



NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

held on Tuesday 28th April 2026 at Cedar House, 3 New Road,
North Walsham NR28 9DE

Present:

Town Councillors: B Wright (Chair) (BW) T Scannell (TS) L Eastwick (LE)
E Seward (ES) H Richardson (HR) R Reid (RR)
S Nichols (SN) S Leavey-Kuhn (SL) R Smith (RS)
P Welsh (PWe)

District Councillors: M Gray (MG), L Shires (LS), K Leith (KL)

County Councillor: L Shires (LS), S Penfold (SP)

Town Clerk: J Dewbery (JD – Assistant Clerk), J Dennis (Head Groundsperson)

Members of Public: 2 + 1 Bidwells representative

The meeting opened at 18.30.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - (To be recorded, the Town Clerk should be notified no later than 17:00 on the day of the meeting)
J Reid (JR), P Brand (PB)
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS** - (Standing Orders: 13b-pecuniary interest; 13c-personal interest if the code of conduct requires; Councillors will leave the meeting for the item, unless a dispensation is granted)
LE – Poppies
HR – Planning PF/26/0622
3. **MINUTES** - (Standing Order: 3t vii-approve resolutions made as an accurate record; Standing Order: 12a-emailed with agenda, taken as read)
It was RESOLVED that the minutes from the Full Council Meeting on 31st March 2026 after amendments are signed as a true record.
4. **TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
The Assistant Clerk gave an update on the Clerk's report that had already been distributed.
5. **TO RECEIVE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Children's Day is on Monday 5th May. The mayor will be in the stocks with wet sponges being thrown to raise money for charity.
6. **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
 - 6.1. **District Councillors**
 - LS – Meetings in progress regarding potential £3m investment for West petrol station. More details from the Mundesley Road development have been released and there is £450k Section 106 money to go toward SEND provision, with potential of a new SEND school.
 - KL – Update on PF/25/2503 Land Rear of 1 Nelson Road (shipping containers) has been refused by Planning Committee.



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There may be an environmental health survey as potential for asbestos contamination. NWIB update regarding TAP funding.

MG – Ongoing discussions with mobile operators regarding emergency call signal. Ongoing discussions with Anglian Water regarding wastewater.

6.2. County Councillors

SP – 1 week until elections, duties finish on 11th May as not contesting the post. Highlighted projects delivered, and some yet to be completed. Pleasure and privilege to serve North Walsham West.

LS – Marshgate works begin on 11th May with Anglian Water.

6.3. Public - (Standing Orders: 3e-Items on this agenda; 3f-Total duration max 15mins; 3g-Max 3mins per person; 3h-Questions do not require a response at this meeting)

Members of the public raised the following concerns regarding planning PF/26/0622:

- Road safety.
- Discouraging traffic from Aylsham Road and Skeyton New Road.
- Closure of Skeyton New Road now not on from plans.
- Link Road vs 'rat-run'.
- Future of infrastructure of the town, eg, doctors, dentists etc.
- Water supply and waste disposal.
- Potential for 'dormitory' being creating with people not using the town and just going to Norwich.
- Accountability and enforcement of previously promised plans and accommodations.

7. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE RESPONSES TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS UP TO 31st March 2026

- **PF/26/0622 Land west of North Walsham, Between Cromer Road & Norwich Road, North Walsham** Agenda item 3

First phase of 437 dwellings with associated formal and informal open space, and infrastructure and works; and a road linking Norwich Road with Cromer Road with associated drainage infrastructure and works.

ES gave background on the Local Plan and highlighted provisions which are necessary for the application to be accepted by planning officers. Questions were collated and a response will be sought from the representative from Bidwells, so that a formal comment can be agreed at the May Full Council Meeting.

- **PF/26/0626 Former Crane Fruehauf Site, Cromer Road, North Walsham** Agenda item 4

Erection of storage building (Use Class B8) and associated parking area

No objection

- **PF/26/0660 20 New Road, North Walsham** Agenda item 5

Application of render to external walls of dwelling

No objection

- **PF/26/0605 61 Norwich Road, North Walsham** Agenda item 6

Rear extension and additional storey to create a chalet style dwelling

It was No objection



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- **PF/26/0609 23 Nelson Road, North Walsham** **Agenda item 7**
Single storey rear extension to dwelling
No objection

8. FINANCE

- 8.1 It was resolved to approve the Expenditure since March meeting
- 8.2 Income since the March meeting was noted
- 8.3 The Bank Reconciliation up to 31/03/2026 was received
- 8.4 A summary of Receipts and Payments was received
- 8.5 It was RESOLVED to appoint LE as the Internal Scrutineer.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

9.1 Correspondence:

Support was given to Natural Connection Project - Pathmakers

9.2 Clerk's decisions – (Urgent, essential, health & safety or any large transactions up to £3k the Clerk deems necessary as Financial Regulations 5.9)

It was noted that the Lion Rocker on the War Memorial Park is not repairable without full removal, so alternative play equipment will be discussed at the next D&A meeting.

10. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FINANCE MEETING AND RATIFY ANY DECISIONS MADE

ES stated that key decision was to move £78k unallocated funds to ear marked reserves, eg, play parks.

It was RESOLVED to ratify all decisions made by the Finance Committee as per the Minutes that had already been distributed.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA/LATE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - (Standing Orders: 9b-Agenda items to be received at least 7 clear days before the meeting; 9f-The Proper Officers decision whether to include the items on the agenda shall be final)

Business Plan

West Development

12. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

_Annual Town Council Meeting – 26th May 2026 6.30pm

13. TO CONSIDER PASSING A RESOLUTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

It was resolved to offer the Park Shed (in lieu of Chapel Workshop) to Men's Shed under specific conditions of use, with a 6-month trial period.

Meeting closed at 19.55