

TACOLNESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tacolneston Parish Council held at Tacolneston Village Hall on Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs L. Pincher (Chair), P. Butcher (Vice-Chair) K. Darrell, D. Hayward,
S. Langley, J. Pyle and B. Spratt.
Parish Clerk/RFO: D. Wickham
County Cllr C. Rowett and District Cllr K. Carsok.
3 members of the public.

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| 1. To consider approving any apologies for absence.
There were none. | 25/062 |
| 2. To receive any declarations of interest and dispensation requests on any items to be discussed.
Cllr Langley declared an interest in item 8b (expenses). | 25/063 |
| 3. Public Participation.
a) County Cllr Rowett had circulated a report to the Council prior to the meeting. Cllr Spratt was unhappy that the Green Party at Norfolk County Council (NCC) was seeking to increase the council tax by the maximum 5% permissible. Cllr Rowett argued that if this increase was not agreed, NCC would be unable to provide its full range of services to the community. District Cllr Carsok reported that the Business Awards were open for nominations, members' grants of up to £1,000 were still available and residents affected by parking issues in the vicinity of The Pelican should report these in order for the police to be able to act.
b) The proposal to re-thatch the unused bus shelter was questioned, when the funds could be better utilised on outdoor gym equipment, which local residents could benefit from. Concerns were raised in relation to vehicles parking outside The Pelican following a recent near-miss accident. Cllr Hayward clarified that the land on which the bus shelter stands is owned by NCC, who were not prepared to convert this into a parking layby. | 25/064 |
| 4. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th September 2025.
Having been circulated to the council prior to the meeting, it was AGREED by all that the minutes were approved as a correct record. | 25/065 |
| 5. To receive any updates from the Media and Communication Working Group.
A letter had been sent to Tasway Solar objecting to its solar farm proposals. | 25/066 |
| 6. To receive any updates from the Pylons Working Group.
It was AGREED that the working group would become the Pylons and Solar Working Group to encompass the ongoing solar farm proposals. | 25/067 |
| 7. To adopt the 2025 Freedom of Information and Data Protection Policies.
Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the Council AGREED to adopt these two policies. | 25/068 |

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8. **Financial matters.**

25/069

- a) The bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved.
b) Following receipt of the relevant invoices these payments were approved:

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Gross
D Wickham	Clerk's Expenses Sept and Oct	£161.36	£16.07	£177.43
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary November	£357.05		£357.05
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE and NI November	£93.59		£93.59
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary December	£357.05		£357.05
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE and NI December	£93.59		£93.59
S Langley	Remembrance Wreath	£24.58	£4.91	£29.49
J Comerford	Notice Board Refurbishment x3	£610.00		£610.00
Ribbonsdale Nurseries	Grounds Maintenance	£453.92	£90.78	£544.70
ICO	Annual Data Protection Fee	£52.00		£52.00
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9. **To discuss funding for adult exercise equipment/update to children's play area.**

25/070

Cllr Butcher reported that the current play equipment was well past its ideal lifespan and that Tacolneston and Fornsett Recreation Association (TAFRA) would like to renew and expand it. Grant funding was being explored, and the Council was asked to consider contributing. Cllr Darrell suggested the Council earmarked any forthcoming Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies for this purpose. Cllr Langley had slight reservations in relation to whether outside adult gym equipment would be used by young people, but it was noted that older residents had requested such equipment.

10. **To receive any updates on the leasing of church land by local residents for parking purposes.**

25/071

Cllr Spratt advised that the land in question was currently leased until October 2026 and suggested the Council contacted the church in Summer 2026.

11. **To consider any planning applications.**

25/072

There were none.

12. **To discuss the refurbishment of the thatched bus shelter.**

25/073

Following a discussion of the pros and cons of refurbishing the unused shelter it was **AGREED** to consult local residents on the issue and ask for any working group volunteers. Cllr Pincher offered to facilitate this.

13. **To agree the 2026 Parish Council meeting dates.**

25/074

The following dates were agreed: 14th January, 11th March, 13th May, 8th July, 9th September and 11th November 2026.

14. **To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 14th January 2026 at 7pm.**

25/075

This was unanimously **AGREED**.

The meeting ended at 8pm

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