

CORPUSTY & SAXTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Corpusty & Saxthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 7:30pm, in Corpusty & Saxthorpe Village Centre.

Present Cllr Guy Hodgson (GH) Chair
 Cllr J.V.Ree (JVR)
 Cllr Lesley Last (LL)
 Cllr Marty Jacobs (MJ)
 Cllr Stephen Fenny (SF) Vice Chair
 Cllr Pete Jones (PJ)
 Cllr John Birchall (JB)

10 members of the Public

2025/75 **To consider accepting apologies for absence – Cllr A Brown**

2025/76 **To consider co-option to fill a vacancy – none**

2025/77 **To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda and requests for dispensation – none**

2025/78 **To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th July 2025 -**
Minutes were approved, Proposed Cllr MJ, Seconded Cllr SF, ALL AGREED

2025/79 **To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting – None**

2025/80 **OPEN FORUM (as per Standing Order 3e Public participation will be for a maximum of 15 minutes)** – A parishioner mentioned that although he has raised the issue many times, nothing has been done about the speeding on Heydon Road. GH mentioned that the PC has corresponded with Norfolk Constabulary, Highways and our MP, and met our MP. Highways are against the suggested road furniture measures of speed bumps and chicanes. The police do not enforce the speed limit. Our MP suggested that parking vehicles on the road, as there are no parking restrictions, so as to have the same effect as chicanes is a sensible approach, which has been adopted elsewhere. The parishioner mentioned that he is making a formal complaint against the PC due to its inactivity. The parishioner was directed to North Norfolk District Council if he wishes to make a complaint. Should he wish us to raise the issues of concern in writing, the PC will raise them with the Highways Authority. Another parishioner has raised a petition

regarding the new fencing that has been placed on The Green between Bloomfield House and the western end of the common. The petition proposes that the fence should be moved from the edge of the green to enclose the play area. It is also observed that there are access issues as the gates can be obstructed by vehicles and the ground is not flat making access for prams and wheelchairs difficult. Also, people are letting dogs off on the green and not clearing up after them. GH stated that the access issues will be addressed. A different parishioner also stated that the fence protects children who are playing on The Green from running across the road. Another parishioner mentioned that the parking along this stretch of The Green was already difficult and it's now worse. A parishioner mentioned that the issue of children running out onto the road has been an issue for many years but nothing was done because it was believed that no fencing can be placed on The Green as it was thought to be common land. Since it has been established that the land is registered as a village green, the parish council resolved to erect the fence in its current position, specifically to address its duty of care to protect children. It has also been established that the green was enclosed by a metal fence until it was removed as part of the WW2 war effort. The fence therefore reinstates what was previously there. The issue with the dog mess has been a problem for many years. A different parishioner mentioned that she goes around The Green to collect litter and dog waste. GH thanked the parishioner for her voluntary service in doing this. Another parishioner mentioned it is very difficult to keep children in a small fenced area. It was also mentioned that if not for the war the original fence would still be there. Following the public comments GH explained the manner in which decisions of the parish council are made and referred to the parish council's Standing Orders. Following these, the proposal to restore the fence to its current position was on the agenda for the meeting on Weds 13th November 2024. The relevant minute of the meeting of 13 November 2024 was read out, to include the issues debated and the resolution made. There were no parishioners present. The minutes of the meetings on 15th January 2025 and 12th March 2025 were also read, which explain how the contractor was decided upon. GH also read the extract in the CVN published in February 2025 which informed of the intention to reinstate the fence and referred to the date of the next meeting. GH also read out emails received from Parishioners who are very much in support of the new fencing. GH stated that should the petition have been brought to the PC at the time the proposal to fence was being considered it would have been taken into account. GH stated that had this occurred he would not have been persuaded by it as it ignores the reasons for reinstating the fence in its current position, simply focusing on the petitioner's desire that the fence should not be in its current position. JB stated that the fencing is a significant improvement but the access issues identified need to be addressed. It was agreed that a site meeting be arranged to look at the possible need to re-profile the ground at the gates to make access easier. It was also resolved that two signs should be ordered asking that access to the gates is not obstructed. SF recalled meeting a family who visited from Cawston who were picnicking at the tables by the road as well using the playground, observing that this has been made safer by the erection of the fence. JVR observed that the positioning of the fence protects people using the benches and tables as well as the play area. LL stated that the fence, the work of the new contractor mowing the grass, the restored phone box and plough make the whole area look much improved. MJ mentioned that he has been approached by 2 parishioners who signed the petition without reading it properly, subsequently

regretting that they had signed it. PJ agreed that the access issues need to be addressed and acknowledged that parking along the road is a problem, inviting suggestions for alleviating this. He observed also that dogs have been exercised on the green, on and off lead, before the fencing was erected. Concluding, GH explained that as the resolution to reinstate the fence to its current position was properly made, and the fence has been erected, it will remain. A parishioner would like a war memorial placed in the village to remember the people who were killed serving our country. This will be on the next agenda. Suggestions are invited. LL mentioned that a war grave has been identified in the graveyard of St Andrew's church, and it is hoped that before armistice day a plaque will be erected recognising this.

