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Minutes of the Beck Row, Holywell Row & Kenny Hill Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 7.30pm

Attendance:

Councillor Gary Peachey	Chair
Ms Jane Spenser	Clerk
Councillor Gary Harrison	
Councillor Philip Haylock	
Councillor Jamie Howard	
Councillor Steve Murrow	
Councillor Alan Vickerage	

Members of the electorate and other attendees:

1 member of the electorate
PC 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.

6421	**Apologies and consent to acceptance for absence** Apologies requiring consent received from Councillor James Bailey, Councillor Sue French and Councillor Paul Stannard Other apologies received not requiring consent from Squadron Leader Owen Crossby and Councillor Don Waldron for Suffolk County and West Suffolk District Council.	
6422	**To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda.** None were received.	
6423	**To resolve that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2026 are a true and correct record.** Draft Minutes were circulated to Council Members ahead of the meeting and were available for viewing on the Parish Council Website. It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 8th September 2026 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	

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6424 **Progress reports for information**

a. **Chair's report**

I have spoken to Paul Canham to ask if the Parish Council can be of assistance this year with the Santa Sleigh or relatable costs. Nothing is required. Sunday 20th December the Santa Sleigh will leave Aspal Lane Nursery.

I would like to mention that residents of Parkside have shown concern over the extension work being carried out at 10 Parkside. What is being built is not what permission was granted on. West Suffolk Council planning enforcement are now aware and are looking into the situation. I feel it would be a good idea to invite Marie Smith to a future Parish Council meeting to provide some answers as to why these instances keep happening.

b. **Clerk's progress report on previous agenda items (Appendix F)**

1. Inclusive picnic bench has been ordered for delivery to Stuart's address. He will dispose of packaging and deliver/install at site.

2. Insurance renewal was circulated to everyone, I reviewed the policy for accuracy and additions from last year. It is on this agenda for approval of renewal.

3. A plaque has been ordered and I await delivery; Stuart will secure the plaque to the bench.



4. Notice of Beck Row and Kenny Hills Remembrance timings have been communicated to Kenny Hill Baptist Church, St John's Church Beck Row, West Row PC, Lakenheath RBL (attendance confirmed) County & District Councillor, (attendance confirmed), USAF RAF Mildenhall, (attendance confirmed) and PC Scott Cameron.

5. Work at the pond organised by Cllr Haylock has been completed and payment of £300 has been made to Mr Morley.

6. Creative Play attended the play area on 29/09 to apply wood protector to the installed timbers and to check and rectify the zip wire height. The cable needed tensioning and raising as it was too low to the ground. It can now be used without hitting the ground – for now.

7. The new bin is finally in situ at the play area and the old concrete bin has been removed.

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8. Aspal Lane name sign has been reported to West Suffolk Council as missing as well as the backboard being rotten. They have acknowledged the report and confirmed the replacement is scheduled.

9. I have once again chased up Suffolk On Board for a date of install for the new bus stop on the A1101 having been cancelled in March this year. I have copied Don Waldron into the email for him to chase this up as I would have expected a rescheduled date by now.

10. Export tariff now confirmed and up and running with British Gas – current electricity supplier of the Hub. 8p kwh will be paid for surplus electricity generated and sent to the grid. This will be paid quarterly into the Hub bank account.

11. An email received from a resident regarding the condition of the cycle path along the base straight. The verge is creeping further on to the path and a vast stretch of the path is breaking up in the middle making it unsafe. Attempts to engage SCC and West Suffolk Council have failed. Resident has asked if this matter can be raised with Suffolk Highways should they end up attending a meeting as planned and minuted.

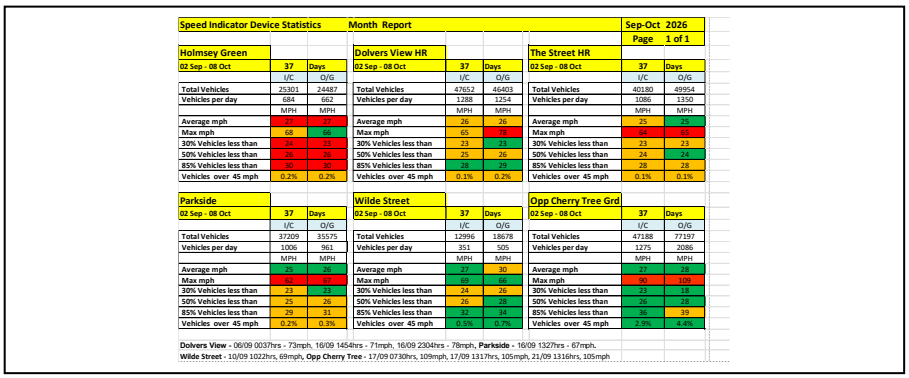
The use of E-bikes on Aspal Close was reported to me on Sunday 11th Oct. I provided PC Cameron with the footage. He has confirmed a unit did attend the site upon receiving the call on Sunday.

c. **The Beacon – Councillor French**

Items for the next issue of the Beacon are required by 12.11.26. Could a Council Member ensure photographs are taken of the Remembrance Day. Cllr Haylock has suggested the information supplied by RAF Mildenhall be put in the Beacon for residents to be aware.

d. **SID monthly data (Appendix G)**

The SID data was shared with Council Members ahead of the meeting. The Speed Camera Team and local Police have been provided with the up-to-date readings.



