

West Walton Parish Council

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 14th July 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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89/26 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Julian Kirk. Cllr Will Hall advised of a late arrival.

90/26 Declarations of Interest of any items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.
None.

91/26 Public Participation

1. Can the grass between St Mary's Rd footpath and the High School fence be mowed please. Councillors advised that the Site Manager from MHS said he would arrange for this area to be cut. It was noted that the opposite side of the road is overgrown, but this is upto the landowner to manage.
2. There will be a 'Yard Sale' event at the Village Hall on 1st August.
3. There has been a variety of plastic and stones thrown onto the grass play area at the playing field. The Litter Pick group have tried to pick up most of it. Cllr Blyth has also removed much of the smashed up concrete kerb stone.
4. The litter bins at The Paddock and Lynn Rd layby haven't been emptied for some time. Please can the Light Lane litter bin be changed to a weekly empty.

92/26 Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 9th June 2026 having been previously circulated were proposed and seconded as a true record of the meeting. Unanimously agreed.

93/26 National Grid Upgrade Projects (Grimbsy to Walpole [G2W], EGL 3&4 and Existing Substation Extension)

1. Report of Community Liaison Group Meeting – Cllr Rayner and the Clerk attended the meeting via Teams. No new information was given. Questions raised will be responded to and a traffic management plan will be made public. EGL have taken the lead on the Liaison Group management for all three projects.
2. EGL representatives requested to attend a parish council meeting. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to invite to the August meeting, starting at 6pm.

(Cllr Hall arrived at 18.57)

94/26 Planning Matters

1. To consider planning applications, receive decisions from Borough Council, note any appeals and report any planning enforcement issues. See Appendix 1.
2. Tamar Nursery Site lighting provision – after considerable discussion a vote was taken regarding provision of lighting. Three votes in favour, five votes against and two abstentions. The majority votes were against lighting provision, carried. Norfolk county Council will be advised of the decision.

95/26 Financial Matters –

1. To approve payment for transfer of Deed of Covenant from WWPC (re KLIDB) to WWVH
Payment of the fee was proposed, seconded and agreed.
2. To approve payments and to accept receipts – see appendix 2. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that all payments are made.
3. To note CIL grant award for Playing field project – the sum of £32,973.00 has been awarded for the playing field project. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to accept the offer and return the acceptance form.

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96/26 Litter and Dog Bins

1. Update on concrete slab bases for litter bins – Cllr Blyth will seek quotes for slabs for bins (100mm depth of concrete)
2. Update on adhesive stickers for bins and pick up signage for the Jubilee path – Cllr Painter advised that the stickers and posters will be printed and installed when received.

97/26 Playing Field

1. Report of the meeting with Head of Marshland High School to discuss works for clearing the ditches.
 - i. Cllrs Ramm and Harrison met with Mr Jansen, Head Teacher, MHS and Mr Jaggard, Site Manager, MHS at the Playing Field. There was discussion about the drain clearance, MHS had received a quote to remove brambles etc for part of the drain only.
 - ii. There was no definitive answer to allowing machinery on the school side of the drain to enable more remedial work to the drain which the Parish Council may carry out. Councillors discussed and it was proposed, seconded and agreed to contact the Internal Drainage Board to seek their expert advice as to how much work is necessary to clear the waterway.
 - iii. It was mentioned to MHS representatives that the drain between the playing field and the high school side also need remedial work but it was not discussed in detail.
2. To receive a written report of any other issues at the playing field – Cllr Blyth reported
 - i. the CCTV camera post had been installed
 - ii. it was proposed, seconded and agreed for H Blyth to install the CCTV cameras on the post and will be reimbursed for any expenses incurred.
 - iii. Kerbs and large rubble bags will be removed.

98/26 To receive Villager's Concerns and correspondence received by Chairman and Clerk.

1. Flag of the Fens - support
2. Report of KLWNBC Planning Meeting – Cllr Holden gave a precis of the meeting, there is a new local plan in preparation.
3. School Road – copy of email sent to County Councillor re road safety, received.

