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**Minutes of the Beck Row, Holywell Row & Kenny Hill Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7.30pm**

Attendance:

Councillor Gary Peachey	Chair
Councillor Sue French	Vice Chair
Ms Jane Spenser	Clerk
Councillor James Bailey	
Councillor Gary Harrison	
Councillor Steve Murrow	
Councillor Jamie Howard	
Councillor Alan Vickerage	

Members of the electorate and other attendees:

8 members of the electorate
Suffolk County Councillor and West Suffolk Councillor Don Waldron
Community Policing Officer Scott Cameron

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

A reminder to everyone that the meeting was being recorded for accurate writing of the minutes.

6376	<u>Apologies and consent to acceptance for absence</u> Apologies requiring consent received and accepted from Councillor Philip Haylock and Councillor Paul Stannard.	
6377	<u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda.</u> None were received.	
6378	<u>To resolve that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 are a true and correct record.</u> It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 12 th May 2026 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
6379	<u>Progress reports for information</u> a. Chair's report An increased number of fires have been lit over on the Toc-H land which is concerning. Hopefully the installation of the camera will	

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b. c. d.	assist in identifying those responsible or deter future attempts. Nothing further to report at this time. Clerk's progress report on previous agenda items 1) The AGAR has been submitted the PKF Littlejohn, the appointed external auditor, and has been acknowledged as received for processing. 2) The wildlife cameras have been ordered and delivered. They now need setting up and installing. 3) A list of parts that need ordering for the phone box has been prepared, Councillor Waldron granted £1000.00 towards the project and the parts will come to slightly more than that. Graham, a willing member of the community, has been working very hard in preparing the phone box, sanding and washing it down ready to install new parts. 4) Email circulated regarding a Community Action Day that Diane at Clarion Housing is planning. Looking for ideas from the Council Members on how they would like to support the event. 5) Stuart, who takes care of the Parish maintenance, is currently exploring the options of suitable timber treatment for the pirate ship. The Clerk will contact Creative Play to ask if they can advise. 6) Correspondence received and circulated to Council Members from a resident of Rookery Drove regarding the condition and maintenance responsibility. Following discussion and investigation, the Clerk will respond. The land in question is not owned by anyone and therefore no responsibility for maintenance exists. Residents advised to look into costs for shared maintenance. The Beacon – Councillor French Potentially a new quarter page advert for the next edition of the Beacon. Cut off for entry in the Aug-Sep 26 issue will be 14th July. SID monthly data (Appendix F) The SID data was shared with Council Members ahead of the meeting. The data is consistent with the last readings showing, as expected, higher speeds leaving and entering Beck Row from Kenny Hill. Other data shows isolated issues with speeding but average speeds are within limits set.	
6380	<u>Public participation session (15 minutes) to include Police, District and County Councillors' Reports.</u> A resident has asked a question regarding the footpaths/byways and who is responsible for their maintenance. The Chair advised that we will discuss this matter further in the meeting under the agenda item on footpaths.	

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a. b. c.	Another resident has asked if the data for the Parkside SID is now available, which it is. There are concerns regarding the speed of traffic on Aspal Lane, on the bend after the SID. The Clerk will bring this concern to the attention of the Speed Camera Operative for the area. Residents were in attendance regarding concerns over the planning application DC/26/0766/HH. Councillor Don Waldron – Suffolk County Council There will be a judicial review regarding the proposed Devolution as it is felt this is only happening to bail Ipswich out of debt. The first meeting of Suffolk County Council was an interesting one. Michael Hadwen is the leader of Suffolk County Council, Louis Busuttil is the Chair and Kerrie Turner is Vice Chair. The plans for a Northern bypass of Ipswich have been scrapped and Climate Emergency scrapped, making significant financial savings. Leaders of the three main parties have declined political assistance from officers creating a saving of 130K. With regards to items on this agenda, the roundabouts that fall under the responsibility of Suffolk Highways don't currently have funding for routine maintenance in terms of weeds and appearance. The Parish Council would be welcome to address these if they wish. Council Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council Further information regarding items on this agenda - Admiral Taverns being the owner of the Kings Head are looking for £14,500 upfront from a tenant to take over the running of the pub. Councillor Waldron has spoken to West Suffolk Council regarding the concerns for the future of the pub and West Suffolk are looking into options to ensure the Kings Head building use remains as a pub/hospitality outlet. With regards to the footpath between Wildmere Lane and Fen Lane, the landowner understands the access must remain. The sign being removed or lost is unclear as to how or when that has happened. Confirmation needed on who is responsible for the footpath maintenance. The landowner did however request that dogs should be kept on a lead when crossing over his property which is a fair request. The Parish Council agree with this. Squadron Leader Owen Crossby – RAF Mildenhall With the difficulty RAF Lakenheath are having in scheduling the driver training observation, I'm investigating whether RAF Mildenhall	
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	can host Cllr Peachy and Claire Watkins. The training is held here on Thursdays and has the same content as the Lakenheath training. Our Community Relations Advisor, Natalie Murphy, helped to distribute the Beck Row Beacon this month. The USVF supported the Suffolk Show with around 250 volunteers. I attended on the second day, and the displays seemed very popular with the public despite the heat. The Joan Mann Special Sports Day was a great success last week, with 283 special athletes and cadets involved from the community. It's a great event to be involved with, and volunteers from RAF Lakenheath, RAF Honington, and RAF Marham joined the team here at RAF Mildenhall to make it a special day for those that took part. The Change of Command Ceremony for the 352nd Special Operations Wing (departure of Col Adam Moore and arrival of Col Shane Muscato) is scheduled for 24th July, and you should have received a "Save the Date" notification. Volunteers from RAF Mildenhall will be attending the fair at the Beck Row Primary School in July. There has been some increased air activity due to Exercise ASTRAL KNIGHT in the region, but that has now concluded. We thank the Beck Row residents for their continued support and understanding for the USVF missions here. PC Scott Cameron – Community Policing d. Pleased to hear that the SID information is being shared with myself and the speed camera team who will use this information to plan their locations at times. Patrols have been taking place on the Toc-H land and Aspal Close regarding the fires. I can look to increase these with the knowledge that fires are still taking place. Conversations have been held with local farmers regarding thefts and I would like to arrange a meeting or discussion with as many local farmers as possible. Councillor Harrison will see what he can do to help arrange this. Reports of pit bikes increasing and doing what I can with this.	
6381	<u>Planning matters</u> DC/26/0766/HH – a. two-storey front and side extension with single storey link b. extension to existing garage c. single detached garage with associated access. Location: 3 The Paddocks, Beck Row, IP28 8AS. OBJECT. Over development of a constrained site. It is not in keeping with the street scene. The means of access and protection of trees/shrubs needs further investigation. Finally a loss of privacy for neighbouring properties.	Clerk

