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Nettlestead Parish Meeting Minutes

7.30 pm Wednesday 18th February 2026 at St. Mary's Parish Church
Nettlestead

Present: Nick Cooper (NC), Fran Cooper (FC), Sarah Fournier (SF), Dan Fournier (DF),
Jeanna McCarthy (JM), Neil McCarthy (NM).

The Meeting was opened at 7.32pm.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Ken Southall, Sue Southall, Andy Daines, Mark Oliver,
Alison Taylor.

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting.

The Clerk asked for nominations for the office of Chair. Nick Cooper was proposed by
JM. This was seconded by NM and approved unanimously by the Meeting. The Chair
explained that he had health issues and did not feel he could carry on as Chair in the
future. He invited anyone interested in taking over at the next meeting to contact him to
discuss the role.

3. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 4th November 2025.

NM proposed that the Draft Minutes be approved as a true and correct record of the
meeting. This was seconded by FC and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

4. Matters Arising from the Meeting of 4th November 2025.

The Chair confirmed that he had registered the Meeting as an Interested Party. He
confirmed that he would not be able to attend the hearings on behalf of the Meeting.

5. Finance

- a. To receive the Meeting's Financial Report and to approve any payments to be made.
The Meeting noted the Financial Report and approved the payments listed. JM signed
the Report to confirm that the bank balance stated matched that on the paper bank
statement.
- b. To consider any S137 donations.
The Meeting approved a final payment to be made to Somersham Community Shop to
enable the Meeting to close the bank account. ACTION: Clerk to receive the final
invoices from SALC and Suffolk Cloud and then calculate and pay the final balance to
the Shop.
- c. To approve the closure of the Meeting's bank account and the return to non- financially
active status for the Meeting.

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FC proposed that the Meeting approve this. This was seconded by NM and approved unanimously by the Meeting. ACTION: Clerk

- d. To approve the 2026 SALC Internal Audit Letter of Engagement.
JM proposed that the Meeting approved the Letter of Engagement. This was seconded by DF and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

6. Planning

- a. To approve the Meeting's response to the Port One planning application (DC/25/05114).
The Chair explained that the deadline for objections keeps moving back. The Meeting unanimously approved the draft of Nettlestead's response. All local parishes are registering objections, as are the District Councillors for the parishes. Baylham Parish Council have organised a group of the 'boundary parishes' which is working on objections to the proposal on the grounds that it goes against the Local Plan i.e it is outside the 1km corridor on either side of the A14. The Local Plan states that development of this type should be restricted to the corridors.
- b. To approve that the Meeting participate in any joint approach with other local parishes to the Port One planning application.
The Meeting approved this unanimously.

7. Any Other Business.

NM proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair and the Clerk for all their work on behalf of the parish. The Meeting approved this unanimously.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.09 pm with thanks to all attending.