

Nacton Parish Council

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 14th January 2026 starting at 7.00 pm

Present:



Parish Councillors: Cllr. B. Hunt (Chairman), Cllr. P Warner, Cllr. S Baalham, Cllr. J Leeder, Cllr. S Godden, Cllr. J Mumford, Cllr. A Waterman

Mrs C Lucas (Clerk)

County Councillor: Patti Mulcahy

District Councillors: Mike Ninmey and Lee Reeves

Agenda Item	Context/Discussion	Actions and Decisions
NPC/25/53 Apologies for absence	Cllrs Wilson and Eaton - apologies accepted.	
NPC/25/54 Declarations of interest	None	
NPC/25/55 Invitation to public to comment on agenda items	None	
NPC/25/56 Minutes and actions of meetings	Previous minutes from the 2nd December 2025 were agreed upon as a true and accurate reflection and signed by the Chairman.	
NPC/25/57 Chairman's update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Paul Tattersall will tighten the bolts and keep an eye on the trim trail● No further forward with monumental mason - nobody has returned the chairman's calls● Spoke to Owen Akers and he will cut down the dead tree this week	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Wilson will sort the VAR when she gets back from holiday - batteries don't last as long in the cold weather • Waiting to hear from Carl Watts re seat • Need to get permission from community council email list people about sharing data • Grit bins - one near Orwell park needs re filling • Christmas tree got put up and taken down 	<p>Action: Clerk to contact Highways re filling of grit bin.</p>
<p>NPC/25/58 Planning applications</p>	<p>Erection of First-Floor Balcony to Rear Elevation and erection of Detached Cart-Lodge Garage </p> <p>Weardale Mill Piece Nacton Ipswich Suffolk IP10 0HQ Ref. No: DC/25/4421/FUL Validated: Tue 25 Nov 2025 Status: Awaiting decision</p> <hr/> <p>Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/24/2629/VOC - Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/4999/FUL - 1. Extension and... Show more description </p> <p>Broke Hall Lodge Broke Hall Park Nacton Ipswich Suffolk IP10 OES Ref. No: DC/25/4308/VOC Validated: Fri 28 Nov 2025 Status: Awaiting decision</p> <p>Weardale - went to planning last week - will be decided by Head of Planning imminently (Update from Cllr. Lee Reeves)</p>	

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<p>NPC/25/59 Highways Consultation SCC/0170/25SC</p>	<p>Councillors agree that this is a good solution if being actioned a little late with Sizewell traffic already on the roads.</p>																	
<p>NPC/25/60 Reports</p>	<p>Suffolk County Council:</p> <p>Local government review - A letter from government was sent to 63 councils to ask their opinion that if elections were to be postponed in May would that release additional capacity to complete the LGR in a more timely fashion. Some of the councils in the response addressed the issue of postponing elections. SCC chose not to do that. Cllr. Mulcahy felt that elections should go ahead in May - not what conservatives thought she therefore resigned from the party on Friday to express concerns about not having elections. Has since joined the Reform party. The timeline of LGR decisions should be known in February. Cllr. Mulcahy stated it is undemocratic not to have an election in May.</p> <p>Business cases are currently being reviewed by the government - by March a decision should be made on what offer to move forward with.</p>																	

	<p>Cllr. Baalham asked Cllr Mulcahy - Does this change how you represent Nacton Parish Council? Cllr Mulcahy said no nothing has changed at all.</p> <p>Cllr. Waterman commented that he felt it was not a democratic decision for Cllr. Mulcahy to change parties as a councillor without a by-election.</p> <p>Cllr. Mulcahy stated that there are now 6 reform councillors at SCC</p> <p>East Suffolk Council:</p> <p>New recycling policy comes in in June - south of East Suffolk residents will get an email imminently - then new bins will be sent out to residents. Recycling bins. Residents will have 5 bins per household. Cllr. Warner highlighted that this will cause issues along pavements. This will start in June.</p> <p>New consultation re planning - has been sent to councillors</p> <p>50 dwellings per hectare near train stations proposed.</p>	
<p>NPC/25/61 Finances</p>	<p>Payments agreed:</p> <p>a. Payments made since the last parish meeting:</p> <p>03.12.25 Orwell Stores (Xmas Tree, Lights and Planter bulbs/soil) £102.00 04.12.25 RFO Expenses - Printer Cartridges £28.99 16.12.25 Lloyds Bank charge £4.25 28.12.25 Clerk Salary £250.76 28.12.25 RFO Salary £103.82</p> <p>b. Receipts since the last parish meeting:</p>	

