



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REEPHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL 2026 AT 7:30PM AT STIMPSON'S PIECE**

Present: H. Selwyn, N. Fielding, L. Dreisin, F. MacGregor.

Clerk: Kirsty Cotgrove

4 members of the public

26/46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted for S. Morgan (working) and G. Kular (holiday).

26/47. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES

There have been no further applications.

26/48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

26/49. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2026

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th March 2026 had previously been circulated. The minutes were unanimously **AGREED** and signed.

26/50. INFORMATION ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS & TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

Cllr Selwyn had circulated information re biodiversity events prior to the meeting. She has spoken to the manager of the Co-Op regarding the plant beds outside the shop, and will arrange a children's picture competition together with a zebra crossing promotion at the coop to coincide and encourage participation at the Bircham centre's event on 23rd May

There are plans to map biodiversity in the Town, and the Clerk and Cllr Dreisin will speak to the school to see if Duke of Edinburgh and Geography students would like to be involved.

Cllr MacGregor outlined plans for the story of wheat event he is organising in July. He will apply for road closure and the event will feature farm machinery in the town centre.

26/51. REPORTS FROM POLICE, DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

PC Evans – PC Evans was not in attendance, but has emailed speed figures from February to Councillors.

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

County Cllr Peck – County Cllr Peck sent his apologies and a report prior to the meeting. He is retiring, so will not be standing in the election in May. Cllr Selwyn will write to County Cllr Peck to thank him for all his hard work over the years.

26/52. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

26/53. 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 March 2026

The Income & Expenditure report was received.

(c) To consider a grant request from the Classic Car Festival for £300 for a road closure, PL insurance and first aid.

Following discussion, the grant award was **AGREED**.

(d) To consider a grant request from Whitwell Common Trust for £171.75 for PL insurance

Following discussion, the grant award was **AGREED**.

(e) To confirm that the Council is meeting requirements for Assertion 10

The Clerk reported that all measures are in place for Assertion 10 on the new AGAR.

26/54. ALLOTMENTS – To receive any updates

None.

26/55. MARKET PLACE – to receive any updates

(a) To update on the Town Sign

The Ewing family have been in contact with the Council and would like to offer a donation of 50% of the renovation cost of the Town sign. Ken Ewing's late sister Diane was involved in the sign being installed, when she was president of the WI. Thanks were passed to the Ewing family, and Diane's son Craig Turner, for this incredibly kind donation.

(b) Other Marketplace issues

The Clerk has asked Highways if a disabled parking space can be marked out. They will consider this and will look at the site when next in the area.

The new Market Place parking restrictions have now started. There is now a 2-hour allowance, and parking is allowed on both sides of the Market Place on a Wednesday morning.

26/56. OVERTON WAY PLAY AREA – to receive any updates

Nothing to report.

26/57. TOWN HALL – to receive any updates

Nothing to report.

26/58. CEMETERY – to receive any updates

Nothing to report.

26/59. STIMPSON'S PIECE – to consider requests from Trustees

The new lights have been installed in the car park.

26/60. 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>.

(b) Ongoing water leak on Norwich Road, close to Reepham Fisheries

Following investigation, it appears that this leak is not due to Anglian Water, but is a Highways drainage issue. The Clerk will contact Highways to chase a resolution.

26/61. PUBLIC TOILETS – to receive any updates

The District Council has asked if the Town Council can wait to formally request the toilets, until after the County Council elections on 7th May.

26/62. PLANNING

(a) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

2026/0656. White House, Pettywell, Reepham. Addition of a garden room to the rear of the property. The Town Council has no objection to this application.

(b) APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

20200847. Broomhill Lane Development. This application has now received approval with conditions. Concerns were raised about the increase in traffic so close to the school.

(c) TO CONSIDER LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

(d) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

26/63. TO UPDATE ON WIND CABLING CORRIDORS AND APPLICATIONS

Nothing to report.

26/64. TO NOTE THE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD IN THE RUN UP TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON 7TH MAY

Although it is business as usual for the Town Council, both the District and County Council has entered the pre-election period, which commenced on 31st March. Therefore, no new spending decisions are likely until after 7th May.

26/65. TO REVIEW THE OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE PROTOCOL

The protocol was distributed prior to the meeting. And was **AGREED**.

26/66. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE, ITEMS OF INFORMATION & REFER TO FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(a) Norfolk Area Ramblers, request for Rights of Way Audit

Following an email from the Ramblers, it was **AGREED** to appoint Alan XX as footpath warden, if he is happy to do it. The map for the town is ongoing.

(b) Email from NCC to report on Local Government Reorganisation

Noted.

(c) NCC request for streetlighting on Broomhill Lane development

This will be added to the May agenda for a decision.

26/67. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – 13th MAY 2026

The Annual Town Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 7:30pm, followed by the Stimpson's Piece Trustee meeting.

26/68. TO CLOSE THE MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:06.

Minutes Agreed..... 13th May 2026