Speed Indicator Device Statistics	Month Report				Sep-Oct 2026	
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Holmsey Green			**Dolvers View HR**		**The Street HR**	
02 Sep - 08 Oct	37	Days	02 Sep - 08 Oct	37	02 Sep - 08 Oct	37	Days
	I/C	O/G		I/C	O/G		I/C	O/G
Total Vehicles	25301	24487	Total Vehicles	47652	46403	Total Vehicles	40180	49954
Vehicles per day	684	662	Vehicles per day	1288	1254	Vehicles per day	1086	1350
	MPH	MPH		MPH	MPH		MPH	MPH
Average mph	27	27	Average mph	26	26	Average mph	25	25
Max mph	68	66	Max mph	65	78	Max mph	68	65
30% Vehicles less than	24	23	30% Vehicles less than	23	23	30% Vehicles less than	23	23
50% Vehicles less than	26	26	50% Vehicles less than	25	26	50% Vehicles less than	24	24
85% Vehicles less than	30	30	85% Vehicles less than	28	29	85% Vehicles less than	28	28
Vehicles over 45 mph	0.2%	0.2%	Vehicles over 45 mph	0.1%	0.2%	Vehicles over 45 mph	0.1%	0.1%
Parkside			**Wilde Street**		**Opp Cherry Tree Grd**	
02 Sep - 08 Oct	37	Days	02 Sep - 08 Oct	37	Days	02 Sep - 08 Oct	37	Days
	I/C	O/G		I/C	O/G		I/C	O/G
Total Vehicles	37209	35575	Total Vehicles	12996	18678	Total Vehicles	47188	77197
Vehicles per day	1006	961	Vehicles per day	351	505	Vehicles per day	1275	2086
	MPH	MPH		MPH	MPH		MPH	MPH
Average mph	25	26	Average mph	27	30	Average mph	27	28
Max mph	62	67	Max mph	69	66	Max mph	90	109
30% Vehicles less than	23	23	30% Vehicles less than	24	26	30% Vehicles less than	23	18
50% Vehicles less than	25	26	50% Vehicles less than	26	28	50% Vehicles less than	26	29
85% Vehicles less than	29	31	85% Vehicles less than	32	34	85% Vehicles less than	30	39
Vehicles over 45 mph	0.2%	0.3%	Vehicles over 45 mph	0.5%	0.7%	Vehicles over 45 mph	2.5%	4.4%

Dolvers View - 06/09 0037hrs - 73mph, 16/09 1454hrs - 71mph, 16/09 2304hrs - 78mph, **Parkside** - 16/09 1327hrs - 67mph.
Wilde Street - 10/09 1022hrs, 69mph, **Opp Cherry Tree** - 17/09 0730hrs, 109mph, 17/09 1317hrs, 105mph, 21/09 1316hrs, 105mph

