

SALTHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2025, AT BRITISH COLUMBIA HALL

Present: Cllr C Clark (Chairman), Cllr S Dawson, Cllr R Dawson, Cllr M Harnett, Cllr B Griffin, Cllr J Wright, County Councillor E Vardy (for Item 5)

Members of the Public: 11

Minutes taken by: L Harper (Clerk)

1. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 November 2025 were approved as a true record.** Minutes were signed by Chairman. Proposed: Cllr Holliday, Seconded: Cllr B Griffin

2. **Apologies for Absence**

There were none

3. **Declarations of Interest**

There were none

4. **Public Participation**

The issue of the flooding on Iron Road was discussed. Highway Department are responsible for the maintenance of this road. County Cllr E Vardy will contact the relevant department. The flooding also effects the nearby field, which has an impact on wildlife. Cllr C Clark will contact Norfolk Wildlife Trust representative to advise of the situation.

5. **County and District Council Reports**

County Cllr E Vardy gave the meeting an update on the Local Government Review. The proposals will be considered and decided in December 2025. He advised that the local elections are scheduled to go ahead, with the mayoral elections being decided this month (December). Funding is still available for the Million Trees for Norfolk initiative, with 50% funding on offer, to find out more check out the website.

Parish Partnership funding is also available with 50% match funding, considering specific projects which could include; bus shelter, trod, rights of way, EV Charging points.

Cllr E Vardy left the meeting.

A report from District Cllr V Holliday had previously been circulated. Cllr V Holliday read to the report. Additional signage for "No Dogs" will be available next year for the playing field.

6. **Planning**

6.1 the following plans were noted

PF/25/2135 – Broomstiles – Awaiting Decision

PF/25/2137 – 2 Bard Hill Barns – Approve

PF/25/2406 – Bard Swallow – Awaiting Decision

PF/25/0941 – Land to the East of Cross Street – refused.

7. **Finance**

7.1 The list of payments was approved and the bank statement noted. Proposed: Cllr C Clark, Seconded: Cllr B Griffin

7.2 Information on the draft budget was circulated. The final budget will be considered for approval at January meeting.

8. **Parish Matters**

8.1 Sports field and children's play area – the new football nets have arrived. Consideration would be needed as to who to fit them. Cllr B Griffin would feedback to next meeting in January. It was agreed that the nets would be rolled up when not in use.

8.2 Allotments – invoices for allotment rents have been sent out to the tenants. Currently there are three non-payers, resulting in a substantial financial shortfall. It was agreed these tenants be sent reminder invoices. Clerk to action.

- 8.3 Heath Committee – The barrier will be installed in the coming months. Various pathways needed to be cleared, working parties will be set up to carry out the work. Details will be put on the parish council website.
- 8.4 Bus Shelter Mural – one of the offers for the mural has been withdrawn, leaving one offer still remaining. Funding has been identified within the village. It was agreed that the proposed design be sent to the Clerk who will post it on the parish council website, notice boards and the email address list held by the Clerk. A final vote on the mural will be made at the meeting in January.
- 8.5 EV Charging Points – the possible installation of the charging points was discussed, including the location. It was agreed more information was needed and a request for a site visit from to be made by the Clerk.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 A Letter from Wells Town Council regarding the Local Government Review had been previously circulated. Consideration regarding if Salthouse Parish Council should also respond was discussed. It was agreed that Cllrs could respond individually to NALC to give their views.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 12 January 2026, 7pm, British Columbia Hall
Meetings will now return to bi monthly, dates are on the website.