

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at 7-30pm at the Pavilion, Walpole on Tuesday, September 23rd 2025.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. R. Chase (Chair); Cllr. C. Leggett (Vice-Chair); Cllr. L. Andrews; Cllr. J. Henson; Cllr. J. Lewis; Cllr. Z. Mair and Cllr. A. Thomas:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); County Cllr. S. Burroughes (Left 8-09pm) and one parishioner:

1) Apologies:

Cllr. M. Porter and Cllr. J. Winter gave their apologies which were accepted by the Councillors.

District Cllr. J. Ewart gave her apologies.

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. J. Henson declared an interest in the Allotments, Neave Close and the Pear Tree Centre.

Cllr. J. Lewis declared an interest as an employee of Suffolk County Council.

Cllr. Z. Mair declared an interest in the Walpole and Cookley Playing Fields Trust.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensations.

4) To receive a report from the County and District Councillors:

County Cllr. S. Burroughes and District Cllr. J. Ewart both sent written reports to the meeting.

County Cllr. S. Burroughes said that Suffolk County Council had voted for the one unitary council model for Suffolk to be put forward to the Government as part of the local government reorganisation. He noted that the District Councils believed that a three unitary council model for Suffolk should be put forward to the Government as part of the local government reorganisation. County Cllr. S. Burroughes said that both proposals had to be with the Government by September 26th 2025. He said that he believed that elections for the new Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk would be taking place in May 2026.

County Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that the speed limit through Saxtead on the A1120 had been reduced from 60mph to 40mph and he was asking the Police to increase the