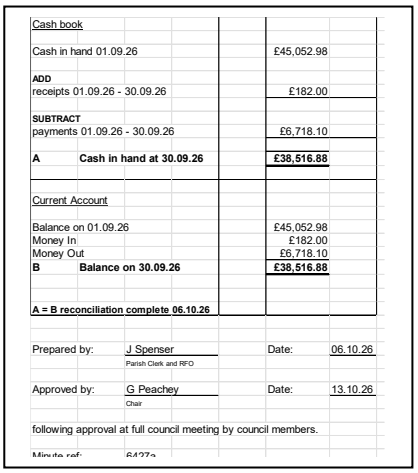
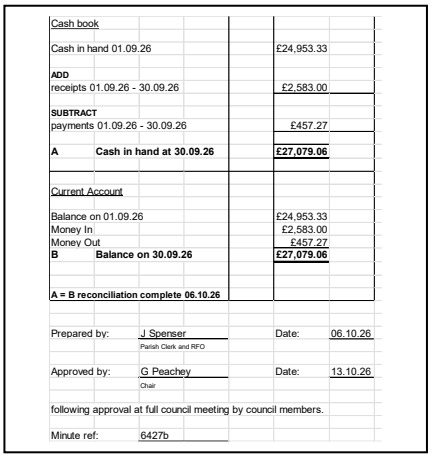
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6425	**Public participation session (15 minutes) to include Police, District and County Councillors' Reports.**	
a.	**Councillor Don Waldron – Suffolk County Council & West Suffolk Council** Apologies received – no report at this time.	
b.	**Squadron Leader Owen Crossby – RAF Mildenhall** In light of recent threats to US interests in the UK, you may have noticed an increased police presence in the area. Both the Ministry of Defence Police and Suffolk Constabulary have increased patrols in recent weeks to provide visible deterrence and reassurance. If any members of the public see anything suspicious, they are encouraged to contact the police, who work closely with the on-base security forces to respond to any potential threats. We are aware of the planned windfarm development at Redmere and are reviewing the flight safety implications. Any concerns will be passed to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation in the next 7 days to inform their consultation response. Planning is underway for support to Remembrance Day activities this year. The Base Commander is not in the UK that weekend, sadly, but we expect Colonel Joshua Hager to represent him at the Beck Row events. A security exercise will be held over the period 19th-21st October so please don't be alarmed if you hear or see on-base emergency services responding to incidents over that period. There is a new Group Captain US Visiting Forces and Station Commander RAF Marham, Group Captain Michael Dutton. He visited RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall on 2nd October to familiarise himself with the bases and their strategic value to both the USA and the UK. A ceremony was held at RAF Mildenhall to mark the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, also attended by personnel from RAF Lakenheath. Organised by the emergency services departments, the ceremony was supported by a flypast of USAF aircraft and pipers from Watton, Norfolk. Our Community Relations Advisor, Natalie Murphy, has produced a newsletter summarising recent activity. (The Clerk circulated this newsletter by email to Council Members ahead of the meeting)	

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c.	**PC Scott Cameron – Community Policing** Recent incidents of residential burglary which have had an individual knocking on the front door as a distraction whilst another individual goes around the back of the property. Be aware in the area. Bike thefts from gardens, please lock bikes up. Parcels being delivered and left on doorsteps, coming up to Christmas been mindful of this. E bikes on Aspal Close, we are aware of this and are upping patrols of the area.	
6426	**<u>Planning matters</u>** **DC/26/1469/HH** - a. single storey rear extension (following removal of existing conservatory) b.swimming pool and c. detached pool building. Location: Ashlands, Wilde Street Beck Row IP28 8BL **SUPPORT** **DC/26/1270/FUL** - Planning application - two dwellings. Location: Land West of Lamble Close, Beck Row **The Parish Council would have preferred a detached property to be in keeping with the street scene, however, due to the housing shortage, will SUPPORT this application and would request these homes be offered to local people.**	Clerk
6427 a-b.	**<u>Governance and Finance</u>** **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 September 2026, were received and approved.  	

Cash book		
Cash in hand 01.09.26		£45,052.98
ADD		
receipts 01.09.26 - 30.09.26		£182.00
SUBTRACT		
payments 01.09.26 - 30.09.26		£6,718.10
A **Cash in hand at 30.09.26**		**£38,516.88**
Current Account		
Balance on 01.09.26		£45,052.98
Money In		£182.00
Money Out		£6,718.10
B **Balance on 30.09.26**		**£38,516.88**
A = B reconciliation complete 06.10.26		
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Approved by: G Peachey (Chair)	Date:	13.10.26
following approval at full council meeting by council members.		
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Cash book		
Cash in hand 01.09.26		£24,953.33
ADD		
receipts 01.09.26 - 30.09.26		£2,583.00
SUBTRACT		
payments 01.09.26 - 30.09.26		£457.27
A **Cash in hand at 30.09.26**		**£27,079.06**
Current Account		
Balance on 01.09.26		£24,953.33
Money In		£2,583.00
Money Out		£457.27
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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.

Date	status	Details	Gross	VAT	Net
07.09.26	DC	The Safety Sheep (cctv signs x 6)	£21.53	£3.59	£17.94
07.09.26	DC	X2 Connect K6 glazing frames kit x 16	£154.08	£25.68	£128.40
15.09.26	PAID	Woollards (timber posts and post mix)	£32.78	£5.46	£27.32
15.09.26	PAID	Creative Play (zip wire timbers)	£2,688.00	£448.00	£2,240.00
15.09.26	DD	Bnk chgs	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25
30.09.26	PAID	Willows Management (Parish maintenance)	£322.50	£0.00	£322.50
30.09.26	PAID	Woollards (hardwood ply - back board for K6 kiosk)	£23.06	£3.84	£19.22
30.09.26	PAID	JS Salary Sep 26 (inc back pay apr-aug)	£1,415.27	£0.00	£1,415.27
01.10.26	DC	GM Data Sims x 2	£13.98	£2.34	£11.66
02.10.26	PAID	Mr Morley (pond clearance and maintenance)	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00
05.10.26	DC	X2 Connect (additional glass panes)	£45.48	£7.58	£37.90
07.10.26	DD	BT	£60.04	£10.01	£50.03
07.10.26	PAID	HMRC Paye Mth 6	£648.97	£0.00	£648.97
13.10.26		Forest Heath Fasteners (park repairs and fixings)	£25.40	£4.23	£21.17
13.10.26		RBL (wreaths x 3)	£81.00	£0.00	£81.00
13.10.26		Shoe Doctor (acrylic plaque for bench)	£31.60	£5.27	£26.33
		Total	**£5,867.94**	**£516.00**	**£5,351.96**

