



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REEPHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7:30PM AT STIMPSON'S PIECE**

Present: H. Selwyn, N. Fielding, R. Goodyear, G. Kular (from 26/07) & L. Dreisin
Clerk: Kirsty Cotgrove
District Cllr S. Beadle
6 members of the public

26/01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted for Fergus MacGregor (illness).

26/02. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES

There have been no further applications.

26/03. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

26/04. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH DECEMBER 2025

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10th December 2025 had previously been circulated. The minutes were unanimously **AGREED** and signed.

26/05. INFORMATION ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS & TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

26/06. REPORTS FROM POLICE, DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

PC Evans – PC Evans sent his apologies prior to the meeting. He gave a brief verbal report to the Clerk.

District Cllr Beadle – District Cllr Beadle was not in attendance.

County Cllr Peck – County Cllr Peck sent his apologies in advance of the meeting.

26/07. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

Three representatives from Synergy Trust were in attendance. They spoke about the importance of community engagement for the proposed community sports hall on Reepham High School's grounds. They stressed that this will only work with community support and asked if anyone interested in helping with funding applications. The sports hall will stand as an independent charity, to run itself. The S106 funding from the Broomhill Lane development will pay £1.8m in total, some of which has funded the reserved matters application. The Trust will contact Reepham News and Reepham Life, to put an article to advertise the plans, and to request help.

26/08. FINANCE

(a) To approve list of payments made / to be made

The list of payments was circulated prior to the meeting. It was unanimously **APPROVED**.

(b) To receive the income & expenditure report to 31st January 2026

The Income & Expenditure report was received.

(c) To consider quotes for car park lighting at Stimpson's Piece, Bartle Court end

Three quotes were sought, but only two received. Following discussion, on a proposal by Cllr Dreisin, seconded by Cllr Goodyear, it was **AGREED** to accept the quote from Orange Fox for £3995.06

(d) To approve a new signatory for the Town Council bank accounts.

Following the resignation of a previous signatory, it was **AGREED** to appoint Cllr Fielding as signatory on the Town Council bank accounts.

(e) To ratify acceptance of a quote of £900 for renovation of the town sign.

A request for a craftsman was put into the newsletter and advertised, but nothing has been forthcoming. Latitude 53 Design has therefore attended and removed the sign for renovation. It was **AGREED** that they should proceed with renovations.

(e) Grass cutting contract

The Clerk received a call from the grass cutting contractor to advise that the long-term contract has expired. A new contract has been sent through, with a 20% increase. When the last contract was agreed, this contractor was considered very good value and is reliable and high quality. IT was **AGREED** that he will be approved for this year and see if the Council can enter into another three-year agreement.

26/09. ALLOTMENTS – To receive any updates

Skips were delivered to Stony Lane and Fiddlers Field. The skip at Stony Lane was filled almost to capacity within the first few hours, when the Allotment Association's shed was cleared. Both skips have since been collected. Allotment rents will need to be reviewed later this year, as the skips cost approximately £600.

26/10. MARKET PLACE – to receive any updates

A bench in the market Place was hit by a vehicle. The bench has since been removed, presumably by the person who hit it, to arrange repair.

26/11. OVERTON WAY PLAY AREA – to receive any updates

Nothing to report.

26/12. TOWN HALL – to receive any updates

Nothing to report.

26/13. CEMETERY – to receive any updates

The draft S106 agreement for the Broomhill Lane development has been published in the Council website, and it refers to the cemetery extension land. It suggests that the land must be used within 10 years of the transfer, or it will be returned to the developer. The Clerk has emailed Broadland District Council to ascertain what is meant by this (fencing and mowing or an interment), and it waiting for a response.

26/14. STIMPSON'S PIECE – to consider grant funding options for the skatepark

The Clerk has re-submitted an application to Grantscape, however more funding streams will be required. The Clerk will contact Jess at Bircham Centre for advice regarding grant finders.

26/15. HIGHWAYS MATTERS – (a) To update on Highways issues in the Town, and to consider any action necessary

Any highways problems can be reported directly at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/39652/Report-a-highways-problem>.

Malthouse Close is flooded again. The Clerk will contact the Highways Engineer to see if he can come out to have a look.

Whitwell Hall Road is worse than ever. Someone from Highways came out to look but no action has been taken. The Clerk will chase this up with the Highways Engineer.

There is a lot of standing water outside the High School entrance. The Clerk will report this.

26/16. PUBLIC TOILETS – to receive any updates

The water meter has been replaced. The meeting with Matthew Yates regarding a potential transfer of the public toilets to the Town Council was cancelled, and will be rearranged.

26/17. PLANNING

(a) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

2025/3932. The Old Bakery, Market Place, Reepham. It was **AGREED** that the Council has no objection to

this application.

2025/3875. Hornsea Project, Cawston Road, Reepham. It was **AGREED** that the Council has no objection to this application.

2026/0212. Fern House, Dereham Road, Reepham. It was **AGREED** that the Council has no objection to this application.

(b) APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

None.

(c) TO CONSIDER LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

(d) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

(e) TO RATIFY APPLICATION RESPONSES AGREED BETWEEN MEETINGS

2024/2390. Girton House, Market Place, Reepham. The Town Council had no objection or comment on this application.

2025/3411. The Whitwell & Reepham Station, Reepham. The Town Council objected to this application.

2025/3946. Reepham High School and College, Whitwell Road, Reepham. The Town Council had no objection to or comment on this application.

2025/3824. 14 Townsend Court, Reepham. The Town Council had no objection to or comment on this application.

2025/3936. Jordan Green Farm, Jordan Green, Whitwell. The Town Council objected to this application.

26/18. TO UPDATE ON WIND CABLING CORRIDORS AND APPLICATIONS

Nothing to report.

26/19. TO DISCUSS THE YMCA REPORT, AND TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN REEPHAM

The Clerk has spoken to the Community Capacity Officer at Broadland District Council, who is meeting with some youth workers in Diss over half term, to see if she can get some advice on how to set something up in Reepham, and what would be most suitable. She will then arrange a meeting with the Council to see how she can assist.

26/20. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE, ITEMS OF INFORMATION & REFER TO FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) To update on the Wednesday Lunch Club. John Tym has worked incredibly hard to ensure that the Wednesday Lunch Club can continue to operate, with Reepham & Whitwell Station kindly allowing the use of their minibus. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk can drive bus when required. School minibus is available too if necessary.
- (b) Quietways. A consultation is currently taking place for a project on Whitwell Road. It was considered that, as a main route out of town, with a 60mph limit it is unsuitable as a Quietway. Closure of orchard lane at the Cawston Road junction would be more useful. An MOP sat in on the Teams meeting. There will be a meeting at the Bircham Centre, Thursday 19th March, from 2-7pm.
- (c) Concerns re lack of crossing at Co-Op. Biodiversity Day is on 22nd May. Cllr Selwyn proposed a visual demonstration for a zebra crossing at Co-Op, which was in the original plans, but was removed before the final planning application was submitted.
- (d) Two anonymous letters have been sent to the Town Council within the last month, both with complaints about things outside the control to the Council. People are welcome to contact the Council with queries, but must give their details, so the Council can respond to them, with signposting to the correct bodies as necessary.

26/21. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – 11TH MARCH 2026 The Town Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 7:30pm, followed by the Stimpson's Piece Trustee meeting.

26/22. TO CLOSE THE MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:33.

Minutes Agreed..... 11th March 2026