

North Creake Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of North Creake held at the Village Hall, North Creake on Thursday 11th December 2025.

Present: Coucillors A.Bunkle (Chair), J.Bretiingham Smith (Vice-Chair), A.Culshaw, S.Sandell, J.Robinson, S Baker, J Rocklin and L Fletcher (Clerk/RFO).

No Members of public attended the meeting

1. The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Baker
3. Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items: Cllr J Brettingham Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 15a
4. The Minutes of the meetings held on 13th November were agreed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.
5. Parishioners Questions and Statements: There were no members of the public present
6. County and Borough Councillor Reports – District Cllr C Morley gave a brief verbal report, there is no update yet on the Local Government Review, Buisness rate return to district council is going to reduce by 30% over the next three years.
7. Clerks report / Matters arising form previous meetings
 - a. Cllr Brettingham Smith had been in contact with the resident concerning the parking blocking the pavement along West Street, the resident had responded to say that they were intending to make alterations to the property to allow more parking within their boundary and were also looking to store vehicles at another location.
 - b. SAM2 signs – Clerk reported that the signs used in South Creake are currently £4474 + VAT (sign £3445, Data module £379, Solar £650) Clerk will investigate other options.
 - c. Budget – still no precept/tax base information received from KLWNBC, Clerk has emailed to chase and received no reply. District Cllr Morely advises likely to be same as last year. Clerk to issue draft budget using last years figures for councillors to consider and will amend as soon as information received from KLWNBC
 - d. Highways – Unfortunately the meeting with the Highways engineer regarding the Willows along Wells Road had to be postponed due to illness, Clerk to inform all concerned when new meeting time and date arranged.
 - e. Clerk advised that Npower have issued 14 invoices for seemingly random months over the last 3 years, Clerk has tried to contact Npower to discuss but has been unsuccessful so far. It was agreed to cancel the direct debit for Npower until this is resolved
8. Training – It was agreed for the Clerk to attend the Zoom session on understanding planning on 11th March 2026 at £52+VAT
9. Open Spaces
 - a. SAM2 / Speeding – 2 offences recorded in September, no data for October
 - b. Play area – No Issues to report. Clerk advised that he has spoken to the current pest controller and told him that the council expect moles to be cleared by the spring, he has confirmed that he will continue to work on the playing field and village green and provide regular updates on progress.

- c. Telephone Box / Defibrillator – Cllr Rocklin reported that she had been in touch with Mid Norfolk Food Bank and been advised not to proceed with this project as it could result in people missing out on being signposted to other sources of help and support. Cllr Rocklin and Cllr Baker are instead going to organise foodbank collections for residents without transport to collect themselves. A wider discussion followed on emergency support, it was agreed to add this to the January agenda.
 - d. Water Levels in the River Burn – Cllr Culshaw reported that he had been contacted from a concerned parishioner regarding water flow rates in the river and extraction from pumping station in South Creake. The EA website states that water can not be extracted when rates are below 40 litres per second. Any further enquiries to be directed to the Environment Agency as the appropriate authority.
10. Biodiversity – Nothing to note
11. Footway Lighting – No issues reported
12. Finance
- a. Late payments – None
 - b. The following accounts for payment were agreed
£26 Christmas Chocolates
£274.41 Wages
 - c. Finance Received in November – None
 - d. November bank reconciliation – Approved and signed
13. Correspondence – None
14. Highways – See item 7d, No further issues reported
15. Planning
- Cllr J Brettingham Smith left the meeting at 19:24
- a. Applications – Planning application 25/01913/F it was agreed to SUPPORT this application
 - b. Decisions – None

Date of next meeting – January 8th 2026

Meeting closed at 19:28

.....Chairman
.....Dated

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