



Minutes of a Meeting of Harling Parish Council

Held at Harling Old School Hall

On Tuesday 22nd September 2026

PRESENT

Cllr P Edge	
Cllr L Mould	
Cllr A Hayward	Cllr B Copping
Cllr N Johnson	Cllr J Jacobs
Cllr K Rayner	Cllr G Denham
Mrs K Filby (Clerk)	

Four members of the public were present

1. APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED

Cllr G Jubb & Cllr S Blades

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 28th July

Item 4 – No response from Mr Terry Jermy MP regarding Barnham Camp.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JULY 2026 APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

4. PUBLIC FORUM

No comments raised

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

None

6. PLANNING

a. PL/2026/0154/OMAJ – Land South of Lopham Road – *Clerk to respond to Breckland Council stating that there are projects within the Parish that could benefit from a financial contribution towards outdoor sports provision. The Council would be happy to provide details of suitable projects through the planning process. The Council does not require additional allotment plots or cemetery space, so it would not seek a contribution for either purpose. For clarity, identifying projects that could benefit from a contribution does not indicate guaranteed support for this outline planning application*

b. Reg 19 Policy SDA – 2 – Roudham and Larling Strategic development – *Policy SDA 2 asks the Local Plan to make an irreversible strategic choice before the evidence has shown that the location can function safely and sustainably. The Local Highway Authority's objection goes to the heart of the allocation's soundness and deliverability. The Parish Council therefore maintains its objection and requests deletion of Policy SDA 2 in order to make the Plan sound.*

The Council's full response has been forwarded to Breckland Council.

7. ACCOUNTS The Council approved the following payments:

- a) SCG Communication (Broadband) - £59.99
- b) Staff costs - £3,955.00
- c) British Gas (street lights) - £388.65
- d) Market Stores - £116.98
- e) Harling Old School Hall - £94.77
- f) Post Office - £9.10
- g) Amazon - £12.58 (signage)
- h) Scribe - £66
- i) Amazon - £18.17 (community garden)
- j) ChatGPT - £20.00
- k) Wave - £324.61
- l) Amazon - £46.47 (frames)
- m) NP Law - £605.69
- n) Wix - £259.20
- o) Workplace Depot - £49.19 (bike stand)
- p) Defib Shop - £96.00
- q) Clearscape - £300
- r) Anglian Tree Solutions £720
- s) Rix fuel - £315
- t) Harry Stebbings - £38.94
- u) NPTS - £115.20

8. REVIEW OF ALLOTMENT RENTS

Given the continued increase in costs, including water, maintenance, administration and insurance, the Council approved an increase in allotment rent from 20p to 33p per square metre, effective from 1 October 2027.

9. ELECTRICITY TARIFF

The Council approved a change of electricity supplier for street lighting to Valda Energy under a three-year contract, saving the Parish approximately £2,000 per year.

10. VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Council approved the annual spend of approximately £250 and the location to be on Peppers Corner. Clerk to liaise with HOSH

11. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

The Council was briefed by Cllr Hayward on an emerging community emergency plan that would support the community.

12. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Four candidates were invited to address the Council and provide a brief introduction outlining their background, experience, and reasons for seeking co-option to the Parish Council. Three were in attendance. Following the presentations, Councillors considered the applications and proceeded to vote by secret ballot in accordance with the Council's co-option procedure. Following the count of votes, Mr David Wright received the majority support of Members and was therefore duly co-opted to the Parish Council.

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED / CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Breckland Council Parish Forum 30th September, Cllr Edge to attend
- b. Highways requested to look at raised footpath on Kenninghall Road
- c. Transfer of land completed at 7 Church Terrace
- d. Fireworks event planned for 13th November
- e. A potential leak was reported on the open grassed area at Three Squirrels. Anglian Water attended, but no leak was found in the fresh or foul water pipes.
- f. Breckland Council requested a site meeting at the School Lane wall for an update.
- g. The AGAR process for the financial year ended 31 March 2026 has been completed.
- h. The government has withdrawn its previous decision to proceed with local government reorganisation in Norfolk and has launched a review of the wider LGR programme. The planned move to 3 unitary councils is therefore no longer proceeding at this stage and the May 2027 local elections will take place on the existing council boundaries
- i. Freedom of the parish Awards took place this month – David Bailey, Rachel Robb and Phoebe Hubbard were awarded
- j. Poisonous hemlock was reported at Riverside. The area was immediately taped off and the public notified via social media. The Council has been unable to find a contractor to remove it.

- k. S106 funds now spent on new dog waste bin for The Poplars, Play park signage, bench and bike racks for Kenninghall Road
- l. The transfer of Grigsons Wood continues. The adjacent farmer raised a query with Breckland Council concerning damage to the boundary fence. The fence consists of wire and concrete posts and acts as a boundary to the adjoining farm only.
- m. The NJC pay award has been agreed at 3.3%. Backdated to April, this has been applied to all staff's pay.
- n. The NCC Parish Partnership Scheme is now open, with a deadline of 1 December 2026.
- o. Council copied in on letter from resident of Fen Lane to NCC raising concerns of potential traffic incidents coming out of the lane onto Quidenham Road

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

27th October 2026

Apologies received from Cllr Mould and Cllr Jacobs

K Filby
Clerk
9th October 2026