

TACOLNESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tacolneston Parish Council held at Tacolneston Village Hall on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs L. Pincher (Chair), K. Darrell, D. Hayward and J. Pyle.
Parish Clerk/RFO: D. Wickham.
District Cllr K. Carsok.
No members of the public.

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| 1. To consider approving any apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllrs Butcher, Langley and Spratt. These were approved by the Council. | 26/013 |
| 2. To receive any declarations of interest and dispensation requests on any items to be discussed.
None were received. | 26/014 |
| 3. Public Participation.
a) District Cllr Carsok reported that Tacolneston's Community Action Fund application would be discussed at the upcoming District Council meeting. There were also two £500,000 funds available to Parish Councils and an 'In Bloom' match-funded grant of £1 per resident. A report from County Cllr Rowett had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting.
b) There were no matters of concern from local residents. | 26/015 |
| 4. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2026.
Having been circulated to the council prior to the meeting, it was proposed by Cllr Hayward, seconded by Cllr Pyle, and AGREED by all that the minutes were approved as a correct record. | 26/016 |
| 5. To receive any updates from the Media and Communication Working Group.
Cllr Darrell reported that she had attended the open floor hearing in relation to the pylon proposals, and read the Council's consultation response, which had been submitted prior to the deadline. | 26/017 |
| 6. To receive any updates from the Pylons and Solar Working Group.
See item 5 above. | 26/018 |
| 7. Financial matters.
a) The bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved.
b) The Council AGREED to appoint R Goreham as its Internal Auditor for the 2025/26 financial year.
c) Following receipt of the relevant invoices the following payments were approved: | 26/019 |

Signed:

Date:

Payee	Detail	Net	Vat	Gross
D Wickham	Clerk's Expenses Jan and Feb	£98.62	£3.52	£102.14
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary March	£357.05		£357.05
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE and NI March	£93.59		£93.59
D Wickham/ HMRC	Clerk's Salary, PAYE and NI April	£450.64		£450.64
TAFRA	Village Hall Hire 14.01.26	£17.00		£17.00
Parish Online	Annual Subscription	£70.00	£14.00	£84.00
NPTS	Annual Subscription	£180.00	£36.00	£216.00

8. **Planning Matters** 26/020
2025/3977 - Land To The Rear Of The Pelican Public House, Norwich Road: Outline permission for erection of 2 no. self-build/custom build dwellings with all matters reserved except access.
The Council's objections to this planning application had been submitted and were available to view on the South Norfolk Council planning website.
9. **To adopt the 2026 Standing Orders.** 26/021
The Council unanimously **AGREED** to adopt this document.
10. **To receive an update in relation to the possible refurbishment of the thatched bus shelter.** 26/022
Cllr Pincher had requested quotes from four local thatchers to re-thatch the ornamental bus shelter, but had not received any responses. Cllr Hayward noted that there was a reported lack of thatchers in Norfolk. County Cllr Carsok suggested funding from the District Council may be available. Cllr Darrell offered to investigate the possibility of apprentices undertaking the work. If any quotes were forthcoming, an application to South Norfolk Council for funding would need to be made before the next Parish Council meeting.
11. **To discuss the Village Hall play equipment project.** 26/023
Cllrs Pincher and Darrell reported that three quotes had been obtained by TAFRA in relation to the refurbishment/replacement of the play area, including a footpath from the car park. These quotes were in the region of £50,000. Some grant funding was available for the project, but the Parish Council was being asked for a contribution. Following a discussion, the Council **AGREED** to ask TAFRA for the costs of items of play equipment, to enable a decision on whether to donate any play equipment to TAFRA to be made.
12. **Highways Matters.** 26/024
a) The fence on Highways land outside The Lakes was discussed. District Cllr Carsok reported that the positioning of the fence had been reported to the Planning Enforcement team and was being investigated – she would chase this up with those concerned.
b) Cllr Darrell highlighted the deficiency of the existing 'Recreation Centre' sign at the end of Westway. Cllr Pincher offered to raise the issue with Highways.

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13 **To confirm the date of the Annual Parish Council meeting as 13th May 2026 at 7pm.**

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This was unanimously **AGREED**.

The meeting ended at 8pm.

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