

ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th November 2025 at 7.00pm at Pott Row Village Hall

In Attendance:

Councillors: Suzi Pimlott, Michael Rae (Chair), Colin Manning, Colin Nichols, Marc Starling, Tim Tilbrook
Clerk – Pippa Winson

77/25 To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies from N Fletcher, S Pimlott (who will be arriving late) and Cllr Simon Ring. Still no response or contact from Cllr Anota.

78/25 To consider Requests for Dispensations from the restriction on participating in the discussion or voting on a matter in which a member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

None.

79/25 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4th September 2025.

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes were agreed and signed.

80/25 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

None.

81/25 Public Speaking.

(a) Borough/County Councillor Report:

Cllr M DeWhalley apologised for not being more visible due to family commitments but advised that he is always contactable and email is the best way. He advised that the Borough Council have submitted their submission in respect of Local Government Reorganisation and the preferred option is for three unitary councils to be formed. Norfolk County Council are proposing one unitary authority. There will be a statutory consultation but there is no sign of it yet. Representations can be made to the Secretary of State. CIL training and presentations are taking place. They have changed the way that allocations are made and 20% of the fund can be applied for by Parish Council's and local community groups. The application window will be from 1st March 2026 until 1st May 2026. The remaining 80% will be spent on strategic projects in line with the Borough Council's capital programme. Match funding is not essential but is desirable. The Local Nature Recovery Plan is on the Norfolk County Council website and is in the process of being endorsed by the Borough Council. Cllr Manning asked about the plans for a new swimming pool and he advised that both the Oasis and Lynnsport are being looked at. Recommendation is that Lynnsport is the best site. The estimated cost is £45 million.

(b) Members of the Public: None.

82/25 Matters arising.

None.

83/25 Correspondence received (for info only).

Email re Garden Lodge, no action required as parishioner is contacting Borough Council direct.

Various – via email.

S Pimlott arrived

84/25 Ground/Surface Flooding

M Rae advised that he had been with an engineer and that the outlet that takes the water to the common is blocked. Cllr M DeWhalley advised that IDB may have jurisdiction.

85/25 Highways

Low Rd potholes have been marked out but the markings have worn away. St Andrews Lane, Congham have had the grups cleared out. Hall Lane & Church Lane grups need clearing out.

86/25 Hudson Fen Leisure

Car boots have finished for the year. Only four were rained off in the whole year. The table tennis top repair is pending. The Fenland Allotment Trust are giving £20,000 towards the Pump Track.

87/25 Roydon Common

- (a) None.
- (b) Many years ago there were some encroachments onto the common and the Borough Council investigated and there were two serious encroachments. There was this property 40, Low Road and the last property on Station Road before the crossroads. There was an agreement drawn up which stated that once the current tenant vacates the land would revert back to the Parish Council. C Nichols will contact Kenneth Bush, who are the solicitors used for the licence, and ask for their copy of the agreement. Clerk will check land registry records.

88/25 NWT

Not heard anything further and no response from NWT so will remove from agenda.

89/25 Roydon Crossroads Bus Stop

Meeting has been held with NCC and they have suggested a bus shelter and bench. Pending response from Mr Sandle. Various bench options were discussed, but the recycled material bench from Glasdon at £608.00 looked a possible option.

90/25 Village Litter Pick

Litter pick 28th September, forty people attended. Suggested that the PC purchase litter-picking kits, T Tilbrook will get some costs.

91/25 Asset Maintenance

Noticeboard works, quotes pending.

92/25 C.I.L – Potential Applications

Nothing to discuss.

93/25 Defibrillator

Delivered, quote pending for installation. There is a potential issue with the electrics at the pub.

94/25 Kings Coronation Tree

Plaque and tree guard will be installed when replacement tree planted later this month.

95/25 Gov.Uk Email address

Some councillors still to set up. S Pimlott asked if everyone could get their email accounts set up.

96/25 Finance

Payments: A Woodhouse (Common Cutting) - £400.00, R Walden (Village Sign Info) - £98.42, CPRE (Membership) - £60.00.

97/25 Planning

No updates or applications to consider.

98/25 To receive Councillors Concerns and items for next meeting agenda.

None.

99/25 Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8th January 2026. Following meeting dates: 5th March, 14th May, 2nd July, 3rd September and 5th November.

Meeting closed 20.28pm

Chairman Date