Date	status	Details	Gross	VAT	Net
21.09.26	PAID	R Tidd (Hub cleaning Sep 26)	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
21.09.26	DD	Bnk chgs	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25
28.09.26	DD	British Gas	£58.02	£2.76	£55.26
28.09.26	PAID	P Stokes Plumbing (fixing sink and removing all plugs)	£65.00	£0.00	£65.00
06.10.26	DD	Wave (water Jun - Sep 26)	£482.77	£45.25	£437.52
13.10.26		MPLC (blanket licence Nov 26-Nv 27)	435.79	72.63	363.16
		Total	**£1,145.83**	**£120.64**	**£1,025.19**

e. **To receive the budget comparison for qtr 2 of 2026-27 Appendix E**

The budget comparison was circulated to Council Members ahead of the meeting for consideration. No further questions or comments were made. The budget comparison was accepted as being on track for the mid point of the budget year.

6428 **<u>To resolve to renew the Community Insurance Policy with Hiscox Insurance circulated to Council Members for review ahead of the meeting.</u>** Clerk

The Community Insurance renewal paperwork was circulated to Council Members ahead of the meeting following the review and update by the Clerk to add the extra SID machines as well as the solar panels and battery at the Parish Hub. Cllr Vickerage responded to the Clerk to confirm he felt the policy was correct and as expected with sufficient cover in place. All Council Members resolved to accept the policy with a renewal price of £4552.33.

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6429	**To note the work and near completion of the K6 phone kiosk as well as discuss the warping of the door insert and to conclude the kiosk use moving forward.** Resident, Graham Taylor has dedicated many hours to restoring the phone box. He has worked tirelessly and it really is looking incredible. The Council Members wish to thank Graham for all his time and effort put into this. There is however an issue with the cast insert of the door. This is in fact quite a regular problem with these. Graham has done a lot of research and spoken to several experts on the topic. We are limited for options in terms of rectifying the issue. It is clearly more warped than most which may explain why it was cheaper to purchase. One suggestion is that 2 small 'V' shapes are cut at the bottom of the door of the insert to 'weaken' it and then weld those cuts. This may help to allow some adjustment to the insert. At the moment it is pulling the frame out of the doorway and away from the top lip. This may not be an issue if the box is bolted shut. Pete French is going to look with Graham to see if this is something he may be able to help with from a welding point of view.	
6430	**To discuss village gateway pricing and options for self made gates** Cllr Peachey has obtained pricing from Chase Timber which would be approximately £160.00 per Village Gateway plus paint. The Clerk will need to provide Cllr Waldron with images and pricing if a grant application is going to be made.	Cllr Peachey
6431	**To discuss and provide a consultee response for the Scoping Opinion following the email received and circulated from the Planning Inspectorate regarding Redmere Windfarm** The proposed project is on Grade One agricultural land and the Parish Council feel this is land that should be used for farming and food production only. The structures are 220 metres high, a total of 32 wind turbines. As reference this is 4 times higher than Ely Cathedral Tower. As local people and users will know, the A1101 is already unstable with the current amount of vehicles crossing the fens. Council Members are very concerned as to how the A1101 will remain usable and not further deteriorate with the proposed increase in heaving traffic that this project would require over a 2 year period of time. Early project	

	details show the requirement for around 100,000 tonnes of concrete. 5000 lorry loads on a road that is already sinking. Council Members feel the proposed area for this project is not suitable given the known instability of the land. Valuable agricultural land should remain and be used for growing food. Fears that the road will collapse before the windfarm is finished. The water main runs under the road and is already subject to multiple failures. Futher comments and concerns were raised regarding how close this would be to the Lakenheath Nature Reserve, proximity to the base and interference with the radio station. These proposed turbines are offshore turbine size. The current infrastructure will not support this project. Council Members also ask where the benefit is for local people? Will they benefit from the energy created? Cllr Harrison feels it doesn't make sense that this is even being considered on that land given the stability of the Fens. The Clerk will submit these concerns as part of the scoping survey.	
6432	**Items for consideration for inclusion on the next agenda** Nothing at this time.	
6433	**Date of the next meeting** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10th November 2026.	
6434	**Meeting closed** The meeting closed at 8.55pm.	

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