2025/81 To receive updates from individual council members (for information only) - 2 street lights are not working, on the right of Mountains Road, and Pottersfield. Clerk to contact Cozens.

2025/82 To note updates from Norfolk Constabulary, Village Hall Committee, County Councillor and District Councillor

Norfolk Constabulary have not attended a meeting for some years. We await hearing from them as regards the occasional use of a mobile speed camera. Clerk to contact PC GGS

Village Hall – The village hall trustees are hoping for a resolution with Synergy concerning the old Village Hall in the next few weeks. Synergy has been invoiced for rent up to the date of the break clause, December 2027, as well as dilapidations. A public meeting was held by the VH committee on 30th August to explain the position. There will be a celebration to mark the re-opening of the restored Corpusty Station Building on 20th September at 2pm.

District Councillor – please refer to our website, Clerk to resend to Council

2025/83 Planning

(i) PF/22/1753 | Status: Pending Decision | Case Type: Planning Application - Land At Shrubbs Farm Edgefield Road Edgefield Melton Constable Norfolk NR24 2AT, erection of 6 poultry sheds and associated developments-DECISION QUASHED

(ii) Planning Application to build 38 Dwellings off Norwich Road Corpusty - Clerk to follow up following an email received from a Parishioner regarding drainage

2025/84 Finance

- (i) To approve the monthly financial statement, bank reconciliation and cash book. These were emailed to Cllrs on 2nd September 2025 – Proposed Cllr SF, Seconded Cllr JB – ALL AGREED.
- (ii) To approve the following retrospective payments & acknowledge receipts

Payments

30/06/2025	Unity Trust	Service charge	£6.00
24/07/2025	HMRC	PAYE Clerk	£84.91
25/07/2025	A Yacoubian	Printer ink £27.90/3	£9.30
28/07/2025	A Yacoubian	clerk salary (11.00 PAYE)	£520.44
30/07/2025	Countrystyle	DD INV542197	£42.00
31/07/2025	Unity Trust	Service charge	£6.00
27/08/2025	NPT&S training	Inv 21668 Cllr JVR	£124.80
28/08/2025	A Yacoubian	clerk salary (28.20 PAYE)	£588.14
31/08/2025	Unity Trust	Service charge	£6.00

Receipts

07/08/2025	HMRC	VAT refund	£2,049.79
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Proposed Cllr LL, Seconded Cllr MJ, ALL AGREED

2025/85 **Highways Matters** –The PC have met Chris Purvis of Highways, subsequent to his becoming responsible for our area, and await hearing from Highways in respect of at least 10 issues that need addressing. There has been progress on improving the bus stops in front of St Andrew’s church. We also await hearing from Highways as to the possibility of a bus shelter at this location, subject to it being in keeping with the location. GH will chase

2025/86 **Correction to the registration of the Corpusty Village Green and the possible application to amend the register** – The PC has made an application to correct the register accurately to show the area of The Green that was registered as a village green, as the registration plan does not accurately show the boundaries of the green. NCC agree and have produced an accurate plan to replace the original. The outcome of our application is awaited. There is a further issue in that when the registration application was submitted, an historic plan was used that included the mill pond, which has become part of the green. NCC have said that we can apply to amend the application to include all the land within our land registry title. It was agreed that there is no imperative to take this step, but should that change an application can be made

2025/87 **ROSPA Play Area Inspection** – Clerk to instruct Justin to proceed with the works

2025/88 **Little London Allotments** – There has been no progress on the allotments recently however a parishioner wishes to take on allotment 6 and swap with the current tenant who wishes to take on a different allotment. This is to be progressed. There remains much clearance to be completed. Clerk to contact scrap removal contractor to provide a quote to take away the rubbish. Rabbit fencing is required on the northern boundary adjacent to the tenanted allotments, LL to contact local contractor to install this fencing up to £500.
ALL AGREED

2025/89 **SAM2** – The SAM2 is up and running again by PJ

2025/90 **To consider BSIP Funding for Bus Shelter** –See item 85 above. ALL AGREED

2025/91 **Clerks report/policies**

Email received 15th July 2025 regarding a petition – see above

Email received 28th July regarding the new fencing around The Green – see above

Councillor Training booked course will run 14 & 21 October 2025 Cllr JVR and Thu 16 Oct, (SM). There are Councillor Refresher Courses running ALL AGREED/Acknowledged

Email received 14th August 2025 - OP Trigger plan Support - Norfolk Constabulary – to be put on the website and Notice Board

Email received 20th August 2025 regarding relaunch of Neighbourhood Watch – to be put on the website and Notice Board

East Anglia Air Ambulance email received 26th August 2025 re funding – Cllrs will/already donate

Email received to consider applying to join a Scout Association Board of Trustees locally – to place on the Notice Board

Councillor Induction courses online 18th September

To note Clerks payrise - The Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025 to be backdated to April 2025, 3.2% - ACKNOWLEDGED

2025/92 **To close the meeting and confirm date of next meeting – 12th November 2025**

Meeting ended at 20.56 hrs

Signed..... Date.....