

GREAT MOULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on

Thursday 11th June 2026 at 7.00pm

In the Coronation Hall, Carr Lane, Great Moulton, NR15 2LA

Present:

Cllr C. Bailey – Chairman

Cllr K. Bailey

Cllr G. Timms – Vice-Chairman

Cllr J. Crawley

Cllr G. Crawley

Cllr S. Morgan

Cllr M. Negm

Mrs A. Barnes – Locum Parish Clerk

District Councillor – Suzanne Wateridge

County Councillor – Margaret Thomas

1 Parishioner

Minutes

The Chair Commented that we are recording this meeting to aid the writing of the minutes.

1. To receive apologies for absence with notified reasons

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr A Arber (Parish Clerk) due to illness.

2. To record Declarations of Interest from Councillors in any item to be discussed

Cllr K Bailey declared an interest in Item 7.5 – Locks and tablet.

3. To agree and sign the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 14th May 2026

Proposed Cllr Crawley Seconded Cllr K Bailey

The Minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting held on 14th May 2026 and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 14th May 2026 not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Cllr K Bailey reported on the first statistics from the SAM2 machine. His report had been circulated to all councillors. The machine had been installed on 21st May 2026 and since then 5,873 detections had been made of cars travelling at over 25 mph with one vehicle travelling at 45 mph. Appendix 1

5. Governance

Defer to next meeting.

6. To note any public participation and county and district councillor reports (max 20 Minutes to include 5 minutes for each county and District Councillor and one question per parishioner)

District Councillor Suzanne Wateridge sent her report attached as Appendix 2.

County Council Margaret Thomas gave her report and answered questions from her last visit from Councillors and Parishioners

Questions were raised on the cost benefit analysis review for all spending on Net Zero projects and the budget for Adult Social Care Services. Cllr Thomas explained this was part of an overall budget of £2.9 billion. Cllr Thomas confirmed that the 3 Contracts with Political Advisors Contractors had not been renewed.

7. Finances

7.1 To note the period for the Public to Exercise their Rights to run from Wednesday 3rd June 2026 to Tuesday 14th July 2026

7.2 To approve section 1 of the AGAR Annual Governance Statements

The Chairman took the council through Section 1 of the AGAR The Annual Governance Statements, and all agreed these are correct and the section was duly signed by the Chair witnessed by the clerk.

Proposed Cllr K Bailey Seconded Cllr J Crawley

7.3. To approve Section 2 of the AGAR Accounting Statements 2025-2026

The Chairman took the council through Section 2 of the AGAR The Accounting Statements, and all agreed these are correct and the section was duly signed by the chair witnessed by the clerk.

Proposed Cllr K Bailey Seconded Cllr J Crawley

7.4 To approve the Certificate of Exemption as detailed by the External Auditor via email as the Council meets the criteria

Proposed Cllr G Timms Seconded Cllr G Crawley

Agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

7.5 To approve the attached schedule of payments Appendix 3

Proposed Cllr G Crawley Seconded Cllr C Bailey

7.6 To approve the CCLA application and sign the necessary forms for application to put £25,000 of CIL money in this high interest account

Defer to next meeting.

7.7 To consider a Grant Application from Block East Pye Solar (BEPS)

An application for £2,000 had been received for a contribution towards expert advice and a report on noise levels of the BEPS proposals.

Proposed Cllr G Timms Seconded Cllr J Crawley

The Council approved a grant of £2,000.

8. Planning Applications:

To discuss issues with planning application 2025/2168

It was reported that the removal of trees and hedgerow had been reported to the Enforcement Officer, but South Norfolk Council had been unable to deal with this as the application had not been started. It was agreed that Social Housing was urgently needed on this site.

It was agreed to send an urgent email to Planning asking for an extension to the BEPS application so that further information can be put regarding the destruction of heritage views in the village.

9. Correspondence received

None.

10. To receive an update on the proposed Field Long Stratton Battery Energy Storage System on land north of Carr Lane, Great Moulton, Norwich, NR15 2LA. (For Information)

No further information yet received. An extension to November has been requested.

