

BRIDGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 28 July 2026 commencing 7.30 pm at Bridgham & Roudham David O'Neale Memorial Village Hall.

Councillors Present: Cllr P Graham (Chair), Cllr D Gilks and Cllr R Wright

Also in attendance: Sara Campbell & 0 members of the public

1. **To consider accepting apologies for absence:**
None.
2. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 June 2026**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 June 2026 (pages 1-3 of 3) previously circulated to all members, were unanimously agreed and signed by the chair.
3. **To co-opt to the current two vacancies on the Parish Council**
 - 3.1. **Vacancy One** - Christine Evans is unanimously co-opted as a Member of Bridgham Parish Council.
 - 3.2. **Vacancy Two** – Mark Dennis is unanimously co-opted as a Member of Bridgham Parish Council.
4. **To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests:**
None
5. **To receive questions or comments from the parishioners:**
None
6. **To receive the reports from the District & County Councillors:**
District Councillor William Nunn – raised the proposed development at Roudham & Larling for 6000 new homes as part of the Breckland Local Plan. Regulation 19 now consulting until 23 September 2026.

Food waste bins will be delivered to homes over next few weeks. These are small blue bins to take all food waste.

Local Government Review – nothing certain. Proposed 3 unitary trusts, plan will be finalised by end September.

County Council Scott Hussey – Updated Councillors on the proposed Barnham Asylum site, for 1,250 asylum seekers (both legal & illegal immigrants) the site is not fenced. The contract is for a minimum of 10 years. Norfolk County Council opposed to this and have written to the home office.

Colin Sutton was elected as the new Police & Crime Commissioner.

7. To receive the Clerks Report:

8. Playing Field

8.1. To receive an update on the request from East Harling Football Club to use the football pitches for youth matches Clerk has received an email to say that due to the lack of water available on the playing field, as an affiliated FA Club they have to have toilets and water available at matches.

8.2. To receive an update of possible funding for a Trim Trail – no update

8.3. To receive and update on the suggestions received at the Annual Parish Meeting for additional play equipment – no update

9. To consider the prices for the EICR required at the Village Hall -

Clerk has received a quote of £180 + VAT. It was **AGREED** that if the electrician that undertook the previous inspection is less than £180 + VAT the Clerk has the authority to instruct.

10. To consider what actions the Parish Council can take to deal with the parking problems in the village – Councillors discussed but have no power to deal with the issue, it will be added to the next newsletter to remind residents to park considerately.

11. To receive an update on the repairs to the store cupboard at the village hall – No update.

12. To receive an update on the repair of the damage to the village hall steps - No update.

13. PLANNING

13.1. To comment on any current planning applications:

None

13.2. To receive an update on any previous planning applications:

14. FINANCE

14.1. Approval of payments to be made

Payments (C) Unanimously approved

PAY Date	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT
22/5/26	Clear Insurance	Annual Insurance	762.22
25/6/26	Clear Insurance	Annual Insurance	146.47
22/5/26	Village Hall	Room Hire	140.00
22/6/26	Npower	Electricity (May)	39.52
12/6/26	ICO	GDPR Registration	47.00
28/7/26	Npower	Electricity (June)	34.15
28/7/26	Clearscape	Invoices 1143, 1169, 1187	609.99
28/7/26	Rospa Play Safety	Play Area Inspection	104.40
28/7/26	Sara Campbell	Salary & Expenses June	332.20
28/7/26	HMRC	PAYE	58.38
28/7/26	Unity Bank	Charges June	7.00
		TOTAL	2,281.33

14.2 Receipts (B)

Date	Account	Received From	Amount
TOTAL £			0.00

14.3 Responsible Finance Officer's Report:

Details	CR	DR	
Cash Book Balances Brought Forward Community Account & Unity Account TOTAL A	7,144.25		
Receipts this month (Community Account & Unity Account) (listed above): B	0.00		
Payments this month (Unity & Community) (listed above): C		2,281.33	
Cash Book Balance Carried Forward (=A+B-C-D) Community & Unity Account Balances			4,862.92
Business Premium Account Balance Receipts (listed above) B			5,280.11

15. To receive items for the next Agenda:

16. To agree the proposed time and date of the next parish council meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 15 September 2026** at **7.30 pm**.

Meeting Closed at 20:45 pm

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Signed

Chair