

MORNINGTHORPE AND FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at Friars Farm Barn, Morningthorpe
at 6.30pm on Tuesday 12 May 2026

Present: Cllrs W Sargent, P Rodger, G Floyd, V Chandler

In attendance: G Roderick-Jones (Clerk), County Cllr Karl Catchpole, 5 members of the public

- 1 Election of Chair:** Cllr Floyd was nominated by Cllr Chandler and seconded by Cllr Floyd; no further nominations. Cllr Floyd having accepted the nomination, he was duly elected Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 2 Election of Vice Chair:** Cllr Chandler was nominated by Cllr Floyd and Seconded by Cllr Chandler; no further nominations. Cllr Chandler having accepted the nomination, she was duly elected Vice Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 3 Apologies for absence:** Cllr C McDonnell, District Cllr M Hooton
- 3a Declarations of interest:** Cllrs Sargent and Rodger declared an interest in item 13; also Cllr Sargent in item 9
- 4 Report from County Councillor:** none
- 5 Minutes** of the last meeting held on 10 March agreed and signed (proposed Cllr Rodger, seconded Cllr Chandler)
- 6 Finances:**
 - a Current bank balances as at 5 May 2026 NOTED

current account	£5,822.80
savings account	£2,118.80
savings 2	£1,016.37
balance	£8,957.97
 - b AGREED internal audit arrangements for 2025-6 – auditor Leah Smith, fee £75.00
 - c SIGNED: Certificate of Exemption 2025-6
 - d SIGNED: Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements NOTE: page 3 error to be corrected and sent to Cllr Floyd for signature
(items 6c & d proposed by Cllr Chandler and seconded by Cllr Rodger)
 - e NOTED: receipt of full year's precept of £3558.00 from SNDC on 27 April 2026
 - f AUTHORISED – annual insurance premium Zurich Municipal £214.00
(payment proposed Cllr Floyd, seconded by Cllr Chadler)
- 7 Planning applications since last meeting:** none
- 8 Flooding in Fritton:** No response as yet to clerk's messages to the new surface flooding team; clerk will follow up and copy to District Cllr Hooton.
- 9 Closure of Morningthorpe Recycling Centre:** residents are concerned at the loss of a local amenity, but also at the increased risk of fly tipping in the area as a whole. Cllr Sargent is the landowner and he reports that attempts to discuss the issue with the site operators to agree alternative sites have not been successful. Cllr Floyd will coordinate with County Cllr Catchpole, who has stated that he is in favour of a new venue.
- 10 Proposal to set up dedicated Facebook page:** The LGA encourage PCs to have an identity which is not tied to an individual or individuals. A Facebook page is proposed to carry minutes, notices, dates and events and

which would be open to the public but with restricted posting rights. A trial will be conducted by Cllr Chandler – for next agenda. Proposed by Cllr Floyd, seconded by Cllr Sargent.

- 11 Signage for PC Meetings:** the venue is not obvious to all attendees. Ideas to improve this include a sandwichboard outside the venue, a map on the website, use of What3Words
- 12 Highways/Road Safety:** ongoing: Cllr Floyd will speak to County Cllr Catchpole
- 13 East Pye Solar proposals:** Ongoing discussions. Proposed to submit formal registration of objections by the PC to the East Pye proposals – proposed by Cllr Floyd and seconded by Cllr Chandler.
- 14 Non-compliant email addresses:** of the two proposals put forward by NorfolkALC, the council opt for the second option, which will involve the creation of a manageable domain name (“Morningthorpeparish.gov.uk”) at an annual cost of £56.00 – proposed by Cllr Floyd and seconded by Cllr Sargent) – clerk will submit the paperwork
- 15 Correspondence:** items already circulated, and referred to above
- 16 Items for next agenda/AOB (for information only)** as above
- 17 Next meeting:** Tuesday 14 July 2026: at 6.30pm in Friar’s Farm Barn