

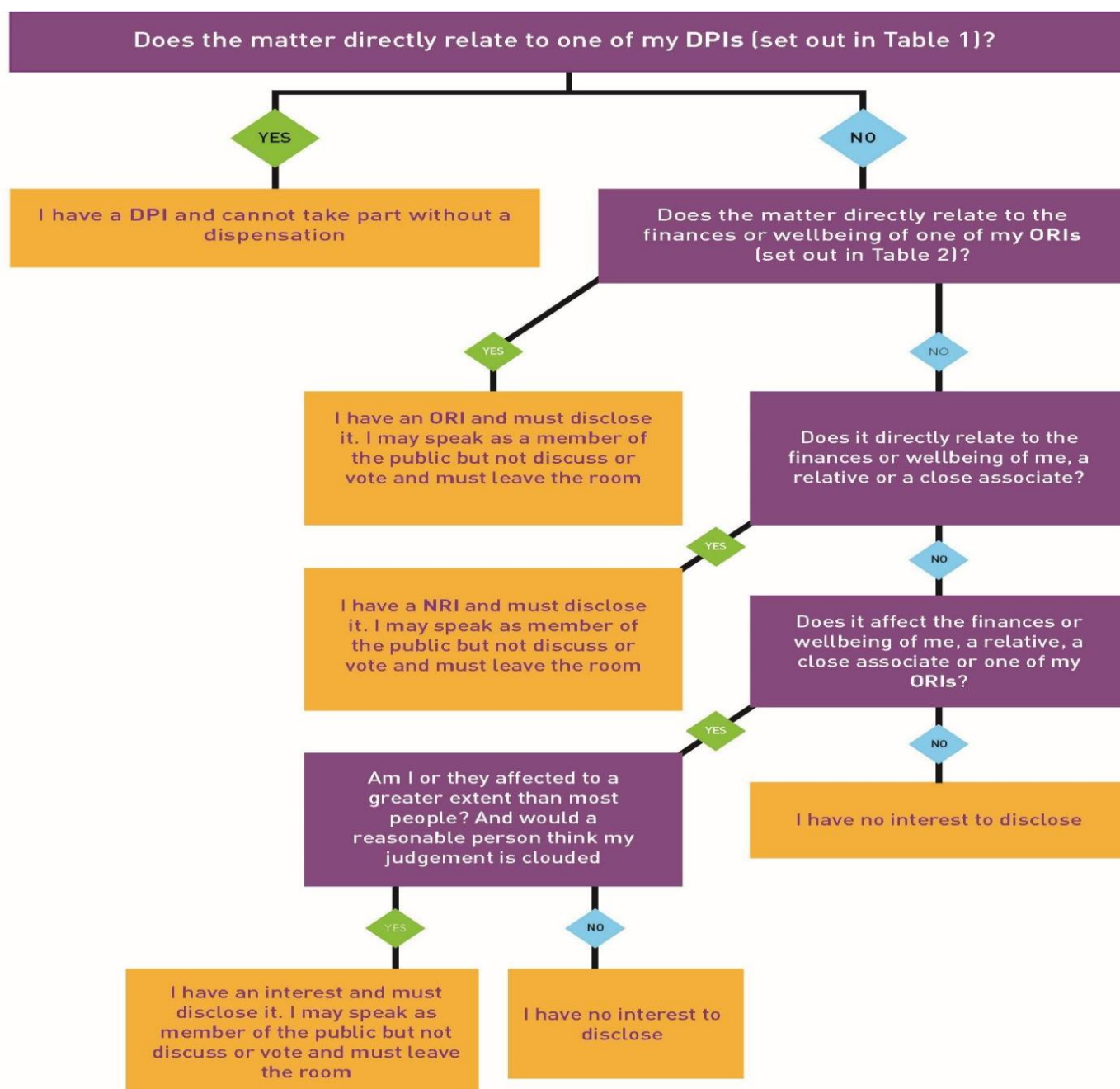


Table 1: Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – DPI

This table sets out the explanation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in the [Relevant Authorities \(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests\) Regulations 2012](#).

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council. (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land and Property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
Licenses	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge) (a) the landlord is the council; and the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class

Table 2: Other Registrable Interests - ORI

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body (i) exercising functions of a public nature (ii) directed to charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.

Table 3: Non-Registrable Interests - NRI

An interest that is not a DPI, or an interest of a relative or close associate, which does not need to be registered.

You must declare an NRI when relevant business affects the finances or wellbeing of you, your partner, a relative, or a close associate.

Electors Questions

1 – AI Concerns in Council.

Given the serious concerns raised recently about AI, and the devastating environmental effects caused by the AI data centres; on wild life, people living near it, consumption of natural resources such as clean water etc., will the Council consider discontinuing their own use of AI.

Response for Councillors' Consideration

The Council's use of AI is currently very limited. Most of our use comes through software and online services that already have AI built into them.

For example, AI may be used to help draft documents, improve communications, or assist with creating posters and consultation materials using design tools. AI is also increasingly built into social media platforms and many everyday software packages used by organisations and the public.

While the environmental impacts of AI are a valid concern, it would be very difficult for the Council to stop using AI completely. Doing so could mean no longer using certain software, design tools and online platforms that help us communicate with residents and promote Council services and events.

A complete ban on AI would also increase costs, as the Council would need to pay external designers and other professional services to carry out work that can currently be done in-house using existing software.

It is recommended that the Council notes the concerns raised but continues its current limited use of AI-enabled software and services, whilst monitoring developments and reviewing its approach as technology and guidance evolve.

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Monthly Report for August 2026

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County Councillor for Fakenham and The Raynham Division

Norfolk County Council

GENERAL UPDATE

Following my last report in July I attended an NCC Full Council meeting, where the appointment of the new CEO was approved. As such, Dennis Bacon will soon commence work at NCC, and thus replace the former CEO Tom McCabe. This was a short meeting, with little else discussed.

Further to the above, due to a family bereavement and annual holiday, I did not attend any PC meetings, but the only one scheduled was at Fakenham TC. Despite the bereavement and holiday, I managed to keep on top of correspondence, and also drafted letters in connection with the Tattersett tyre mountain, and Link's decision in regards the banking hub in Fakenham town centre. More details of my community focused work and NCC focused updates are included below.

DIVISION SPECIFIC CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The table below includes all the capital works planned in the division for the 2026/27 financial year. I will continue to add updates in regards each scheme listed –

Location	Scheme	Designer / Contact	Updates
PCA017 BSIP Fakenham C550 Queen's Road car park CC50 Miller Walk/White Horse st car park	Improvement - Fakenham Travel Hub - Feasibility and concept designs	Rob Pratt	Deadline for response from owner of Millers Walk car park has now expired, despite repeated attempts to invoke such a response. This project will not go ahead now. Consideration being given to other bus service related improvements in town.
PHA069 Fakenham C590 Greenway Lane	Improvement - Signalised new crossing	Ben Hanlon	Programmed in for start of work 04/01/27. Safety audit ongoing. Preparing contractual and H&S documents for issue to Kier. Results from consultation appear majority positive. Preparing documentation for Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), to undergo statutory consultation ASAP.
PMC285 C575 Fakenham Bridge Street	Maintenance - Resurfacing (Renew the raised tegula block raised platform)	Bradley Shaw	Awaiting estimate from Norse. Following estimate docs will be completed and a date for installation will be arranged. Highways to escalate with Norse given the delay.
PR3873 Fakenham Rudham, Stile Lane	PR3873 Fakenham Rudham, Stile Lane Developer - S38 TRO 20mph zone on new housing development	Angeles Saiz- Zamora	Complete and in operation

PRZ325 Fakenham Sports Centre, Trap Lane	Developer - TRO amendment to existing waiting restrictions	Bimal Ranjit	During the preliminary consultation, we received an equal split of 50% objections and 50% support from residents. The legal team are preparing the draft Schedule and Notice for publication. During the formal consultation period, members of the public will still have the opportunity to submit comments or objections to the TRO. If everything progresses as planned and agreed, we will then have a two-year period within which to implement the TRO on site, if we elect to do so.
PKA012 Hempton B1146/C550	Improvement - New Roundabout Design & Construction	Tim Osborn	Paused, pending comprehensive review. Scope of review being finalised.
PLA604 Raynham Village Gateways	Parish Partnership - Replacement gateways to be funded by parish	Bradley Shaw	Still awaiting delivery once delivered Norse will install ASAP. Highways to escalate with Norse given the delay.
Fakenham Holt road service road	LMF - lack of signing to cycle path - add additional signs £2500		Complete
Fakenham Rudham style lane/greenway lane	LMF - speeding vehicles - Speed measuring strips at two locations. £1200		Complete

PARISH SPECIFIC CASEWORK

The following are cases, not in order of receipt or priority, that I have been dealing with during the month of August 2026 –

FAKENHAM TOWN

HGV's on Queens Road: Monitoring. No further update.

Norwich Street (parking): Still awaiting a response back from Highways / NPLAW ref. possibility of altering the existing TRO, or establishing if a new TRO is needed. A feasibility study will be needed. NNDC will need to fund this and the TRO, which could still be objected to. I am working with Cllr Vickers on this. I have recently chased for an update.

Speeding on Greenway Lane: Highways had advised that a feasibility study would be needed before any action could be undertaken. Prior speed monitoring on Greenway Lane demonstrated an average speed of 29.2mph, and a speed of 34mph at the 85th percentile, and thus Highways view was that no further action was justified at this time. Whilst I had closed this job out, I received further reports of perceived speeding from some local residents. In response, I contacted the Police who advised that they had conducted their own survey, and the data obtained did not breach the threshold for further intervention on their part.

Cllrs from FTC considered that the earlier Highways led speed monitoring had been done in the wrong place at the wrong time, I approached the Area Director from Highways who confirmed that former County Cllr Fitzpatrick had selected the survey locations based on where he had been advised the concerns were occurring by FTC and local residents. Furthermore, whilst Highways had become aware that road works were taking place at the time of the initial study the survey period was extended beyond the usual one-week monitoring period. The road works took place between 13 April and 22 April and, although the pneumatic tubes were already in place, Highways waited a further two weeks for traffic levels to return to normal before undertaking the main survey period between 4 May and 17 May. The dataset therefore consists of two weeks of monitoring, rather than the single week that would normally be undertaken.

Given all the speed monitoring data, and with a lack of accident history, Highways, being evidence led, deemed there not to be justification for further intervention at the current time. However, Highways would be supportive of further SAMS deployment closer to Holt Road, which I relayed to the Town Clerk. Also, since the SAMS owned and used by FTC do not have data capture functionality, I suggested that the Council may wish to consider an upgrade, and thus to collaborate with NCC on this via the newly refreshed Parish Partnership.

Speeding on Rudham Style Lane: Recent speed monitoring showed that the 20mph limit was being well exceeded on average, and for the 85th percentile. I will be meeting a representative of the Police next week, and will discuss this amongst a number of other cases.

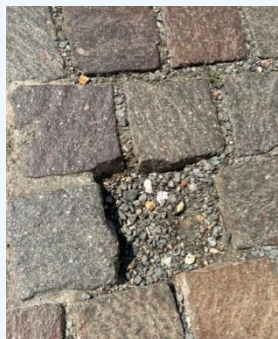
Scaffolding at 9 Norwich Street: I previously reported that NDC was “hopeful” that their enforcement action might bring some movement in the position of the property owner towards the end of the summer. Clearly, there has been no obvious progress. I had also issued an FOI in regards the cost of the scaffolding, but the responses received have been incomplete. I am continuing my dialogue with the team, as I feel the public deserve transparency as to the cost incurred by the public in regards the scaffolding and hoarding, irrespective of any expectation that said costs will be recovered. I have also written back to NNDC to request an update on their enforcement activities, and to express my disappointment that there seems to have been no obvious progress, despite the earlier assurances.

Transport Hub for Fakenham: As stated in the Capital Programme section above, the Millers Walk scheme will be postponed indefinitely. Our deadline of 31 August for a response from Brown & Co has passed, and we did not receive a response to our proposal. The focus will therefore turn to Oak Street and exploring what measures could be delivered there to improve bus infrastructure and passenger facilities. See further details below.

White Horse Street: As the transport hub, in its current vain, will not be taking place then FTC will need to pursue alternate arrangements with the landowner, where the Cllrs feel there is merit in progressing a project to take on this land and to turn it into a seating area. Job closed.

New Venue for the Fakenham Community Shed: I previously advised that I had reached out to NNDC about whether they could accommodate the group in the Fakenham Connect building, but they advised that didn't have any suitable space that could be utilized. I also advised that I would ascertain if the Scouts Hut could be used, as it is my understanding that this building is owned by NCC. I haven't had a chance to progress this. Question: Could FTC make enquiries with the Scouts on my behalf?

Missing cobble near Church in Fakenham: You'll recall that I had asked Highways to revisit the temporary repairs and to replace with new cobbles. I still await an update from Highways, and will respond back in due course. Question: Have FTC noticed any further progress in this regard?



