



**Minutes of the
Annual Meeting of Harling Parish Council,
Held in the Harling Old School Hall on Tuesday 26th May 2026**

PRESENT

Cllr P Edge

Cllr J Denniss

Cllr S Blades

Cllr B Copping

Cllr A Hayward

Mrs K Filby (Clerk)

District Councillor W Nunn

Cllr N Johnson

Cllr L Mould

Cllr G Denham

Cllr K Rayner

There were 2 members of the public present

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR

It was duly proposed that Mr P Edge be elected as Chairman for the Parish Council for the coming year. Six Councillors voted in favour. Two abstained.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR

It was duly proposed that Mrs L Mould be elected as Vice Chair for the Parish Council for the coming year. All in favour.

3. APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED

Cllr J Jacobs and Cllr G Jubb

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

None declared

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th April 2026

Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record

6. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Jacobs requested in writing for the decision in the matter of the Breckland land transfer (Item 11) be revoked due to new information received after the Councils last meeting. The Council refused this request stating that the decision was made lawfully and in the best interest of the Parish. The Terms received by Breckland Council on 14th May were read by all Councillors and agreed in principle. A formal proposal and resolution will be minuted at the Councils next meeting

7. FIRST PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for agreeing to formally take ownership of Grigsons Wood. Area nearest to The Park/West Harling Road is in need of cutting back.

How are new assets of land shown on the Council's asset register? Clerk to take advice

8. ACCOUNTS

- a) British Gas - £402.13
- b) SCG Together - £58.36
- c) Scribe - £66
- d) Staff costs - £3521
- e) TDP Planters - £495 (TIF)
- f) NPTS - £690
- g) Harling Old School hall - £21
- h) Amazon - £59.99
- i) Gallagher Insurance - £6532
- j) Breckland Council - £641.04 (Three Squirrels)
- k) NP Law - £257.12 20/23

The Parish Councillors were presented with copies of receipts of payments and bank reconciliation showing year to date spending and balances for main current account. It was explained that these figures do not include the Town Improvement Fund and Petty Cash funds.

9. ANNUAL INSURANCE PREMIUM

Council resolved to renew the current insurance policy with Gallagher at a cost of £6532
An increase of £248 on last year's premium

10. ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2026

Council approved the Annual return for 2026 – Section 1 and Section 2

11. BENCH AND SEAT KENNINGHALL ROAD

The Council approved the replacement of the bench and bin funds to be applied for from current S106 available. Bike rack also to be installed to encourage families to bike to school

12. THREE SQUIRRELS COMMUTED SUM

Cllr Copping presented the Council with option of utilising a Charity Investment Company (used by Harling Combined Trust) CCLA. This is not a deposit account but an invest account with low risk rating. Current return of 3.71%. Council to invest 120k of commuted sum leaving 10k in the Council's working account with all spending to be recorded separately through Scribe. Cllr Denham proposed the Council take Cllrs advice this was seconded by Cllr Mould – Council resolved to invest all and future sums. The Chairman thanked Cllr Copping

13. REQUEST FOR DISABLED PARKING SPOT ON MARKET PLACE

As this area is not officially a car park the Council declined this request. It was noted that Blue badge holders can park on double yellow lines for access to the village shop

14. REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT DOG WASTE BIN AT POPLARS

Council approved the request and funds to be applied for through S106 monies available

15. CLERKS UPDATE/CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. S106 deadline for spend is end of August – Clerk to put forward immediate request for funding
- b. Fringe Festival - Request received from J Kelly for a pop up gazebo on The Poplars was agreed
- c. Resident enquired as to the protocols for Councillors having passes to Snetterton Track. The Clerk responded in writing pointing out that passes are freely available to all residents so Parish Councillors do not have to declare
- d. BMX tracks in Grigsons wood continue to receive complaints from residents
- e. ASB case is currently with the Police Youth Offending Team
- f. Water bowser not being used effectively – Cllr Rayner and Grounds Team to look at how water can be carried out more productively

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

23rd June 2026