

STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman:- Councillor J. Lawrence

Vice-Chairman:- Councillor M. Williams



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL **HELD ON MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 AT 7.00 PM** **IN STIFFKEY VILLAGE HALL**

Present:-

Chairman – Cllr. J. Lawrence, Vice-Chairman – Cllr. M. Williams,
Cllr. P. Claydon, Cllr. P. Harrison, Cllr. A. Hooper
Cllr. R. Husain and Cllr. J. Sugden.

District Councillor V. Holliday.

Julie Chance – Clerk.

Two members of the public also attended the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28TH JULY, 2025

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th July 2025, having been circulated, were taken as read, **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor M. Dalby.

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3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. P. Claydon, Cllr. R. Husain and Cllr. J. Lawrence in respect of the item for Hollow Lane.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. P. Harrison in respect of Planning Application PF/24/1730 Werrin, Greenway, Stiffkey.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. A. Hooper in respect of the item covering grant payments.

Prejudicial declarations of interest were received from Cllr. J. Sugden in respect of Muckledyke Permissive Footpath.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

5.1 County Councillor's Report:- Attached. The Clerk circulated an email from Councillor Dalby offering funding from his budget for a Parish Partnership Scheme. The Members were asked to consider projects. The Clerk suggested an upgrade to the SAM 2 sign with a SAM 3 sign. County Councillor Dalby has agreed to pay 50% in the sum of £1,722.50 and the remainder of the 50% could be applied for under the Parish Partnership Scheme. It was **AGREED** that this matter will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion. The Clerk circulated a letter from Norfolk County Council with an update on the Local Government Reorganisation. Attached.

5.2 District Councillor's Reports:- Attached. District Councillor Holliday reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner had met with North Norfolk District Council and she is open to meet with Parish Councils.

District Councillor Holliday reported that only Vodafone is not installing 5G until 2028/29. 4G is at capacity and 3G has been shut off. North Norfolk District Council will be collecting data concerning the masts and different providers.

Members requested an update on Broadband. District Councillor will liaise with her contact and will keep the Members informed.

District Councillor Holliday reported that the Public Space Protection Consultation will be available soon.

The Local Plan Inspector is looking at the comments made. The Clerk circulated the email from Councillor Holliday on Carer Money Matters. Noted.

6. PLANNING

- 6.1 PF/24/1730 – Werrin, Greenway, Stiffkey – The Parish Council's comments have been submitted and are on the North Norfolk District Council's website. District Councillor Holliday agreed to liaise with Planning to ensure that Highways, the Landscape Officer and Norfolk Coast Partnership be consulted on this application.
- 6.2 PP/25/1812 – Land West of 84 Wells Road, Stiffkey – The Parish Council's comments have been submitted and are on the North Norfolk District Council's website.
- 6.3 Consultation on Main Modifications – Local Plan – Circulated. Noted.

7. POLICE

- 7.1 SNAP:- Report attached.
- 7.2 OP Radium – Trigger Plan:- The Clerk circulated this information. It was **AGREED** to adopt the attached actions. The Clerk will action accordingly.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1 The Clerk circulated the cashbook for the period to 31st August, 2025:- **AGREED.**
- 8.2 All present signed the bank statements against the cashbook for the period to 31st August, 2025.
- 8.3 The following payments were **AGREED:-**

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Clerk's salary, office allowance, travel, inks and telephone for transport scheme	649.37
HMRC – Tax	129.60
Stuart Hutcheson – IT and Telephone (Transport Scheme)	80.00

Stiffkey Parochial Church Council – Grant	50.00
Stiffkey Local History Group – Grant	50.00
T.T. Jones – Street Lighting	43.03

- 8.4** Budget for 2026/27:- The budget for 2026/27 was **AGREED** with a precept of £8,400. This is an increase of £300 which equates to £1.92 per household per annum increase. The total precept is £53.81 per household per annum.
- 8.5** Newsletter:- Cllr. Husain reported that she will be gathering the information aiming for distribution before the next meeting in November.
- 8.6** Local Lynx – Grant Request:- The Clerk circulated a letter received from the Local Lynx which was out of the time scale for grant requests and was not on the authorised form. The Clerk informed the Treasurer and this was accepted. The Treasurer will aim to complete the form within the time scale for the next financial year.