New Community Space at Railway Sidings in Fakenham: NCC's Arboriculturist met with the Town Clerk and discussed the opportunities for improvement to the existing woodland and confirmed that they aligned very well with the Nature Recovery opportunities. As FTC has responsibility for the health and safety of the trees on the site we recommended that FTC prioritise inspection and appropriate work to the multi-stem ash tree (that has a recent stem failure) at the south western end of the land adjacent to the well used footbridge / road. Further support is outside of NCC's remit and something that Town Council's as landowners need to resource. NCC will advise if we become aware of any project work / funding that could help implement the improvements that FTC would like to achieve for people, habitats and the environment at this location. Job closed.

New Pedestrian Crossing on Greenway Lane: Public consultation expired on the 1st of September. I visited the proposed location and spoke with several residents. All were in support of a scheme. Cllr Punchard expressed concerns about the location, and suggested the crossing should be located closer to the vets. I discussed this with the designer, who confirmed that the position of the crossing was chosen because it is the desire line and the surveys show that this is where most people are crossing. If the crossing is moved further east, then people travelling from Thorpland Road may not use it and NCC would be criticised for not installing it at the most appropriate location. This is supported by some views expressed to me by local residents. The

designer further advised in response to concerns about traffic building up at the crossing, that the crossing could actually make it easier for vehicles to exit Holt Road. If traffic is stationary due to the crossing being used, then it will provide a better opportunity for vehicles to exit the junction when turning right. Irrespective, the detailed design will be reviewed by the Network Safety team and if they have any concerns, they will be highlighted on the safety audit. The project team will now review the consultation feedback, and amend the design as and where appropriate. I had also tasked the project team to consider if there was any scope to incorporate other measures to encourage a reduction in speed on Greenway Lane, but please note comments above.



Proposed TRO at Field Lane and Rudham Stile Lane: See update in the Capital Programme section above. Having requested an extension to the consultation deadline at the end of July, I since submitted my response, which amounted to an objection, and for the following reasons.

1. I feel it has been imposed as a result of a deficiency in parking provision within the original design. The development should have designed in sufficient parking.
2. The residents are predominantly opposed to the TRO, particularly those with limited driveway space for guests. Those who were in favour appear to have more off street parking provision for visitors.
3. I don't see why the residents should have this restriction imposed on them, as a result of design oversight regarding the FLASH.
4. I understand additional parking provision is now being agreed between FTC and NNDC, which should address the parking shortfall.
5. In the short-term, whilst this TRO may reduce occurrences of parking on the Trap Lane end of Rudham Stile Lane, I feel that all this will do is move this limited, and likely short term, problem further up the road.
6. I understand from the residents that the existing TRO (single yellow lines) is not enforced anyway. Without enforcement, the desired effect is not likely to be achieved.

I also stated that I felt that the proposed TRO was not needed, and would impose restrictions unfairly. The Mayor advised me that additional parking provision is being agreed between FTC and NNDC, and so this should address the shortcomings in this regard. I also asked if the implementation of the TRO could be put on hold, and held as a future option, should the additional parking provision not come to fruition, or should other circumstances dictate. I have yet to hear anything in response, but have chased recently.

New Lease at Fakenham Community Centre: As previously stated, a review has been commenced by NCC's Property Services team with a view to agreeing a new lease direct with the Fakenham Community Centre. However, due to NCC's market value policy, and the Best Value obligations under the Local Government Act, and associated regulations, NCC won't be able to offer a lease equivalent to the peppercorn lease that had been in place between NNDC and the Community Centre. It is recognized that it is in everyone's interest to agree a fair and proportionate lease, and I have support from the relevant Cabinet Member to this effect as well. In response to criticism from Cllr Dutton in regard to my approach to the lease negotiation I provided a detailed response by email, and cc'd to all the Town Cllrs, that elaborated the above, whilst also pointing out NCC's debt situation, and the danger of setting precedents.

Parked Cars Impeding Bus Movements on Oak Street: We have been involved in early discussions between the Norfolk Parking Partnership and BCKLWN about implementing some softer measures to address the indiscriminate parking. A meeting is to be held shortly, after which I will feed back to FTC. Holidays have delayed this this meeting, but the relevant staff are back off leave now.

Temporary Measures at Rugby Club: It is my understanding the illegally installed speed humps have now been removed by NNDC, and the lighting now has an electrical certificate and is also protected by Heras fencing. Therefore, NCC Highways is happy that their requests have been complied with in order to keep the public safe whilst travelling on the public highway. Job closed.

Mobile Reception in Fakenham: NCC's Director of Digital & Transformation is taking a paper to Cabinet to lobby the mobile services providers to improve coverage. I have asked him to incorporate Fakenham in the paper, ref. poor connectivity experienced by some of the market traders who trade in town.

Parking Concerns at Nelson Rd: Cars being parked in from of resident's property, inhibiting access to front door, and to egress from driveway. I am working with Cllr Vickers on this job). H bar to be installed when other works are taking place in the area, within next few months. Also, Cllrs Vickers is going to write to the Masons about this issue too.

Alleged Underage Selling of Vapes to Children: Intelligence received via Cllr Vickers of alleged selling of vapes to children and underage young people. I reported this to Trading Standards. Further details will not be shared here, due to enforcement reasons.

A-boards on Footpaths: Complaint relayed to FTC about shops putting A-boards out on footpaths, making it difficult for users of scooters to get past. FTC is going to take some photos and come back to me. I believe Cllr Girton has taken some action in relation to this situation as well.

Faded Road Markings on Norwich Road: The road markings at the Conservative Club end of Norwich Road and outside Fakenham Junior School on Queens Road have become faded and need

to be freshened. Highways report that works are to be completed W/C 14th of Sept, weather permitting.

Banking Hub: I sent a letter to LINK in support of a banking hub for Fakenham. However, LINK maintained their position, that there was not sufficient justification. I have since offered to support other efforts to try to secure this necessary service for the town, and I await a response from NNDC.

Wall and Fence Removal on Norwich Road / Barons Hall Lane: Highways have written to a resident to require removal of a retaining wall, a fence, and shingle on a plot of land owned by the resident which is at the front and side of the property. This is because Highways believe there are highways rights over the sections of land in question. One month has been allowed for the works to be undertaken. I have visited the resident at her property and can't see any visibility / obstructions. I am now liaising with senior management at Highways to find a pragmatic way forward, and have agreed that Highways will pause their action until further notice.

HEMPTON WITH PUDDING NORTON AND TESTERTON PC

Hempton Roundabout Project: As detailed in the capital projects section above, I have paused the project and instructed a detailed review. This is primarily due to cost escalation (£1.3million to £4million), but also due to concerns raised by Parish Councillors, and several residents. The scope of the review is being developed. I await an update from the Project Team, but key members are currently on annual leave.

Perceived Speeding in Pudding Norton: Concerns have been raised by a resident around lorries potentially speeding along the A1065. I have discussed this with the Police Community Speedwatch Officer who agreed to conduct some speed monitoring. Furthermore, Highways will liaise with the Network Safety Team for any recent accident data.

DUNTON WITH SHEREFORD PARISH

Nothing to report. I hope to attend the next PC meeting.

TATTERSETT PARISH

Perceived Speeding (Village and The Street): The Highways Network Safety Team confirmed that there is inadequate justification for a speed monitoring survey or feasibility study at this time. Also, since the Local Member's fund has been redirected, I am not able to instruct a speed monitoring survey either. However, the PC could also elect to instruct speed monitoring itself, which NCC would be happy to conduct. The cost would need to be met from the PC's budget. I had also

suggested that the PC consider Community Speedwatch (CSW). I will also be meeting with the Police Community Speedwatch Officer next week and will discuss this location.

Tattersett Business Park (Tyre Mountain): As reported last month, NNDC had written to the landowner on 1st May of this year advising him of NNDC's intention to re-start enforcement action. Since there had been no progress positive progress by early August, I expect NNDC to take formal legal action to achieve removal of the tyres. I have written to NNDC and the Environment Agency to express my dissatisfaction and to urge both to answer a number of questions about their enforcement intentions going forwards. I have since received a response from both agreeing to a multi-agency meeting with the PC, to be arranged in due course. The Fire and Rescue Service have agreed to attend the PC meeting in January to present their contingency plans for dealing with a fire at the business park, were the tyres to catch fire.

Tattersett Business Park site (Waste Timber Pile): I previously advised that NCC's waste enforcement team had overseen the removal of 88 tonnes of the waste wood, and that they are undertaking monthly site inspections to ensure that the clearance works continued appropriately. However, the processing taking place to remove the woodpile led to the site exemption being de-registered by the Environment Agency, due to dust being generated. Furthermore, the Environment Agency have this week served a Section 59 Notice requiring the unprocessed waste to be removed. The Notice is required to be complied with by 7th December although there is a right of appeal, which may delay the compliance date.

Safety Concerns about Fourwinds Crossroads: I previously advised that post installation of the 'Turning traffic X roads' sign on the junction approaches the accident frequency had dropped significantly and that of the 3 most recent recorded collisions, it appears the only collision which occurred at the junction itself was a rear end collision hit and run, which did not involve a vehicle pulling out at the junction. The Network Safety Team stated that the long-term record suggested that the provision of the signs were working well and so they would not consider the site to meet the intervention level. However, the team's database didn't show the 3 collisions in June 2026. As such, I asked the team to check and assess these new records in August, but I did not hear back. I since followed up with my Highways Engineer who agreed to chase the Network Safety Team for a follow up response. Nothing received at the time of writing.

Road Markings on Tattersett Road and the B1454: Road markings are practically nonexistent at the junction of the Tattersett Road and the B1454 on the main road leading up to Wicken Green village. Highways confirmed that the target date is 10/09/26, but my Highways Engineer will monitor and will chase for a response from the contractor, where there is a delay. The holes at the junction are going to be filled as well.

HELHOUGHTON PARISH

Digital Connectivity at Village Hall: You'll be aware that the work is more complex than initially thought, and that there is a need to install 26 meters of ducting in the pavement. This had been scheduled for early September, but it did not go ahead. NCC escalated the issue and were advised that our network services provider will be meeting with the Vodafone service manager to discuss

this case specifically, so they can understand why we are having problems, and to make sure the correct Openreach engineers are appointed for the next installation appointment. They will also be escalating it directly with Openreach, and I have done the same via our own Openreach contacts. Let's hope the results are worth the wait!

Flooding in Buck Yard: Resident contacted me about both recent and historical surface water flooding in Buck Yard. I have been in touch with the Flood Management Team at NCC and who have now visited the location. We now await a report from the Officer as to next steps. I have also discussed this with Highways ref. possible mitigation steps that might be taken where justified / feasible. We need to wait for the report before taking this further.

Flooding on underneath rail bridge on Broomsthorpe Road: It appears that silt removed from an earlier construction activities has been piled up on the adjacent embankment, and with the heavy rain this has been partially washed back down and over the gully. Highways raise a job to remove the silt / soil from the bank, and reclean the gully. Also, I asked Highways to check the maintenance schedule for the gully as it needs regular maintenance, and to report back.

RAYNHAM PARISH

Village Gateway Impact Damage A1065 East Raynham: See comments and update in the Capital Programme section above. We are currently awaiting the delivery of the gateway from Glasdon. We have escalated the delay with them, and await a follow up response. I chased Highways again this week for an update. Nothing further received at the time of writing.

Clearance of the footpath in East Raynham alongside the A1065: This footpath is obstructed by overgrown foliage. Works have been started further up the road. The section in question is part of a work packet that will be issued to the Contractor shortly. I asked my Highways Engineer to provide a date, during our meeting this week, but have yet to hear back.

OTHER CASEWORK

I am continuing to manage a complaint about SEND support to a local constituent. Complaint partially upheld. Awaiting response from the complainant. No further details can be shared due to confidentiality.

I am also dealing with some neighbour related complaints work. No further details can be shared.

PLANNING DECISIONS

NCC Planning Services: Minerals and Waste and County Council's own applications consulted, during July 2026:

None in the division this month.

NCC Planning Services: Applications consulted on during July 2026:

Sculthorpe: Display of 1no. freestanding non-illuminated advertisement for brewery and taproom at site entrance (retrospective): Along The Side Of The A148 At Co Ordinates 591343, 330924, Adjacent To The Gateway To The Field Known As The Fakenham Breck:

Norfolk County Council objected to the retrospective application for a brewery and taproom advertisement sign because it is located on the adopted highway verge adjacent to the A148 Fakenham Bypass. The Authority considers that the sign does not comply with its *Safe, Sustainable Development* guidance for structures within the highway, is likely to be contrary to Section 152 of the Highways Act 1980, and constitutes an obstruction and potential visual distraction to highway users. Consequently, it recommends refusal under reason SHCR 34. However, the objection relates solely to the sign's location within the public highway, and the Authority advises that it would be unlikely to object if the sign were relocated onto private land.

Fakenham: Demolition of all existing buildings and the erection of a 66-bed care home with external amenities and associated parking at Ceramic Tile Distributors, 74 Holt Road, Fakenham, Norfolk, NR21 8DY:

Norfolk County Council has maintained its objection to planning application PF/26/0841 for the proposed 66-bed care home at the former Ceramic Tile Distributors site on Holt Road, Fakenham, despite revised drainage information being submitted. While some issues have been addressed in principle, significant concerns remain regarding infiltration testing, groundwater monitoring, contamination risks, surface water drainage design, runoff calculations, SuDS biodiversity and amenity benefits, maintenance arrangements, and the lack of evidence that the proposed drainage strategy will effectively manage flood risk without impacting surrounding areas. The council has requested further information before it can reconsider its objection.

