accurate record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

**6. To allow public participation – to include information from developers,
Police representatives, or any other person invited to speak**

The parishioners present noted that there is still a 70mph speed limit on the old A47. They feel that the traffic is too fast to walk along especially with a buggy. Noted that an accident happened last year. The road is a mile long and it is being used as a drag strip. They feel that the end of the dual is a heavy breaking area and would like the speed dropped. Would like the speed reduced from 70mph but not sure what the speed limit should go down to. Both ends of the stretch of road are currently 30mph. Noted that the recommendation in the feasibility study would be to make is a single carriageway.

7. To receive reports from Borough and/or County Councillors

Cllr Kunes – discussed the Norfolk & Suffolk devolution. 2026 will be the election for a mayor. Borough will have elections for shadow elections. Cllr Kunes discussed the devolution.

Planning is an issue with the current government and there is pressure on them to accept more applications. There is a target of 550 builds in the borough in the year. If they are below target, then there be an action imposed. However, the target number has been increased to build 1000 homes in the borough. There are some big projects happening in the borough but there will be pressure on them to accept more.

The ferry at West Lynn has been suspended as the steps need to be repaired. This is a NCC responsibility.

Councillors briefly discussed village hall matters and going forward.

8. To receive the Clerk's report, including matters arising from last month's meeting

- Phase 4 School Road footpath – commencement date between April – June 2025 at no extra charge to the Parish Council. Noted phase 5 still needs a quote from the local Highways engineer.
Speed limits not being kept to. 'Round Alls' or a 'Slow Down' are needed on the bends to remind people to slow down and keep to the speed limits. Clerk to find out how much they cost. Can the ward councillor contribute to the cost of this?
- To consider alternative meeting location – School can provide a room at £30/hour – this was welcomed, however the cost was high. Clerk to let them know we are looking ahead for the colder parts of the year to consider this option again.
- To consider taking part in up-and-coming national events – Keep Britain Tidy, V E Day 80 and Day of Reflection – Cllr Ware to let the village hall committee working group know of these events.
- To take receipt of the items from the Methodist Church and discuss a location for them to be kept. – Clerk to ask Mr Clayton if they can be put up in the church.

9. To receive and consider reports and updates from Councillors regarding the areas they have been delegated to take a lead responsibility on previously

- a) Councillor B Dye: - nothing
- b) Councillor A Bishop:
 - Norfolk Association of Local Councils - nothing
 - Planning (other link J MacCallum and J Ware)
- c) Councillor A Hoey:
 - SAM2 - nothing
 - Police - nothing
- d) Councillor J MacCallum:
 - Internal audit control – No details to present, Clerk to get records to Cllr MacCallum.
 - TSJ Consolidated Charity – meeting going ahead in next couple of weeks.
- e) Councillor J Ware:
 - Village Hall committee - coffee morning on Saturday. Raffle did well and money made. Cllr Ware needs box back to cash up the funds.

Cllr Kunes left at 8.15pm.

10. To consider financial business

- a) To receive bank account balances
£82,990.15
- b) To receive details of income received
£230.00 rental
- c) To consider the recommended payments

Cozens	9252	£30.00
Wages		£918.19
HMRC		£35.40
Vodafone DD		£17.37
Electric		£139.53
Userone DD		£3.60
Church donation, use for meeting 050325		£20.00
TSJ Primary school defib pads and battery		£262.48
- d) To consider net position
- e) To consider Internal Auditor provision for 2024/25 records
The Clerk confirmed that the appointed IA had been in contact to arrange the IA.

11. To consider planning matters

a) Applications

Any applications that appear on the Borough Council planning portal up to the date of the meeting that require the consultation of the Parish Council will be considered by the Councillors at their scheduled meeting, even if they are not listed on the agenda.

b) Decisions

c) Address notification

d) Correspondence

12. To receive general correspondence via email during the month and consider any further actions required:

- To consider the old A47 carriageway speed and if this needs to be reduced – Does a new study need doing – Clerk to ask Highways. Councillors felt that if it is kept as dual carriageway people would still do 70mph. Clerk to ask WHW if they have speed problems on the dual carriageway in their village. Site meeting with AW/JM to be arranged. Clerk to ask residents their thoughts.
- Briefing for Parish and Town Council's on Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) from the Leader of the Council, Cllr Alistair Beales and Kate Blakemore, Chief Executive – 17th March 6pm to 7.30pm at King's Lynn or via Teams.
- Sign for TSJFE – Clerk to follow this up with the contractor to see when they will start.
- Councillors felt that a Newsletter for April should be started.
- It was agreed that Rospa should be engaged to conduct the checks of the Parish Council equipment again this year.

13. To ratify decisions made by email/phone calls during the month

Nothing.

14. To receive items for next month's agenda

Village sign progress.

Car park lighting

Car park tarmac

15. Date and time of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – Will be held on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 7pm

APA next meeting

16. To resolve on the moving into a closed session, on the grounds of confidentiality in accordance with the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s.1(2)

a) To consider quotes for work required:

- Fencing behind Scout hut – consider next month.
- Additional CCTV, for camera showing the back of the Scout hut, provided by existing CCTV contractor – consider next month.