

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 11 November 2025

Present: Cllrs P Rodger, C McDonnell, G Floyd

In attendance: G Roderick-Jones (Clerk)

Public Discussion:

- A resident of Anson's Lane who submitted a complaint via email in September concerning HGV traffic continuing to use unsuitable minor roads despite the opening of the Hall Road bridge attended to tell the council that the problem was now resolved, and to thank the parish council for their part in resolving the issue.

1 Apologies for absence: Cllr W Sargent, Cllr N Cullum, District Cllr M Hooton, County Cllr A Thomas

2 Declarations of interest: Cllrs Rodger and Macdonnell declared an interest in item 10

3 Report from District Councillor: (via email) Cllr Hooton referred to the launch of a new BinApp which has far more functions than the previous app. He also referred to a seminal new strategy Local Nature Recovery Strategy, which is a joint initiative by Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils.

Report from County Councillor: (via email) Cllr Thomas confirmed that traffic monitoring strips had been deployed, and she would follow up with the Area Highways Engineer when he returned from leave. Devolution has been agreed and a combined authority is being set up in preparation for the mayoral elections in May 2026. There has not yet been a response from the government to the Local Government Reorganisation plans submitted by all three Norfolk councils. The lease at the Morningthorpe Recycling Centre has been extended.

4 Minutes of the last meeting held on 9 September 2025 were approved and signed.

5 Finances

a NOTED: current bank balances as at 4 November 2025

current account £5,118.44

savings account £2,100.33

savings 2 £1,096.73

balance £8,326.14

b NOTED: receipt of £20.00 from SNDC for Litterpick

c NOTED: funds currently include almost £1500.00 in unallocated CIL monies, which needs to be borne in mind when considering expenditure such as traffic calming measures (clerk will contact Cllr Thomas re the kinds of electronic signs which are permitted in Norfolk, and also for a quote from manufacturers)

d APPROVED: payments as follows:

Roger Rackham £123.06 repairs to wooden seating around village sign

M&F PCC £300.00 annual donation for churchyard maintenance

(proposed by Cllr McDonnell, seconded by Cllr Rodger; also a gift to be purchased by Cllr McDonnell for Mr Rackham as he accepts payment for materials only and gives his time and expertise freely – proposed by Cllr Rodger and seconded by Cllr Floyd)

- 6 Planning applications since last meeting:**
- a 2025/2885 Manor Farm House, The Common: freestanding pergola and heater
 - b 2025/2956 The Dak, Ansons Lane: discharge of condition 15, external lighting (decided)
 - c late applications if any (none)
- NO OBJECTIONS to these applications
- 7 Change of use of church land:** it emerged that there has been some misunderstanding about this. This refers to a previous planning application for vehicular access to a parcel of land which is under new ownership, and which is adjacent to church land. The application has been decided.
- 8 Review of Council Documentation:** Model Standing Orders produced by NALC will be adopted by this council and referred to in the event of any procedural dispute.
Proposed by Cllr Floyd and seconded by Cllr Rodger
- 9 Highways/Road Safety:** A hedge on the Krons is overgrown and impeding the road; Cllr Rodger will check and request the owner to trim it back.
There have recently been accidents in Fritton and on the Hempnall Road.
Damage to the pull-in north of Beeches Farm on The Street; heavily rutted, could cause damage to vehicles pulling in to let traffic pass.
- 10 East Pye Solar proposals:** The Block East Pye group are asking residents to submit comments to the Inspectorate using the template which is on their website. County Council Thomas has forwarded an email inviting councillors to an MS Teams meeting which will be held on Tuesday 18 November.
- 11 Correspondence:** items already circulated, and referred to above
- 12 Items for next agenda/AOB (for information only)** as above
- 12 Next meeting:** Tuesday 13 January 2026 at 6.30pm in Friar's Farm Barn