Planning application PF/25/2321 for the redevelopment of the former Fakenham College site, including the restoration and conversion of Highfield House, conversion of two classroom blocks into six residential units, and construction of 20 new homes.

Following its fifth consultation on the proposal, the Norfolk County Council reviewed additional information submitted by the applicant addressing previous concerns about finished floor levels and flood protection measures. The authority is now satisfied that the proposed dwellings will achieve the required freeboard above maximum design water levels and therefore raises no objection to the application, subject to conditions requiring a detailed Construction Management Plan for surface water before development begins and implementation of the approved Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy throughout the development.

Note: Details of applications can be found on the website Online Planning Services - Search and comment on planning applications.

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Fire & Rescue Service continuing to respond to high summer demand

Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service is continuing to raise awareness to the public around the threat of wildfires this summer, with more hot and dry weather in Norfolk. Demand has been especially high on Norfolk's firefighters this summer, with 1,270 emergencies attended in July. Resources continue

to be stretched, and activity levels are commensurate with 2022. The Service has shared posters with parish councils across the county with advice on how to prevent outdoor fires, and worked with Norfolk Trails and the Norfolk Resilience Forum to produce signage on the county's trail posts on what to do in the event of fire. You can request these via norfolkresilienceforum@norfolk.gov.uk. They are continuing to work with other groups including local wildlife trusts, Forestry England, and Heritage Railways to discuss the increased risks of the hot and dry weather. Senior fire officers have been regular guests on Radio Norfolk, issuing public guidance on how the public can help prevent incidents, and the Service has also been featured in articles on BBC Look East and ITV Anglia.

Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government urged to halt local government reorganisation in Norfolk

Norfolk County Council's deputy leader Councillor Robin Hunter-Clarke has written to newly appointed Secretary of State for local government, Angela Rayner, to ask for a halt to local government reorganisation. Further details and a copy of the letter are available in the county council news release [here](#).

The Big Conversation on Adult Social Care

Baroness Casey of Blackstock has [launched The Big Conversation on Care](#), offering the public a direct role in shaping the future of adult social care in England. Between now and April 2027, The Big Conversation will give people across England the opportunity to say what they want and expect from a future National Care Service, including on the tough questions on who it should support, what families should reasonably be expected to do, and how the country should pay for care in a fair and sustainable way. The Big Conversation will run in two phases. The first phase from July to November, will ask people about the values and principles we should all expect from a care system and who should be eligible for support. The second phase will focus on how care should be funded and how reform should be delivered. Everyone is encouraged to participate and have their say. Further details and a link to take part are available at [The Big Conversation on Care | The Casey Commission](#).

Dennis Bacon announced as preferred appointment for NCC chief executive

Following a recruitment process Norfolk County Council announced today that Dennis Bacon was its preferred appointment for chief executive. This has since been approved by Full Council on the 14th of August. Dennis has wide ranging senior executive level experience of leading and delivering transformation in the health and care sector and across a series of commercial ventures. His previous roles have included Chairman of the Norfolk Independent Care Association for 19 years supporting over 600 organisations with 11,000 staff, and he was an executive member of the Norfolk and Waveney Sustainability and Transformation Partnership. He was also the first independent sector representative appointed to an NHS System Leadership Board. He has also been a past recipient of Outstanding Leadership in Public Services Award from Norfolk County Council. Dennis and his family live in Norfolk. County council leader, Cllr David Bick, said: "We were impressed with Dennis's commercial and public sector experience, and his determination to

lead the changes required at Norfolk County Council to ensure value for money and quality services for the residents of Norfolk.”



Temporary changes to fridge, freezer and other cooling appliance disposal services

Norfolk County Council has announced temporary changes to fridge, freezer and other cooling appliance disposal services due to a nationwide shortage of specialist recycling and processing capacity. From 6 August 2026, these items will only be accepted at seven larger recycling centres across Norfolk, including Dereham, King’s Lynn, Thetford and Norwich’s north and south sites. The council says the issue is beyond its control and has been worsened by disruptions at specialist treatment facilities, including a recent fire at a processing plant in Thetford. Residents are being encouraged to delay disposal where possible, reuse, repair or donate working appliances, and take advantage of retailer take-back schemes when purchasing replacements. The council has secured temporary storage arrangements and is working with the Government and Environment Agency to find a longer-term solution while maintaining a disposal service for essential cases.

Mental health hubs to expand across England

The Government has announced [plans to create nearly 200 community mental health centres](#) and specialist mental health A&Es across England by 2029, aiming to improve access to urgent support closer to home. The first new sites are due to open this autumn, with the programme backed by £343 million. The rollout includes 100 new community mental health centres, offering walk-in support without a referral and without a months-long wait, and 59 dedicated mental health emergency departments giving people in crisis specialist care in a place designed for them. They will bring together existing teams of nurses, therapists and support workers. Some of the community hubs will be newly built facilities, while others will be in community or high street locations to move care closer to where people live, improving access. They will all be in the heart of the neighbourhoods they serve and designed as welcoming settings with a non-clinical appearance. The initiative forms part of the forthcoming Mental Health Strategy, which will look beyond the NHS to the role of schools, employers, local government and the voluntary sector in supporting good mental health.

Rewiring the state – Cabinet Office statement

The [Cabinet Office has published a statement](#) setting out the Government's intention to shift more power, funding and accountability from Whitehall to local leaders. This will mean giving elected mayors, strategic authorities and local authorities more influence over decisions affecting their areas, with the stated aim of supporting economic growth, improving public services and giving communities more say over local priorities. The statement refers to further devolution of powers, fiscal devolution and closer alignment of public services within strategic authority areas. It also restates the Government's expectation that all areas should move towards a strategic authority model by 2028. Future devolution arrangements may include greater local control over areas such as funding, transport, skills, housing and economic development. The Government says that this autumn, alongside the Budget and a fiscal devolution roadmap that will set out their approach to revenue assignment and rates retention, they will publish a White Paper detailing plans for the full set of reforms and a clear timetable for their implementation. This is expected to include plans for legislation, the alignment of public service geographies, and the devolution of new powers and functions.

Changes to central government's public procurement spending rules

The Government has announced [changes to public procurement rules](#) so that businesses bidding for central government contracts are assessed more strongly on how they support jobs and skills, and more weighting will be given to benefits for local communities. Suppliers will be expected to show how they will support British jobs, skills and opportunities, including for young people not in education, employment or training, care leavers and people with long-term health conditions. For central government contracts worth £5 million or more, the weighting given to benefits for the local community will increase from 10% to 20%. The new approach will replace the current model, which considers wider economic, social and environmental value, such as innovation, fair working conditions, workforce wellbeing, environmental protection, habitat creation, energy efficiency and action on climate change. The changes will apply to central government procurement from 1 January 2027, with detailed technical guidance expected this autumn. The threshold for applying the rules will rise to contracts above £1 million, so they are less likely to apply to smaller contracts typically sought by smaller firms and local social enterprises. The announcement forms part of the Government's wider aim to use public spending to support economic growth.

Norfolk County Council is set to trial an innovative new pothole repair machine

As part of its ongoing efforts to improve road maintenance and keep the county's highways in the best possible condition. The trial will take place during the first week of September and will be used on a number of planned repairs in South Norfolk. The JCB Pothole Pro is a specialist machine designed to repair potholes and carriageway defects more quickly and efficiently than traditional methods, and the trial will help assess whether the technology can deliver longer-lasting repairs while reducing the time needed on site. Councillor Tom Dickerson, Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport, said: "The condition of Norfolk's roads is a top priority for us, and we're always looking for innovative ways to maintain them while making the best use of taxpayers' money. The JCB Pothole Pro has been praised elsewhere for its ability to carry out repairs quickly and efficiently, and this trial will help us understand how it performs on Norfolk's roads. If successful, it could become a valuable tool in our ongoing work to improve the condition of the county's highway network." The machine and operator are being provided at no cost to the council for this short trial, and if the trial proves successful, a longer-term trial will be considered. The trial

forms part of the council's continued commitment to maintaining and improving Norfolk's highway network while exploring new techniques and technologies that can provide more durable repairs and minimise disruption for road users.



Tackling the trade of illicit tobacco and cigarettes on high streets throughout the county

There are three ways to report a concern:

For anyone with information about illegal tobacco, cigarette and vape sales:

- Contact Citizens Advice by calling 0808 223 1133
- Report it anonymously online at [Report a concern about the sale of illicit tobacco or cigarettes](#)

For anyone being coerced into preparing, distributing or selling illegal tobacco:

- Report it to HMRC online at <https://www.gov.uk/report-tax-fraud> or by contacting the HMRC Fraud Hotline on 0800 788 887
- If you believe someone is a victim of modern slavery or exploitation rather than simply reporting fraud, the Modern Slavery Helpline (0800 0121 700) can also provide support and advice

Crackdown on vaping and betting shops to revitalise high streets

The [Government has announced](#) plans to require new vape shops and adult gaming centres to obtain planning permission. It also intends to give councils greater powers to block betting shops and close businesses selling illegal tobacco. The changes are intended to give local councils and communities a stronger say over whether new betting shops, vape shops and adult gaming centres are appropriate for their area, particularly on high streets. The Government has also said it will set clearer expectations for the design and appearance of high street shopfronts, supported by practical guidance for councils. As a point of clarification, licensed betting shops and adult gaming

centres are not the same type of business, nor are they being treated identically under these proposals. Licensed betting shops operate under a distinct regulatory framework and are separate from adult gaming centres in both their operation and their relationship with sectors such as British horseracing.

Heritage Open Days in Norfolk, 11–20 September

Norfolk Heritage Open Days - The festival gives residents and visitors the opportunity to explore buildings, historic places and cultural sites across Norfolk, including places that are not usually open to the public. The Forum Trust funds the coordination and promotion of Heritage Open Days (HODs) in Norfolk, and the programme is delivered through collaboration between hundreds of venues, organisers, community partners and volunteers. The printed Norfolk listings brochure for 2026 is now available at venues across the county, including The Forum, Norfolk libraries and museums. All the events are free. Some have limited capacity and must be booked in advance. There are also almost 200 drop-in events that do not require booking. The free open days and activities include several events at Norfolk Museums. Norwich Castle will be taking part on 19 September - this event must be booked in advance. Further information, brochures and online booking are available on the HOD pages link [Everything you need to know](#).

Homelessness in county and rural areas - County Councils Network analysis

New [County Councils Network \(CCN\) analysis](#) highlights a sharp rise in homelessness and the use of temporary accommodation in county and rural areas. It finds that more than 23,000 children were living in temporary accommodation in March 2026, while council spending on temporary accommodation more than tripled between 2019/20 and 2024/25. CCN says rising demand, higher accommodation costs and a shortage of affordable housing are putting growing pressures on councils. It is calling on the Government to ensure that homelessness funding and affordable housing investment meet the needs of county and rural areas, as well as urban areas. CCN is thus concerned that almost all the first £10 billion recently allocated through the Social and Affordable Homes Programme will go to England's major cities rather than county and rural areas.

Social and Affordable Homes Programme

The Prime Minister and Secretary of State Angela Rayner [have announced](#) nearly £10 billion for the first wave of the Government's Social and Affordable Homes Programme, to support more council, social and affordable homes across England. More than £2 billion is expected to be invested in mayoral areas outside London, with Homes England administering the programme (outside London). The funding is expected to help to cut the number of families in temporary accommodation, delivering more than 70,000 homes. The funding will be allocated to 33 Strategic Partners, including councils and housing associations. For partners delivering through the Programme, the Government is asking providers to consider what they can do to support young people into employment. This is the first stage of the £39 billion, ten-year programme. At least 60% of homes delivered through the programme are expected to be for Social Rent. More than £16 billion remains to be allocated outside London.

Support for Care leavers

A government-commissioned review into early deaths among care leavers has found that young people face a sharp reduction in support at age 18, leaving some isolated and without a reliable safety net. The [review](#), led by Ashley John-Baptiste and Clare Chamberlain, was commissioned after 91 care leaver deaths were notified in 2024/25. Its central finding is that many young people leaving care are profoundly isolated. While services may respond to a young person's wish for their own place, independence can bring unexpected loneliness, with too few trusted adults close enough to notice when things go wrong. The report identifies three priorities for change: better preparation for adulthood, reducing the drop in help at 18, and strengthening the skills of the workforce supporting care leavers. In response, the Government says it is rolling out connected housing options for care leavers, starting with £25 million this year, to increase access to homes that provide community and connection rather than inappropriate or isolating accommodation.

Air pollution warnings – new alert system

The Government has launched a free text message and email alert system to inform people about high levels of air pollution in their local areas. Users can opt to monitor specific locations, such as their home or workplace, and receive direct alerts when pollution levels are elevated. It aims to help individuals, especially those with health conditions, take practical steps to reduce their exposure to harmful air pollutants. People can sign up at [Check air quality - GOV.UK](#)

Parish Partnership

The Councillor Robin Hunter-Clarke, newly appointed Deputy Leader of Norfolk County Council, writes to town and parish councils to recognise the important role they play as the level of government closest to local residents and to reaffirm the County Council's commitment to working closely with them. Drawing on his own experience in local government, he highlights the valuable contributions councils make to their communities and emphasises the importance of collaboration, particularly through initiatives such as the Parish Partnership Scheme, which supported 99 highway improvement projects across 91 parishes in 2026/27 with a combined value of over £769,000. He stresses the need for parish and town councils' voices to be heard as local government undergoes significant change and expresses his intention to engage directly with councils, strengthen partnerships, and explore further opportunities to improve outcomes for Norfolk residents.

