

TACOLNESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tacolneston Parish Council held at Tacolneston Village Hall on Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 7pm.

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

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| 1. To consider approving any apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllr Darrell. These were approved by the Council. | 25/049 |
| 2. To receive any declarations of interest and dispensation requests on any items to be discussed.
None were received. | 25/050 |
| 3. Public Participation.
a) District Cllr Carsok offered to fund the new ropes required for the church bells upon receipt of a written request from the PCC. The hotel is Diss, which South Norfolk Council (SNC) had been using for asylum seekers, was now back in use as a hotel. Cllr Spratt regretted that it was no longer being used to house asylum seekers. A video produced by SNC to promote its solar projects survey had been shared on social media and had received a high level of engagement. All responses in relation to the unitary authority proposals would be submitted to the government by 26 th September 2025.
b) The hedge at Hilltop Farm had been cut and this had dislodged the 30MPH sign on the highway. Cllr Pincher offered to report this to Norfolk County Council (NCC) on its portal. He had also brought a newly-erected fence to NCC's attention, as it may be too close to the highway. | 25/051 |
| 4. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th July 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. | 25/052 |
| 5. To receive any updates from the Media and Communication Working Group.
Cllrs Darrell and Pyle had drafted a letter objecting to the proposed Tasway Energy Park solar farm. It was AGREED that this letter should be sent at this stage, even though no planning application had been submitted yet. Cllr Pyle offered to send the letter. | 25/053 |
| 6. To receive any updates from the Pylons Working Group.
National Grid had submitted a Development Consent Order application to the Planning Inspectorate and SNC was formulating its response. Cllr Pyle confirmed that the existence of a Tree Preservation Order within the village would make the siting of a pylon in the vicinity more difficult. | 25/054 |

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Date: 12/11/25

7. **To adopt the 2025 IT Policy**

25/055

Having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting it was **AGREED** that the policy should be adopted, subject to clarification in the document that the Council's information was backed-up to the cloud for security.

8. **Financial matters.**

25/056

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 July & August	£199.39	£23.67	£223.06
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary September*	£412.55		£412.55
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE & NI September	£118.01		£118.01
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary October	£357.05		£357.05
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE & NI October	£93.59		£93.59
South Norfolk Council	Dog Bin Annual Charge 2025-26	£973.00	£194.60	£1,167.60
TAFRA	Village Hall Hire 09.07.25	£17.00		£17.00
Ribbonsdale Nurseries	Grounds Maintenance	£453.92	£90.78	£544.70
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J Comerford	Phone Box Refurbishment	£475.00		£475.00

*includes national pay increase from April 2025.

Cllr Spratt congratulated all of those involved in the refurbishment of the adopted telephone box. Cllr Hayward had written to Mr Comerford to thank him for his excellent work.

9. **To discuss traffic and parking issues in the village.**

25/057

It was noted that cars parking near the bend in the B1113, outside the cottages close to The Pelican, were becoming a safety concern. There were no yellow lines on this stretch of road, and the speed limit was 30MPH. Cllr Hayward asked District Cllr Carsok to request that SNC Traffic Enforcement Officers concentrate on this area in future. Cllr Spratt noted that local residents had rented nearby land belonging to the church to park their vehicles on in the past. It was suggested that this option be investigated as a possible remedy to the parking issues. Cllr Spratt would raise the matter with the PCC and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

10. **To consider cutting back the overgrown hedge in McKee Drive and overgrown footpaths.**

25/058

Following a complaint from a local resident the Council **AGREED** that the overgrown hedge on its land needed to be cut back. A quote had been obtained for this work from the Council's grounds contractor, but another local resident offered to cut the hedge back with the help of her neighbours to avoid any cost to the Council. Cllr Pincher thanked her for her kind offer, but clarified that doing so would be at the residents' own risk.

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(Overgrown footpaths (FP4) were discussed and an action plan was agreed. However, following the meeting, Cllr Langley confirmed that the issue had now been resolved without the need for further intervention.)

11. **Any planning matters.** 25/059
There were none
12. **To discuss the old Parish Council noticeboards.** 25/060
It was noted that there were three noticeboards within the village, with only one currently being used by the Council. Cllr Butcher suggested that only one was required by the Council and it was **AGREED** that all three should be refurbished, with the two that the Council was not using being repurposed as community noticeboards. Cllr Hayward would request a quote from Mr Comerford for this work.
13. **To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 12th November 2025 at 7pm.** 25/061
This was unanimously **AGREED**.

The meeting ended at 8.05pm

Signed:



Date: 12/11/23