99/26 Report of the Annual Parish Property Inspection

1. Playing field – football pitch needs to be moved slightly and goalposts repositioned. Discussion re kerbs and drain in item 97/26
2. Churchyard – trees need pollarding again.
3. Allotments – Two of the small plot allotments are causing concern. Letters to be sent to the tenants of these. All other small plots and larger tenancies are tidy.
4. Cllr Hall declared an interest the following item and abstained from the vote.
5. Horse manure – there was considerable discussion. It was proposed and seconded to cease any horse manure heaps for 1 year, a vote was taken with 7 in favour, 3 abstentions, proposal agreed. It was also proposed and seconded to leave any existing manure heaps in situ, a vote was taken with 7 in favour, 3 abstentions, proposal agreed

100/26 Allotments

1. To discuss Horse manure at the allotments – see 99/26.5
2. Overgrown allotment– letter to small plot allotment tenants as per 99/26.3 to be attended to by 7th August.

101/26 To receive written Reports from:

- a) County and Borough Councillors - report circulated.
- b) Village Hall Representative – Deed of covenant is for the fencing at the side of the schoolhouse and village hall as it is within the prescribed area for structures close to a drainage channel.
- c) Cemetery, Churchyard & Paddock – neighbour advice of cutting down overhanging branches - agreed.
- d) Jubilee Walk - extra monitor - H Spear & T Davies, straw bale – Cllr Painter will have a look.
- e) Streetlighting and street furniture – no report
- f) Church Liaison – no report
- g) Speed Watch – no sessions recently due to the excessively hot weather.
- h) Reports/updates of any other ongoing matters – Bus shelter at Lynn Road has been replaced. Westcotec will provide a cost for repainting and replacing panels in the shelter o/s The Poplars, Lynn Rd

102/26 Next Meetings and Agenda – to receive items for the next agenda and date of next meeting

Date of meetings – Tuesday 11th August 2026 at 6.00pm – Ordinary Parish Council Meeting - in West Walton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.35.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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Appendix 1

Planning Applications for consultation

- 26/00453/TDC Technical Details Consent for 7 Self-Build Dwellings - PIP Reference 25/01318/PIP at Land East of 113 School Road West Walton Norfolk. Support with no comments.
- 26/00941/F Conversion of existing barn to dwelling at Priory Farm 101 Salts Road, West Walton Wisbech Norfolk PE14 7EF. Support with no comments.

KLWNBC Planning Decisions

- 26/00686/F - Proposed external alterations to existing dwelling including rear and side extensions and porch at Watersmeet, 207 School Road, West Walton. Application Permitted, 9 June 2026, Delegated Decision
- 26/00572/F Demolition of existing two-bedroom dwelling and construction of a replacement two-bedroom single-storey dwelling at 147 School Road, Walton Highway at Dunrobin, 147 School Road, West Walton, Application Permitted, 16 June 2026, Delegated Decision
- 26/01107/TDB -5 DAY NOTICE - 2/TPO/00613 Removal of a broken branch to the willow tree at 29 St Paul's Road North, Walton Highway, 5 day Notice Decision, 2 July 2026

Appendix 2

Payments List		Ex VAT	VAT	Inc VAT
West Walton VH	Hall Hire	40.00		40.00
Village Newsletter	Grant	1,080.00		1,080.00
J Smith	Playing Field Gate	100.00		1000.00
K&M Streetlighting	Streetlight Maintenance	75.98	15.20	91.18
Kew Grass Care	Jubilee Path	287.00	57.40	344.40
Tawny Owl	Grass Cutting	830.99	166.20	997.19
Fraser Dawbarns	Transfer of deed of covenant	245.00	49.00	294.00
Westcotec	CCTV Column	1,090.00	218.00	1,308.00
Staff	Wages	561.00		516.00
Staff	Expenses	34.79		34.79
Npower	Streetlight energy	881.76	44.09	925.85DD
ECS	Microsoft subscription	11.50	2.30	13.80DD
EE	Phone	13.00	2.60	15.60DD
Anglian Water	Cemetery Water Rates	11.21		11.21

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