11. To receive an update on the proposed East Pye and Station Road Solar Projects (for Information)

Nothing further to report.

12. To receive a report from the Coronation Hall

No report.

13. To receive an update on Footpath, Tree, and Wildlife issues

No report.

14. To receive a report from the Wildlife Warden

No report.

15. To approve the date of the next Parish Council meeting 9th July 2026 at Coronation Hall at 7.00pm

Approved.

Meeting closed 20.05pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

Speed Monitoring Report

This initial report is based on a trial of using the software and downloading the data. It was not specifically designed to cover a set period. The data comprises 41 pages so a brief report has been produced from it.

The machine was installed on 21 May and the first data downloaded on 3 June. It was installed on High Green measuring vehicles travelling West from Frith Way towards Hallowing Lane.

The second data set will be taken at the end of June, the monitor is currently measuring speeds in the opposite direction (High Green travelling East)

During this period the monitor detected 5873 vehicles. Obviously a lot of these detections are residents or tradesmen who passed the monitor on multiple occasions, a simple school run could create ten detections a week or more.

Of those 5873 detections, 4992 fell within the measured range by travelling at 25mph or more. Speeds less than 25mph do not activate the display but do record a vehicles presence.

Maximum Speed On 22 May at 1455 a vehicle was detected travelling at 45mph, this could have been a police or ambulance vehicle responding to a call, there is no way of knowing as we cannot identify the vehicle, the monitor does not have a camera. Only the police can do that for speeding offences but this speed has not been repeated, hopefully they got the 'SLOW DOWN' message.

The monitor recorded maximum speeds of 40mph on 9 of the 14 days, 35mph on 4 days and 45mph on one.

Perhaps unsurprisingly the most 35mph+ activations occur between 0500 and 0630 weekdays. More worrying is a significant number occurring between 1500 & 1600 weekdays.

If we can start to identify speed/time trends we can ask Norfolk Police to carry out a speed check at the relevant times and days and start bringing people to account.

District Councillor Report June 2026**Norfolk County Council Election Results**

After a gruelling campaign, we were desperately sad in the South Norfolk Green Party to lose our West Depwade County Council seat. As many of you know, Catherine Rowett had always planned to step down this year, having already served an extra year after the elections were postponed by the government.

Our candidate Christina Kenna worked really hard but in the end Reform won the seat and I congratulate the new County Councillor Maggie Thomas on her appointment. I will work constructively with her and hope that she will continue Catherine's excellent work over the past three years in the 19 villages of this lovely county division.

Excitingly, the Green Party did, however, win our first ever seat in Diss and Roydon with our candidate Will Porteous, who joins the 12-strong Green Group at the County Council. Reform now form a minority administration, with the Lib Dems the official opposition with 13 members. Judging from the first Full Council meeting at the end of May, we might all have to fasten our seatbelts for a bumpy ride.

LGR (Local Government Reorganisation) Update

As you know, the new Unitary Council elections are set to be held next May 2027. West Depwade will sit right on the western edge of the East Norfolk Unitary (see below).



This is a link to a more detailed map on the government's website:

https://data.parliament.uk/resources/constituencystatistics/landing_page_content/unitaries/Norfolk.png

We are waiting to have the new division boundaries confirmed but it is thought that West Depwade will remain pretty much the same geography as it is now, though possibly slightly smaller.

We are also waiting for confirmation of how many councillors will be allocated to each of the new unitary divisions. Currently there is one County Councillor and five District Councillors: myself, James Easter, Kim Carsok, and Clayton Hudson and Delme Thompson who just share Tivetshall in West Depwade. At the time of the last census in 2021, there were 9,139 residents in the division, so if, say, the Secretary of State decides to go with the national average ratio of councillor to residents, that would mean a figure of roughly 4,500 residents per Unitary Councillor. Boundaries and number of councillors should be finalised in autumn.

