



**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**7<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 7.00pm**  
**Burgh St Peter Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A. Godsave, K. Kennedy-Hill and M. Tansley.

**Also in Attendance:** Tina Newby (Clerk)

**Members of the public attending:** None

1. **Welcome and consider apologies:** Cllr Wright sent his apologies. County Councillor Stone and District Councillor Evans were not in attendance.
2. **Declarations of Interests, Pecuniary and other:** None
3. **Approve Minutes of the last Annual Meeting May 2024:** Minutes were approved.
4. **Report from the Chairman covering the activities of the Parish Council:** See Appendix 1
5. **Reports from District and County Councillors:** See Appendix 2
6. **Public Opportunity for Questions to the Councillors.**  
No questions, as there were no public.

There being no more business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.06pm

<p><b>Tina Newby, Clerk to Council</b> <b>0772 678 0601</b></p>
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## **Appendix 1**

### **ALDEBY PARISH COUNCIL – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT MAY 2025**

The last twelve months have been a busy and productive period for the Parish Council, and I am grateful to my fellow Councillors and to our Clerk Tina for their exceptional efforts on behalf of residents. Many projects which have been under consideration for quite some time have come to fruition, thanks to the whole team and to grant funding and support from our County Councillor Barry Stone and our District Councillor Andrew Evans, to whom we are most grateful.

The Parish Council has undertaken a substantial maintenance and improvement programme in the past year:

- benches and noticeboards, playing field gates and fences painted and refurbished
- goalposts and swing supports painted (special thanks to Harry Tansley and to sponsorship from our Clerk)
- new goal nets and back irons
- installation of “Slow Down” signage on Beccles Road
- imminent upgrade to the interpretive panel in the Millennium Gardens to prevent water ingress and mildew
- upgrade and refurbishment of the Memorial Oak poppies (thanks again to Harry Tansley, and to Cllr Tansley and Tommy too)
- new bench provided in Sole Bay wood to enable a space for quiet contemplation
- bat, owl and small bird boxes provided on the playing fields (special thanks to Nigel Boulton and his team for fitting these voluntarily, and to Cllrs Wright and Tansley for their assistance)
- work to remove dead and dangerous trees on Common Road playing field
- replacement of dead and damaged fruit trees on the two playing fields, and of one dead Memorial Oak tree (thanks to Cllrs Wright and Tansley once again)
- installation of the Speed Awareness Machine in August 2024 (special thanks to our Clerk Tina and her husband for their efforts)

The Parish has seen some community events:

- the Annual parish litter pick in May 2024 -15 or so volunteers collected numerous bags of rubbish, and thanks to the Tansleys for hosting the event and to Cllr Godsave for kindly collecting materials for the event from the Ketteringham depot. This year’s litter pick will take place on Saturday 17 th May, starting at 10am on Common Road playing field, and everyone is welcome to join in. Once again it seems there is a handful of offenders who regularly throw food and drink containers from their cars while travelling along the parish roads: PLEASE take your litter home and bin it there, and keep where you live looking good
- the Triangle Festival in September 2024, organised by Dave Wrighting and his team, was an outstanding success and a very happy day was had by everyone who attended. Well done Dave – hopefully there will be a second Festival this year.

Progress has been made:

- consultation has finally begun on the 30pmh speed limit to be introduced on Beccles Road. Special thanks are due to Cllr Dr Harrison for his persistence in pursuing the Police and local authorities for help in dealing with parking and road safety issues, and illegal vehicles on the roads. The constant changes of personnel in our local Police force has made progress with them particularly difficult
- Dave Wrighting has agreed to continue as our Grounds Maintenance contractor for another year, and hopefully well beyond

- the Bus Shelter has been registered as a War Memorial, enabling us to apply for grant funding towards the considerable cost of re-thatching
- issues with the Parish Council's Facebook page have been resolved (thanks to Mrs Tansley for her help)

And for the future:

