

SCOLE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd March 2026 at 7.15 pm at Scole Community Centre, Ransome Avenue, Scole.

Councillors Present: Cllr P Jones (Chair), Cllr C Brooks, Cllr D Ward,
Cllr J Ward, Cllr T McEwen, Cllr G Blakelsey, Cllr N Parkington,
Cllr G Fisher

In attendance: Alison Cowles (Clerk)
District Cllr D Thomson

- 1. To consider accepting apologies for absence**
Cllr Prust and Cllr Orford sent their apologies - noted
- 2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd February 2026:**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd February 2026 were not approved as there were some amendments that needed to be made – to be signed at the next meeting.
- 3. To record declarations of interest and approve any requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests:**
Cllr G Blakesley – C & G Trenching
Cllr Jones – Scole Community Centre
Cllr C Brooks – SNTT
Cllr G Fisher – SNTT
- 4. To receive the reports from the District & County Councillors:**
Cllr Thompson –
Big Litter Pick - The prizes for South Norfolk Council's annual Big Litter Pick have more than doubled this year, with five participating groups set to bag £500 each to spend on their community. Community groups, schools and businesses are being asked to roll up their sleeves and do their bit for the environment from 19 February to 31 May for a chance to win. Every registered group not successful in the prize draw will now receive £50, as a thank you for taking part. Volunteer Litter Pick Registration & Completion Form
Diss Leisure Centre The plans for the new centre have been submitted to the Planning Committee for consideration and received the backing of Diss Town Council at a public meeting earlier this month. The new leisure and community centre will include fitness facilities, a multi-use community room, soft play and a café with outdoor plaza seating. During the public consultation, • 80% welcomed a café with healthy snack option • 75% agreed a soft play area would be beneficial • 65% requested fitness classes All of which are included in the plans.

Cllr Wilby –

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5. To report any incidents of overflow, spillage and discharge into the river during the month

No issues this month, all flowing well. Cllr Jones to contact Anglian Water for a timescale for resolution from the flood in 2020.

Clerk to contact Highways to find out when the repair will be done to the Culvert as per the recent drainage survey.

6. Discuss refurbishment of the sign on the Junction of Bungay Road/The Street

Cllr McEwen has offered to refurbish the sign

7. To discuss options for the telephone box outside the school

Add to next agenda

8. To receive the Clerks Report and an update on any correspondence receive:

Post Horn is asking if anyone wishes to advertise or promote anything to let them know.

Clerk has asked Cozens to replace street lights – waiting for a response.

9. To receive questions and comments from the parishioners

1 X MOP in attendance – asking if there could be allotments in Scole – need six requests from parishioners before this process can be started

10. PLANNING

10.1. To Comment on and recommend for Approval/Refusal any Current planning applications: Non received

10.2. To receive an update on any previous planning applications:

2026/0541 – Approval of Condition Details – Scole

Warehouse At Waveney View Waterloo Lane Scole Norfolk IP21 4DJ

Details of condition 8 - Flood Evacuation Plan of permission

2025/0488 - Noted

11. FINANCE

11.1. To approve payments – Proposed Cllr Brooks, seconded Cllr Fisher – all in favour

11.2. Receipts – Noted

11.3. To receive the Responsible Finance Officer's Report – Noted

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Bank Reconciliation

Barclays Community	£8,078.81
Barclays Saver	£26,243.32
Total in Banks	34,322.13
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Cash	
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GRAND TOTAL (Banks and Cash)	£34,322.13
RESERVES	31,539.85
AVAILABLE TO SPEND	2,782.28

13. To receive reports from the current Working Groups:

13.1. Employment Group (GB, JW) – Clerk due an annual review Cllr J Ward and Cllr G Blakesley to arrange

13.2. Internal Control (PJ, JW, TM) – Nothing to report -next meeting due in May/June

13.3. Cycle Path Group (PJ) - Clerk to contact District Cllrs Thompson and Hudson to support an application between Scole and Diss for residents especially with the new Leisure Centre which is planned.

13.4. Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan & Management Review Group (DDNPMRG) (DW) Cllr D Ward to attend the next meeting due to take place in July

13.5. Scole Nature Trails Trust Group (COB, GF) Lots of work has been taking place with clearing of ditches, hedge trimming and grass cutting. Two new lawnmowers have been delivered. Christmas wreaths have been removed from the churchyard. Also Diss Museum has present the group with a CPRE award.

13.6. Community Centre (PJ) – Cllr Jones reported that the Community Centre is well used and that there are several football teams that use the facilities. Recently a couple of minor vandalism has taken place and the CCTV will be reviewed.

13.7. Scole Parish Hub (DW, JW) To be removed as no longer relevant

13.8. Devolution Working Group (PJ, JW) This seems to be on hold at the moment with local elections being held in May

14. To consider training for Parish Councillors:

Cllr Parkington reported that she has completed her Councillors Training

15. To receive and discuss items from the Parish Council

Highways have been doing further work in the village, including replacing a damaged post.

As agreed, the wreaths from the War Memorial should be removed in March.

16. To receive items for the next Agenda:

Any other items for the next Agenda please contact the Clerk.

17. Next meeting of the Parish Council is on 2026 at 19:15

Meeting closed at 20.47

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