

Nacton Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 27th May 2026 starting at 6:30 pm

Parish Councillors: Cllr. P Warner (Chair), Cllr. A Eaton (Vice Chair) – (arrived 6:40pm), Cllr. B. Hunt, Cllr. S Baalham, Cllr. J Leeder, Cllr. S Godden, Cllr. J Mumford, Cllr. E Wilson and Cllr. A Waterman

Mr Brian Mansfield (Clerk/RFO)

Agenda Item	Context / Discussion	Actions and Decisions
NPC/26/1 Election of Chairman	<p>Cllr. P Warner was nominated by Cllr. J Leeder and seconded by Cllr. E Wilson to remain in office as Chairman. All Councillors present voted in favour and Cllr. P Warner was duly elected. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and witnessed by the Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr. A Eaton was nominated by Cllr. P Warner and seconded by Cllr. J Leeder to remain as Vice Chairman. All Councillors present voted in favour.</p>	
NPC/26/2 Declarations of interest	None	
NPC/26/3 Apologies for Absence	None	
NPC/26/4 Allocation of Councillor / Clerk roles for 2026-27	<p>4.1 Vice Chair – Cllr. Eaton</p> <p>4.2 Poors Field – Cllr. Warner</p> <p>4.3 Community Council – Cllr. Hunt</p> <p>4.4 Finance Advisory Group – Clerk, Cllrs. Hunt, Leeder, Baalham</p> <p>4.5 Matters of the moment – Clerk, Cllr. Warner</p> <p>4.6 Emergency Plan working group – Cllrs. Eaton, Hunt, Warner, Waterman</p> <p>4.7 Village Hall – Cllr. Wilson</p>	

	<p>4.8 SALC - Clerk</p> <p>4.9 Induction for new Councillors – Cllr. Hunt</p> <p>4.10 George Court – Judith Wyndham</p> <p>4.11 Tree Warden – Andrew Williams</p> <p>4.12 Almshouses – Cllr. Mumford</p> <p>4.13 Village Recorder – Cllr. Warner</p> <p>4.14 Maintenance Plan working group – Cllrs. Mumford, Leeder, Waterman, Godden</p> <p>4.15 IT and Social Media working group – Clerk, Cllrs. Baalham, Wilson</p>	
<p>NPC/26/5 Invitation for Public to comment on Agenda</p>	<p>Two topics were raised by residents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Can the school and parents be reminded to use the gates when accessing Victoria Field (damage being caused to fencing / hedging) – also No Dogs allowed. 2) Increase in Learner Drivers on our local roads. 	<p>Action: Clerk to contact School.</p>
<p>NPC/26/6 Minutes and Actions from last meeting</p>	<p>Previous minutes from the 11 March 2026 were agreed upon as a true and accurate reflection and signed by the Chairman. One minor amendment to NPC/25/79 – average speed amended from 38mph to 32.9mph.</p> <p>NPC/25/76: Thriving Places funding for small communities is open - worth consideration by NPC.</p> <p>NPC/25/77: Approved moving £18k in Lloyds Bank 95-day notice account. COMPLETE</p> <p>NPC/25/77: SALC Payroll awaits confirmation of new employment arrangements and will adjust payroll accordingly COMPLETE</p> <p>NPC/25/77: Bank Mandate changes underway.</p> <p>NPC/25/77: Expenditure approval - new Clerk laptop, Microsoft 365 and accessories - EMR £1,000 but expect costs (ex-VAT) to be around £800. COMPLETE</p>	<p>Action: Include in Spending Review.</p> <p>Action: RFO to review Authority levels.</p>

	<p>NPC/25/78: Cllr Leeder requested £100 for the Church for an Exhibition on the Open Gardens Day.</p> <p>NPC/25/79: AGM & APM preparation - clerk to send out requests for reports. COMPLETE</p> <p>NPC/25/79: Litter pick - Date agreed 9th May 10 am Camilla Court. COMPLETE</p> <p>NPC/25/79: Pauper's Wood - Board that says 'Paupers Wood' needs repairing.</p> <p>NPC/25/79: Pauper's Wood - Request to have a re-blessing ceremony - no objections.</p>	<p>Action: Ongoing item RFO and Community Council Treasurer</p> <p>Action: Maintenance working group to review.</p> <p>Action: Cllr. Warner in discussion with Vicar.</p>																																													
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<p>NPC/26/11 Chairman's Update</p>	<p>Most of the Chair's update comments are noted in other areas of the Minutes. Additionally, Home Farm are organising Open Farm Sunday on 7th June – free tickets booked in advance are required to attend.</p>	
<p>NPC/26/12 Parish Matters and Working Groups</p>	<p>12.1 Finance Advisory Group RFO to organise a meeting over the summer (to include a review of the Internet Banking Policy) 12.2 IT and Social Media working group Cllr Baalham requested any photos relating to local events. 12.3 Website Clerk and Cllr. Baalham are meeting on 9th June to review the website and streamline the updating process. 12.4 Victoria Field Dead tree, tidy Spring bulbs and grass cutting being monitored. 12.5 Paupers Wood Maintenance Plan working group to consider new Yew Trees, Path Markers, repairs to stone plenth, gate access, sign repairs and bench (anti-theft). Separate litter pick not required. 12.6 Poor's Field Old entrance to be blocked and new entrance off farm track with gate to be installed. Land Registry topic still under discussion (potential to use new solicitor to conclude this matter). 12.7 War Memorial Clerk and Cllr. Hunt replaced one post and around 20 reflectors. Spare posts and reflectors are stored for future use. Cllr. Warner discussing repair work to Memorial wording and brickwork. 12.8 Email database expansion Community Council contact list can be shared, and this will improve the Parish Newsletter distribution. 12.9 Emergency Plan working group Minor updates to the document are being drafted.</p>	<p>Action: RFO to organise Finance Working Group meeting</p> <p>Action: Website feedback to be provided at next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>Action: Paupers Wood work feedback to be provided at next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to update records, once list received.</p>

	<p>12.10 Maintenance Plan working group Schedule next years litter pick earlier to avoid problems with hedges being overgrown.</p> <p>12.11 Action Plan Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>NPC/26/13 Matters raised by and reports by Councillors</p>	<p>Cllr. Hunt will action painting gates over the summer – and remove sandbag from Bus layby on Felixstowe Road.</p> <p>Cllr. Wilson has checked the Village Hall Defibrillator (pads are fine) and thanked Councillors for letting her know when the Speed Camera batteries need charging.</p> <p>Cllr. Leeder suggested that the bus shelter opposite the exit from The Street into Felixstowe Road required cleaning (just outside our Parish boundary) but should be include next time.</p> <p>Cllr. Leeder also asked if Highways could be advised that event signs at the crossroads of Felixstowe Road and The Street should not block visibility for cars exiting The Street.</p> <p>Cllr. Baalham mentioned the Parish Council website link shown in the Agenda needs updating.</p>	<p>Action: Clerk to contact Highways</p> <p>Action: Clerk to amend details.</p>
<p>Time of Meeting closed</p>	<p>Meeting closed at 7:28pm</p>	
<p>Date for next Parish Council meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 7:00pm Venue: Nacton Village Hall, The Street, Ipswich IP10 OEU</p>	