



Cookley and Walpole Parish Council



**A meeting of the Parish Council was held at 7:30pm at the Pavilion,
Walpole on 28th April 2026**

Minutes:

Present: Cllr R Chase (Chair), Cllr C Leggett, Cllr Z Mair, Cllr M Porter, Cllr A Thomas, Cllr B Travers and Cllr J Winter.

Also in attendance: Tina Newby (Clerk). One member of the public, District Councillor J Ewart. 1 member of the public.

- 1) **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs J Lewvis, J Henson and County Cllr Burroughes. Cllr Andrews was absent.
- 2) **To receive Declarations of Interest: Councillors to declare any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests. Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point in the meeting:** None declared.
- 3) **Requests for dispensations:** None.
- 4) **To receive a report from the County and District Councillors:** District Cllr discussed the lawfulness of the piece of work by Heveningham and Huntingfield. There is a new process for planning applications that doesn't appear to go into lengthy details.
- 5) **Public Session:** There was one member present, and we moved his planning application forward. Item 12 a was discussed here.
- 6) **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th March 2026.** Unanimously approved.
- 7) **Matters arising from November meeting:**
 - a. Training update (ZM) (18/11/25 8), rescheduled - close
 - b. Noise complaint process [Domestic noise complaints | East Suffolk Council](#). (18/11/25 17), close
 - c. Receive an update on the semi fallen tree (27/1/26 9), completed close
 - d. Receive an update on the steel pipework into drain (27/1/26 9), completed close
 - e. Receive an update on the letter to Flagship (27/11/26 13), completed close
 - f. Receive an update on the email and data transfer problems (27/1/26 14), ongoing
 - g. Receive and update on the Risk Assessments for Litter Pick and Cemetery grass cutting. (27/1/26 15 16). close
 - h. Receive and update on the contract for Will Austin (27/1/26 15), completed close.
- 8) **Highways:** Councillors to receive an update regarding Highways and Traffic. Councillors to discuss and agree any actions.

- The demolished chevrons and railings in Halesworth Road. This was discussed. Cllr Chase to provide a list for the new County Councillor.
- 9) **Flooding:** Behind Dormer Cottage, this has not been cleared for ages. 2 x stumps in the water course. Environment Agency has been contacted.
 - 10) **Village School Building:** Sale is in progress, sold as residential building plot.
 - 11) **Neave Close:** Cllr Henson not available for an update.
 - 12) **Planning Matters:**
 - a. [DC/26/1086/VOC | Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/19/4577/FUL - Proposed extensions and alterations to existing dwelling \(Existing conservatory to be removed\) - New Layout | Willow Cottage Cratfield Road Cookley Suffolk IP19 0LW](#)
There are changes in family circumstances.
RESOLVED: To approve the application Proposed by Cllr Mair and seconded by Cllr Thomas. All in agreement.
 - 13) **Clerk's Report, Correspondence and Donations:**
 - a. Cemetery training outstanding for the Clerk
 - 14) **Financial Report and agree any action:**
 - a) Balances at the Bank on 26th April 2026: To receive an update on the current financial status.
 - b) Payments and Receipts: To approve payments and to review receipts.
 - c) To discuss the allocation of the CIL funds. CIL funds might be used to help with the toilet replacement for the Pavillion.
 - d) To discuss the process of bank payments. Ongoing.

Add the list of donations to the July agenda.

- 15) **To note other concerns and agree any action.**
 - a. To receive an update on Monitoring the River Blyth, team taking tests at source of the Blyth once a week. The village has adopted the self-help scheme. The group will communicate with Anglian Water.
 - b. To discuss the Green Path initiative (Mr CC). Cleared track and created a path though to the old chapel. Permissive path but not allowed to go through Cllr Porter's land due to a stewardship scheme he has running by DEFRA.
 - c. The Old Thatch, Peasenhall Road, dangerous and speeding of vehicles. Hoping for a speed aware cameraman. Hoping to get the extension to 40mph, although 20mph is considered ample.
- 16) **To receive reports and to agree matters regarding Footpaths; Trees; Cemetery and Allotments:** Footpath, there are new Cookley signs erected. Nothing to update on trees or cemetery,
- 17) **To receive agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting:** APM, advertising, Facebook in the village, set up a councillor WhatsApp group. Bend damage at Cookley, water works – Savills, Essex and Suffolk Water.
- 18) **Date of next meeting: 26th May 2026.**
- 19) **Close of meeting.** Closed at 8:55pm