



MEETING OF BEACHAMWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting of Beachamwell Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd 2026 February at 3pm in the Villagers Hall.

Present: Cllrs S Davies, D Lambert (Chair), P Roberts, G Siddons, M Warner.

Clerk: Sarah Hunt

District Councillor Peter Wilkinson

1. To receive and consider apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr J Cooper – family commitment.

Confirmation received that the current vacancy can be filled by co-option.

2. To record declarations of interest and approve any requests for dispensations.

None.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th November 2025 were AGREED as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair. PROPOSED Cllr S Davies, seconded Cllr M Warner.

4. Public Form.

The meeting received a report from Peter Wilkinson, District Councillor. A traffic management plan has been requested with reference to the High Grove Solar development - Cllr Wilkinson will keep all local villages informed. It was felt that Beachamwell would be particularly affected by the utilisation of Drymere Road for access to the site – it was requested that a speed limit be considered on this stretch for safety purposes. Cllr Wilkinson suggested that passing places/widening would be a good improvement to safety in that area.

5. Updates on previous Matters.

The meeting received reports on progress of items not on the agenda from the previous meetings.

- 5.1 Website. Is now live at beachamwellparishcouncil.gov.uk. The Clerk reported that the Norfolk ALC site was no longer live and forwarding to the new site. The invoice was issued and paid in July 2027. Nalc have stated that this was for April 2025-April 2026 hosting fees. The Clerk is pursuing either reinstatement of the forwarding site, or a refund.

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- 5.2 Footpath maps will be delivered to Village Hall by Clerk. Grant application successful and £500 awarded from Breckland District Council through Spark Fund. Funding remains to support organised walk from Village Hall or similar.
- 5.3 Registration of Village Green now complete. NK536683. Added to asset register. £160.00 refund on legal fees. Trackway alongside church (previous school pedestrian access) to be registered separately – at a cost of around £370.00. Clerk to investigate and provide evidence to solicitor.

6. Finance and Governance Matters.

6.1 The following payments were AGREED and income NOTED;

Payments:

S Hunt Dec salary incl homeworking (Paid)		£ 444.60
Scribe Accounts	£156.17	£31.23 £ 187.40
RLS Computers – website hosting (Paid)	£140.00	£28.00 £ 168.00
Unity Bank (Bank Charges – monthly)	£ 6.00	£ 6.00
HMRC	£ 0.24	£ 0.24
Sarah Hunt Jan Salary Inc. Hmwkg	£ 444.60	£ 444.60
Prontaprint	£ 245.00	£ 245.00

Receipts:

Interest (31.12.2025)	£ 69.60
Spark Grant – Breckland District Council	£ 500.00
Lucas and Wyllys solicitors (Refund of overcharge)	£ 160.00

- 6.2 The meeting an up to date bank reconciliation as at 31.01.2026 shwoing £2,920.02 in the current account and £14,097.32 in the savings account.
- 6.3 Noted HMRC Refund requested £352.19.
- 6.4 Noted the reduction in Unity Bank interest rate from 2.10% to 1.95%.

7. Planning.

- 7.1 To consider consultee response to applications received from Breckland District Council prior to the meeting date:
 - 7.1.1 PL.2026/0041/DCA – 3 Drymere, Beachamwell. Discharge of condition 13 on PP 3PL.2022/1330/F.
<https://publicportal.breckland.gov.uk/planning/index.html?fa=getApplication&n&id=198923> None. There was difficulty reported accessing the application.
- 7.2 To receive notification of decisions taken by Breckland District Council. None received – District Councillor Peter Wilkinson was once again asked to explore why the Parish Council no longer received outcome notifications.
- 7.3 To receive treeworks notifications:
 - 7.3.1 PL/2026/0036/TCA. 4 St Johns Lane, Beachamwell. Apple tree – removal and new tree to be planted. Noted.
- 7.4 Note received from Breckland District Council notifying Council that currently they are unable to demonstrate a 5 year supply of housing land and the latest calculation demonstrates a 2.8 year supply. Previously circulated.
- 7.5 Kings Lynn and West Norfolk – Launch of Call for Sites and Collation of Consultation Database. Councillors would like to remain on the database.

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8. Administrative Matters.

8.1 Drove Farm Solar.

8.1.1 Noted that the Clerk attended Drove Farm Solar meeting with Terry Jermy MP and representatives of other Councils affected on 16th January 2026. Notes taken by Clerk of Sporle Parish Council circulated. Clerk not to attend future meetings. Concerns were expressed to District Councillor Peter Wilkinson that no end of life plans are contained within the application.

8.1.2 Noted the receipt of the Section 56 Notice. Previously circulated.

8.1.3 Received the official notes taken at the meeting with Terry Jermy MP.

8.2 SAM 2 Sign maintenance check. It was agreed to undertake the 3 year check due 31.3.26 at the cost of £110.00. Sign to be taken to Dereham and collected – Cllr G Siddons.

8.3 Additional defibrillator – no suitable locations identified. Clerk to consult via facebook/Councillors to discuss with residents two options: 1. A CPR/Defibrillator short presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on 5th May 2. Funding a one day First Aid training day in the Village Hall for residents to include CPR/Defibrillator training. (Cllr G Siddons to discuss with a recommended trainer for availability- if not possible to notify Clerk who will source alternative training provider). Decision to be clarified via email and delegated to Clerk to implement.

8.4 It was AGREED that the council did not need an adopted Reserves Policy, however the Clerk was detailed to open a 30 day interest account with £5,000.00 to enable an increase in interest paid.

8.5 The IT Policy was AGREED as presented.

9. Correspondence.

9.1 Ministry of Defence. The Council received an invitation to a Reserve Forces evening. 5th March 2026. Previously circulated.

9.2 High Grove solar farm update. Previously circulated.

10. Village Matters.

10.1 To receive any reported footpath issues. None.

10.2 Bus Shelter – Cllr G Siddons to arrange quotations as necessary and keep clerk informed. RECEIVED notification of the grant award of £527.98.

10.3 Safer Neighbourhood Policing meeting – 12th January 2026. Attended by Cllr M Warner – speeding concerns were reported to the police, issues raised by the local policing team included rural policing and theft from rural properties. Next meeting 12th April at Narborough. Clerk to order 30mph bin labels to be offered at Parish Meeting to residents. Sam2 data to be provided to clerk for publishing.

11. Dates of next meetings.

11.1 To consider and agree date of Parish Meeting – 6pm May 5th, to be followed by Annual Parish Council meeting.

Scheduled meetings:

May 5th 2026 – 6pm for Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by Annual Parish Council meeting.

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August 4th 2026 at 3pm.
November 3rd 2026 at 3pm.

12. Matters for next agenda.

The application for a TPO for the Chestnut Trees lining Chestnut Walk, including the large tree on the triangle at the end furthest from the village.

Village Green erosion by vehicles to be monitored and any issues addressed.

The meeting closed at 4.35pm.