

TACOLNESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tacolneston Parish Council held at Tacolneston Village Hall on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs L. Pincher (Chair), J Pyle (Vice-Chair), P. Butcher,
K. Darrell and D. Hayward.
Parish Clerk/RFO: D. Wickham
District Councillor: K Carsok.
1 member of the public.

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| 1. To consider approving any apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllrs Langley and Spratt. These were approved by the Council. | 26/058 |
| 2. To receive any declarations of interest and dispensation requests on any items to be discussed.
None were received. | 26/059 |
| 3. Public Participation.
a) District Cllr Carsok announced that the local government reorganisation proposals relating to Norfolk had been withdrawn and all related work had stopped. The work may recommence once a full review had been conducted in the future. The next hearing to consider South Norfolk Council grant awards would be held on 2 nd October, including four applications from Tacolneston. Cllr Pincher thanked Cllr Carsok for her assistance in having an abandoned car removed from the village recently.
b) No matters were raised by members of the public. | 26/060 |
| 4. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th July 2026.
Having been circulated to the council prior to the meeting, it was AGREED unanimously that the minutes were approved as a correct record. | 26/061 |
| 5. To receive any updates from the Media and Communication Working Group.
Cllr Darrell had attended an Anglian Water seminar and reported that new reservoirs outside of Norfolk were being planned to assist with the region's water supply. Desalination plants were also being investigated, but this option was likely to prove problematic. It was confirmed that Anglian Water is a statutory consultee in planning applications for ten or more homes. | 26/062 |
| 6. To receive any updates from the Pylons and Solar Working Group.
There were none. | 26/063 |
| 7. To adopt the 2026 Internal Control Policy and IT Policy.
The Council AGREED unanimously to adopt the two documents. | 26/064 |

Signed:

Date:

8. **Financial matters.**

26/065

- 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	£284.54	£40.70	£325.24
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary September*	£440.25		£440.25
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE and NI September	£129.99		£129.99
D Wickham	Clerk's Salary October	£379.20		£379.20
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE and NI October	£103.35		£103.35
Ribbonsdale	Grounds Maintenance	£475.36		£475.36
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*includes annual local government pay increase backdated to 1st April 2026.

9. **To discuss the bus shelter roof quotes.**

26/066

Cllr Butcher had requested four quotes for the work, but had only received one response. He would request further quotes in advance of the next Parish Council meeting.

10. **Any planning matters.**

26/067

There were no new planning applications to consider. Cllr Darrell raised a concern that local residents with affordable housing needs should be given priority when such housing became available, but that they may not be aware of the need to register their interest. The Media and Communication Working Group would look at ways to publicise this.

11. **To discuss the proposed improvements to the village hall and play area.**

26/068

Cllr Butcher reported that improvement work to the play area, including a new footpath and fencing, would commence in October. Grants from South Norfolk Council to upgrade the UK Power Network supply and to make improvements to the hall interior had been applied for.

12. **To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 11th November 2026 at 7pm.**

26/069

This was **AGREED** unanimously by the Council.

The meeting ended at 19.38

Signed:

Date: