

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
IN THE WENDLING VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 14TH MAY
2026 AT 7.50 P.M.

Present:- Cllr C Foster, Cllr S Warwick, Cllr S Knight, Cllr D Kemble and
Cllr M Olley

Others Present:- 2 electors and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

1. Welcome by the Chairman and to consider accepting apologies for absence.

The Chairman, Cllr Warwick welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr James Taylor Roberts and these were approved and accepted.

Cllr Richard Duffield also sent apologies for absence.

2. To elect the Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Kemble proposed Cllr Warwick for the position of Chairman for the forthcoming year, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried.

3. The Clerk to receive the signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

The Clerk received the signed Declaration of Acceptance form.

4. To elect the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Foster proposed Cllr Olley for the position of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year, seconded by Cllr Knight and carried.

5. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda.

There were no Interests declared.

6. To confirm and accept minutes of the meeting held on 24th March.

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Knight proposed the minutes of 24th March be accepted as true and accurate records of the meetings, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried. Cllr Warwick signed the minutes.

7. To discuss any matters from the minutes of March 24th (not on the agenda).

It was decided formal thanks should be sent to Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris because he was not re-elected, so will no longer be coming to Wendling Parish Council meetings. The Clerk will send him a card on behalf of the Parish Council for all the help he has provided over the years.

Mr Shannon Owsley would like to thank the villagers of Wendling for all their help in tracing his relatives involved in World War 11 and the aeroplane crash.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Nothing was raised under the Public Participation Period.



8. To discuss any necessary Correspondence.

Email from Darren Pitt regarding the footpaths along Swaffham Road towards the Greenbanks Hotel. The Clerk will respond to him saying that the Chairman has taken this problem on board and there will be an update hopefully at the next Parish Council meeting.

9. To discuss any Planning Applications received.

PL/2026/0198/FMIN FMIN minor application, Land off Dereham Road, Wendling Proposed single storey welfare office unit to support the existing forestry and timber business. The application was to extend the building by 1.5 metres and the Parish Council had no objections to this amendment.

10. To get an update on the land transfer by Breckland Council.

The Chairman will speak to Breckland Council regarding the piece of land that is in question regarding the purchasing of it. He will try to figure out the financial situation, such as the cost of buying it and the legal expenses.

11. To discuss Solar Farm Updates, with new information, if any.

Cllr Olley tried to arrange a meeting with George Freeman, M.P. but did not get a reply back from him. There is no update to discuss. It seems that there will be a long delay in the situation moving forward. In the middle of the summer the interested Parishes will probably get together for a meeting.

12. To discuss any Highways Matters.

Speed signs were discussed at the previous meeting, which was the Annual Parish Meeting. A reminder will be put on the Village Facebook page stating that the speed limit is 40 m.p.h.

Regarding the illegal speed signs that had been placed in the village, it was decided to leave them where they were, as they seem to be a small deterrent to stop drivers speeding.

13. To receive an update regarding the Village Pond.

The Village Pond project will be left until about June before anymore work is done. The steps are the next stage. The pond has been cleared but the steps are not safe. There will probably not be any access until next summer.

14. To authorise financial payments.

Cllr Warwick proposed the following financial payments be authorised, seconded by Cllr Foster and carried.

Clerk's net salary	£261.60	HMRC tax	£65.40	Clerk's expenses for April -May	£50.20
Zurich Insurance	£328.81	Auditor's fee	£55.00		
The Community Heartbeat Trust	£162.00				

15. To receive a financial update from the Clerk.

The financial update had been circulated and no one had any questions regarding this.

16. To adopt the end of year accounts for year ending 31st March 2026

Cllr Warwick proposed the end of year accounts be adopted, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried.

17. To adopt the AGAR and the Certificate of Exemption.

Cllr Warwick proposed the Annual Governance and Accountability Return form be adopted and the Certificate of Exemption, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried.

The Internal Audit Report was circulated and the Parish Council agreed to retain the services of G & A Accountants for the following year.

18. To discuss the Village Litter Pick.

Cllr Foster would like to thank everyone who became involved. There were 12 volunteers involved with the litter pick and about 15 bags of rubbish were collected. Thanks were minuted for Mr Nigel Phillips because he travelled around the village collecting up the rubbish bags.

19. To receive items for the next agenda.

Update for Mr Pitt re footpaths

Update on the land transfer situation

Solar Farm update

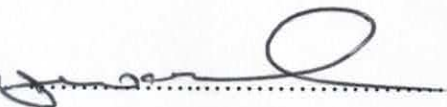
Any response from the Facebook post regarding speeding.

20. To confirm date, time and venue of the next Meeting.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 9th July at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall but the Clerk cannot be present. The minutes will be taken by a Parish Councillor.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman



Date

9-7-2026

