

SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: David Napier

Vice Chairman: Andy Thornton

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF SHROPHAM on Tuesday 13 May 2025 at 7.30pm at SHROPHAM VILLAGE HALL

Those in attendance: David Napier, Andy Thornton, Cliff Allen, Lesley Brown, Peter Bush,
Wayne Linge, Rob Wylie

Also present: None.

1. **Apologies for absence**

None.

2. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2024.**

Proposed by D Napier, seconded by A Thornton, all voted in favour.

3. **Chairman's Report from David Napier**

Since last year the situation has become altogether more testing due to measures imposed by the Government. Compared to other parts of Norfolk Breckland has emerged comparatively tightly with a 40% addition to the annual number of houses, increasing from 661 to 917 pa but it is concerning as to where these will be built. Breckland, which currently has not got a 5 year housing land supply, has issued a further Call for Sites. The Local Plan has been suspended and more guidance is awaited from the National Planning Policy Framework.

Considerably more serious is the proposal that the County and District Councils in Norfolk and Suffolk should be replaced by a single elected Mayor. At a stroke local knowledge with parish Councils being the eyes and ears of District Councils would disappear. Except for South Norfolk the District Councils have supported the three Unitary proposal. The next more detailed Local Government Reorganisation submission is due in late September.

At the parochial level the two dominant issues remained planning and Highways. There has been a number of planning applications in the last year in a couple of which Enforcement has been, is or may again be involved. Unfortunately, the new Idox Planning Portal introduced by Breckland is not at the moment working well.

Hopefully, the 40mph speed restriction limit at the East end of the village will be able to start sooner rather than later. The public consultation which ended in April produced no objections and it's now for NPLaw to implement the Traffic Regulation Order process. No estimate of how long this might take is known.

4. **County Councillor's report**

No report was received.

5. **District Councillor's report**

P Cowen submitted his report, attached.

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6. Financial Reports

The balance as at year end was £7,686.82. The accounts and AGAR are now with the Auditor.

7. Community Speed Watch report

The speedwatch team have contracted recently with Cynthia retiring from the team and another member moving away. We now only have three members, two of whom work, and it proves difficult to arrange times when everyone can make it. Therefore, our activity of late has been scarce.

However, traffic through the village is a perennial issue and the following is a distillation of data taken from the speed sign.

The main road through the village sees approximately 1,200 vehicles in each direction on an average weekday. Approximately 100 of these, in each direction, are travelling in excess of 40mph as recorded near the crossroads in the centre of the village. The maximum speed recorded in the centre of the village is consistently between 80 and 90mph. Generally, this is a single event and thus I presume it is a single individual.

Rocklands Road is generally a much quieter location with approximately 250 cars per day in each direction. As it is a single carriageway most of the traffic behaves itself with only a small percentage exceeding 40mph. Here the maximum speed is typically 50-55mph.

8. Report of the Village Hall/Social Club

See report attached.

9. Open Forum for public participation.

None.

10. The agree the date for the next Annual Meeting of the Parish Tuesday 12 May 2026.

Agreed.

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