Food Waste Collections

A few residents have been asking me about when the food waste collections will start. After launching for businesses in South Norfolk last April, this was meant to start being phased in for residential properties this April, but has been somewhat delayed due to a problem with new vehicle deliveries. I will be able to update you further next month but Phase 1 (28,000 properties) is expected to go live towards the end of July, with food caddies delivered in advance. Municipal buildings require more thought so they will be the last to launch by the end of this year, but some have been included in the Phase One roll-out to test and learn the best ways to coordinate this.

New Digital Assistant on SNC Website

As Councillors, we were introduced to the council's new Digital Assistant last month, which helps residents ask questions and find answers to any service the council offers (or point you in the direction of the County Council or other resources where appropriate). It can answer even quite complex questions and guide users to the right service, providing responses 24/7. This aims to free up staff time so they can focus on more complex cases where residents may need additional support.

More information here <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/digital-assistant>

Do note that you do not need to give your name or contact details to use the service, unless you want to – this is not a data harvesting exercise! I have used it several times as a test and have actually found it really useful, saving lots of time trawling around the SNC website trying to find the information I might need. Look for the logo in the right-hand corner of the screen on every page of the council's website:



Quick Reminder

Reminder of the Community Action Fund and the Community Facilities Grant: the closing date for both is the 16th August, for projects ranging from £1k to £40k. Remember as part of this, you can apply for renewable energy funding for solar panels, heat pumps and EV charge points. Please call or email me if you have any questions. This could be the last year we are able to access such substantial grants so please do spread the word among all your residents.

Cllr Suzanne Wateridge

Member for Bunwell Ward, South Norfolk Council

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Appendix 2

Great Moulton PC 16 April Meeting 2026 Schedule of Payments/Receipts

Date	Payee	Details	Nett	VAT	Total	Voucher Number	Added to Scribe
Jun-26	Mr. A Arber	Clerk salary and expenses May 2026	£335.92	£0.00	£335.92	23	05/06/2026
Jun-26	Mr. A Arber	Clerks expenses May 2026	£25.20	£0.00	£25.20	24	05/06/2026
Jun-26	HMRC	Tax and NI Alan Arber	£95.10	£0.00	£95.10	25	05/06/2026
Jun-26	Norfolk Pension Fund	Pension Alan Arber	£111.09	£111.09		26	05/06/2026
Jun-26	K Bailey	Tablet and Locks for SAM 2 machine	£149.75	£29.95	£179.70	27	05/06/2026
Jun-26	H Brett	War memorial work	£750.00	£150.00	£900.00	28	05/06/2026
Jun-26	NPTS	All councillor Training	£125.00	£25.00	£150.00	29	05/06/2026
Jun-26	Scribe	Monthly charge	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00	30	05/06/2026
Jun-26	Unity Trust	Monthly Bank Charges	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00	31	05/06/2026
		Total	£1,624.06	£321.04	£1,722.92		

May-26 Receipts Balance May 2026

Bank Statements reconciliation	31/05/2026
Current Account	£30,489.48
Savings account	£12,416.49
Total of both accounts	£42,905.97



Monthly report to Aslacton and Great Moulton Parish Councils (April & May 2026)

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

1. Spring quiz on the 24th April has been and gone- another well supported evening. The Summer Quiz is to take place on Friday 17th July.
2. Our "Introduction to Line Dancing" event on the 13th May was so popular that we now have regular lessons on Wednesday evenings with a regular turnout of 35+ people each week. The current block of Beginner's lessons is sold out but hopefully other classes will follow.
3. Our collaboration with the Fox & Hounds continues and they kindly hosted our Bake Sale on the 3rd April and also our Plant Sale on Saturday the 23rd May in the pub garden and then this was followed up by us taking a stall at Tibbenham Village Hall (kindly invited by their village hall committee) on the following day to sell the remaining plants.
4. Tuesday the 19th May saw our first monthly Summer Lunch following the regular coffee morning, this was running to maintain the growth in numbers of people coming along for our winter Soup-Er Kitchens and we had 26 local people coming along for a light lunch of quiche, salad and new potatoes. We will maintain this through the summer months and will revert to our hot soup offering once the autumn arrives.

