



Parish Council Minutes

Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 7.00pm

Sloley Methodist Church

Present: Phil Madeley (Chair), Leigh Rumsby (Vice Chair), Caroline Churchill, Stephanie Jones, Rob Sadler

Also Present: Anne Tandy Clerk and RFO; Nigel Dixon District and County Councillor

Members of the Public: 6

1. Welcome and apologies for absence received from Tony Smith due to work commitments and Peter Gorton for personal reasons. All agreed.
2. There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda or any requests for dispensations
3. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 26th November 2025 were reviewed and the Clerk recommended an amendment to item 16c setting the precept. The tax base figure had subsequently been received and the Band D increase was amended. The Minutes were then agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Public forum

A report was given by the County and District Councillor Nigel Dixon.

- Update on the planning application of Albert Bartlet and the issues arising from the decision taken last July 2025. Leadership of the objection rests with Saul Penfold who represents Worstead, the primary Parish concerned and followed by Sloley. Representations have been made by the County Councillors regarding process issues. Further information has been seen from Highways regarding their holding objection which is felt gives this more substance. Process issues are substantive enough to consider a review/revocation of the planning decision. A meeting with NNDC and Albert Bartlett is scheduled at the end of January 2026. It is unlikely that any further progress will be made with this matter as a result of lack of proactive action by the District Council
- LGR and devolution update. The election of mayor deferred to May 2028. Whether the elections for County Council in May 2026 will take place have not been agreed. Sale of County Council Care Homes: Sydney House, Stalham and Rose Meadow, North Walsham will be taken over by a private company. County Council has been investing in independent living and a complex with 75 places is underway in Stalham.
- A resident raised concern regarding the upkeep of public footpaths in the village and concern that some permissive paths have been withdrawn from use or are inaccessible. This will be added to the next agenda for discussion.
- Concerns raised about a caravan being positioned on land for sometime and whether it should be allowed.

5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: for information only

- a. Defibrillator is scheduled for installation at the Methodist Church on 3rd February 2026. Rob Sadler will attend.

6. Planning

- a. Progress with the opposed result of planning application [PF/24/2474](#): Albert Bartlett, was reported by Nigel Dixon under item 4, public forum.
- b. There were no planning applications received following the agenda being published.

7. Sloley Charities

An update on the Poor's charity was given. It is understood that winter payments have been deferred until sufficient signatories are in place. A referral has been made to the Charity Commission to seek advice on the role of the Parish Council and the charity to ensure the discharge of it's duties can be undertaken properly. A response is awaited.

8. Village Speed Limits

Commencing the process of applying to lower the speed limits on Anchor Street was adjourned to the next meeting when Tony Smith would be in attendance to share more information.

9. Highways

An update on Highways matters was reported by Rob Sadler. Many potholes have been reported but the feedback has been that the current weather conditions are not conducive to repairs.

10. Village Social Event

It was discussed what form an event might take, when and where it will be held and who will organise it. A very positive response has been received from members of the village. It was proposed that summer would be a suitable time to organise an event. Proposal is for 6th June 2026. All agreed. Further details will be made available at the next meeting. (Phil Madeley)

11. War Graves Commission Memorial Maintenance

Progress on arrangements for the upkeep of the war memorial were presented by Phil Madeley. Planning permission will be required before any work can be undertaken. The Council will exercise their powers under the Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970 s.1. The work required appears minimal but further investigation will take place.

12. Policies

The following policies was reviewed and agreed:

- a. Standing Orders
- b. Financial Regulations
- c. Financial Risk Assessment and Risk Policy Statement

13. Accounts

- a. The bank reconciliation to 31st December 2025 was agreed. The total balance including reserves was £6,292.33.
- b. The 3rd quarter budget report was agreed.
- c. The increase in the bank service charge from 1 February 2026 from £6.00 to £7.00 per month was noted.
- d. The payments for December 2025 were ratified and the payments for January 2026 were agreed. Online authorisers will be Caroline Churchill and Rob Sadler.

Voucher	Date	Supplier	Account name	Net	VAT	Total
73	15/12/2025	MiJan Limited (Easy PC Accounts)	Office Equipment/Stationery	-35.00	0.00	-35.00

74	28/12/2025	Anne Tandy	Clerks Salary	Redacted	Under	GDPR
75	31/12/2025	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Service Charges	-6.00	0.00	-6.00
76	22/01/2026	Anne Tandy	Clerks Expenses	-59.92	0.00	-59.92
77	28/01/2026	Anne Tandy	Clerks Salary	Redacted	Under	GDPR
78	31/01/2026	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Service Charges	-6.00	0.00	-6.00

14. Correspondence

- Seasons Greetings from the Chairman, Chief Executive and Leader of North Norfolk District Council
- North Norfolk Local Plan 2024-2040 – Formal Notice of Adoption (21)
- North Norfolk District Council – Draft Response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Consultation on Local Government Reorganisation.

15. Items for the next Parish Council Meeting on **Thursday 26th March 2026 7.00pm** at Sloley Methodist Church.

- Footpaths
- Summer event
- War grave
- Highways Speed Limits
- Sloley Poor's Charity
- Litter Pick

All business having been concluded the meeting closed at: 20:00

Signed:

Dated: