



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REEPHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7:30PM AT STIMPSON'S PIECE**

Present: H. Selwyn, L. Dreisin, N. Fielding, S. Morgan.

Clerk: Kirsty Cotgrove

County Cllr Thomas

District Cllr Beadle

5 members of the public

26/116. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted for F. MacGregor, R. Goodyear and G. Kular.

26/117. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES

A resident who is interested in joining the Council was in attendance to observe the meeting. She will complete the application form and bring it to the October meeting.

26/118. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

26/119. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2026

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 24th June 2026 had previously been circulated. The minutes were unanimously **AGREED** and signed.

26/120. INFORMATION ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS & TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

None.

26/121. REPORTS FROM POLICE, DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

PC Evans – Sent his apologies and a report in advance of the meeting.

County Cllr Thomas – The Council is trialling a new pothole filling machine. Local Government Reorganisation has been paused for review. Devolution is still going ahead. The Greater Norwich Local Plan consultation is open, but as the sites have not yet been reviewed for suitability by the District Council, these are not included in the consultation. The National Planning Policy Framework has now been adopted, so will form consideration for all planning applications. From 31st October, new rules come in regarding Planning Committees. The new Mayor will have additional powers in deciding large planning applications.

District Cllr Beadle – Was not in attendance.

26/122. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

26/123. 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 August 2026

The Income & Expenditure report was received.

(c) To approve the Asset Register

The Asset Register was unanimously approved.

26/124. ALLOTMENTS – To approve the annual rent for the allotment sites, with effect from 1st October 2027

Information with the previous year's costs, and this years' predicted costs were distributed to Councillors in advance of the meeting. Cllrs Morgan and Dreisin declared an interest, as allotment tenants, but were given a dispensation to vote. The possibility of water on the sites was discussed. On a proposal by Cllr Selwyn, seconded by Cllr Fielding, it was **AGREED** to increase rent for full size plot to £80 for tenants from October 2027.

26/125. MARKET PLACE – to receive any updates

Parking issues in front of shops was discussed. The Clerk has contacted the Highways Engineer to see why the edges of the Market Place are not included in the parking restrictions, and to see if No Parking areas can be painted in front of some business doorways. She will also chase the progress of a disabled space and copy in the County Councillor. The farming day will not go ahead this year. The Clerk will chase a possible contractor for the new map.

26/126. OVERTON WAY PLAY AREA – to receive any updates

There has been a huge increase in fly tipping at Overton Way. The Clerk has put a post on social media to advise how fly tipping can be reported.

26/127. TOWN HALL – to receive any updates

Nothing to report.

26/128. CEMETERY – to review burial fees

It was **AGREED** to increase fees in line with the Church of England fees. It was **AGREED** to increase them automatically in line with the Church of England fees each year.

26/129. STIMPSON'S PIECE – (a) to update on the skatepark

Grantscape has again turned the Town Council down for a grant towards the skatepark. The Clerk also applied for one from the Bernard Sunley Foundation, but was unsuccessful. She has applied for another grant, and it has been confirmed that Albanwise will have a community benefit fund when the solar park is built.

(b) To consider quotes for flooring for the hall

Five companies were approached and two supplied quotes, which were distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was **AGREED** to accept the quote from Hicks flooring for the main hall and the kitchen repairs, on a proposal by Cllr Fielding, seconded by Cllr Dreisin. The Clerk will see if the Community Payback team can come back before then to decorate.

26/130. HIGHWAYS MATTERS – (a) To update on Highways issues in the Town, and to consider any action necessary

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

(b) To approve a quote and grant application for bus shelters in the Town

Following discussion, on a prop by Cllr Dreisin, seconded by Cllr Fielding, it was **AGREED** to appoint Westcotec for the bus shelters. The Clerk is to apply for grant funding.

(c) To consider applying for the Parish Partnership scheme

For consideration in October. Councillors will bring ideas to the Clerk.

26/131. PUBLIC TOILETS – to receive any updates

An offer has been received from the District Council. This will be considered in the October meeting.

26/132. PLANNING

(a) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

2026/2065. Land East of Nowhere Lane – Chris Banks from Albanwise was in attendance, and explained the planning application. The Council **AGREED** no comment on this application.

2025/3840. Land at Mill Road, Reepham – Concerns still remain regarding proximity of run off and sewerage to nearby watercourse

2026/2277. Virginia House, Whitwell Road, Reepham – No comment

FUL/2026/0031. Reepham High School and College, Whitwell Road, Reepham – No objection. It is hoped that the facility is suitably staffed and funded.

(b) APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

20221489. Broomhill, Broomhill Lane, Reepham. Erection of 2 x single storey dwellings following the demolition of 1 x existing dwelling. Application refused by Broadland District Council.

(c) TO RATIFY PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BETWEEN MEETINGS – 2026/2070. Fern House, Dereham Road. The Town Council had no objection to / comment on this application.

2026/1625. Reepham High School and College. The Town Council had no objection to / comment on this application.

(d) TO CONSIDER LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2026/1163. 7A Station Road, Reepham. To replace 2 x non-original windows with high quality timber units on west elevation only. The Town Council had no comment or objection to this application.

2026/2622. Jordan Green Farm, Jordan Green Lane. Reepham. The Council's original objections stand regarding highways issues.

26/133. TO UPDATE ON WIND CABLING CORRIDORS AND APPLICATIONS

Most of the Hornsea 3 access points have been removed. The Vattenfall cabling route is still ongoing.

26/134. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE, ITEMS OF INFORMATION & REFER TO FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(a) Request from a resident for a hollyhocks walk next year – The Clerk has forwarded this request to The Bircham Centre, who are keen to host this as an event.

(b) Greater Norwich Local Plan Scoping Consultation – Concerns were raised regarding the potential sites. However, these have not yet been assessed for suitability by Broadland District Council so do not form part of this consultation. Sites will be consulted on next year. Cllr Selwyn will draft a response and circulate to Councillors for approval.

26/135. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – 14TH OCTOBER 2026

The next Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 7:30pm, followed by the Stimpson's Piece Trustee meeting.

26/136. TO CLOSE THE MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:43

Minutes Agreed..... 14th October 2026