

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Friars Farm Barn, Morningthorpe
at 6.30pm on Tuesday 9 September 2025

Present: Cllrs W Sargent, C McDonnell, G Floyd, N Cullum

In attendance: G Roderick-Jones (Clerk), District Cllr M Hooton, County Cllr A Thomas

Public Discussion:

- A resident drew the council's attention to the fact that HGVs belonging to Peddars Pigs continue to use unclassified roads, and particularly Anson's Lane to access The Mill. Cllr Sargent has spoken to Peddars Pigs and has been assured that the drivers were now using the newly opened bridge to make use of major roads, but this has obviously not yet happened. County Cllr Thomas informed the meeting that works to mitigate flooding were due to finish this weekend; also, further improvements to traffic flow should also follow as contractors complete various works and further roads will soon reopen to allow traffic to and from the Mill to the south to make use of Parkers Lane and right at the roundabout, and to the north via Long Stratton and over the bridge. Some satnav systems may be slow to update as roads open. Some months may be needed for final completion of the construction phase. Meanwhile, NCC Highways will monitor traffic, particularly business users, and once completed, Highways will make good potholes and side erosion which has resulted from this project.
- A resident pointed out that some vulnerable residents have received written notification from East Pye Solar of the possibility of compulsory purchase and eviction in connection with their solar farm proposals. District Cllr Hooton will take this up; County Cllr Thomas, as Cabinet Member for Adult Care, will also follow this up at county council level with the Safeguarding team. She asked to be copied into any correspondence on this matter, and also to copy in Phil Bates (Block East Pye Action group, who is in touch with the Police and Crime Commissioner).
- A resident referred to a water main leak; when this was reported to Anglian Water, AW denied responsibility – however, the issue now appears to be resolved.
- An email from a resident who was unable to attend the meeting was read out verbatim (at his request). It concerned HGV traffic on Anson's Lane, and the issues raised are covered in the public discussion above.

1 Apologies for absence: Cllr P Rodger

2 Declarations of interest: Cllrs Sargent and Macdonnell declared an interest in item 9

3 Report from District Councillor: Food waste bins will be phased in from next April, with a marketing campaign starting in October. A new depot at Ketteringham will open in the next year. Household bin collection days should remain unaltered, with a new bin collection app under development. There are many areas connected to local government reorganisation undecided at both district and county levels.

Report from County Councillor: Adult Care needs to make £20 million savings to balance the books. A business plan for the creation of a unitary authority is under way. Footpaths affected by the bypass construction will be diverted by legal order. Cllr Thomas has discussed a traffic survey for the parish with NCC Area Highways Engineer, Gary Overland. A survey will take place in time, though current

road and traffic conditions are atypical and a survey will need to wait until the situation has normalised.

- 4 **Minutes** of the last meeting held on 15 July 2025 were approved and signed, with a request by Cllr Floyd that future minutes contain greater detail.

5 **Finances**

- a NOTED: current bank balances as at 2 September 2025

current account	£5,265.24
savings account	£2,100.33
savings 2	£1,096.73
balance	£8,372.30

- b NOTED payment of £166.80 by direct debit to SNDC for dog bin servicing

6 **Planning applications since last meeting:**

- a 2025/2530 3 School Road, Fritton: rear single-storey flat roofed extension (no objection)
- b late applications if any (none)

- 7 **Review of Council Documentation:** Asset Register signed as agreed at last meeting; Financial Regulations to be re-examined at next meeting; Standing Orders to be examined at next meeting given more time to study.

- 8 **Highways/Road Safety:** Ongoing. County Cllr Thomas is looking into a traffic survey to help the council to improve road safety – please see public discussion above.

- 9 **East Pye Solar proposals:** Cllr Floyd informed the council that surveying work has already started within the parish. He has also seen video evidence of the amount of noise pollution produced by solar farms on the scale proposed for this area. It is still unclear as to the proposed location of a substation.

- 10 **Correspondence:** as above and as circulated to councillors

- 11 **AOB/ items for the next agenda:** as above, plus: proposed change of use of church land (Dr Bamber), payment of approximately £100 to Roger Rackham to replace wooden seating around the village sign – proposed by Cllr McDonnell and seconded by Cllr Cullum, agreed by all.

- 12 **Next meeting:** Tuesday 11 November 2025 at 6.30pm in Friar's Farm Barn