- the application to create a reservoir/extract minerals on a site on Elms Road was rejected, much to the relief of the owners of The Wildings and the many parishioners who objected to the plans. Thanks are due to Cllr Wright for attending the Planning Committee meeting and expressing the Parish Council's objections to the proposals. It is possible the Applicant may appeal the decision – watch this space
- the developers of the Solar Park have recently applied for and received approval for the removal of some of the special conditions attached to their Planning Permission. The Parish Council is monitoring further developments
- the Parish Council is seeking the views of residents regarding the possible provision of new play equipment on our playing fields. Please visit Aldeby Parish Council's Facebook page, and fill out our Playground Survey
- and finally, the Government's devolution proposals for the future of our region will bring about momentous change, and if approved will mean the introduction of an elected Mayor (elections due in May 2026), up to three Unitary Authorities for Norfolk, and the removal of District Councils. There is an opportunity for everyone to have their say on the proposals here: <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/lggc/norfolk-and-suffolk-devolution-consultation/>

There are currently two vacancies for Parish Councillors in Aldeby, and we would welcome applications from residents who feel they have something to offer and who would like to influence future developments in the Parish. Please contact our Clerk at [aldeby.pc@gmail.com](mailto:aldeby.pc@gmail.com) in the first instance.

With best wishes,

Karen Kennedy-Hill  
Chair

## APPENDIX 2

### Barry Stone – County Councillor for the Clavering Division Parish Report – March 2025

#### **Council Delivers Balanced Budget and calls for cost-saving local government reorganisation**

Norfolk County Council has approved a balanced budget for the 2025/26 fiscal year, despite facing considerable financial challenges.

##### **Key Details from the Norfolk County Council Budget:**

- **Gross Budget:** The council has a gross expenditure budget of £2.2 billion (£1.7 billion excluding schools). This includes:
  - o £700 million for Adult Social Care
  - o £367 million for Children's Services (non-schools)
  - o £283 million for Infrastructure
  - o £44 million for Communities and Environment
  - o £46 million for Fire Services

**Net Budget:** The net budget for 2025/26 is £572 million. This represents the amount raised through Council Tax to fund the services provided by the council.

- **Budget Growth:** The 2025/26 budget includes an increase of £121 million, which covers:
  - o £31 million for inflationary pressures
  - o £35 million for legislative pressures (including the increase in the National Living Wage and higher Employers National Insurance contributions)
  - o £15 million for demand and demographic pressures
  - o Over £25 million to cover recurrent overspends from Adult and Children's Services in 2024/25.

□ **Funding and Savings:** While costs have risen by £121 million, funding has only increased by £32 million. The Government has eliminated the Rural Services Delivery Grant and reallocated funds from rural to metropolitan areas. To balance the budget, savings of £45 million will be implemented.

□ **Council Tax:** For 2025/26, Council Tax will increase by 4.99%, which includes a 3% rise for general Council Tax and a 2% increase for the Adult Social Care precept. A Band D household will pay £1,755.63 per year, or around £34 per week, for County Council services in 2025/26.

#### **Norfolk announced as priority area for new powers and funding**

Norfolk is set to receive new powers and funding following a Government announcement, with the County being a key focus for devolution and local government reform.

Ministers are aiming for a devolution deal that covers both Norfolk and Suffolk, including the creation of an elected mayor. They also plan to replace the existing two-tier system, where key services are shared between county and district councils, with unitary authorities.

For more details on the story so far, including the Government's devolution white paper and answers to frequently asked questions from the Local Government Association, visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/devolution). You can also watch our video explaining devolution and local government reform.

#### **Norfolk's highways set for major investment in the year ahead**

This month Norfolk County Council Cabinet has reviewed a series of investments and improvements to the county's highways infrastructure.

Documents reveal how 97 parishes, from Antingham to Worstead, will benefit from projects funded through the Council's Parish Partnership scheme. The 2025/26 programme is designed to deliver what local communities have requested, including trods, village gateways, bus shelters, and vehicle-activated signs.

The programme is jointly funded by Norfolk County Council and contributions from Town and Parish Councils. This year, Norfolk County Council plans to contribute £425,476, enabling a total

investment of £848,702 for local projects.

The Cabinet has also reviewed the highways capital programme, which highlights successes from the previous year and outlines how highways maintenance funding will be allocated for the coming 12 months. This includes an additional £15 million from the Department for Transport (DfT).

With this extra funding, an additional 100 miles of roads in Norfolk will be resurfaced this year, supporting the Council's proactive approach to highway maintenance that helps prevent potholes. The funding will also provide additional resources for local repairs and patching across the county.

### **Funding boost for active travel in Norfolk**

Active Travel England have today announced an additional £4.45million for active travel in Norfolk as part of a wider nationwide funding package totalling almost £300million.