£6.3 million contract with Inner Circle

Robin Hunter-Clarke, Deputy Leader of Norfolk County Council, has announced the termination of the council's £6.3 million contract with Inner Circle, arguing that it represented poor value for money, lacked proper scrutiny when approved, and failed to deliver sufficient progress. He stated that Local Government Reorganisation should be led by the council's own officers rather than costly external consultants, and said the decision is intended to restore accountability, protect taxpayers' money, improve financial management and ensure resources are focused on delivering tangible results for Norfolk residents.

First report from Norfolk County Council's Cabinet

Norfolk County Council's Cabinet has published its first major report since taking office, outlining achievements from its first 100 days and setting out five new priorities under the banner *Standing Up for Norfolk*. The report highlights measures including £1.2m investment in Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service, £924,000 for roads and highways, savings achieved through contract renegotiations and service changes, tougher spending controls, a review of net zero activity, and action against illegal tobacco shops. Looking ahead, the administration's priorities focus on putting residents first, growing the economy, keeping Norfolk moving, building strong communities, and running an efficient and effective council. Cabinet will consider the report at its meeting on 11 September, with a detailed delivery plan due in November. Read the full report here: [View the Cabinet report](#).

Recruiting more foster carers

Norfolk County Council is continuing its drive to recruit more foster carers, recognising the vital role they play in providing safe, stable and supportive homes for children and young people. While eight new carers have been approved since the campaign began last September, including some through employee referrals, the council is still working towards its target of 50 new carers and is particularly seeking people who can offer overnight, weekend and short-break care. Cllrs who may be interested in fostering themselves, or who know someone who would be suitable, are invited to attend a series of informal face-to-face or online information sessions during September to learn more about the different fostering opportunities and ask questions; [visit our website for the list of September dates](#).

**MINUTES of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING
of FAKENHAM TOWN COUNCIL
held at the COMMUNITY CENTRE, OAK STREET, FAKENHAM**

f WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST 2026 at 18:00

Councillors: A Glynn, (Chair), V Joslin, C Fairbrother, G Thorpe, L Harrison, A Girton, M Dutton, & T Duffy

District / County Councillors: Cllr C Cushing / Cllr L Vickers / Cllr J Punchard

Clerk: L Meanley

Deputy Clerk/RFO: K Lindsay

Members of the Public: Three

Press: None

Number	Agenda
103/26	To consider for acceptance apologies for absence Apologies received from P Bucknell, D Hunter & M Campbell
104/26	Declarations of Interest: Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests that they may have in any of the following items on the agenda Cllr Joslin declared an interest in agenda item 132/26. Cllr Fairbrother declared an interest in agenda item 123/26
105/26	Open Forum for Public Participation a) To receive a report from Fakenham Police - No report received. b) To receive any Electors Questions: Members of the public will be invited to ask questions of the Parish Council on issues on the agenda or raise issues for consideration of inclusion at future meetings. This item is limited to 10 mins - A question was raised from Heacham Ward regarding a McDonalds application. Cllrs agreed that some concerns had been raised by residents that antisocial driving and music was occurring after closing hours within the area. There had been an increase in litter but more from the new Burger King situated within Morrisons. - A question was raised as to whether a dog poo bin could be fitted on the path near the Doctors surgery due to dog mess being left on the pathway from Rudham Stile Lane. As this is all private land it was suggested that Housing 21 could place some signs asking people to clean up after their dogs and it was suggested that NNDC could place a litter bin on Highway land at the Rudham Stile Lane / Thorpeland Road end. Cllr Cushing will look into this. - Cllrs heard from an elector in relation to the death of a motorcyclist at Greenway Lane / Holt Road regarding Norfolk County Council's Greenway Lane Toucan crossing scheme. Concerns were raised that the design would lead to more accidents and traffic lights or a roundabout would be safer as removing the filter lane increases the potential for accidents. All Cllrs extended their sympathies to the elector for their loss. - An elector asked the Clerk if they had attended a confidential meeting between NNDC and Cllr Glynn regarding 9 Norwich Street. The Clerk confirmed they had attended. - Cllr Punchard complained that grass was growing over pavements from verges, not in height but in spread over paving but was unable to qualify this with specific locations, he would like all verges edged. The Town Council are only responsible for grass cutting and will look into it but suggested this matter is taking up with NCC Highways. c) To receive any reports from District/County Councillors

	Reports received will be published on the website. Cllr Jamieson had asked a question regarding speeding on Rudham Stile Lane, Cllrs agreed it was worth pursuing. Cllr Cushing raised that the Fat Cow owners are proceeding with their planning application after discussion with NNDC. Cllr Punchard raised that the proposed Toucan crossing was in the wrong place
106/26	To confirm the Full Council Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th July 2026 The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 29th July 2026 were agreed on the proposition of Cllr Fairbrother and seconded by Cllr Joslin, AGREED by all and signed by the chair
107/26	To receive an update on actions taken after the last Council Meeting if these matters are not included on the agenda or Clerk update The Clerk updated on CCTV provision and Hayes Lane Playing Field play equipment supplier meetings
108/26	To receive any reports from Councillors who have attended Meetings outside the Council Cllr Glynn and the Clerk attended a meeting with a NCC Community Development Worker. Cllr Glynn had attended a FLASH Stakeholder meeting. Cllr Glynn and the Clerk had attended a meeting with NCC at the Railway Cutting. Cllr Glynn had attended a meeting with the Air Cadets.
109/26	To receive and note correspondence and comment upon any items for information and action • Norfolk Parish Council Webinar with Anglian Water – Cllr Harrison volunteered to attend on the Council's behalf. • Fakenham Railway Station – The Melton Constable Trust had shared aims for progressing reinstatement of the railway lines. Fakenham Town Council agreed they support in principle.
110/26	To fill Town Councillor vacancies by co-option • Two applications were received, the first was proposed by Cllr Glynn, seconded by Cllr Dutton and all agreed, the second was proposed by Cllr Thorpe, seconded by Cllr Fairbrother, agreed with 1 abstention.
111/26	To confirm the Minutes of the Facilities & Amenities Committee held on: • 11th August 2026. To note and/or approve: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2026 were moved for reception and adoption by Cllr Fairbrother seconded by Cllr Glynn and AGREED by all. 34/26 FA To consider Estate grass cutting quotes received so far for 2027/28 On the proposition of Cllr Glynn, seconded by Cllr Rockett and agreed by all to recommend to Full Council to continue with the current 2026/27 suppliers and offer them the option of being a preferred supplier for the next 3 years, only seeking different supplier quotes if there are extreme prices rises. Quote accepted for Creake Road Cemetery and Fakenham Parish Church £9950, Estate locations £8908.20. 35/26 FA To consider Verges grass cutting quotes received so far for 2027/28 On the proposition of Cllr Glynn, seconded by Cllr Rockett and agreed by all to recommend to Full Council to continue with the current 2026/27 suppliers and offer them the option of being a preferred supplier for the next 3 years, only seeking different supplier quotes if there are extreme prices rises. Quote accepted for verges £14,400.

	On the proposition of Cllr Harrison, seconded by Cllr Joslin and agreed by all, Cllrs agreed to accept Facilities and Amenities recommendations for Estate grass cutting and Verges grass cutting for 2027/2028.
112/26	Financial Matters a) To receive, review and approve July 2026 Payments and Receipts Lists for Fakenham Town Council and Charter Market All Cllrs reviewed and agreed b) To receive, review and approve July 2026 consolidated bank reconciliation reports for Fakenham Town Council and Charter Market bank accounts All Cllrs reviewed and agreed c) To receive and review the current Income and Expenditure Budget vs Actuals report All Cllrs noted d) To receive and approve the July 2026 schedule of payments over £500 for display on the website All Cllrs agreed
113/26	To note the publication, on the Council website, of the External Auditor's report and certificate (Section 3 of the AGAR Form3) and Sections 1 and 2 on which the report is based, together with the Notice of conclusion of audit All Cllrs noted
114/26	To receive notification of the completion of the External Auditor's review of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2026, to review the External Auditor's report and certificate, and to consider and agree any actions required in response All Cllrs noted. There were no recommendations. All Cllrs thanked the Deputy Clerk/RFO for their work on this.
115/26	To consider and approve the appointment of additional Councillor signatories to the CCLA Investment Account All Cllrs agreed that Cllr Thorpe would be an additional signatory
116/26	To receive the following applications for a grant from the Market Tolls: • None
117/26	To receive the Internal Controllers report None
118/26	To consider either; a) suspension of Standing Order 4 e a) & b) or b) an amendment to confirm all councillors shall be committee members until 6th May 2027 e The standing committees of the Council shall be I. Governance and Finance II. Facilities and Amenities a) The Governance and Finance Committee shall be made up of between five to seven members, who will only be a member of one committee, and in addition the Town Chair and Deputy Town Chair shall be members. Only councillors who are members of the committee will have a vote b) The Facilities and Amenities Committee shall be made up of between five to seven members, who will only be a member of one

	committee, and in addition the Town Chair and Deputy Town Chair shall be members. All councillors will be able to attend Facilities and Amenities to debate and have full involvement including voting rights on all matters excepting election of a Committee chair. To amend the Scheme of Delegation and Standing Committees Terms of Reference section 5.2 & 6.2 to reflect agreed changes. Cllr Dutton proposed, seconded by Cllr Duffy that an amendment to confirm all councillors shall be committee members until 6th May 2027 and that Standing orders and the Scheme of Delegation be amended accordingly, all agreed.
119/26	To discuss and agree War Memorial repair costs All Cllrs agreed the Clerk would pursue a grant with the War Memorials Trust ACTION: Clerk to submit a grant application
120/26	To discuss Greenway Lane Speeding Concerns and potential deployment of the SAM2 device Cllrs observed that Highways had taken speed measurements at the time when the road was undergoing road works so was controlled by traffic lights and that a repeat had placed equipment in the wrong location. Cllrs requested that this be repeated before deployment of a SAM2 was considered.
121/26	To consider a request for non-urgent tree works following concerns raised by a resident of £780 The ownership of the tree is not clear, on the proposition of Cllr Harrison, seconded by Cllr Joslin a boundary survey is to be completed, agreed by Cllrs ACTION: Clerk to arrange a boundary survey
122/26	To agree Town Council views and support for a Banking Hub. On the proposition of Cllr Glynn, seconded by Cllr Harrison, all agreed that there was a need for both a banking hub and an additional cash machine.
123/26	To discuss the FLASH project and the requirement for an asbestos survey of the depot. On the proposition of Cllr Glynn, seconded by Cllr Duffy Cllrs agreed to a survey costing £245 plus VAT
124/26	To agree Fakenham Town Councils response to North Norfolk Local Plan Scoping Consultation & Further Call for Sites Cllrs agreed the response with an addition that low local rural salaries vs average house prices should be considered. ACTION: Clerk to submit
125/26	To agree the Town Council views on the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee Revitalising High Streets Inquiry All Cllrs agreed the submission ACTION: Clerk to submit
126/26	To discuss and agree Town Council response to Norfolk County Council Informal Consultation: Proposed Toucan Crossing, Greenway Lane, Fakenham Cllrs are concerned that removing the slip road will cause more accidents, traffic lights or a mini roundabout would be safer and would ask that Norfolk County council revisit the scheme.
127/26	To discuss a 2027/2028 Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership bid. Cllr Dutton proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison, agreed by all that a SAM3 with data collection is bid for, approximate cost £4000 in total, approximately £2000 cost to Fakenham Town Council. ACTION: Clerk to submit a bid.