9. HEALTH ACCESS TRANSPORT SCHEME

- 9.1** Cllr. Hooper reported that a co-ordinator has come forward and Cllr. Sugden will give her details to Cllr. Hooper. The Clerk has obtained a mobile phone for the sum of £10 with a monthly contract cost of £1.99. This will increase to £4.99 in due course. It was **AGREED** to produce a leaflet with the telephone number and information about the scheme. It was **AGREED** that a budget of £30 would be allowed for the leaflet. The working group will meet to discuss the contents of the leaflet and distribution. The volunteer drivers will need to be DBS checked, check their car insurance in order to carry passengers as a volunteer (any extra cost will be met by the scheme) and be provided with lanyards. Cllr. Hooper will produce the lanyards with the logo, name and a photograph of the volunteer. Slips will be produced with for the drivers to issue with the bank details for any donations. The Clerk reported that she has secured a grant of £800 through County Councillor Dalby and the details of the Trustees have been given to Tim Adams in order to complete the paperwork to be sent to the Charity Commission.

10. ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW

- 10.1** Risk Assessment – Circulated:- No amendments **AGREED**.

11. HIGHWAYS

- 11.1 Temporary Road Closures:- Circulated. Noted.
- 11.2 H- Bars -Junction of Bridge Street and the A149:- These have still not been refreshed and the date requested by the Clerk has not been received. The Clerk will chase accordingly.
- 11.3 Bridge Street to Stiffkey Stores:- Cllr. Hooper reported that the Highway Engineer said the most effective way of getting any highway matters dealt with is for volunteers to go to the place in question and pinpoint on line where the problem is. This will then be given a reference number which will make it easier for the Highway Engineer to chase if the work is not carried out in a timely fashion. This matter will be removed from the agenda and dealt with under the new scheme in future.
- 11.4 Hollow Lane Surface:- Cllr. Hooper reported from the meeting with the Highway Engineer and the Footpath Officer. They will not repair the surface as it is not highways and as such should not be used for vehicle access. It is the vehicles that are damaging the surface. There were suggestions made for the Parish Partnership Scheme for improvements such as a trod or handrail in the region of £40,000. A new drainage scheme would be in the region of £500,000. The Parish Council is unable to meet any funding from their budget. The Clerk reported that the Countryside Access Officer is meeting with contractors to discuss making the area safer as a temporary measure. The Countryside Access Officer said if Norfolk County Council repaired the surface, they would document the repairs and would have a signed agreement with all parties with ownership or responsibilities for Hollow Lane. Cllr. Hooper asked how this would be enforced with those who used Hollow Lane to walk their dogs or to simply go for a walk. The Countryside Access Officer said that given the signs made the playing field a 'destination' the responsibility would lie with the playing field so proportionately speaking they would be liable but not totally responsible. Cllr. Claydon will discuss this matter with the Playing Field Committee. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for an update from the Footpath Officer.
- 11.5 Drains – Choosley Hill and Cockthorpe:- It was **AGREED** that this matter will be dealt with under the new scheme of volunteers putting on line. This matter will be removed from the agenda.

12. MUCKLEDYKE PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH

- 12.1** Cllr. Husain reported that the ground is too hard at present for the repair work to commence. This will be attempted towards the end of October. Cllr. Lawrence said there was nothing to report on the fundraising but this will be placed on the next agenda for an update.

13. ANGLIAN WATER – SEWAGE SPILLS AND WATER PRESSURE

- 13.1** The Clerk reported that she has invited a representative to the November meeting but to date has not received a reply. The Clerk will chase accordingly and copy District Councillor Holliday into the email.

14. DENTISTRY

- 14.1** Cllr. Hooper reported that there has been no improvement on this matter. It was **AGREED** that this item will be placed on the March 2026 meeting agenda for an update.

15. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS

- 15.1** Community First Responders:- Report attached. It was **AGREED** that a donation to a follow-up session of CPR training be placed on the next agenda for discussion.
- 15.2** Ambulance Response Service:- Report attached.

16. NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 16.1** Website Details:- Cllr. Hooper reported that the details for the Parish Council have not been updated and the Clerk will chase accordingly.
- 16.2** Transfer of Assets:- The Clerk read an email from District Councillor Tim Adams stating that the transfer of assets to Stiffkey Parish Council is in progress and they will contact us in due course. This matter will be removed from the agenda for the time being.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

- 17.1 Norfolk ALC – Funding Opportunities and Update on Local Government Reorganisation:- Circulated. Noted.
- 17.2 Email – Exploring Coastal Habitat Restoration Around Blakeney Results Sharing:- Circulated. Noted.
- 17.3 Email – National Trust – Update on MT Map of Stiffkey Marshes and Signage Designs:- Circulated. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would reply to the National Trust and agree the design of the signs. The Parish Council would also like to see dogs on leads signs all year rather than just seasonal.
- 17.4 Email – Blakeney Harbour Coastal Restoration Feasibility Project – Circulated. Noted.
- 17.5 Email – Save the Cycling Paramedics Winter Month Service – Circulated. Cllr. Hooper reported that this service will remain in place. Report attached.
- 17.6 Request to Advertise Online Workshop – Norfolk Coast Protected Landscape – Circulated. Noted.
- 17.7 King Charles III England Coast Path Establishment – Circulated. Noted.
- 17.8 Child Safeguarding Training for Parish and Town Councils – North Norfolk District Council – Circulated. Noted.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was noted as Monday 24th November, 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Stiffkey Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.11 pm.

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Chairman

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Date

Important Dates:

- **25th September:** Local Government Reorganisation debate and vote.
- **16th October:** Devolution debate and vote.

I will keep you updated on these.

Norfolk County Council updates

Strong progress in transforming SEND education in Norfolk

Strong progress is being made by Norfolk County Council in transforming education for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), according to a new report being presented to the Children, Families and Communities Select Committee on Friday 12th September.

A combination of new teams and initiatives strengthening support for inclusion in mainstream schools and hundreds of new places in specialist resource bases (SRBs) are helping children stay in mainstream schools, closer to home, with the right support for their needs.

The report outlines how the council is delivering major improvements, despite national delays to SEND reform and funding challenges.

Local First Inclusion, which is part of the Norfolk Area SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy (NASAPS), is focused on ensuring children and young people with SEND get the right support for their needs early, enabling them, wherever possible, to attend, and flourish, in mainstream schools in their local community.

Key achievements to date include:

- The SEND and Inclusion Support Model is now active in all 15 school zones, with over 300 Team Around the School meetings held and strategic partnerships with academy trusts underway
- A new Educational Psychology and Specialist Support (EPSS) service model ensures a free core level of support to schools, giving more equitable access for all to this service
- All Norfolk mainstream schools have worked with the council to assess and improve their support for children with SEND, showing clear progress in inclusive practices. Recent data highlights strong engagement across the county, with 21,400 children identified as having SEND, whether or not they have an EHCP
- Local Planning Partnerships (LPPs) are being rolled out to all secondary schools to reduce exclusions and improve targeted support to help children stay in mainstream school. In the coming years 19 new bases and centres are planned to support LPPs
- 15 School and Community Teams delivering over 3,400 group sessions and 1,400 one-to-one interventions focused on early help, emotional wellbeing, and transitions
- A dedicated SEND and Inclusion Support Line, launched in autumn 2024, has handled over 5,200 calls, resolving 93% of queries and supporting families and professionals
- Collaboration with health partners continues, focusing on neurodiversity and expanding mental health support in schools

Despite rising construction costs and national delays, the council has worked with schools to expand specialist infrastructure locally with the creation of:

- 550 Specialist Resource Base (SRBs) places at mainstream schools enabling more children to access specialist places closer to home. A total of 23 bases have been expanded and 17 new ones opened, with 10 more in active development due to open by September next year
- 670 special school places through three new schools and expansions of existing special schools with further expansions planned

Norfolk's Safety Valve agreement has secured over £130 million in joint investment with the Department for Education. And, despite a cumulative Dedicated Schools Grant deficit of £131.9m, the council has committed more than £15 million in additional funding to strengthen SEND services since the agreement was reached and continues to work with the DfE to unlock further contributions to reduce the deficit.

Councils launch package to support staff at Lotus Cars

The taskforce set up by Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council has launched a comprehensive support package designed to help employees and their families impacted by the recent announcement of redundancies at Lotus Cars.

The package that will be offered to Lotus employees and those affected in its supply chain, provides a holistic range of services designed around three key pillars of support, hardship and financial stability, employment and skills, and business start-ups.

The taskforce will use the time between now and the end of the financial year, when the redundancies are expected, to work with Lotus and its staff and help them navigate their next steps. The comprehensive support package offers practical assistance focused on three key areas: hardship and managing finances, finding a new job and business start-up.

Household hazardous waste days - reminder

Norfolk County Council has announced a series of household hazardous waste days (HHWDs) this autumn, offering residents the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted hazardous materials at seven recycling centres across the county.

The autumn HHWDs will take place on the following dates:

- Norwich South – Friday 3 & Saturday 4 October
- King's Lynn – Friday 10 & Saturday 11 October
- Caister – Friday 24 & Saturday 25 October
- Dereham – Friday 31 October & Saturday 1 November
- Thetford – Friday 7 & Saturday 8 November
- Hempton – Friday 21 & Saturday 22 November
- Norwich North – Friday 28 & Saturday 29 November

Over £34 Million secured to transform transport across Norfolk

Norfolk County Council has secured more than £34 million in new government funding to enhance local transport infrastructure and planning over the next four years.

The Department for Transport (DfT) has confirmed that Norfolk will receive £32.5 million in capital funding and an additional £2.1 million in resource funding through the Government's Local Transport Grant (LTG) programme.

The funding will support both the delivery of physical infrastructure and the capacity to plan, develop and manage projects, helping Norfolk address key priorities such as reducing congestion, improving accessibility, enhancing public transport, and promoting sustainable travel.

Nationally recognised AI programme to be rolled out across Norfolk to prevent falls

A nationally recognised proactive intervention scheme is being implemented throughout Norfolk. This initiative, delivered in partnership with local organisations such as Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSE), city, district and borough Councils, and NHS bodies, is designed to reduce the incidence of falls among vulnerable and older adults.

Building on a successful pilot involving 1,250 residents, the programme uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to identify residents who may be at risk of increasing care needs. This enables the council to identify and prioritise individuals in Norfolk most at risk of falling, and to offer timely and proactive interventions to support their safety and well-being.

For more information about preventing falls visit Preventing and dealing with falls.

National Updates

Great British Energy vision and priorities

The Energy Secretary, Ed Miliband, this week set out his vision for Great British Energy, detailing his expectations for how the UK's publicly owned clean power company will deliver on the government's clean energy superpower mission.

The company will drive clean energy deployment across the whole of the UK, as a developer, investor, and owner of clean energy projects – working in tandem with the private sector, devolved governments, local authorities, and community energy groups. It will be required to increase public ownership and community involvement, and support jobs and economic growth across the UK. More detailed information can be found in Ed Miliband's Statement of Strategic Priorities to Great British Energy.

The treasury has published an interim report summarising findings from the transforming business rates discussion Paper.

The interim report follows their Autumn Budget 2024 discussion paper and reflects stakeholder feedback on reforming the business rates system. It outlines priority areas for change aimed at improving fairness, transparency, and responsiveness.

It includes consideration of local authority views and says that the Government will consider the case for greater local flexibility in the business rates system, including the potential for local authorities to set their own business rates multipliers. This means that they could enable local councils to adjust the rate to better suit local businesses, to encourage growth, or raise funds for services.

Investment for coastal communities

Coastal communities across the UK will benefit from over £1.1bn in joint government and industry investment for the maritime sector, which is intended to increase growth and jobs, including in the engineering, green technology, and construction sectors.

The funding includes £700m of private investment for major UK ports and leading industry players, as well as £448m of public investment to reduce emissions from UK shipping. The Government says that his new funding will be allocated to projects 'in due course'.

Ofsted confirm inspection changes

Ofsted have confirmed that it will replace single headline grades with new report cards, which the government are hoping will 'raise the bar' for standards by providing a fuller picture of school performance, giving parents key information more clearly, and schools the tools needed to improve.

Among other associated reforms, Ofsted has committed to monitoring inspections of schools and FE/skills providers where provision is not currently at the expected standard in all areas and increasing the frequency of early years inspections from every 6 years to every 4.

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All Norfolk Town & Parish Councils
By Email

12 September 2025

To Norfolk Town & Parish Councils

As you know, the Government has asked councils across the country to put forward proposals for Local Government Reorganisation, to create simpler, more sustainable structures. I am writing to let you know that today we are publishing our business case for creating **one council for Norfolk** – a council that is: ***Strong where it counts, local where it matters.***

We have been clear from the start that we want to do what is right for Norfolk. We did not start with a preferred solution in mind and instead have been guided by the data and evidence. We have listened carefully to the voices of the people who know Norfolk the best – those who live and work here.

I want to thank you for the valuable engagement from parish and town councils that has helped to shape our proposals so far.

Our case highlights the benefits of a single council for Norfolk – including:

- Saving **£39.8 million per year**, compared to the current eight councils – money that can be invested in improving services
- **Removing duplication and joining up services** that are currently divided between councils, such as adult social services and housing
- **Avoiding the risk of splitting up crucial, county-wide services** such as adult social care, children's services and highways
- Being in a **strong position to boost Norfolk's economy**, by having a plan for the whole county.

Crucially, it also sets out a **prospectus for a new relationship with parish and town councils**, recognising the vital role you play as trusted local representatives in your communities.

Through our recent engagement, you told us you want:

- greater local influence,
- opportunities for more collaborative working,
- the ability to take on local assets and services where it suits your needs and capacity, and
- clear consistent channels of communication.

Our proposals respond to that by offering:

- **Clear local choices** – a consistent menu of options for taking on community assets (such as green spaces, community centres or car parks) and services (such as grass cutting, local transport or climate projects) where you choose to.
- **Support and flexibility** – practical help with transfers happening when councils are ready and arrangements are financially sound.
- **Clustering and collaboration** – support for groups of councils to share ideas, services, and speak with a stronger voice, while protecting each parish's identity.
- **Guiding principles** – with a framework built on co-design, voluntary participation, financial sustainability and clear, transparent processes.

Our draft business case report will be considered by the council's strategic and corporate select committee at 10am on 22 September. You can read the report [here](#). The full council will discuss the report at 10am on 25 September, before the cabinet takes a final decision on the business case when it meets at 3pm on the same day.

Alongside our proposal, other councils in Norfolk are proposing plans for two or three new councils that will be submitted to Government. Before any decision is made on the future model for local government in Norfolk, the Government will run a consultation later this year. It will be an opportunity to put forward views and ensure Norfolk's future arrangements work well for everyone.

This is the most significant reform of local government in Norfolk for half a century – and a chance to build something new and better.

We will continue to keep you informed and involved as the plans develop.

Yours sincerely



Tom McCabe
Chief Executive

For further details of our proposals, please see www.norfolk.gov.uk/onecouncil.

September Distract Cllr report

From Cllr. Victoria Holliday <Victoria.Holliday@north-norfolk.gov.uk>
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Date 2025-09-13 17:33

Local Government Reform

NNDC Cllrs meet on September 24th to vote on the new structure for local government proposed by NNDC. This for three Unitaries (which are district and county councils combined)- East, West and Greater Norwich. North Norfolk will be in the East. Each of these Unitaries will be about 300k residents. There will be costs associated with the change, but savings are forecast for the future. The advantages of three Unitaries over one or two (one is the County Council's and two South Norfolk's proposals) are more focus on people and place and the uniqueness of each area. There will be better Democratic representation with one Unitary (though it won't be as good as it is now with about half as many Cllrs). Against all this, is the need to split up the statutory services currently provided by County into three Unitaries - these are Adult and Children's services, education, special needs etc - and how viable this will be. Details on the proposal can be found at <https://www.futurenorfolk.com>. If anyone has strong views, please do get in touch with me as I'm looking for a community steer!

The Government will then decide which model they prefer out of the one, two and three Unitaries.

New local plan

You have till Wednesday to submit your comments on the last stage of the consultation for the new Local Plan which will determine our planning policies till 2040. The webpage for comments is <https://northnorfolk-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/>. The most relevant changes for us are the new site allocation in Blakeney to the west of the Langham Road and the inclusion of Weybourne as a growth village.

Pharmabox

I've asked again about how we can make it easier for people with bulky prescriptions to get their meds, given the Pharmabox can only cope with packages up to a certain size. The practice says it's not possible to split meds into more than one package. There aren't enough slots and they are at capacity already.

However, they have agreed that residents who are struggling physically to use the box, and also struggle to get to Kelling, may be eligible for home delivery - as even if not clinically housebound, these residents may fall into their most vulnerable category.

If you're in this group, you can fill in an online form summarising why you are finding it difficult to use the Box and what alternative would help the most; or you can call Reception and leave a message for Amy Pardon explaining the difficulties you are having using the Box - and Amy will return your call to discuss.

They have asked if possible to wait to call the practice until the end of September as the flu and covid campaign is about to kick off and there may be delays in answering the phones.