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	DC/26/0681/HH – a single storey rear extension and b. single storey extension to garage to provide additional garage. Location: 2 Rose Green Lane, Beck Row, IP28 8DE SUPPORT	
6382	<u>Governance and Finance</u> a-b. To receive and approve the bank reconciliations - Appendix A and Appendix B - Reconciliation of Parish Council and Parish Hub bank accounts, previously circulated to members ahead of meeting, for the month ending May 2026, were received and approved. c-d. To approve payments - I. Parish Council - Appendix C ii. Parish Hub - Appendix D Approved and authorised for payment. Appendix items can be found in the minute folder with signed minutes relating to this meeting. e. The annual review and adoption of Standing Orders - Appendix E New model Standing Orders were produced and adopted in 2025. Following an annual review of the Standing Orders it was resolved to adopt without amendment for 2026-2027.	
6383	<u>To discuss the lack of maintenance of the roundabouts in the Parish</u> Councillor Peachey raised the issue of the visible state and condition of the approach to Beck Row and the roundabouts on the A1101. Council Members all agree. Suffolk Highways aren't going to do anything to remedy this due to financial constraints currently. Councillor Peachey would like the Parish Council to write to RAF Mildenhall to ask why they don't maintain the verge on the corner of the roundabout by the land they compulsively purchased from Mrs Butcher some years ago. Council Members agreed a letter should be sent. The Clerk will also write to West Suffolk Council to request the road sweeper to attend the roundabout between the A1101 and the C602 before Holywell Row.	Clerk
6384	<u>To discuss loss of and reinstatement of signage and access to footpath from Wildmere Lane to Fen Lane</u> Councillor Waldron has spoken to the landowner regarding the footpath through his land. The footpath is not his responsibility to maintain. The landowner is fully aware that access must remain.	Clerk

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	The sign has gone missing and needs replacing. Councillor Peachey suggests writing to Eriswell Parish Council to ask if they would look at supporting a clear of the footpath from their end to re-establish these access paths. The Clerk will investigate responsibility and report back.	
6385	<u>To discuss writing a letter of concern to the brewery regarding the future of The Kings Head, Beck Row</u> As previously mentioned, Councillor Peachey feels we should express concern on behalf of the residents that this is the last remaining pub in the Parish and, due to the current climate, could the brewery be urged to assist a new tenant with a more favourable start up option. Councillor Vickerage feels the brewery won't take a letter seriously as they will only see it as land and how much its worth to them. It would of course be a shame to lose it. Council Members agreed to write a letter from the Parish Council to express concern as it would be remiss of the Parish Council to not express concern on behalf of the residents.	Clerk
6386	<u>To resolve the purchase of a new picnic bench for the gated play area</u> It was agreed to purchase another picnic bench from Sutcliffe Play to match the two inclusive benches outside the gated area. The Clerk will verify an up-to-date price for the bench. Grant funding was received from West Suffolk Councillor Don Waldron in the previous financial year.	Clerk
6387	<u>Items for consideration for inclusion on the next agenda</u> Business type cards for the Parish Council Warm Rooms Planning for another darts evening	
6388	<u>Date of the next meeting</u> The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14th July 2026.	
6389	<u>Meeting closed</u> The meeting closed at 8.38pm.	

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