128/26	To discuss and agree to pursue the total pedestrianisation of Lower Market place Cllr Dutton proposed that the total pedestrianisation of Lower Market Place be pursued, seconded by Cllr Joslin. A counter-proposal, proposed by Cllr Duffy and seconded by Cllr Fairbrother, that the proposal not be pursued and that Lower Market Place remain accessible to traffic, was considered first and received 3 votes. The original proposal by Cllr Dutton was then put to the vote and received 4 votes. There was 1 abstention on each vote. It was therefore resolved that the Council pursue the total pedestrianisation of Lower Market Place.
129/26	To consider and approve the revised IT Support Agreement, updated to reflect current Microsoft 365 Business Premium user numbers, noting that the provider's pricing has remained unchanged since 2021 This was approved on the proposition of Cllr Dutton, seconded by Cllr Glynn, agreed by all.
130/26	To note a donation of £100 to the Community First Responders for a free public Defibrillator and Bleed Kit training event 18th August 2026 This was noted by all.
131/26	To discuss the Hawk & Owl Trust's request regarding parking at Gogg's Mill Picnic Area. Cllrs discussed and agreed that Fakenham Town Council would assist the Hawk & Owl Trust. ACTION: Clerk will take forward with Norfolk County Council.
132/26	To review and agree allotment: Cllr Thorpe declared an interest Rules and regulations – Cllr Dutton requested that it be minuted under 3f that Cllrs were still able to access paths / general allotment areas and it only applied to plot access. 10e & 15 regarding insurance – tenant National Allotment Society membership offers free insurance – recommend when renewal letters go out. 2027/2028 fees - Cllr Harrison proposed, seconded by Cllr Fairbrother that charges rise to 30p per square metre, Agreed.
133/26	To review and agree Cemetery Rules and regulations Fees from 1st September 2026 Cllr Dutton proposed, seconded by Cllr Glynn that the amendments to the rules and regulations and the new fee structure be agreed. All agreed
134/26	To consider planning applications up to 20th August 2026: PF/26/1616 - 2 The Orchard, Holt Road, Fakenham - Garage Conversion and Erection of Car Port PF/26/1616 Garage Conversion and Erection of Car Port 2 The Orchard Holt Road Fakenham Norfolk NR21 8JF Response deadline: 28/08/2026 Cllrs offered no objection and no comment PF/26/1628 - 7A Norwich Road, Fakenham - Change of use from tattoo studio (no specified use class) to beauty salon (Class E) PF/26/1628 Change of use from tattoo studio (no specified use class) to beauty salon (Class E) 7A Norwich Road Fakenham Norfolk NR21 8AU Response deadline: 1/09/2026 Cllrs offered no objection and no comment

	• LA/26/1645 - Lancaster House, 44 Wells Road, Fakenham - Works associated with replacement of windows to ground floor living room and two upstairs bedrooms LA/26/1645 Works associated with replacement of windows to ground floor living room and two upstairs bedrooms Lancaster House 44 Wells Road Fakenham Norfolk NR21 9AA Response deadline: 1/09/2026 Cllrs offered no objection and no comment • PU/26/1736 - 11A Norwich Street, Fakenham - Change from Offices to Residential use, including some minimal internal alterations PU/26/1736 Change from Offices to Residential use, including some minimal internal alterations 11A Norwich Street Fakenham Norfolk NR21 9AF Response deadline: 3/09/2026 Cllrs objected and requested that enforcement action be taken as there is no approval for shutters and no efforts have been made to occupy the space by renting or leasing. • PF/26/1678 - 13 The Drift, Fakenham - Proposed Replacement Single Storey Dwelling PF/26/1678 Proposed Replacement Single Storey Dwelling 13 The Drift Fakenham Norfolk NR21 8EE Response deadline: 3/09/2026 Cllrs offered no objection and no comment • LA/26/1583 - Prospect House , 21 Norwich Road, Fakenham - Replace bathroom window with like for like timber window with obscured glass LA/26/1583 Replace bathroom window with like for like timber window with obscured glass. Prospect House 21 Norwich Road Fakenham Norfolk NR21 8AU Response deadline: 9/09/2026 Cllrs offered no objection and no comment
135/26	To note comments on applications for planning applications as agreed via Email: • Reconsultation due to amended plans PF/26/0841 - Ceramic Tile Distributors, 74 Holt Road, Fakenham - Demolition of all existing buildings and the erection of a 66 bed care home with external amenities and associated parking PF/26/0841 Demolition of all existing buildings and the erection of a 66 bed care home with external amenities and associated parking Ceramic Tile Distributors 74 Holt Road Fakenham Norfolk NR21 8DY Response Deadline: 13/08/2026 Councillors' response: Cllrs strongly object to this application. Cllrs commented that the proposal is out of keeping with the surrounding buildings, noting that it is too large and dominant for the proposed site. Cllrs also commented that the design does not consider local architecture or materials. Cllrs raised concerns regarding additional pressure on the Fakenham Medical Practice and other local health services • Reconsultation due to amended information PF/26/0939 - Land To Front Of Former 6th Form College, Highfield Road, Fakenham - Installation of 1.8m high Mesh Fencing around boundary PF/26/0939 Installation of 1.8m high Mesh Fencing around boundary Land To Front Of Former 6th Form College Highfield Road Fakenham Norfolk

	Response Deadline: 13/08/2026 Councillors' response: Cllrs objected to the application on the grounds that the proposed mesh fencing is visually intrusive and not in keeping with the historic nature of the building and the listed building status. Cllrs noted that any boundary fencing should be sympathetic and in keeping with the character of the area. Park fencing was suggested as a potential alternative way to mark the boundary. Cllrs commented that the old wooden close board fencing, which is rotting and at the end of its life, should be removed; current plans suggest a new fence would be erected behind this existing wooden fence. Cllrs also commented that detail of the double access gates needs to be supplied. • ADV/26/1581 - 17 Bridge Street, Fakenham - Installation of new fascia signage to front and side elevations ADV/26/1581 Installation of new fascia signage to front and side elevations. 17 Bridge Street Fakenham Norfolk NR21 9AG Response deadline: 24/08/2026 Councillors' response: councillors offered no comments and no objections • ADV/26/1456 - 14 Whitehorse Street, Fakenham - Display of 1no. non-illuminated sign on north elevation ADV/26/1456 Display of 1no. non-illuminated sign on north elevation 14 Whitehorse Street Fakenham Norfolk NR21 8AD Response deadline: 25/08/2026 Councillors' response: councillors offered no comments and no objections • LA/26/1455 - 14 Whitehorse Street, Fakenham - Display of 1no. non-illuminated sign on north elevation LA/26/1455 Display of 1no. non-illuminated sign on north elevation 14 Whitehorse Street Fakenham Norfolk NR21 8AD Response deadline: 26/08/2026 Councillors' response: councillors offered no comments and no objections • PF/26/1364 - 174 Norwich Road, Fakenham - Single storey rear extension to existing detached residential dwelling PF/26/1364 Single storey rear extension to existing detached residential dwelling 174 Norwich Road Fakenham Norfolk NR21 8LX Response deadline: 26/08/2026 Councillors' response: councillors offered no comments and no objections These were noted
136/26	To receive notice of decisions of the planning authority and agree any further actions: • RV/26/0736 - 11A Norwich Street, Fakenham - Variation of prior approval ref. PU/23/0011 condition 1: development must be completed within a period of 3 years to enable regulation 77 decision and time to start the conversion. RV/26/0736 Variation of prior approval ref. PU/23/0011 condition 1: development must be completed within a period of 3 years to enable regulation 77 decision and time to start the conversion. 11A Norwich Street Fakenham Norfolk NR21 9AF Councillors' response: Councillors offered no objection and no comments. Application Withdrawn • PF/26/1271 - 1 The Orchard, Holt Road, Fakenham - Proposed Car Port PF/26/1271 Proposed Car Port 1 The Orchard Holt Road Fakenham Norfolk NR21 8JF Councillors' response: Councillors offered no objections and no comments.

	Approved • PF/23/0906 - 3 Cattle Market Street, Fakenham - Change of use from beauty salon to a mixed use with shop on part of ground floor and flat at first floor and part of ground floor PF/23/0906 Change of use from beauty salon to a mixed use with shop on part of ground floor and flat at first floor and part of ground floor 3 Cattle Market Street Fakenham Norfolk NR21 9AW Councillors' response: Cllrs commented that they would like clarification of use of the shop after the flat has been converted. They felt that this would be better as a 2 bedroom house. Approved • PF/25/2307 - 4 Bridge Street, Fakenham - Conversion and extension of first floor of vacant Class E office space to create 2no. two-bed flats along with a side extension PF/25/2307 Conversion and extension of first floor of vacant Class E office space to create 2no. two-bed flats along with a side extension. 4 Bridge Street Fakenham Norfolk NR21 9AQ Councillors' response: Councillors offered no comment and no objections Approved • PF/26/1286 - 1 Peckover Road, Fakenham - Proposed single-storey side extension PF/26/1286 Proposed single-storey side extension 1 Peckover Road Fakenham Norfolk NR21 9RE Councillors' response: Councillors offered no objections and no comments. Approved • PO/22/0676 - 124 Norwich Road, Fakenham - Erection of detached dwelling on land adjacent 124 Norwich Road - (outline with details of access only - all other matters reserved) PO/22/0676 Erection of detached dwelling on land adjacent 124 Norwich Road - (outline with details of access only - all other matters reserved) 124 Norwich Road Fakenham Norfolk NR21 8LF Councillors' response: Councillors offered no objection or comment Approved • PF/26/1131 - 3 Wymans Way, Fakenham - Formation of infiltration basin as part of a sustainable urban drainage system (SUDS) for the adjacent self-storage facility subject of planning permission PF/21/0065 (retrospective) PF/26/1131 Formation of infiltration basin as part of a sustainable urban drainage system (SUDS) for the adjacent self-storage facility subject of planning permission PF/21/0065 (retrospective) 3 Wymans Way Fakenham Norfolk NR21 8NT Councillors' response: Councillors offered no comments and no objections. Approved These were noted
137/26	To receive any further items for the agenda To discuss and note Fakenham Town Councils view on the variety of shops within the high street.
138/26	To move that the Public & Press be excluded from the Meeting under the provisions of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 On the proposition of Cllr Joslin seconded by Cllr Dutton. RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that Public & Press

	be excluded from the Meeting, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the nature of the business to be transacted.
139/26	To consider the progression of proposals for securing alternative accommodation for Council administrative staff and to determine, in principle, the next steps. Cllrs agreed to continue with current plans for accommodation.
140/26	To discuss 9 Norwich Street Nothing new to discuss
141/26	To move into open session On the proposition of Cllr Harrison seconded by Cllr Joslin RESOLVED the Council move into Open Session.
142/26	To confirm the date & time of the next meetings: Full Council: Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 18:00

	There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:02
	Confirmed this day of 2026
	CHAIR

Full Council Actions Log

Meeting	Date	Minute	Responsible	PRIORITY	Action	STATUS	Comments
Full	25/06/2025	67/25	Office	LOW	To explore different options for simple mayoral chains and pendants for Mayor & Deputy Mayor civic regalia	100%	On September 2026 Agenda for discussion
Full	27/08/2025	124/25	Clerk	HIGH	Ask current Heritage Trail Supplier for costs associated with moving boards and complete refurb/replacements	50%	On Site meeting 10/9/25. Quote received. Quotes will be sought from 3 suppliers for work 2026/27. Awaiting Way Finding report.
Full	24/09/2025	169/25	Clerk	HIGH	To take forward CCTV provisions	100%	22/9/25 Contacted Cozens. Awaiting survey from West Norfolk & Kings Lynn. Initial survey completed. WN&KL meeting with Fakenham Church 20/1/26. 28/1/26 Cllrs agreed to move forward with quote - Clerk moving forward with Church. Update 17/04/26 Church have given provisional agreement, Archdeacon sign off expected 27/28/4. Instructed West Norfolk to purchase equipment as 3/4 week lead intime. 6/5/26 Church sign off confirmed. Awaiting agreements between FTC & Church and FTC and WN&KL. Update 16/6/26, Annual Wayleave of £100 verbally agreed with church. Installation of church tower equipment booked for 26/6/26. Installtion in Church and Connect Centre complete. Camera installation expected by mid August. 19/8 - Final works commenced w/c 17/8. After some technical issues all 6 cameras live 23/9/26
Full	29/10/2025	175/25	Clerk	MEDIUM	Clerk to seek clarification to NNDC Cllr Vickers Facebook comments re free residents parking on Millennium Park.	75%	Emailed 30/10/25
Full	27/05/2026	21/26	Clerk	MEDIUM	Seek planning permission for totems in the suggested locations and a finger post at the Town sign in 2026/27 with new totem & finger post costs factored into 2027/28. To seek costs for replacement Heritage trail boards at the library and town sign in a uniform design with other wayfinding signage and refresh maps/website & IT provision in 2026/27. To refurbish the Town sign in 2027/28	75%	Costs received for 2 totems and 1 map board so far
Full	29/07/2026	84/26	Clerk	HIGH	Hayes Lane - Clerk to seek quotes for play equipment and paths	100%	19/8 - 4 suppliers contacted & site visits arranged. 23/9/26 all 4 plans received - to be discussed at October Facilities and Amenities.
Full	29/07/2026	84/26	Clerk	HIGH	Hayes Lane Clerk to liaise with FACT re woodland	75%	31/7/26 emailed to arrange meeting

Full Council Actions Log

Full	29/07/2026	86/26	Clerk	HIGH	Meet the Cllrs Thursday Market Session - Clerk to arrange with NNDC/NCC	100%	31/7/26 emailed NNDC/NCC Cllrs, arranged for the 17th September
Full	29/07/2026	94/26	Clerk	HIGH	Clerk to contact NNDC or NCC to see if they still hold copies of a historic traffic report	75%	31/7/26 - Emailed NCC & NNDC - 4/8 NNDC sent over Fakenham Conservation Area Partnership Scheme 2007 review
Full	26/08/2026	119/26	Clerk	MEDIUM	To submit a War Memorials Trust Application	Not Started	
Full	26/08/2026	121/26	Clerk	HIGH	To arrange a Rudham Stile Lane Boundary Survey	75%	7/9/26 - emailed Local Chartered Surveyor, Organised works for September 2026
Full	26/08/2026	124/26	Clerk	HIGH	Clerk to submit North Norfolk Local Plan review documents	100%	Submitted 28/08/26
Full	26/08/2026	125/26	Clerk	HIGH	Clerk to submit information to the revitalising high streets inquiry	100%	Submitted 02/09/26
Full	26/08/2026	127/26	Clerk	HIGH	Clerk to submit a Norfolk Parish Partnership bid	Not Started	
Full	26/08/2026	131/26	Clerk	MEDIUM	Clerk to contact NCC/NNDC re Gogg's Mill boundary lines	50%	28/8/26 Emailed NCC - Approx 15 week wait time for a response.

