

North Creake Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of North Creake held at St Marys Church, North Creake on Thursday 10th September 2026

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

There were two members of the public present at the meeting.

1. The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence: Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs J.Rocklin. Apologies were also received from the District and County Councillors
3. Declaration of interests – Non Pecuniary interests were declared by Cllr Sandell (item 12) and Cllr Baker (item 9D)
4. The Minutes of the meetings held on 9th July 2026 were agreed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.
5. Parishioners Questions and Statements – A member of the public raised the issue of the land in the village put forward for potential development under the KLWNBC Local Plan consultation (item 12) it was agreed to amend the agenda to discuss item 12 at this point of the meeting. The Chair advised that the Parish Council would not approve or oppose plans until such time as plans were presented to the council for consideration so as to not prejudice any future decision, however the council could discuss in general terms the proposed site. Cllr Sandell advised that this was the first phase of the Local Plan Consultation and that KLWNBC had issued a call for potential sites to land owners and developers, the borough council had received 760 suggested sites, the most they had ever received, of which the site in North Creake is one. The council agreed to raise concerns with KLWNBC over the suitability of the site along West Street –
 - The drainage system in the village is not sufficient to deal with any addition development in the village.
 - Flood risk – The village sits in a valley and in the event of heavy rain a development on the site could increase flood risk to the village
 - There is limited public transport in the village so any development would increase traffic
 - The Housing needs survey carried out by NCS on behalf of the Parish Council last year did not identify the need for development within the village on the scale proposed by the developer
 - The proposed community shop and car park are unnecessary, the village shop closed aprox 20 years ago and there has been no need identified to replace it
 - The carpark is not in a suitable place for it to be useful and raises the issue of who would be responsible for it's ongoing maintenance
 - Health provision in the locality is already stretched and any development would place further strain on already stretched services

It was agreed for the Clerk to write to KLWNBC in response to the consultation to raise this concerns with them.

6. County and Borough Councillor reports

- a. A brief report from the County Councillor Cllr P. Lawrence was circulated prior to the meeting and was duly noted
 - b. The Borough Councillor Cllr C. Morely supplied a report which is attached to these minutes
7. Clerks report and matter arising from previous meetings (not covered elsewhere in agenda)
The Clerk advised that most matters were already covered under separate agenda items, however the Clerk reported that due to Travellers in the locality he had replaced the lock on the playing field gates. The Clerk also reported that he had installed the bench at the bus top.
8. Training – The Clerk circulated prior to the meeting lists of all training available to Council via the Councils providers – NPTS & NALC, and asked Councillors to let him know of any training they would like to get approved by council to do
9. Open Spaces
- a. i. SAM2 Cllr Culshaw had circulated speeding data prior to the meeting and advised that new speed sign would be installed soon, all speed signs working.
ii. Speeding offences – The mobile speed camera did not visit North Creake during July/August, it was noted however that the mobile speed camera had been in the village on the day of the meeting
 - b. Play area inspections – The annual play area inspection has been carried out. The main item of concern is the remaining old goal post, it was agreed that now the MUGA is in use that this goal was surplus and should be dismantled and removed. Clerk to go through inspection report and create schedule of work that needs doing.
 - c. Christmas tree order – It was agreed to order the same as last year. Cllr Bunkle to contact parishioner who organises the Christmas lights to get his thoughts on lights replacement.
 - d. Parking on Dunns Lane – Cars belonging to one household have been moved and there have been no issues with the bin lorry getting through
10. Parish Partnership scheme – It was agreed for the Clerk to apply for the pedestrian warning signs along Roadhills under the PPS
11. Conservation Area – The Clerk reported that quotes had been requested from consultants but that no quotes had been received prior to the meeting, the Clerk advised that he has got a telephone meeting with one of the consultants next week to discuss.
12. Local Plan Scoping Consultation – Already covered under item 5
13. Bus Shelter – It was agreed that due to the size restrictions at the site, the nearby seating and that the planned installation of the dropped kerbs and bus stop poles that a new bus shelter was not a practical possibility.
14. Biodiversity – Clearnace of shrubland at Shammer Woods – Cllr Robinson will cut back the shrubs to allow the trees to grow after the grape harvest has been completed. Cllr Culshaw will research conservation charities to see if there is any help available from them
15. Footway lighting – No issues reported prior to meeting
16. Finance
- a. Late payments – None

- b. Accounts for payment – A list of payments was circulated prior to the meeting and agreed
 - c. There were no finances received during July/August.
 - d. August bank reconciliation – This was approved and signed
 - e. The annual Local Government Pay Award was noted, agreed and backpay agreed
17. Correspondence – An email had been received regarding overgrowth from a property on Church Street – Cllr Bunkle declared an interest and advised that he had already issued instructions to get it cut
18. Planning
- a. Applications – No applications recieved
 - b. Decisions – 26/001111/F Refused

Meeting closed at 19:37hrs

Date of next meeting Thursday 8th October

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