



Meeting of the Parish Council

In the Pavilion

Monday 20 July 2026

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Christine Ashdown, David Bromley, John Davis, Paul Carver, Brian Keller, Sandie Keller, Julie Lynes, Jo Turner and Val Wickard.

Also in attendance: Michaela McGoun (Clerk). 1 member of the public. 2 District Councillor.

1. Welcome

2. Announcement on Reporting

Councillors and members of the public will be reminded that in the interests of openness and transparency, the law permits filming, recording or other means of reporting of meetings.

3.To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs. Bragg, Besford-Land, Falat and Cllr. Robinson.

4. . Declarations of Interests and dispensations

- 4.1 DPI's from councillors on items on the agenda.
- 4.2 DPI's for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- 4.3 DPI's previously granted.

5. To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 June 2026

Proposed by Cllr. Turner, seconded by Cllr. Wickard, All in favour.

6. Outstanding actions: To note actions taken from last meetings which are not detailed on this agenda.

7. Chairman's Report:

Thank you to the Councillors who attended and helped at the Parish Picnic, the next event is the Car Boot Sale on 8th August 10am to 3pm, all Councillors will be given a time slot to attend.

8. Public Forum and Public Service Reports:

An opportunity for members of the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda. This forum will include **receipt of any written District Council, County Council reports.**

District Councillor Back reported that the big bin roll out has been chaos, the whole of East Suffolk has suffered, and highlighted the new ESC app which notifies you when your bin is next due. Outside that, everything is quiet.

District Councillor Gee confirmed that it is very quiet at the moment, discussions are happening to move the food caddy collections to every two weeks.

9. To receive an update from FoNEP and agree any necessary action.

Firstly, apologies to Cllr. Ashdown for the rant about the trees. Great news on the parks 16th Green Flag Award. Clerk was given a contact to apply for an app for trails in the park, which is up and running. The hanging baskets and bedding plants are in and 400 wall flower seeds have been sown and being cared for. FoNEP are organising an afternoon tea on 5th August, the food is from Café 142 and £15.00 each, all Councillors are welcome. Ivans plaque has put by his tree, and Mike's plaque is on order and will be installed when all of the family can get together. The boat planters are looking good. Geoff suggested having a Management Plan meeting with Ollie to discuss Green Flag Plan.

Cllr. Davis thanked Geoff.

10. To receive a Finance & Projects Brief.

Balance on accounts

General £9,786.45

Savings / Reserves £380,202.10

OBWSC – Klargester, Panks didn't want to quote so agreed to go with the quote from Binder.

Trees at Berry Close – two self-seeded trees are very high and causing damage to telephone lines so agreed to remove to ground level.

11. To note planning application decisions

None received.

12. To receive an update on Bridge Road / Commodore Road Property

Cllr. Bromley reported that most of the residents have met the developer and are not impressed with his proposals. The residents are happy with the building being developed but it needs to be done for the good of the town. A resident has contacted an MP who has replied and is supportive. We also had an email from Mark Packard who is Cabinet Member for Planning and Coastal Management and has said we need to keep our eyes out and object to any planning application. Any development needs to be complimentary to the residents.

To note the next Parish Council meeting and committee meetings: Finance Committee 10 September, Full Council 21st September 2026.

15. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:

The Chairman closed the meeting at 18.30pm.

Signed by the Chairman..... Date.....