Committed Spend

All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2026 and 31/03/2027)

Income

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments					Net Position
		Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Committed	Total	Variance	Net Position
1090	Interest Received		25.96	25.96						25.96 (N/A)
1110	Market Income		8,679.00	8,679.00						8,679.00 (N/A)
SUB TOTAL			8,704.96	8,704.96						8,704.96 (N/A)

Running Costs

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments					Net Position
		Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Committed	Total	Variance	Net Position
4150	Promotions & Publicity									(N/A)
4200	Bank Charges					51.00		51.00	-51.00	-51.00 (N/A)
4265	Electricity					203.86		203.86	-203.86	-203.86 (N/A)
4270	FTC Management Fees						2,435.00	2,435.00	-2,435.00	(N/A)
4335	Machinery/Tools/Equipm		1,134.00	1,134.00			508.75	508.75	-508.75	1,134.00 (N/A)
4340	Repairs					526.38		526.38	-526.38	-526.38 (N/A)
4501	Training					480.00		480.00	-480.00	-480.00 (N/A)
SUB TOTAL			1,134.00	1,134.00		1,261.24	2,943.75	4,204.99	-4,204.99	-127.24 (N/A)

Grants

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments					Net Position
		Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Committed	Total	Variance	Net Position
4500	Grant Awarded					500.00	9,282.00	9,782.00	-9,782.00	-500.00 (N/A)
SUB TOTAL						500.00	9,282.00	9,782.00	-9,782.00	-500.00 (N/A)

Summary

NET TOTAL			9,838.96	9,838.96		1,761.24	12,225.75	13,986.99	-13,986.99	8,077.72 (N/A)
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MARKET TOLLS GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Complete all sections.

Please attach a copy of the most recent accounts and latest bank statement to your application

Name of Organisation

WENSUM DEMENTIA CAFE

Main Contact Name

MRS JUNE BYRLES

Contact e-mail Address

[REDACTED]@com

Contact Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Contact Address

[REDACTED]
FAKENHAM NR21 [REDACTED]

How long has your group been operating?

(If less than 1 year please give date of inception)

2 YEARS - 4 MONTHS

Do you have a formal constitution?

NO

Is your group a registered Charity?

If yes please give a Registered Charity Number

NO

How many members does your group have? And what percentage are Fakenham residents?

APPROX 20 - 50%
22

Do you have an equal opportunities policy/statement or have you undertaken relevant training?

NO

Do you have an annual record of accounts?

NEW ACCOUNT OPENED AUG 2026

Please describe your group's main activities:

WE AIM TO PROVIDE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA.
INTERACTIVE HAND-EYE COORDINATION GAMES, PUZZLES, PAINTING AND QUIZZES.
QUIZZES

What is the Grant For?

- A PLANNED TRIP WITH THE GROUP TO PENSTHORPE TO INCLUDE A MEAL.
- CHRISTMAS FAYRE OPEN INVITATION TO VISITORS TO COME AND SEE HOW THE CAFE IS RUN AND TO RAISE FUNDS FOR GROUP THIS WOULD INCLUDE SUPPLYING REFRESHMENTS.
- NEW CRAFT SUPPLIES, PUZZLES, PAINTS, CARD, PENS, SPEAKERS AS MOST REQUEST TRAVELLING EXPENSES

Who will benefit from the grant if approved?

ALL OUR GROUP THEIR CAREERS/FAMILY MEMBERS
AND VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT
AND CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THE GROUP.

How will Fakenham benefit from the monies if the grant is awarded?

AS A GROUP WE WELCOME VISITORS AND HAVE ADVERTISED IN
LOCAL SUPERMARKETS TO REACH OUT TO PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING
OR CARING FOR A LOVED ONE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA AND
NEEDS SUPPORT

How much are you applying for?

£ 500

How many Fakenham residents will benefit from
the monies?

APPROX 11

Have any other bodies been approached for grant funding in relation to this application / Project? If yes please provide details.

A DONATION OF 1250.00 WAS GIVEN TO OUR GROUP ON 21/5/25 BY
NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL. VISITS FROM COUNCILLOR
VICTORIA HOLLIDAY WITNESSED THE BENEFITS THE GROUP WAS
PROVIDING FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA AND THEIR CAREES

What will you do if you get less funding than you have asked for? Will all or part of the project still go ahead?
Please tell us what could be achieved if you only receive part funding?

IF WE WERE TO ONLY RECEIVE PART OF THE GRANT
APPLIED FOR IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE GROUP
AND THEY HAVE AGREED TO PAY A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS
THE PROJECT/ EVENT AND USE GROUP FUNDS IF NEEDED

Please provide a full breakdown of the event / project costs and how they will be

funded: Item	Cost	Funded From
MEAL OUT AT PENSTHORPE	300.00	GRANT / PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.
CHRISTMAS FAIRE/ REFRESHMENTS.	50.00	GRANT / OR GROUP FUNDS
RAISING MONEY FOR GROUP FUNDS.		
CAFT SUPPLIES PUZZLES, PAINTS, CARD PENS	150.00	GRANT
SPEAKERS (TRAVELLING EXPENSES)		
Total Project Cost:	500.00	

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I confirm that the information given in this application is a fair and accurate description of our group and our proposed event / project.

I am authorised to apply for funding on behalf of the group and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the grants process.

Name

MRS JULIE BOGGS

Position in Organisation

TREASURER

Signature



Date

11-9-2026

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Your account statement

Issue date: 1 September 2026

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COMMUNITY ACCOUNT

WENSUM DEMENTIA CAFE

Account summary

Total Paid In	£1,739.00
Total Paid Out	£980.00
Balance On 01 Sep 2026	£759.00

Account activity

Date	Payment Type	Details	Paid In (£)	Paid Out (£)	Balance (£)
		STATEMENT OPENING BALANCE			0.00
05 Aug 26	DEP	P.O. 34 UPPER MARK	120.00		120.00
05 Aug 26	FPO	HEMPTON PAROCHIAL 600000001813438208 HALL HIRE 203081 10 05AUG26 20:23		120.00	0.00
06 Aug 26	DEP	P.O. 34 UPPER MARK	309.00		309.00
11 Aug 26	BGC	NNDC	1,250.00		1,559.00
26 Aug 26	DEP	P.O. 34 UPPER MARK	60.00		1,619.00
01 Sep 26	FPO	HEMPTON PAROCHIAL 400000001831892100 HALL HIRE 203081 10 30AUG26 17:31		60.00	1,559.00
01 Sep 26	FPO	FAKENHAM TOWN CRIC 600000001827904345 VENUE RENTAL 203081 10 01SEP26 14:47		800.00	759.00
01 Sep 26		STATEMENT CLOSING BALANCE	1,739.00	980.00	759.00

The "Details" column in your statement shows the date that a Debit Card payment went into or came out of your account only if that happened on a weekend or a Bank Holiday.

Payment types:

DEP - Deposit

FPO - Faster Payment

BGC - Bank Giro Credit

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Name of Organisation

Main Contact Name

Creak encounters

Contact e-mail Address

co.uk

Contact Address

NR21

How long has your group been operating? _ four years

Do you have a formal constitution? - No

Is your group a registered Charity? -No

If yes please give a Registered Charity Number

How many members does your group have? And what percentage are Fakenham residents?

Up to 16 at least 90% have a fakenham postcode

Do you have an equal opportunities policy/statement

or have you undertaken relevant training? -no

Do you have an annual record of accounts?

No

Please describe your group's main activities:

Social group for people living with dementia & their families

Destigmatising dementia

Education about dementia

Raising awareness about other support & resources

Helping to reduce isolation & an opportunity to make new friends & support systems

To pay for the rental of the village hall

Could be paid direct to village hall trustees bank account.

Who will benefit from the grant if approved?

All the people who attend now and in the future

£ 500

no

Every small contribution helps this Volunteer/grass roots experience continue

Please provide a full breakdown of the event / project costs and how they will be funded:

Item Cost Funded From

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Cake & refreshments		From donations
Befrienders at the meets		volunteers
Room hire		£30 a session
Total Project Cost:		

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Name

Position in Organisation

Hazel – volunteers/organiser

- 21st September 2026

HAZEL RATCLIFFE

VOLUNTEER / ORGANISER

Signature

Date

22/09/26

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EP YOUTH PROJECT REPORT: Streetlife DATE: June - August 2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION FROM PLAN:

The Streetlife project expanded its age range to include 10 year olds who will be going to high schools in September over the summer, while continuing to provide a safe, inclusive, trusted, supportive space for young people aged 11–25, where they could build relationships with appropriate adults, develop independence and make positive choices. During this summer young people were invited to practice greater ownership of the provision, while staff continued to provide positive activities, information, support and a warm safe space with appropriate boundaries.

The project focused on developing practical life skills, confidence, healthy relationships, safety awareness and young people's ability to make informed decisions. Activities were varied and young people continued to have a strong voice in shaping what took place.

HOW MANY SESSIONS DELIVERED:	BUILDING: 13	VAN: 0	DETACHED: 5
HOW MANY INDIVIDUAL YP PARTICIPANTS:	ID MALE: 46	ID FEMALE: 35	ID Non-Binary: 2 TOTAL: 83
YOUNG PEOPLE AGE RANGE:	10-25	ADULT CONTACTS:	15

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN WITH YOUNG PEOPLE:

A key area of progress this summer has been young people developing their autonomy and confidence. Young people increasingly made decisions about activities and contributed to the running of their space. Young people developed workplace skills including following directions, working independently, using initiative and learning accountability. For example, participants researched and price-compared canvases, used number skills to make purchasing decisions and decorated the attic with inspirational quotes that resonated with them.

Young people also developed practical independence and life skills through cooking, budgeting and safely using kitchen equipment. Preparing meals provided opportunities to learn about nutrition, food costs, resourcefulness, safe use of knives, ovens and hobs, and cleaning up afterwards. These activities enabled young people to learn through doing and build their confidence in trying new things, making their own informed choices.

There has been continued progress in relationship building, boundaries and communication. Staff supported young people to understand healthy boundaries, consent and respectful behaviour through discussion, modelling and practical examples, while maintaining approaches that were caring, calm, fair and consistent. Young people have also had opportunities to discuss difficult or opposing views safely. Debates around the UK's new social media rules encouraged young people to challenge each other respectfully, consider different perspectives and practice fact checking and source checking.



EP YOUTH PROJECT REPORT: **Streetlife** DATE: **June - August 2026**

The project has supported young people to develop greater awareness of personal safety and informed risk-taking. This has included conversations around river safety, alcohol, online safety, public spaces and relationships. For example, when young people discussed swimming in the river with younger siblings in their free time, staff supported them to risk assess the situation and work through their own questions to reach safer conclusions, think about contingency and who to contact if they encountered difficulties.

A significant impact has been newer young people feeling increasingly able to approach trusted adults when they need support. Separate safeguarding concerns relating to home circumstances, self-harm and harmful relationships were disclosed and managed appropriately through proper safeguarding processes. In one case, a young person disclosed experiencing threats involving a knife within a past romantic relationship. Staff provided a safe, non-judgemental space to discuss the situation and supported the young person to build the confidence to make an informed decision about reporting it to the police. This demonstrates the importance of the trusting relationships developed through everyday youth work.

The project has also provided practical support and a safe environment during the summer, including additional support during the periods of extreme heat we experienced. First-aid trained adults were available to support young people with injuries and other immediate needs, including those arising from cycling and scootering around town. This included taking care of a young person who fell from their bike while travelling into town independently for the first time; contacting parent/carers and making sure they were safe and happy.

Young people have also been supported to become more self-aware and confident in accessing help. Discussions around mental health and SEND (special educational needs and disability) diagnoses explored both the benefits and limitations of labels, while encouraging young people to consider what they can do to support their own wellbeing and where they can seek reliable help. Young people were encouraged to consider sleep, exercise, hydration, nutrition, rest and social support, alongside appropriate sources of professional and online support.

The project has continued to provide a positive alternative to spending time in unsafe spaces. Young people bring friends, develop positive peer relationships and return regularly to engage in a range of appropriate activities simply because they enjoy being here. Young people have reported making safer choices by spending time with us rather than joining friends in risky activities, such as entering abandoned buildings around Fakenham. These conversations provided opportunities to explore the potential risks of asbestos, black mould, unsafe structures and the consequences of trespassing and breaking and entering. One young person described appreciating being able to “be silly and have fun like a child should”. This reflects the wider impact of providing a space where young people feel safe, relaxed and accepted, while being able to explore, achieve and enjoy having fun.



EP YOUTH PROJECT REPORT: **Streetlife** DATE: **June - August 2026**

YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDS ARISING FOR INTERVENTION OR REFERRAL:

A number of individual support and safeguarding needs arose through the summer, with young people approaching staff about concerns relating to home circumstances, self-harm, harmful or inappropriate relationships and personal safety. These were responded to on an individual basis, with appropriate safeguarding procedures followed and information passed on through established channels where required. These will continue to be monitored where appropriate and possible.

