



Holkham Parish Council

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2026/08

Minutes of meeting held at Heritage House, Wells

Tuesday 8 September 2026 at 1830

Present Laura Bailey, Harvey Gunhouse, Clarey Harvey, Elaine Hendry, & Emma Sargent (Chairman)
Keith Leesmith (Clerk) Peter Fisher (NNDC) Victoria Holliday (NCC)

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| 1) Apologies | None |
| 2) Declarations of Interest | None |
| 3) Minutes of the Meeting held 12 May 2026 | Agreed and signed |
| 3a) Declaration of Acceptance of Office (Chairman) | Signed by Emma Sargent |

4) Reports

a) Norfolk County Council

The biggest news was the fact that the Local Government Reorganisation was not currently going to go ahead following an announcement by Government the day before the meeting. At present this seems to be a reassessment rather than cancellation. At present Hempton is unable to take fridges and freezers for recycling. People wanting to dispose of such items are asked to hold on to them for the time being. VH is carrying out a survey to find out if people would welcome additional bus services and to question destinations and approximate timing. Holkham does at least have the Coasthopper/CoastLiner service which enables connection with other services. EH is prepared to distribute the survey in the village.

b) North Norfolk District Council

PF is also distributing a survey in respect of Mobile telephone signals (or lack of them) and broadband services. NNDC believes that both are essential in the modern world and want to find out where breaks in them occurs. Peter said that the state of LGR is unsettling for staff and said that several "good people" had already left their positions because of the uncertainty.

c) Parish Clerk

KL said that with an election next May it would be helpful if we were "up to strength" by that time. We had five regular Councillors but should have seven. KL himself felt that he would like to stand down before too long The thatched pump house has been surveyed, and the work should be carried out soon.

VH left the meeting at this point.

5) To discuss any Planning Matters to hand

None

6) Financial Statement

A bank reconciliation had been passed to Councillors before the meeting.

The following payments had been made since the last meeting:

24/05	Information Commissioner	47.00
31/05	Bank Charges	7.00
30/06	Bank Charges	7.00
13/07	NALC – website hosting	86.88
31/07	Bank charges	7.00
31/08	Bank Charges	7.00

7) Minor Matters

It was agreed unanimously that LB should be a signatory with Unity Trust Bank
KL would undertake the necessary paperwork.

A new noticeboard has been erected near the bus shelter and old Post Office.

8) To confirm the date of the next meeting

Confirmed as

Tuesday 10 November 2026 at 1830

The meeting closed at 1920