

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Hempstead Parish Council held on
Monday 7th July 2025 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllrs. P Sanders, (Chairman), Y. Gibson, C. Inglis, J. Neville,

J. Stibbons (clerk)

1. Apologies for absence were received from: - Cllr, C. Mack,

2 Reports. *Dist, Cllr. C. Ringer.* SAM2 speed monitoring cameras are available, cost depends on the time of use but this could be reduced by occasional use. .

Holt Country Park award. (*see report*)

The Ash tree near the bus shelter has been inspected.

There are no further updates on the development of the Chicken Farm

LGA conference. (*see report*)

Tenants for the West Beckham affordable housing are being considered at present.

The clerk reported that the defibrillator pads need replacing as they will be out of date.
New pads are to be purchased

3. There were no declarations of interest in any agenda item.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th May 2025 having been previously circulated; it was proposed by Cllr Neville that they be confirmed as an accurate record. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Gibson and approved by the meeting. The minutes were then signed by the chairman.

5. There were no Matters arising from the Minutes.

6. Planning. There were no planning applications for consideration._

7_ Playing Field. A report by Playsafety was circulated but there was difficulty in opening the details. The report will be circulated again and discussed at the September meeting.

8. Financial matters.

Bank Balances at 7/7/25 Current a/c £4610.06

The following outstanding invoices were approved for payment and cheques signed.

J. Stibbons	Salary (Sept-Nov)	£389.38
HMRC	PAYE	£97.
Zurich	Insurance	£253 (<i>already paid</i>)
Playsafety	Inspection	£96
News letter	Donation	£90
NALC	Web site design	£161.70
G. Sullivan	Grass cutting	£195

9. Website.

Due to recent legislation the Parish Council website must be updated to a gov.uk site. The email address will also become Hempsteadpc@gov.uk

After considerations of the options it was proposed by Cllr. Neville that the NALC site should be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr. Inglis and carried.

10. Correspondence.

District Councillors report

Briefing on proposals for Devolution

Bus shelter. 80% grants are available for repair or replacement of bus shelters.. The clerk is to apply for a repair grant

10. Matters for information or the next agenda.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 7.53pm.

The next meeting of Hempstead Parish Council will be held on Monday 1st September 2025

A copy of the Full report from District Councillor Ringer.

Highways: SAM2 Device

Although highways fall under the jurisdiction of Norfolk County Council, I am aware that several villages in the Gresham Ward have expressed an interest in a SAM2 device. A SAM2 is a type of speed-activated message sign that can be rotated between various locations in a community (or series of communities). It is a valuable tool for enhancing road safety by alerting drivers to their speed and encouraging safer driving behaviour but also collecting data which can be used to justify police enforcement and other highways changes.

Please note that these devices are not inexpensive. However, there are funding opportunities available, including grants that can cover up to 75% of the costs for smaller villages. I would like to gauge interest in sharing the costs of a SAM2 and connect communities that might be interested in applying for this funding. If your parish is interested, please do let me know.

Holt Country Park Grant Award

North Norfolk District Council has been awarded a £100,000 grant from the Hornsea 3 Legacy Fund, managed by Ørsted. This funding will be used to develop a new eco-learning hub in Holt Country Park. The hub will feature both indoor and outdoor spaces designed with sustainability in mind, including energy-efficient insulation, a sedum roof, and a rainwater harvesting system. Additionally, outdoor gym equipment will be installed that generates human-powered green energy to charge devices and provide power to an on-site storage unit.

This project will offer a unique opportunity for learning about sustainability, environmental impact, and renewable energy. It also aligns with the Council's ongoing commitment to enhancing green spaces and engaging with young people through environmental education. We look forward to seeing the development of this exciting project in Holt.

Your Council is Changing: Have Your Say

Big changes are coming to how council services are provided in Norfolk. The Government is considering reducing the number of councils and consolidating services into new 'unitary councils.' North Norfolk District Council, along with other councils in Norfolk, is working collaboratively to propose a model of three unitary councils for the county, which would provide a more locally focused and efficient system of governance.

These changes could have a significant impact on services such as housing, schools, waste collection, and transport. We want to hear your views on what matters most to you and how services should be delivered in the future. Please take a few moments to complete the short survey to help shape our proposal to the Government. Your input is vital.

You can have your say here: [Future Norfolk Survey](#)

LGA Conference Report

I had the privilege of representing North Norfolk District Council at the Local Government Association (LGA) Conference, where I attended discussions on a range of important issues. This included meetings with ministers on devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), as well as conversations about the evolving role of parish councils. We also discussed waste collection and processing, which remains a critical issue for many councils across the country. Additionally, I had the opportunity to meet with councillors from all over the UK to exchange ideas and perspectives on shared challenges.

West Beckham Affordable Housing

I am very pleased that the affordable housing units in West Beckham are very nearly at completion. As long promised, I have organised with NNDC and Broadland Housing an opportunity for all Parish Councillors in the area to view these before they are occupied. These are homes that will be allocated on the strength of local connection. Whether your village might be interested in these or not, it will be a good opportunity to learn more about them, the process and the people who can make it happen. I really hope you will be able to come along. This is PROVISSIONALLY set for 24th July however I will confirm that next week.