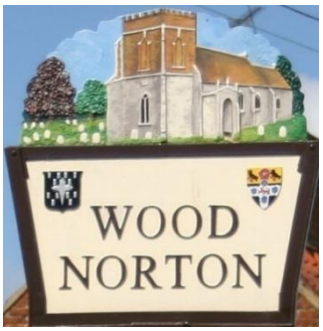


Wood Norton Parish Council

Chair: Marcus Crowe Parish Clerk: Joanne Madders clerkwoodnortonpc@gmail.com

Minutes of Wood Norton Parish Council Ordinary Parish Meeting held in the village hall at 7.30 pm, Wednesday 18th November 2026

Present: Cllr Marcus Crowe (Chair), Cllr John Jennings, Cllr Loraine O'Keefe, Cllr Tim Lidstone-Scott, Cllr Jean Johnson, Cllr Daniel Coe.
Clerk: Joanne Madders
Members of the public: 1

2026/110 To consider accepting apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllr Tess Morley in advance of the meeting and were accepted. No apologies were received from District Councillor Mike Hankins or County Councillor Andrew Brown.

2026/111 To record Declarations of Interest from members on any item to be discussed.
None declared.

2026/112 Minutes:
a. To discuss any matters from the minutes not listed on the agenda. (For information only).
2026/97 The Clerk replied to planning application.
2026/101 The Clerk/Cllr Lidstone-Scott reported the highway issues.
2026/102 The Chair sent letters of thanks regarding the village seat sign.
b. To approve and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th September 2026.
Resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

2026/113 To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor.
District Cllr Mike Hankins and County Cllr Andrew Brown were both absent from the meeting and no reports had been received.

2026/114 Parishioner open forum
One resident was in attendance. He has professional experience of emergency planning and would like to develop an emergency plan for the village. Wildfires and climate related issues are becoming more common. Norfolk County Council produce basic templates which could be used. Potential hazards would be identified, vulnerable people identified, equipment people can lend, response and actions that could be taken. Aiming to make the landscape around the village more resilient. Councillors agreed this would a good idea and agreed to cover the cost of hiring the village hall if a

meeting is arranged. The resident will start to make contact with people in the village and send his proposal to the Clerk. VETS can also be used for emergency planning.

2026/115 The Chair/Clerk to provide an update on any information, actions or correspondence since the last meeting.

i. **Digital Poverty Alliance email dated 18.10.26**
Noted

ii. **Norfolk ALC PHP Security Vulnerabilities email dated 22.10.26**
Noted

iii. **The Norfolk County Council Local List for Validation - Parish Councils email dated 29.10.26**
Noted

iv. **Norfolk County Council's Budget Consultation 2027-28 email dated 30.10.26**
Noted

v. **Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Update 10.11.26**
Email circulated after agenda had been circulated. Noted.

vi. **Supporting Older Drivers in your Parish email dated 18.11.26**
Email discussed during the meeting and circulated after the meeting. Noted

2026/116 Finance.

a) To receive the current financial position.

The Chair/RFO advised the following:
Community A/C £3,604.29 10 transactions since last meeting, including £1,757.28 precept received.
Community (Defib) A/C £836.70. No transactions since last meeting.
Business Premium (Village sign) £1,421.78. No transactions since last meeting.
Business Premium (Investment) £4,764.63. No transactions since last meeting.

b) To ratify payments

None.

c) To approved payments to be made:

i) **Clerk's home working allowance**
£54 approved

d) To ratify the proposed budget

No changes made since the budget was presented at the September meeting. Resolved to approve.

e) To ratify the proposed precept

No changes made since the precept was discussed at the September meeting. Resolved to approve.
The Clerk will submit the parish precept request. **ACTION: Clerk**

2026/117 To review recent planning applications and note any decisions made.

i) **PF/26/0763 Wood Norton Hall, Hall Lane Erection of detached ancillary garage to north, and detached ancillary stable block to east (Now Approved)**
Noted.

Chair initials.....

ii) **PF/26/2169 Foulsham Farm Foulsham Road Demolition of two existing poultry houses and erection of replacement poultry house with associated infrastructure.**
Responses were collated by the Clerk by email who responded to the application on 10.11.26.

iii) **PA/26/2345 Cromes Farm House Foulsham Road Prior approval for ground mounted solar array to be located in the field adjacent to the main house size of array is 20m x3.5 wide and 2.4 high.**
Now withdrawn

2026/118 To receive an update on VETS (including an update on defibrillator replacement)
Cllr Lidstone-Scott is having trouble making contact but will continue to try.

2026/119 To receive an update on drainage issues (including Foulsham Road)
The pipe under Foulsham Road has now been cleaned out. The Chair will provide a map/plan of the drains to be kept for information. **ACTION: Chair**

2026/120 To receive an update on Norfolk Police OP Radium
No further updates received.

2026/121 To receive an update on highways issues
There are potholes on Rectory Road requiring attention.

2026/122 To review the Biodiversity plan
Some councillors set up a parish council biodiversity information table at the recent Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) information evening. Many residents who attended were interested and provided ideas. Some ideas were not related to biodiversity but will be fed back to the NWT by Cllr Lidstone-Scott. NWT are looking to designate some land for community use. There are still concerns over traffic and roads. **ACTION: Cllr Lidstone-Scott**

2026/123 To receive an update on the possibility of an electric charging point at the village hall.
Cllr Lidstone-Scott made enquiries. There doesn't seem to be a need for a charging point.

2026/124 To receive an update on the possibility of a Parish Partnership bid for a bus shelter.
Cllr Jennings made enquiries. This project would not be funded as Wood Norton has no bus stop and no bus route through the village. Funding is not applicable for school buses.
The chair advised that residents can request to be picked up at a couple of places near the village.

2026/125 To receive an update on the Norfolk Wildlife Trust drop in event held on 16th November.
Discussed at 2026/122.

2026/126 To receive an update on social housing and infrastructure.

Chair initials.....

An email from Anna Clarke 4.11.26 had been circulated. Councillors are keen to continue investigating the possibility of affordable housing. Any development should only be for local people. The Chair will approach the landowner. **ACTION: Chair**

2026/127 To review the Action Plan

Councillors reviewed the action plan and outstanding points were discussed. The NALC standing orders have been updated but Norfolk ALC are still finalising their new model version.

2026/128 To discuss annual village litter pick

The next litter pick will be held on 13th March 2026.

2026/129 To discuss any other urgent Items.

The Clerk received an email from Stibbard Parish Council regarding the parish magazine and asked what steps Wood Norton Parish Council were taking to replace it, as no one has stepped forward. Some residents have discussed the possibility of a parish newsletter. The Chair thanked Cllr Johnson and the volunteers who have been involved in the magazine over many years. The Clerk will reply to the email. **ACTION: Clerk**

2026/130 To receive any items for inclusion on the next Agenda

Affordable Housing, Biodiversity, Emergency Plan, VETS

2026/131 To agree suggested 2026 meeting date at the village hall at 7:30pm:

Wednesday 20th January 2027
Wednesday 17th March 2027
Wednesday 19th May 2027 (including Annual Parish Meeting)
Wednesday 7th July 2027
Wednesday 22nd September 2027
Wednesday 17th November 2027
Noted.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th January 2027 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting of Wood Norton Parish Council held on 18th November 2026

Signed by the Chair.....

Chair initials.....