FUTURE EVENTS :

1. We are looking forward to our next Rock'n'Roll event which will happen on the 5th June and we have a large audience coming along to enjoy the live music.
2. Our next coffee morning will be followed by an afternoon tea in aid of "BreastCancer Now" on the 16th June and all are welcome to attend. The September coffee morning will be in aid of McMillan so pop that in your diary – always a busy event.
3. Tractorfest is taking place on July 11th from 12 noon. We have vintage vehicles, entertainment, ice cream, bar, refreshments, garden games, craft fair and lots more. Come and join us for a fun community event for all. Our chosen charity is East Anglia Children's Hospices. Aslacton Church will be running their ever popular second hand book stall.
4. We are holding a harvest lunch on Sunday 27th September. Bookings now being taken.

UPDATES AT THE CORONATION HALL :

1. The new heating system is now installed and working well, controlled via an app it is easy to programme and makes it easier to manage and also allows us to monitor costs more closely.
2. Our new range cooker is also installed and is working well.
3. We have also added an alarm system to protect the hall and the recent investment that has been made.

4. The hall now also has a new AVA system which will allow us to show movies as well as being an added attraction to potential hirers. This was funded by the Norfolk Community Action Fund with support from local councillor Suzanne Wateridge.
5. We are delighted to welcome Peter Cotes as our new Treasurer who has a wealth of experience in this role with a number of other clubs and charities.

For all information and details please contact info@coronationhall.org

A summary of all upcoming events are in the table below :

Other events
TRACTORFEST - 11/7/26 Summer Quiz Night - 17/7/26 Bake Sale - 18/7/26
Dog Show - 29/8/26
Train & Model Fair- 5/9/26 AGM & Social evening -18/9/26 Open Mic Night - 25/9/26 Harvest Lunch - 27/9/26
Autumn Quiz Night - 23/10/26
Craft Fair - 7/11/26 Xmas Lunch - 23/11/26
Children's Event - 4/12/26

RECENT & PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HALL:

1. Our new bar fridge is now installed and makes life behind the bar a smoother experience for bar staff. The sink has been raised and the tiling replaced. We are going to add some lockable shutters on the bar hatch and this will make the area more secure.
2. Our new electric range cooker, stainless steel backsplash and extractor hood have been purchased and are awaiting installation.
3. The hall's new heating system will be installed soon and this will give us greater control over the heating and make the heating more cost effective.
4. New catering items have been purchased including crockery, cutlery, glassware etc for 100 guests. We have added more catering equipment such as bain marie, catering size pots and pans, slow cookers etc that allow us to cater more efficiently at hall events.
5. The hall floor has had its annual treatment to maintain it after it was refurbished previously.
6. A new fire door has been added to separate the chair storage area from the hall and this has also reduced draughts and made the hall much warmer.
7. We have had further success from the bids we have written and have recently been awarded £11,632 by South Norfolk Council to set up and run a community cinema from the hall. This will be spent on the essential AVA equipment and a screen to allow a range of movies to be screened to appeal to a range of cinema goers.

The Trustees
Aslacton & Great Moulton Coronation Hall

Footpath Warden Report June 2026

Great Moulton Parish Council

We have some success with NCC – they have at long last replaced the signpost on FP2/Muir Lane (having agreed to do it in April 2025). NCC have also responded to my complaint about the length of grass on FP17 – which I made on 24th June 2025 following a request from a Parishioner- it will be cut later this summer. They have also raised a works order to replace a wobbly and potentially weak bridge on FP16 following my request. The “muddy track” section of FP4 between the two ramblers gates has been “logged for action” as it is becoming overgrown. I have raised concerns about encroaching hedges/vegetation on FP15 and FP16.

I have done a litter pick on Muir Lane.

Both Narrowgate and part of FP3 near the cattle arch have growing vegetation which will become a problem shortly if not trimmed.