The additional £3.35m for 2025/26 is an outline allocation at this stage and comprises both capital and revenue funding. This means it will be used to fund new active travel initiatives and behaviour change programmes in addition to the delivery of new infrastructure but no decisions on which schemes will be funded have been made.

The next step will be to prepare proposals for Active Travel England once we receive further details on how the allocation can be spent in the coming months.

### **New apprenticeship starts in Norfolk increase by a staggering 11%**

Apprenticeship starts with Norfolk businesses and organisations surged by 11% in the first three months of the 2024/25 academic year, compared to a national increase of less than 1.5%.

From 1 August to 31 October 2024, there were 2,025 new apprenticeship starts in Norfolk, marking a rise of 199 from the same period in 2023/24. This represents the highest number of starts in this timeframe in over five years.

Apprenticeships Norfolk reports growth across all age groups, with starts up by 7.4% for those aged 16-18, 9.6% for 19-24-year-olds, and 14.6% for those aged 25 and over. Notably, the 16-18 age group saw its strongest first-quarter performance in over five years.

Department for Education (DfE) data also highlights an increase in recruitment, with the number of 'newly recruited' apprentices (those employed for up to three months at the start of their apprenticeship) rising by 10.4% from the previous year. This translates to 94 more starts.

In terms of employer size, non-levy funded apprenticeships, typically started by small to medium-sized businesses, grew by 10.3% (69 more starts) compared to 2023/24. Larger businesses also saw growth, with an 11.2% increase, adding 130 more apprenticeships.

### **More household hazardous waste days to be held at Norfolk's recycling centres**

As part of the Norfolk County Council budget for the upcoming year, additional household hazardous waste events will be held across the county. These events will take place at seven recycling centres this spring, supplementing the usual autumn events.

The free events will be held throughout April and May 2025, and residents must use the recycling centre booking system to attend. Bookings will open one week before each event.

These events are exclusively for residents disposing of hazardous household waste. They are not open to businesses, groups, or other organisations. If residents do not have hazardous waste to dispose of, they will be directed to an alternative site, as the events are expected to be in high demand.

The spring hazardous waste events will be held on the following dates:

- ☐ 4 and 5 April at King's Lynn
- ☐ 11 and 12 April at Dereham
- ☐ 25 and 26 April at Thetford
- ☐ 2 and 3 May at Norwich North
- ☐ 9 and 10 May at Hempton
- ☐ 16 and 17 May at Caister
- ☐ 23 and 24 May at Norwich South

Please note, there will be no hazardous waste events over the Easter weekend.

A list of acceptable items for disposal at the hazardous waste days can be found here:

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/hazardouswaste](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/hazardouswaste)

### **Norfolk County Council to combat “hidden unemployment”**

Over 4,000 people in Norfolk facing barriers to employment, including disability and long-term health conditions, will receive support through a new programme.

**Connect to Work** is a key initiative within the Get Britain Working strategy, aimed at linking health and employment services to achieve both improved employment outcomes and better health. A triage service will act as the entry point to the programme, with the capacity to handle up to 1,200 referrals each year during the main delivery phases. The programme is expected to support up to 4,300 Norfolk residents from October 2025 to March 2030.

In Norfolk, 109,100 individuals (20.6%) aged 16-65 were classified as economically inactive in 2024, 1.5% higher than post-COVID and 30,100 (27.7%) had long-term sickness, compared to 23.7% in 2019. This is above the East of England's figure of 25.9% and the UK average of 27.2%. However, of those economically inactive in Norfolk, 32.5% (32,500 people) reported wanting a job, which is higher than the average in the East of England (18.6%) and the UK (17.6%).

Connect to Work will primarily focus on supporting disabled individuals, those with long-term health conditions, and others with complex barriers to employment who wish to work. The programme aims to reduce economic inactivity and drive inclusive economic growth.

Norfolk County Council currently oversees the Working Well Norfolk project, which has been successful enough to have its funding extended for an additional 18 months. From its launch in October 2023 to January 2025, the scheme received 1,934 referrals, enrolling 1,250 individuals, with 445 people supported into employment or helped to remain in work.

Working Well Norfolk will continue accepting referrals until September 2025 and provide ongoing support for participants and their employers until September 2026, assisting an additional 580 people.

As always, I am here to help in any way I can and will always respond to email and telephone requests for assistance.

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Kind regards

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