	<p>None</p> <p>C . Payments requiring Approval:</p> <p>None.</p> <p>d - Financial update from RFO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Bank Account balances / Savings (balances as circulated)● CIL balance update - currently £1,077.94● VAT update - currently £271.24 (reclaim will be processed I April 2026)● Asset Register - circulated and ready for adoption in March 2026● Approve Precept amount for 2026-27 of £12,010 (per recommendation of Finance Advisory Group)● Approve Updated Standing Orders List of Payments for 2026-27 (previously circulated) <u>APPROVED</u> <p>e - Precept</p> <p>Budget for 2026/27 of £12,398 - £100 increases for Community council, church and village hall (Other small adjustments have been accounted for both up and down). <u>APPROVED</u></p> <p>The new clerk is currently unavailable for the proposed AGM/APM and therefore a new date was sought - Wednesday 27th May - AGM/APM starts at 7 pm <u>New date APPROVED</u></p>	
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<p>NPC/25/62 Parish documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emergency Plan - no updates ● Maintenance Plan - no updates ● Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To discuss asking parishioners for their suggestions on ways to spend parish money - do a questionnaire - leave paper forms around at coffee mornings - Cllr. Baalham said we need to make parishioners aware it's not an endless pot of money. <p>AW - get lanyards for parish councillors so they are known and for people to see who they are.</p> <p>Photograph to be taken of all councillors at the next meeting in March.</p>	<p>Action: Cllr Leeder to start the questionnaire questions - look at wording 'small parish' language used. Mention a couple of things that have previously been done like village sign.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to update the contact details for all noticeboards</p>
<p>NPC/25/63 Parish matters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local government review - covered NPC/25/60 ● Working groups - Each group fed back ● Asset register - updated by RFO ● Email database - covered - NPC/25/57 ● Website - updates to news section <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion around removing the news section and putting news on the home page. ● Contact details need updating ● Newsletter - next one spring - info to the clerk ● Poors Field - covered - NPC/25/57 ● Tree Warden - covered - NPC/25/57 ● Pauper's Wood - covered - NPC/25/57 ● Other parish matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr. Waterman asked the clerk to find out when next joint meetings of councils is 	<p>Action: Cllr. Baalham to update contact details section of website</p> <p>Action: Clerk to create spring newsletter including questionnaire link for residents</p> <p>Action: Cllr. Mumford to contact the clerk at Waldringfield re</p>

		Biodiversity plan using CIL money Action: Clerk to find out the date of the next joint meeting.
NPC/25/64 Matters raised by and reports by Councillors	Received since agenda issued - Virgin and O2 new phone mast - could be that signal gets much better but mast is going to be much taller - 22 metres high.	
NPC/25/65 Resignation of the chairperson	Cllr. Hunt resigned as Chairman of Nacton Parish Council. Cllr Warner thanked him for his service on behalf of all councillors.	Action: Clerk to complete online paperwork - ROI
NPC/25/66 Election of chairperson	Cllr. Warner was voted in as Chairperson of Nacton Parish Council	
NPC/25/67 Receive the chair person's Declaration of Acceptance of Office	The declaration of acceptance of office was signed	
NPC/25/68 Election of Vice Chair person	Cllr. Eaton was voted in as Vice Chair of Nacton Parish Council	
NPC/25/69 Public question time	None	