

Fulstow Parish Council Minutes

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Location: Fulstow Village Hall

Date: 23rd October 2025

Time: 7pm

In attendance: Cllr Flinn, Cllr Guillatt, Cllr Larder, Cllr Mann, Cllr Rack & Cllr Hastings

Minutes taken by Clerk & RFO M Lawson

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lawson. Apologies were also received from Cllr Pike; however, as no reason was provided, these could not be accepted by the Council.(Ref: Legislation Relating to Meetings of The Parish/Town Council Meetings, S20)

2. Declarations of Interest

No personal or prejudicial declarations of interest were received.

3. Public Participation

No members of the public were in attendance.

4. Public Participation Closed

5. Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting held on **4th September 2025** were approved as a true record and duly signed by **Cllr Guillatt**.
- The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on **24th September 2025** were approved as a true record and duly signed by **Cllr Larder**.

6. Review of Action Items – 4th and 24th September 2025

- a. **Cllr Flinn** to retry accessing the .gov.uk email system and contact the Clerk if support is required. No request for assistance has been received to date. Action to be carried forward.
- b. **Clerk** to consult with **Cllr Mossop** regarding an application for a District Councillor's grant.
- c. **Clerk** to email **Cllr Hastings** outlining highways issues in the village – this has been completed. In response, Cllr Hastings has discussed the concerns with the Area Highways Manager, who is expected to visit the village to assess the affected areas. To be added to the next meeting agenda.
- d. **Clerk** to arrange changes to the date of the next meeting – *Completed*.
- e. **Clerk** to draft and upload the Council's objection to the planning portal before the submission deadline – *Completed*.

7. Resident Request for a Flagpole

Councillors discussed a request from a resident for a village flagpole. Members agreed that a flagpole would be a positive addition to the village; however, there are currently no funds available for its purchase and installation.

As a District Councillor's grant has already been applied for to fund new village signs in 2025/26, this cannot be used. Councillors suggested the resident may wish to explore fundraising options. The Clerk was asked to research costings and alternative funding opportunities. If no funding is secured this financial year, the Council may consider including it in the next year's budget.

Action: Clerk to email the resident outlining the Council's discussion and next steps.

8. Communications from LCC Highways – Village Signs

Councillors reviewed correspondence from LCC Highways regarding the process for installing two new village signs. It was agreed to revisit the matter once design drawings and a written quotation are received.

9. Cllr Larder – Complaint Regarding Overgrown Hedges

Several residents have raised concerns about overgrown hedges obstructing pathways, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road and creating safety issues. Councillors instructed the Clerk to contact ELDC or LCC to clarify the procedures for addressing the problem.

It was also agreed that a Facebook post should be published, politely reminding residents to keep boundary hedges trimmed to ensure safe use of footpaths.

10. North Ray Solar Project

Councillors noted information from **TotalEnergies** concerning the early-stage plans for a proposed solar farm and battery energy storage facility near Ludborough and North Thoresby.

11. Street Name Signs – Occupation Lane

Councillors were informed that **Cllr Mossop** has requested two new street name signs for Occupation Lane.

12. Certification of Payments

The following payments were reviewed and approved by the Council:

- **Amazon** – A4 Paper (reimbursed to M. Lawson) – £17.99
- **Microsoft 365** (reimbursed to M. Lawson) – £84.99
- **Defib4Life** – Defibrillator battery and pad pack – £165.60
- **Grove Wold Farm Services** – Grass cutting – £156.00

13. Items for Next Agenda

Councillors to submit items for inclusion on the next agenda to the Clerk by **12:00 noon on 1st December 2025**.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 11th December 2025**.

Action Points

1. Cllr Flinn to retry accessing the .gov.uk email system and contact the Clerk if support is required.
2. Clerk to email a response to the resident regarding the flagpole request.
3. Clerk to research costings and potential funding sources for the flagpole.

Singed as a true record by Cllr Lawson on 11th December 2025