Young people sought support around managing difficult situations, family and relationship issues, anxiety around travelling independently, injuries and immediate safety concerns. Staff were able to and can continue to provide informal support, problem-solving and signposting to appropriate services where needed.

The project team used opportunities for early intervention through informal conversations around alcohol, online safety, social media, consent, boundaries, risky behaviour and accessing reliable support to encourage young people to ask questions, consider their options and make better-informed decisions about their own safety and wellbeing.

CASE STUDY OR PARTNERSHIP WORK EXAMPLE:

Work experience placements with young people from Fakenham High School and College of West Anglia gave young people the opportunity to practice independence and understand what it is like to work within a team and a workplace. Young people decided to contribute towards the improvement of the youth space by helping to decorate the attic. They were given responsibility for researching and purchasing materials, making decisions within a budget and contributing to the improvement of the youth space. They then researched inspirational quotes and ideas for the space and designed the space themselves.

Alongside this, the project continued to work closely with young people around safeguarding and wider support needs. The combination of consistent relationships, informal conversations and appropriate adult support has enabled young people to raise concerns that may otherwise have remained undisclosed, while supporting them to consider appropriate next steps and accessing further support

As the project moves into autumn darker evenings, quieter streets and fewer opportunities for young people to spend time safely outdoors can increase the likelihood of young people spending time in unsuitable or unsafe spaces. The progress made over the summer will continue to be built on through consistent provision, safe and appropriate relationships, engaging activities, practical opportunities and informal education, helping young people to continue developing confidence, pro-social skills and current, relevant information to support their healthier decision-making.

Consultation: Police and Crime Plan 2026/28 Police Budget 2027/28

A message from your Police and Crime Commissioner Colin Sutton

I am truly honoured to have been elected by the residents of Norfolk to be your Police and Crime Commissioner. With only 18 months left in office, I have a short time to make a real difference to people's lives, ensuring that people feel safe in our county and receive the right support should they become a victim of crime.

The conventional approach would be to undertake a formal consultation, over a period of several months, engaging with stakeholders, residents from neighbourhoods and partners before determining priorities for the future.

However, the priorities set out in this draft have not been developed in isolation. They are informed by extensive engagement undertaken over recent months, together with the ongoing consultation, surveys and community feedback regularly gathered by Norfolk Constabulary, my office and our partners. Collectively this evidence provides a clear picture of the issues that matter most to the people of Norfolk and the challenges they expect us to address.

Having carefully considered this feedback, I have identified a proposed set of priorities and an approach for the next 18 months. I am now seeking your views on whether these priorities reflect the needs and expectations of the people of Norfolk and whether there are any significant omissions that should be addressed.



While the overall direction is clear, this consultation remains an important part of the process. I welcome your views and will consider them carefully before publishing the final Plan.

Also, this will not be the last time that you get your chance to raise your issues and concerns. The Plan makes a strong commitment and sets out how I will continue to listen and respond throughout my time in office, which is critical. New issues and concerns are also bound to emerge.

Joint Police and Crime Plan and Police Budget Consultation

As I have to consult on my Police and Crime Plan and next year's council tax precept at the same time, I have decided to undertake a joint consultation. This will mean that the consultation can reach further and achieve maximum participation by avoiding repetitive and confusing requests for information or for stakeholders to attend more meetings than are necessary. Importantly, this approach also reduces the cost of the consultation and allows participants to consider the information in my Police and Crime Plan, the issues facing policing and the resource requirements at the same time.

Police and Crime Plan 2026/28

One of the first things I must do as a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is to publish a Police and Crime Plan. This Plan sets out the police and crime priorities that Norfolk Constabulary must consider to keep Norfolk safe.

When I was elected as your PCC, I made a commitment to listen, to act, and to focus on the issues that matter most to the people I serve. I want to be ambitious, but I have only 18 months left in office, so I am going to be focused and determined in my approach, concentrating on getting things done and achieving real outcomes for people across Norfolk.

Let's be clear from the start: preventing all types of crime, bringing offenders to justice and supporting victims is, of course, of paramount importance to me. It is in my DNA, and why I spent over 30 years in policing. But, fortunately, Norfolk is a very safe place to live, with an excellent police force, and partners working together both nationally and locally to keep it this way and to protect the most vulnerable in our neighbourhoods. I don't intend simply to replicate what they are doing and to dilute my efforts, when there is already successful work going on to tackle a range of issues from serious and organised crime to road safety and child abuse. Instead, I will challenge them to achieve the strongest outcomes and provide support through my office.

I will be concentrating my time, energy and resources on the biggest and most harmful issues. I have reviewed the data and the wider strategic landscape and listened extensively to residents, victims of crime, businesses, community groups, partner organisations and Norfolk Constabulary, and identified the issues and areas that matter most and where I believe I can make the greatest difference through my Plan.



I therefore propose to prioritise the following three areas in my Police and Crime Plan:

1. Re-engaging with neighbourhoods to rebuild trust in policing

Trust and confidence are fundamental to effective policing. People are more likely to report crime, to cooperate with investigations and to seek help when they have confidence in the police and wider criminal justice system. This is particularly important for victims, many of whom are making difficult and courageous decisions when they come forward. I want people to feel connected to policing within their neighbourhoods and to have confidence that concerns will be listened to and acted upon, and that communication from the Constabulary will be timely and transparent.



2. Preventing violence, abuse and exploitation

Domestic abuse has devastating and long-lasting consequences for victims, families and communities. Responding to domestic abuse, keeping victims safe and prosecuting perpetrators is the biggest area of demand for Norfolk Constabulary. So, reducing incidents of abuse will not only change the lives of victims, but also give our police more resources to tackle other priorities for our neighbourhoods.

I want victims to have confidence that they will be believed, protected and supported at every stage of their journeys. Working alongside safeguarding partners, health services, local authorities and specialist support organisations, we will focus not only on responding to abuse but on preventing it, supporting recovery and holding perpetrators to account.



3. Safer rural communities

In rural areas, victims can often experience a disproportionate impact from crime, whether that's through the theft of machinery, livestock, fuel or equipment, or through offences that affect their livelihoods, wellbeing or sense of security. They can also have less access to key public services and specialist victims' services, which help them cope and recover. Too often, people living in rural areas feel that their concerns are overlooked. Through closer partnership working with farmers, rural businesses, local authorities and community organisations, I want to ensure that victims of rural crime receive the support, attention and response they deserve.



What am I asking?

The key question now is whether there is anything that I have missed, or should be included that isn't being addressed. At the back of this document, there is a space for you to share your views.

Police Budget Consultation 2027/28

As your PCC, I am also responsible for the policing budget. As a steward of public funds, I need to ensure that investment is directed towards activity that delivers measurable improvements in public safety, victim support and local wellbeing.

Norfolk also needs to be prepared to respond to local and national threats, maintaining the capacity and capability required to meet strategic policing responsibilities while continuing to deliver high-quality local services.

Investment in new technology to allow the police to spend more time doing their jobs is also an essential part of my budgeting plans.

The financial environment facing policing and public services continues to present significant challenges, with increasing demand, evolving threats and ongoing pressure on public sector resources. In this context, delivering the ambitions of my new Police and Crime Plan will require careful financial management, strong collaboration with partners and a willingness to identify innovative approaches to service delivery. Through prudent stewardship of policing budgets, effective commissioning, external funding opportunities and collaborative investment with local, regional and national partners, I will seek to maximise the impact of every pound spent.

Any decision to raise the policing element of council tax is not straightforward and involves balancing many complex factors, including your views.

Before completing the survey question, please take the time to read the information provided by Norfolk's Chief Constable Paul Sanford. This explains the Constabulary's reasoning in calling for a change.

I am responsible for Norfolk Constabulary's budget, to ensure they have the necessary resources to investigate. Each year, the PCC has to consider the requirements and demands on the police's spending plans, and how much they ask you, the residents of Norfolk, to contribute through the policing element of your council tax.

The total policing budget for the current financial year (2026/27) is £238.4 million, of which over half (55%) is provided by the Government and the remainder (45%) is raised through council tax.

The budget is divided into two parts: revenue and capital. The revenue part is used for day-to-day running costs, such as police officer salaries and maintaining vehicles; and the capital part is spent on key assets such as police buildings and information technology.

This financial year 90% is being spent on people - £144.7m of which is spent on officers and £67.9m on staff. The remaining £23.8m (10%) is spent on everything else, including police buildings, vehicles, fuel costs, equipment and training.

Looking forward to the next financial year (2027/28), the forecast budget is expected to increase by £5.4 million for several reasons, these include:

- **Police pay** – It is assumed to rise by 2.5% per annum over the next 3 years (27/28 – 29/30)
- **Inflation** – Non-pay inflation is assumed to rise by 4% per annum over the next 3 years (27/28 – 29/30)



Colin Sutton
Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

A message from Norfolk's Chief Constable Paul Sanford

Policing continues to face significant and growing challenges. The complexity of crime is evolving, vulnerability is rising and demand is increasing, with record numbers of calls to our control room this summer. We are also preparing for significant national police reform, local government reorganisation and devolution.

While the future is evolving, one thing remains unchanged: the communities of Norfolk need an effective, efficient and trusted police service today. We must continue to deliver the services that matter most to our communities, responding quickly when people need us, protecting vulnerable people, investigating crime and bringing offenders to justice. We continuously seek opportunities to improve our service, modernise the approach and better manage resources. This work includes opening a new response base at Loddon after recognising response times in the south of the county were not where they needed to be.

Through our Norfolk Policing Plan, we have set out a clear commitment to focus on what matters most to the public: preventing and reducing crime and harm, investigating crime effectively, supporting victims, safeguarding vulnerable people and maintaining trust and confidence in policing.

Norfolk remains one of the safest counties in the country and I am incredibly proud of the dedication shown every day by our officers, staff and volunteers as they support victims, protect vulnerable people and keep communities safe. We also have one of the highest detection rates in the country.

In recent years, we have repeatedly deployed significant resources to manage large-scale protests and public order incidents. This summer, officers and specialist resources responded to disorder in Thetford. It was the third consecutive summer in which Norfolk officers have dealt with significant protest activity locally or supported colleagues elsewhere in the country. These incidents require specialist skills and substantial resources while maintaining day-to-day policing services.

We are also preparing for changes across the criminal justice system. Reforms through the Sentencing Act will result in more offenders being managed within the community and fewer shorter custodial sentences. As the public-facing part of the criminal justice system, policing will play a central role in managing the impact of these changes, creating additional demand and requiring even closer partnership working.

We have a strong track record of using public money responsibly and efficiently. We continually seek opportunities to modernise, embrace technology and improve the way we work while ensuring every pound delivers value for the people of Norfolk. However, for several years, the funding we receive directly from the Government has been insufficient to cover inflationary pressures or keep up with the rate of population growth in the county. Efficiency savings alone cannot meet the scale of the challenges we face. Most policing expenditure is spent on people, providing the officers, staff and specialist capabilities needed to keep Norfolk safe. Continued investment is essential if we are to maintain frontline services, respond to rising demand and continue delivering exceptional policing for Norfolk.

Your views are important and will help shape the future of policing in our county. I encourage you to take part in this consultation and help inform decisions about the resources needed to keep Norfolk safe in the years ahead.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Sanford'.

Paul Sanford
Chief Constable for Norfolk

Having considered this information from Norfolk's Chief Constable, Paul Sanford, please spare a few minutes to complete PCC Colin Sutton's survey.

If you need the information in this document in an alternative format, please contact the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk (OPCCN) by telephone on 01953 424455 or by email: opccn@norfolk.police.uk.



You can have your say by completing and returning this form to Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk, Jubilee House, Falconers Chase, Wymondham, Norfolk, NR18 0WW. Alternatively, you can take part in the consultation online at: www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk.

The consultation will close at 5pm on Friday 9 October 2026.

This consultation does not ask for identifiable information. If any identifiable information is provided, the OPCCN will ensure that any published information relating to the consultation remains anonymous. The OPCCN complies with data protection legislation, including GDPR, by applying its Data Protection Policy - which can be found at www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk.

Have your say

Would you be prepared to pay more to ensure your police force continues to tackle these priorities in the future?

Yes

No

If you wish to add any comments, please use the space below or email: opccn@norfolk.police.uk.

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Consultation: Police and Crime Plan 2026/28 & Police Budget 2027/28

Please tell us about the person who has answered the consultation questions. This is an important part of our equalities monitoring and helps us to understand if we are reaching all communities in Norfolk.

Which area of Norfolk do you live in?

- ☐ Breckland
 ☐ Broadland
 ☐ Great Yarmouth
 ☐ King's Lynn & West Norfolk
 ☐ North Norfolk
 ☐ Norwich
 ☐ South Norfolk
 ☐ Prefer not to say

What is your gender?

- ☐ Female
 ☐ Male
 ☐ Prefer not to say
 ☐ Other (please specify):

What age group are you?

- ☐ Under 16
 ☐ 16-24
 ☐ 25-34
 ☐ 35-44
 ☐ 45-54
 ☐ 55-64
 ☐ 65-74
 ☐ 75-84
 ☐ 85 or older
 ☐ Prefer not to say

What is your ethnic group?

Asian or Asian British

- ☐ Indian
 ☐ Pakistani
 ☐ Bangladeshi
 ☐ Chinese
 ☐ Any other Asian background

Black or Black British

- ☐ African
 ☐ Caribbean
 ☐ Any other Black background

Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups

- ☐ White & Black Caribbean
 ☐ White & Black African
 ☐ White & Asian
 ☐ Any other mixed background:

White

- ☐ English/Welsh/Scottish/British/Northern Irish
 ☐ White Irish
 ☐ White/Gypsy/Irish Traveller
 ☐ White other

Other Ethnic Group

- ☐ Arab
 ☐ Prefer not to say
 ☐ Any other ethnic group:

Do you consider yourself to have a disability? If you are willing, please describe in the space below:

- ☐ Yes
 ☐ No
 ☐ Prefer not to say

Which of the following best describes your sexuality?

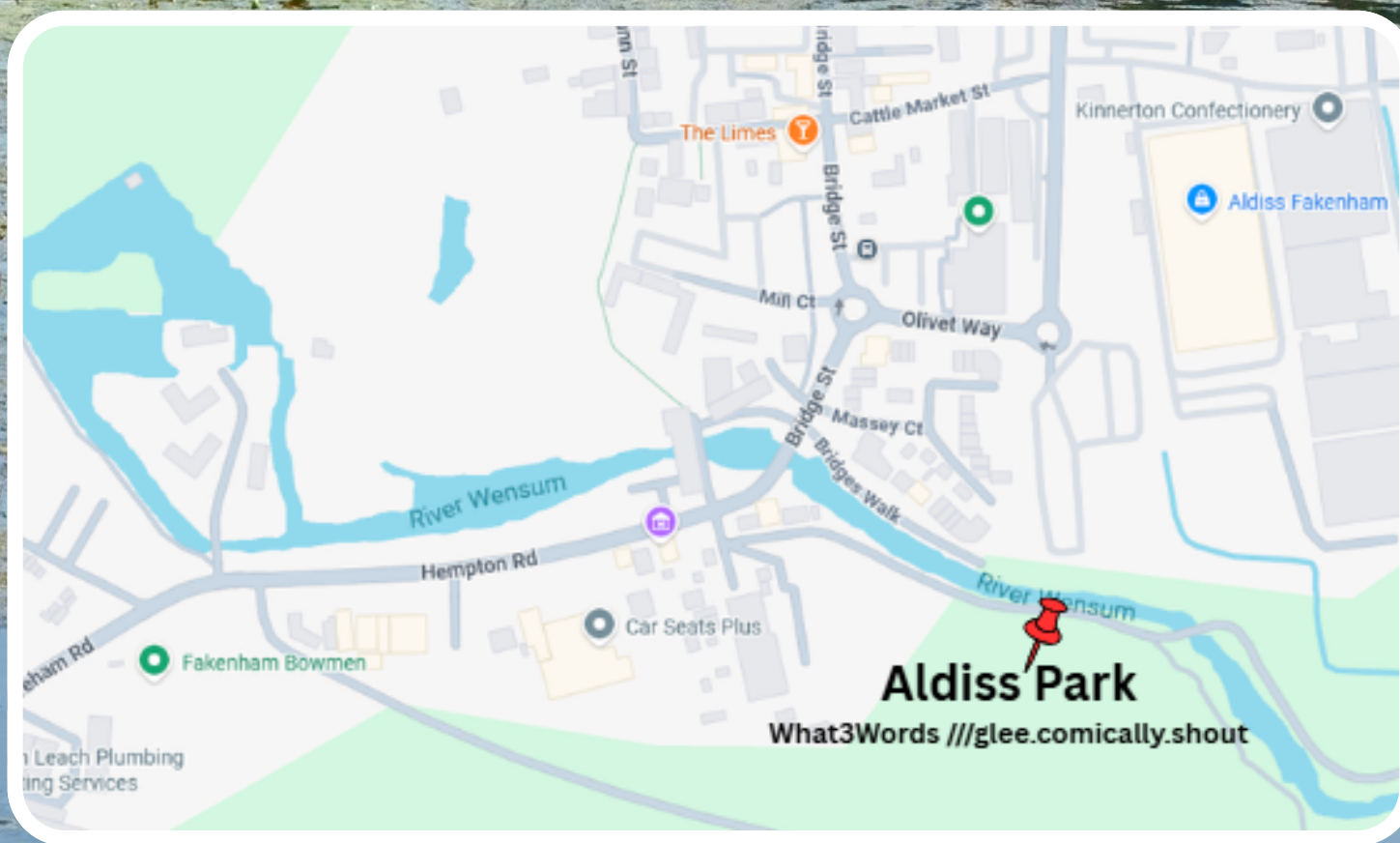
- ☐ Bisexual
 ☐ Gay/Lesbian
 ☐ Heterosexual/Straight
 ☐ Prefer not to say
 ☐ Other (please specify)

What is your religion?

- ☐ No religion
 ☐ Buddhist
 ☐ Christian
 ☐ Hindu
 ☐ Jewish
 ☐ Muslim
 ☐ Sikh
 ☐ Prefer not to say
 ☐ Any other religion:

Aldiss Park Fakenham

Share your views



Fakenham Town Council is consulting residents on proposals to transform an overgrown and underused area of Aldiss Park into a new wetland habitat for people and wildlife to enjoy.

- ☒ Do you support the proposal?
- ☒ Do you have any concerns or suggestions?

Head to our website for full consultation information:

 www.fakenhamtowncouncil.gov.uk

 info@fakenhamtowncouncil.gov.uk

 01328 853653

Public Consultation: Proposed Wetland Creation at Aldiss Park – Have Your Say

Introduction

The Town Council is seeking residents' views on a proposal to improve an area of land within Aldiss Park that has been largely neglected for many years.



The site currently consists of dense scrub, self-seeded willow trees, an overgrown footpath, and a stagnant pond that is difficult to access. The area has become increasingly inaccessible and offers limited opportunities for recreation, education, or wildlife observation.

Councillors are considering a proposal to transform this area into a carefully designed wetland habitat that would provide environmental, educational, and community benefits while creating an attractive natural space for residents and visitors to enjoy.

The Proposal

The proposed scheme would create a managed wetland environment, designed to:

- Improve public access to the area.
- Enhance habitats for wildlife.
- Increase biodiversity.
- Create opportunities for education and community engagement.
- Restore and improve the existing pond and surrounding landscape.

The project would mainly be delivered through external funding, meaning there would be little direct capital cost to local taxpayers. Ongoing funding support opportunities would also be identified to assist with future management and maintenance.

Environmental Permissions

The Council has already held discussions with both the Environment Agency and Natural England. Initial feedback has been positive, and both organisations have expressed support for the concept, subject to the appropriate assessment and consent processes being completed.

Potential Benefits

The Council believes the project could deliver a range of benefits for the community and the environment, including:

- **Supporting Nature and Biodiversity**

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The wetland would provide valuable habitat for birds, insects, amphibians, and other wildlife, helping to improve biodiversity and strengthen local ecological networks.

- **Education and Learning**

The site could provide an easily accessible outdoor learning resource for local schools, enabling pupils to undertake field studies and environmental education activities within walking distance of schools in the town.

- **Enhancing the Wensum Wildlife Corridor**

The project would contribute to the wider wildlife corridor along the River Wensum, helping to further connect habitats between Pensthorpe and Sculthorpe.

- **Community Involvement**

Volunteer opportunities could be developed to help with future maintenance, habitat management, and conservation activities, allowing residents to become actively involved in caring for the site and learning more about nature.

- **Recreation and Wellbeing**

The improved wetland would create a new nature-focused attraction for Fakenham, providing opportunities for quiet recreation, walking, wildlife observation, and enjoyment of the natural environment.

- **Climate and Environmental Benefits**

Wetlands can contribute to carbon capture, water management, and climate resilience while providing important ecological value. The proposal aims to maximise these benefits where possible.

Have Your Say

The Council wishes to understand residents' views before making any final decisions. We would welcome your comments on:

- Whether you support the proposal.
- Any concerns you may have.
- Features you would like to see incorporated into the design.
- Opportunities for community involvement.
- Any other comments or suggestions.

Consultation opens:

Consultation closes:

How to Respond

Comments can be submitted:

Online: www.Fakenhamtowncouncil.gov.uk

By email: info@fakenhamtowncouncil.gov.uk

By post: Fakenham Town council, Fakenham Connect, Oak Street, Fakenham, NR219DY

What Happens Next?

Once the consultation period has closed, all responses will be reviewed by councillors and considered alongside technical advice and environmental assessments. A decision will then be made on whether to proceed with the project and seek the necessary formal approvals and funding arrangements.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views on the future of this area of Aldiss Park.

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 Norfolk NR21 9DY

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 www.environetuk.com

23.09.2026

Dear Fakenham Town Council

RE: Quotation Ref 13846 - Treatment of Japanese knotweed

Thank you for requesting a quotation for the treatment of Japanese knotweed at Aldiss Park, Fakenham, Norfolk, NR21 7LA.

You are in safe hands. Here are five good reasons why you can feel confident and reassured when choosing Environet to resolve your knotweed problem:

1. **We've been doing this for a long time.** Established in 1996, we have dedicated teams in all major regions of the UK who are highly skilled and experienced in dealing with the permanent removal and control of Japanese knotweed.
2. **The best guarantee in the market.** We offer the only "AA-" rated insurance backed guarantee on the market, underwritten by CLS Property Insight Ltd on behalf of Great Lakes Insurance UK Limited, part of the Munich Re Group. Valid for up to 10 years, our guarantee gives complete peace of mind from day one.
3. **We do a first-rate job.** Over 90% of our past customers describe their experience with Environet as Good or Excellent, earning us 5 stars on [Trustpilot](#).
4. **Rapid response.** Your IBG can be issued within just days of your instruction.
5. **PCA Registered.** We are members of the PCA (Property Care Association), who recognised us as "Contractor of the Year 2020".

We have based our quotation on the information supplied. Please let us know if the information in the quote is inaccurate as soon as possible as it may affect the quoted price, or our ability to successfully carry out the work.

Please be aware that we may not be able to provide IBGs on herbicide treatment programmes where previous herbicide attempts have been made by others. In circumstances where an IBG is required and our herbicide programme is not a viable option we can provide you with a quotation for an alternative method such as Resi-Dig-Out™ or DART™.

We look forward to receiving your email instruction in due course.

Yours sincerely

Mathew Day BSc (Hons)
Director

Quotation for Herbicide Treatment

The quotation is based on the following information:

Condition	Description
Number of separate stands	3 original stands
Total area of combined stands	☒ <10m ² ☒ 10-25m ² ☐ 25-50m ² ☐ >50m ²
Adjoining properties affected	☒ None ☐ One ☐ Two ☐ Three
Previously herbicide treated	☒ Yes ☐ No
Watercourse within 5m	☒ Yes ☐ No

Work Description	Net £	Gross £
Option 1 (5 yr. Guaranteed solution) - Treatment programme typically consisting of 4 herbicide applications spread over two growing seasons, plus annual monitoring visits in years 3 and 4 with 5-year standard insurance backed guarantee (IBG) to cover for future regrowth during the guarantee period.	£3,350	£4,020
Option 2 (10 yr. Guaranteed solution) - Treatment as above but with 10-year standard IBG.	£4,700	£5,640
Option 3 (Treatment only) - Treatment programme typically consisting of 4 herbicide applications spread over two growing seasons without the benefit of an IBG.	£2,000	£2,400

In order to commence treatment the knotweed must be in a suitable condition with adequate growth and good leaf coverage.

Please read the accompanying [Explanatory Notes](#) which provide important information on our Treatment Programmes. Invoices will be raised for payments as described in the Explanatory Notes. VAT is added at the prevailing rate, currently 20%.

Our [Standard Terms and Conditions](#) apply. Payment terms are strictly 30 days via card or BACS. We are unable to accept cash or cheques.

QUOTATIONS – MAYOR CHAIN & PENDANT

SUPPLIER 1

Pendant – (Gold Gild) Die origination Cost £275.00, single press of pendant £105.00 = **£380.00** + cost of chain chosen + **£19.95** delivery Cost



CIVIC CHAIN OF OFFICE - MONARCH STYLE 21

£700.00 + Pendant £380 + Delivery £19.95 (**Total £1099.95 excl vat**)



CIVIC CHAIN OF OFFICE - CONSORT STYLE 17-

£528.00 + Pendant £380 + Delivery £19.95 (**Total £927.95 excl vat**)



SUPPLIER 1 cont'd

CIVIC CHAIN OF OFFICE - EMPEROR - STYLE 24 -

£1100 + Pendant £380 + Delivery £19.95 (Total £1499.95 excl vat)



CIVIC CHAIN OF OFFICE – ENVOY - STYLE 20

£680.00 Excl + Pendant £380 + Delivery £19.95 (Total £1079.95 excl vat)



SUPPLIER 2

£3849.86 excl vat Chain & Pendant



£3736.69 excl vat Chain & Pendant



SUPPLIER 3

£9309.00 excl Chain and Pendant – no picture or artwork supplied