5G

I've been trying to find out why mobile connectivity is so much poorer recently. Apparently, it's due to the 3G switch off as 4G is limited in capacity and can't take the volume of calls. Vodafone have told me - and I need to find out whether it's the same for other providers - we need to wait for 5G which is due 28/29! This is too far in the future. Vodafone also tell me they are planning a satellite based Service to be rolled out in 26/27 which 'will eliminate the majority of remaining mobile not spots across the UK.' I need to find out more about this. It'll be interesting to see if 4G connectivity improves now there are fewer visitors around.

Emergency Ambulance Response Times

We met with the Ambulance Trust to discuss emergency ambulance response times. At a high level, it appears that NR23 times are improved (probably due to the cycle paramedic in Wells) but NR25 haven't. It sounds as if we're keeping the cycle paramedic in Wells but we need to look in more details as to what's happening in NR25. Community First Responder numbers are up which is brilliant as these dedicated volunteers are an absolute necessity.

Commercial Food Waste Collection

Commercial food waste collection began in August. The food will be anaerobically digested, producing natural gas which feeds into the grid and a nutrient rich fertiliser as a by product. Domestic food waste collections will begin 2026.

Street Trading policy review

NNDC is consulting on street trading licences which inform where you can and can't sell on streets in North Norfolk. Check out the NNDC website to find more or click on <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/news/2025/july/street-trading-policy-review-opens/>

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District Cllrs report September

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Date 2025-09-25 18:14

From NNDC

'Members voted for the three Unitary Council model for Local Government Reform, each proposed council will be c 300k residents. We would be in the East Norfolk Council. Norfolk County Council is proposing one Unitary of c 900k. The Government will decide on the outcome.

Coastal

Plans are in place to remove the Japanese knotweed from the clifftops at Overstrand. Discussions are taking place with Weybourne residents as to how to proceed should coastal erosion and flooding impact houses and the car park.

Benefits

In 25/26 NNDC has been allocated £103k for discretionary housing payments of which 37% has been allocated to 42 households. This supports tenancies, those facing homelessness and to stay in the community.

There were 2140 households in the housing list at the end of July. The greatest demand is for one bedroom properties but there are 232 households waiting for 4 beds+. 24 households were assessed as homeless. The most common triggers remain loss of private tenancy, domestic abuse and households no longer being able to stay with friends and family. As of end July there were 54 households in temporary accommodation of which NNDC has 28 units.

Financial Inclusion and Social Prescribing have been combined to form an Early Help and Prevention Service. Social prescribing does cover financial support but is more towards housing, mental health and relief of isolation. The Financial Inclusion team helps with accessing benefits - the most common attendance allowance, PIP and housing benefit.

The allocation from Government for Disabled Housing adaptation is almost £1.8mill for 25/26. Bathroom adaptations, ramps and stairlifts are the most common adaptations but doors can be widened, kitchens modified etc.

Do come forward if you would like more information about any of this help which is available.

NNDC continues to receive referrals from the NNUH for patients who have been admitted with falls or frailty. The support offered empowers residents to stay safely in their homes, become stronger and more active and improve their well-being and their income. Most common interventions are for aids and adaptations, benefit advice and safety advice.

Waste and Environment

A film and flexible plastic recycling trial is taking place in North Walsham. Domestic food waste collection will roll out late 2026.

Estates

The Cromer Visitor Centre has been let to a dental practice.

A number of parishes have approached NNDC regarding transfer of assets which may be impacted by Local Government Reorganisation. This will be reviewed soon.

Part of North Lodge Park in Cromer will be used as a pay and display car park.

Finance

The current end of year projection for 25/26 is a surplus of £138k but it is still early days. This is mostly due to staffing savings and additional income.

Sustainable Growth

The in year allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (£400k) and Rural England Prosperity Fund (£440k) is supporting businesses and communities to address identified local challenges. One is addressing fuel poverty through promoting energy efficiency for households. You can apply for support for this via the website or myself.

There is High Street and Town Centre support available.

Regarding tourism, it seems visitor numbers are up but spend down.

Customer Support

Use of online forms to contact NNDC is up 50% on last year.

Victoria Holliday

District Councillor

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August DC report

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Date 2025-08-15 16:23

From NNDC

Planning

The new local plan is out for its final consultation. The proposed main modifications (the changes advised by the Inspector after the first round of consultation, not the plan in its entirety) are available at:

<https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/media/11543/schedule-of-proposed-main-modifications-august-2025.pdf>

All the new local plan documents are available at:

<https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/info/planning-policy/local-plan-examination/local-plan-examination-library/1-examination-documents-published-after-submission/main-modifications-consultation>

The closing date for comments is 17th September. Don't forget this is your last chance to input your views.

