

LUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a PARISH COUNCIL meeting of Ludham Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th October 2026 in the
Church Rooms, Ludham
at 1930hrs

Present:

Cllr C Willoughby (Chair)
Cllr P Wall
Cllr P Lane
Cllr T Gabriel
Cllr B Tubby

Clerk and RFO: J Beardshaw
Public: 8

1. Welcome to the public. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest: Members are invited to declare personal or prejudicial interests in items on the agenda. It is a requirement of the Parish Council's (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 S8 that declarations from a member include the nature of the interest and whether it is personal or prejudicial
3. To consider and approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on Tuesday 1st September.
APPROVED

4. To note items of correspondence

- a. Parishioner. Dangerous motorbikes at 530am on Yarmouth Road. The Clerk would recommend to all parishioners that they tell the police.
- b. Norfolk Wildlife Trust. [Wilder Hickling Project](#). Noted
- c. Flagship Homes. Street naming. Noted
- d. Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner, Colin Sutton. [Consultation](#). Councillors would make their own responses as private parishioners.
- e. Norfolk County Council. Statement on Local Government Reorganisation. Noted
- f. Pension Regulator. Redecoration of compliance submitted. Noted
- g. Broads Authority. BA/2026/0256/TCAA. Manor Bungalow, Staithe Road. Beech – fell. Noted
- h. BA/2026/0249/TCAA. Manor Bungalow, Staithe Road. Sycamore crown lift to 5m over the highway. Noted
- i. BA/2026/0215/TPOA. The Pines, Horsefen Road. Oak – dismantle and fell to ground level due to lifted root plate. Refused subject to a TPO being carried out at the location.
- j. Cllr Routledge. Request to drop the mph in the village to 20mph and to consider a weight limit. Cllr Gabriel also noted that he felt that Staithe Road would benefit from a width restriction. The County Councillor would undertake some research work on these potential projects and consider how feasibility studies could be conducted to the benefit of the village.

5. To hear Parish Councillor Reports

- a. Chairman's report. Nothing not otherwise on the agenda
- b. Cllr Gabriel. Multi agency group drainage meeting. Cllr Gabriel reported that he had attended a meeting with D Wray from the Water Management Alliance and Paul Rice. He noted that the pumping station could barely be heard from within Willow Way.
- c. Cllr Wall. Playground monthly report. Cllr Wall recorded that he had looked at the equipment and felt that the matting spaces had been reduced over the month. He also noted that the cradle swings had also been cleaned. He noted that there is a small slit in the tubing of one of the bouncing pieces of equipment. Cllr Wall also noted that he had also collected

litter as usual. He noted that the hedge was growing over and preventing the gate from fully opening. The **Clerk** would ask the Peakes to work on the hedge.

- d. Speedwatch team. Speed data for the previous month. Norwich Road results. Noted
- e. Clerk. S106 funding. The District Councillor had contacted the S106 officer to see if the funding would soon be available.
- f. Clerk. Reviews from playground carpet customers (S106 funding). The Clerk was working on this project.
- g. Clerk. Update on trees on the Catfield road. Cllr Willoughby noted that it was possible that the tree work had been undertaken in previous days.
- h. Clerk. Update on village hall /outdoor gym suggestion. The Clerk would arrange a survey monkey survey for suggestions as follows:
 - a. Five pieces at the VH
 - b. One at Bakers Arms Green, one at Womack Staithe and three at the VH
 - c. None.

6. Adjourn meeting for Public session/Comments on planning applications and any other matters.
County / District Councillor Reports

The meeting was adjourned at 2001 hrs. The District / County Councillor noted that he had asked the S106 officer for an update on the occupancy of 6 houses.

Cllr Varley also recorded that he would be keen to work with the Parish Council to consider feasibility studies on road speed / weight / height issues as per item 4j above.

Cllr Varley noted that he would be keen to fund a project in Ludham for up to £2,000 for funding.

It was noted that Anglian Water have dredged the dyke behind Pykes Nursery. Cllr Gabriel recorded that the members of MAG2 had noted that they hoped that the dyke at Ducks Crossing could be dredged. Paul Rice (Chairman of the MAG2 group) recorded that the group would be arranging for a flow test through the area.

Reconvene meeting. The meeting was reconvened at 2015 hrs

7. To discuss agenda items:

- a. To appoint an internal auditor and to verify the auditor's independence. Council agreed that it would be grateful to Mr Flett for undertaking the accounts again.
- b. To consider committing to the purchase of fireworks for New Year's Eve. The Clerk would ask the Womack Staithe Trust to fund the fireworks for a further year and (if in agreement) would then order the fireworks for the £750.
- c. To receive the audit paperwork from PKF Littlejohn and to note an except for matter. Noted

8. Planning applications:

a. To consider and agree responses to planning application as follows:

- i. BA/2026/0246/FUL. Irstead Hall Farm, St Benets Road. The erection of a covered handling area. The Council agreed to Support that application.
- ii. BA/2026/0237/FUL. Agricultural Building, St Benet's Road. The demolition and replacement of an agricultural building used for the housing of cows. The Council agreed to support the application with the proviso that there were some concerns regarding the flood report.

b. To receive decisions regarding applications:

- i. None

9. Finances

- a. To confirm that the Chairman has signed and agreed a bank reconciliation for the previous month's finances.

b. Payments

<u>Payment no</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount £</u>	<u>Inc VAT £</u>
1	DD	Peakes	Grass cutting	509.00	
2	BACS	Clerk	Salary and expenses	981.13	
3	BACS	NPF	Pension (partly paid by Clerk)	261.74	
4	BACS	HMRC	Tax	277.52	
5 31.08.26	DD	URM	Glass recycling	132.37	22.06
6	BACS	PKF	Audit	252.00	

c. Receipts:

- i. NNDC. £12,300. Precept**

10. To discuss any further items at the Chairman's discretion

- a.** Cllr Lane recorded that Cityfibre and left a poster to say that the fibre would be put in place over the following week, and that they had discussed working hours with 'the local Council'. The District Councillor would review this as he had not heard from Cityfibre
- b.** Cllr Lane recorded that he had attended a flooding meeting and that he was delighted to report that all the relevant agencies were working together to prevent future flooding in the village

11. To agree upon items for the Parish News

- a.** Motorbike at 530am – call the police.
- b.** SurveyMonkey

12. To confirm that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 in the Church Rooms at 7.30pm.

13. To close the meeting. The meeting closed at 2038 hrs.