Peter Cotes

8.6.26

Footpath Warden Log

Date	Journey	Footpaths	Comments	Report to NCC
13.5.26	Frith Loop	FP9>19>18	ok	
14.5.26	Broadgate Loop	FP8>17>21>19>18	ok	
15.5.26	Woodrow Loop	FP8>16>15>14>13	ok	Plank bridge on FP16 unsteady 5624-7470-8750-6461 8 June order raised to replace Hedge on FP15 alongside horse paddock 5412-6291-3440-7173 acknowledged 5/6 Aslacton FP14 1149-8741-9373-6649
16.5.26	Forngett School	FP3>2>3	ok	
17.5.26	Bunwell Loop	FP3>2>7	ok	
18.5.26	Hall loop	FP3>4>5	ok	trimmed some bushes/brambles
19.5.26	Burstead Green	FP3>4>5	ok	
20.5.26	Wacton Hall loop	FP9	ok	
21.5.26	Broadgate Loop	FP8>16>17>21>19>18	ok	
23.5.26	Forngett School	FP3>4>1>2>3	ok	
24.5.26	Bunwell Loop	FP3>2>7	ok	
25.5.26	Wacton Common	FP9>4>3	ok	
26.5.26	Burstead Green	FP3>4>3	ok	
27.5.26	Wacton Hall loop	FP9	ok	
28.5.26	Broadgate Loop	FP8>17>21>19>18	ok	
30.5.26	Forngett School	FP3>2>1>3	ok	
1.6.26	Bunwell Loop	FP3>2>7	ok	muddy track becoming overgrown 2602-5859-3210-3393 -5/6 Logged for action
2.6.26	Wacton Common	FP9>4>3	ok	
3.6.26	Burstead Green	FP3>4>5	ok	
4.6.26	Broadgate Loop	FP8>16>17>21>19>18	ok	growing hedges/brambles on FP16 at back of garden also encroaching on Narrowgate FP16 - 1583-2877-6555-4684
5.6.26	Frith Loop	FP13>14>18	ok	overhanging on approach to cattle arch
6.6.26	Forngett School	FP13>2>1>3	ok	Bunwell by tree belt and Aslacton off Steeple Hill both mown
7.6.26	Bunwell Loop	FP2>3	ok	see above muddy track
8.6.26	Wacton Common	FP9>4>3	ok	SP ar Muir Lane FP2 replaced!! Litter pick Muir Lane & Carr Lane from Pottergate to Hallowing
	Muir Lane	FP3>2	ok	

Wildlife Warden Report

1. From late May there will have been a noticeable change in the Dawn Chorus, although still plentiful, the songs are slightly different and it has to do with seasonal changes. Add to this the shrill calls of fledglings as they leave the nest for the first time, particularly Blue Tits and Great Tits. Once the parent birds have guided them out and they have gained their 'wings', they seldom return to the nest and are gradually 'persuaded' to move on to new territories.

It is quite common to see young birds on the ground out in the open, please don't approach them (unless they are at risk from traffic/cats or other hazards) as the parents are likely to be not far away and might abandon them if you were to touch their young. There is plenty of guidance available from BTO, RSPB and other organisations regarding how to watch without interfering, and what to do if you suspect there is a problem or injury.

2. Most responsible dog owners know to keep their animals on leads when out walking in rural areas, particularly at this time of year. It's not just breeding season for birds, but many other animals too, so please do the right thing. If you see a dog off its leash, remind its human to consider the wildlife that could be at risk if their canine tears off exploring.

3. Snakes. With milder/warmer temperatures, Reptiles such as Adders and Grass Snakes often bask in the sunshine, particularly in areas where there might be heathland, grassy areas near ditches or ponds, marshes or meadows. They are generally gone before you would even know they were there, but can be very dozy after eating. Again, dogs can suddenly discover them and this might be of concern. Grass snakes are not dangerous (although they can appear to be preparing to spring to bite) they are protected - so your dog (or child) presents more danger to them than the other way round.

Adders, on the other hand, are venomous. But, in general they avoid humans and it is rare for them to bite. However, small children (and dogs) are most at risk of a serious problem (or those who may have allergic reactions to insect stings) - so please, treat them with respect and leave them alone to do snake stuff.

Thank you

Enjoy the rest of June.

Andrew Gibson