Leisure

Building of the new Fakenham swimming pool will start October 25 and end Oct 26.

Environment

Commercial food waste collection has begun. The food waste will be anaerobically digested creating natural gas which feeds into the grid and a nutrient rich fertiliser as any product.'

Landline switch

Those who are worried about the switch from the old copper landlines to the new fibre ones, or those who have additional needs - are over 75, don't have a mobile or no or poor mobile coverage, have medical issues or a telecare device - can register for extra help from BT/EE or whomever provides your telephone service.

It has been pointed out that the number I gave for contacting BT/EE wasn't working.

The alternative number is now 0330 1234 150 for BT (or 0330 123 1105 for EE - same service)

If you ring this number, select option 2, then 1, then 1, then 3. This should get you to an advisor who will run through your needs. You may need your account number to hand to validate your call. If necessary, an engineer will be sent out to your home to set you up for the switch if that is still the correct solution.

UK call centres are open 8am - 9pm Monday to Friday and 8am - 8pm Saturday and Sunday.

You can register your additional needs as well using this form without having to call: [Register Additional Needs](#)

Fire prevention

If you're interested in learning more about fire prevention and fire safety in your home, and think you're at greater risk from a fire (if you have home oxygen or are in a wheelchair for example), you can request a home fire safety visit from the Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service.

The initial step is to fill in an online application:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/firesafetycheck>

If you are assessed as medium or high risk, you will be offered a home fire safety visit. This is useful, as not only will you be offered helpful advice, but if necessary you will be registered as needing priority help in the event of a fire.

Fakenham Out of Hours GP coverage

I met with the Out of Hours provider about the limited number of patients being seen at the Fakenham Out of Hours base. There isn't a GP or nurse there anymore, but if you require a GP or nurse appointment I'm told you can request to be seen in Fakenham and I am told they will accommodate you. I'll be interested to hear if that is in fact the case. It's a long drive to North Walsham or Dereham otherwise.

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District Councillor

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7.1 SNAP

Statistics for the months of July and August showed a marked increase as per the time of the year. Callouts rose from 86 in July to 131 in August. Highlighted incidences/actions as below:

1. 17% of incidents were assaults. Predominantly common assault with no violent crimes. 17% theft – with arrests made for thefts in Wells. 17% Welfare related and 17% Domestic incidents.
2. Weapons incidences have increased – but these relate to possession rather than use

Speeding is likely to be the next district wide priority. This was supported by those present.

7.2 Operation Radium

This would be Parish Council should support this initiative – need to agree how we would respond and interact. Proposal for the council to agree:

Action	Method
To receive trigger alerts	• Clerk to be Prime Contact
Share these alerts	• Clerk to all Parosh Councilors • Website and Social Media • Noticeboards – Shop, Greenway, Village Hall • Notice to Campsite • Notice to Pub • Notice to Camping Hill - Bus Shelter
Identification of any related concerns or incidents	• Feedback to Clerk • Poster on website/social media • Article in Newsletter

Item 9

Secondhand phone purchased and a number set up.

Leaflet will need to be produced to advertise the system and distributed around the village

Spreadsheet to be set up for for Co-ordinator and Back-up coordinator as required.

Proposal to PC – approve the publishing of a leaflet. Cost around £35

Item 15**Ambulance Response Times**

Early September meeting – highlights:

1. North Norfolk Ambulance Response Times

The data shows improvements in NR23 which are most probably attributable to the presence of the Cycle paramedic. NR25 still looks weak/slow.

Conveyance rate remains at around 50%

2. Wells Cycle Paramedic

A meeting was held on 12th September at Wells Community Hospital. Local MP Steff Aquarone, Cllr Holliday and EEAST CE attended.

As reported in the press – Cycle paramedic to be retained and no planned changes for foreseeable future

3. Strikes

There is no news on the proposed strikes and whether this is likely to go ahead. The issue is around changes to team-based working.

CFR's

The following are draft figures. The full quarterly report will be available on the website on 1st October

Hours Logged/Shifts	104 hours over 48 shifts covering 150 miles
Callouts	
Cat 1	3 – Cardiac Arrest and LOC and Anaphylaxis
Cat 2	9 – Strokes/Heart Palpitations/Bowel Bleed
Cat 3	1 – Severe long duration headaches
Training	
X 2	Allergies and Anaphylaxis Diabetes