

West Walton Parish Council

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 6.30pm in West Walton Village Hall, Mill Road, West Walton, PE14 7EU.

Present Chairman Cllr Nathan Ramm
Councillors - John Blyth, Corinne Greatholder, Zoe Harris, Christine Holden, Julian Kirk, Mike Painter and Sheila Rayner.
Two members of the public

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The above statement will be taken as read.

74/26 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Trevor Harrison, Teresa Hudson and Will Hall.

75/26 Declarations of Interest of any items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.

None

76/26 Public Participation

None

77/26 Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th May 2026 having been previously circulated were proposed and seconded as a true record of the meeting. Unanimously agreed.

78/26 National Grid Upgrade Projects (Grimbsy to Walpole [G2W], EGL 3&4 and Existing Substation Extension)

1. Invitation to Community Liaison Group 25th June 2026, 6.30pm Walpole Community Centre.
2. Request from MP to meet to discuss the various projects – proposed, seconded and agreed to invite to a parish council meeting at the MP's convenience.

79/26 Planning Matters

1. No planning applications or decision received.
2. Tamar nursery site correspondence re streetlighting – councillors require further information. Next agenda.

80/26 Village Hall Transfer of Deeds

The queries raised by Land Registry have been addressed and it was proposed, seconded and agreed to pay shortfall in land registry fee. See appendix 2.

81/26 Financial Matters

1. To approve payments and to accept receipts – see appendix 2
It was proposed, seconded and agreed to make all payments.
2. To consider purchase of
 - 2.1 a new mobile phone – the council will continue to pay for a SIM only contract with EE and the clerk will use their own device solely for the council's sim card, proposed, seconded and agreed.
 - 2.2 a new litter bin housing for St Paul's Road South- it was proposed, seconded and agreed to defer purchase of the proposed housing until the concrete slabs have been established. Concrete slabs for the next agenda.

82/26 Litter and Dog Bins

1. Re-location of some litter and dog waste bins as per recommendation
The bin has been moved from the bus stop opposite the King of Hearts pub to River Road by the AW layby. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to purchase two new posts for the dog bins (previously agreed to be moved) and Cllr Holden will liaise with the Litter Pick Group for volunteers to install. Street furniture licences will be applied for when the exact locations are agreed.
2. Update on adhesive stickers for bins – Cllr Painter advised that the stickers and notices for the Jubilee Path will cost £195 (inc VAT). It was proposed, seconded and agreed to go ahead with the order.

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83/26 Playing Field

1. It was proposed, seconded and agreed for Cllr Ramm, Harrison, Blyth and Painter to meet the Head Teacher of Marshland High School to discuss works for clearing the ditches.
2. To note pledge of funding for the play equipment project from the Robert Hall Charity. A letter of acknowledgement and thanks to be sent.
3. To receive a written report of any other issues at the playing field.
 - 3.1 There has been an increase to the quote from Creative Play for the new equipment.
 - 3.2 Cllr Blyth will arrange for the old concrete kerbs to be removed.
 - 3.3 Cllr Blyth advised he will remove the Christmas tree from the Paddock.

84/26 To receive Villager's Concerns and correspondence received by Chairman and Clerk.

1. Check date for the replacement bus shelter installation.
2. Ask Westcotec if they can refurbish the bus shelter o/s The Poplars, Lynn Rd. Investigate a grant from NCC.

85/26 To set a date for the Annual Parish Property Inspection

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to meet at 6.30pm on 23rd June (meet at St Mary's Church)

86/26 Allotments

1. To consider a rent review – it was proposed, seconded and agreed to use B L Hawkins from Downham Market to carry out a desk-based review for the time being.
2. Application for a small plot allotment – agreed.

87/26 To receive written Reports from:

1. County and Borough Councillors - report circulated.
2. Village Hall Representative – no report
3. Cemetery, Churchyard & Paddock – nothing reported
4. Jubilee Walk – new warden is progressing with trimming back branches etc.
5. Streetlighting and street furniture – nothing reported
6. Church Liaison – nothing reported
7. Speed Watch – nothing reported
8. Reports/updates of any other ongoing matter - nothing reported

88/26 Next Meetings and Agenda – to receive items for the next agenda and date of next meeting

1. Date of meeting – Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 6.30pm – Ordinary Parish Council Meeting - in West Walton Village Hall
2. Agenda items - Horse manure at allotments; concrete slabs (bins); Tamar Nursery Site streetlighting.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Appendix 1

Planning Applications for consultation -None received

KLWNBC Planning Decisions - None received

Appendix 2

Payments List		Ex VAT	VAT	Inc VAT
West Walton VH	Hall Hire	40.00		40.00
J Smith	Playing Field Gate	80.00		80.00
K&M Streetlighting	Streetlight Maintenance	75.98	15.20	91.18
Kew Grass Care	Jubilee Path	287.00	57.40	344.40
KLWNBC	Cemetery Bin empty	315.09		315.09
Tawny Owl	Grass Cutting	830.99	166.20	997.19
Fraser Dawbarns	Land registry fee	63.40		63.40
Staff	Wages	449.16		449.16
Staff	Expenses	36.61		36.61
HMRC	PAYE	361.00		361.00
ECS	Microsoft subscription	11.50	2.30	13.80
EE	Phone	13.00	2.60	15.60
KLIDB	Allotment drainage rates	56.92		56.92DD
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