



Minutes of a Meeting of Harling Parish Council

Held at Harling Old School Hall

On Tuesday 24th February 2026

PRESENT

Cllr P Edge (Chairman) Cllr A Hayward
Cllr B Copping Cllr J Jacob
Cllr Blades Cllr K Rayner
Cllr J Denniss
Mrs K Filby (Clerk)
District Councillor W Nunn
County Councillor S Askew

Three members of the public were present

1. APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED

Cllr Jubb, Cllr Mackenzie, Cllr Denham, Cllr Mould

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20th January 2026

None raised

3. MINUTES SIGNED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD BY THE CHAIRMAN

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Residents discussed the Breckland Council Reg 19 consultee comments now published, the current planning application for 190 new homes within Harling and potential 6000 new homes in Larling requiring the possible re location of the primary school

5. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR PERSONAL INTEREST(S) IN ANY AGENDA ITEMS

Item 9 – Cllr Copping

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6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Nunn discussed the Norfolk County Council elections that the government had previously cancelled are now going ahead this May. Breckland do not support the government's proposals for local government reorganisation being concerned with the effects on local residents and businesses. If the Government continue as planned Breckland will continue to be responsible for the delivery of services up until 2028. The Government has continued to say it wants the whole county covered by Mayoral authorities. Breckland Council will be introducing food waste bins as directed by central Government

Cllr Askew announced that he will not standing again at this year's elections, and it is hoped that Cllr Nunn will be stepping in as County Councillor for our area. The Chairman thanked Cllr Askew on behalf of the Council for his support over his 13 years, for his financial contributions to Harling

7. PLANNING

a. PL/2026/0154/OMAJ – Outline planning permission for the erection of up to 190 dwellings Lopham Road – Outline planning permission for the erection of up to 190 dwellings at Lopham Road. The Council resolved to object to the application. Proposed by Cllr Jacobs, seconded by Cllr Copping. Vote carried, with Cllr Blades abstaining.

b. PL/2026/0102/HOU – Application for erection of timber structure and self-contained living space on West Harling Road – The Council resolved to object to this application. Proposed by Cllr Blades, seconded by Cllr Denniss, vote carried. The proposed timber-frame construction is not in keeping with the established character of the local landscape or surrounding built form. The design would introduce a form and appearance that is incongruous with the prevailing vernacular, causing harm to local visual amenity.

In addition, the application does not clearly state the intended use of the dwelling. There is a reasonable concern that it may be operated as a holiday rental. Should the authority be minded to approve the proposal, a condition should be imposed to prevent use for commercial or short-term holiday letting purposes.

The Parish Council also support the concerns raised by the Highways Authority. The combined impacts identified, together with the design harm noted above, would significantly and demonstrably outweigh any limited benefits of the scheme.

8. ACCOUNTS

- a) SCG Communication (Broadband) - £61.22
- b) Staff Costs - tbc
- c) British Gas (street lights) - £183.84/£829.35
- d) Mervyn Lambert (platform lift) - £432.23
- e) National Allotment Society subscription- £84.00
- f) CAN subscription - £50.00
- g) Bailiwick IT (IT Support) - £45.00
- h) Gallagher Insurance (vehicles) - £858.26
- i) Sound Dynamics (Hub headset) - £159.99
- j) OLP (swing seat) - £297.60
- k) URM (recycling) - £88.99
- l) Harling Old School Hall (hire costs PC/Hub) - £196
- m) Parish Online (Gov.uk email) £216

9. HARLING EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Council approved the two new appointments of Trustees – Rachel Garrod and Lizzie Murphy

10. REQUEST FOR LAND TRANSFER

The Council resolved to the request to transfer land on Church Road to be transferred back to the rightful claimant. Proposed by Cllr Copping, seconded by Cllr Edge, vote carried

11. JOINT PARISH MEETINGS

The Council resolved that in the best interest of the future of the village, the Chairman should enter into regular meetings with neighbouring Parish Councils to discuss planning and other matters

12. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Council resolved to renew its subscriptions to the National Allotment Society and CAN

13. VILLAGE GATEWAY SIGNS

Council resolved to purchase one gateway sign at a cost of £1027 plus VAT to be erected on land owned by Hutchinson's of Middle Harling. Sign to read 'Welcome to Harling please drive carefully'

14. FREEDOM OF THE PARISH

Award to proceed for 2026 however ongoing it will be held bi annually

15. THREE SQUIRRELS LAND TRANSFER

Council approved and signed draft transfer deed in accordance with Standing Order 23(a)
Document witnessed by the Clerk as Proper Officer to the Council

16. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED/CLERKS REPORT

- a.** Clerk to investigate a community car scheme to assist elderly/disabled residents to attend appointments/groups within the village
- b.** Councillors attended a Breckland Council land transfer workshop
- c.** New swing seat now installed at Poplars
- d.** Community Garden received a £150 grant from Norfolk Gardens Trust
- e.** Parish Councils electricity supply now with British Gas
- f.** Community Garden Volunteer drive on 14th March
- g.** East Harling signs have been removed from new gateway signs on B1111, NCC Highways have been informed
- h.** Police notice received warning residents of Nottingham Knockers

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

24th March 2026