

A meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** will take place on **Tuesday 4th August 2026** in **The Parish Office/Parish Room** commencing at 7:00pm.

All Parish Councillors are hereby summoned to attend.

Tracey Bayfield

Mrs Tracey Bayfield (PSLCC)
Clerk of the Council
29th July 2026

AGENDA

(Timings on agenda are for guidance only.)

1. To receive & consider **Apologies for Absence.** *(7:00pm, 1 minute)*
2. To receive & consider **Declarations of Interest or requests for dispensations** from members – *(Under the 'Code of Conduct', members must declare any disclosable **Pecuniary Interests**, and must state the precise nature of the interest. If such an interest is declared, then the member is not permitted to remain in the meeting for said item. They must not take part in the discussion or voting. If a member has a **Personal Interest**, it must be stated and they may take part in the discussion and voting.)* *(7:01pm, 1 minute)*
3. **Minutes** - To receive & confirm the minutes of;
 - Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2026. *(7:02pm, 1 minute)*
4. **Chairman's Announcements** – *(7:03pm, 2 minutes)*
5. **Reports from County & District Councillors;**
 - 5.1. *County Councillor* – Victoria Holliday. *(7:05pm, 5 minutes)*
 - 5.2. *District Councillor* – Victoria Holliday. *(7:10pm, 5 minutes)*
6. **Open Public Session** – to allow members of the public and councillors with prejudicial interests to address the meeting with regard any item on this agenda only. *(Maximum of 15 minutes and up to 3 minutes per participant.)* *(7:15pm, 15 minutes)*
7. **Planning Items** – PF = Full Planning Permission, PM = Planning Permission – Reserved Matters, LA = Alteration to Listed Building & Appeals.

(Cllrs; Please view applications on the NNDC website ahead of this meeting as there will be no screen sharing at the meeting.)

Decisions must be made in accordance with the policies in the Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan and wider Local Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

(NB: In order to reduce the number of extra ordinary meetings called, any applications which have been received by the Parish Council since the publication of the agenda and the actual meeting, will be considered at said meeting, unless the Parish Council decide otherwise. In order to advise the public, any such applications will have been listed on the Parish Council website alongside said agenda. Plans may be viewed online, please go to www.north-norfolk.gov.uk and follow the links through to planning.)

7.1. **LA/26/1447** – Proposal; Internal works to include renovation and thermal upgrade (part retention) at, **15 High Street, Blakeney**. (7:30pm, 3 minutes)

7.2. **PF/26/1007** – Proposal; Demolition of porch and erection of replacement porch, installation of replacement timber double-glazed windows, and installation of air source heat pump, **15 High Street, Blakeney**. (7:33pm, 3 minutes)

7.3. **LA/26/1008** – Proposal; Demolition of porch and erection of replacement porch, installation of replacement timber double-glazed windows, and installation of air source heat pump at, **15 High Street, Blakeney**. (7:36pm, 3 minutes)

7.4. **PF/26/1505 & LA/26/1506** – Proposal; Regularisation of Re-construction of Outbuilding that was in a state of disrepair at, **4 Mariners Hill, Blakeney**. (7:39pm, 3 minutes)

7.5. To consider the **Norfolk Coast National Landscape Management Plan 2025-30: Norfolk Coast Consultation**. (7:42pm, 5 minutes)

7.6. To consider the **North Norfolk Local Plan Scoping Consultation & Further Call for Sites (03)** – The consultation runs from midday Monday 20th July to 5pm on Monday 31st August 2026. (7:47pm, 5 minutes)

8. FINANCE

8.1. To agree the **Accounts** to be paid. (7:52pm, 3 minutes)

8.2. To receive **Clerk/RFO Report**. (7:55pm, 5 minutes)

8.3. To consider **Electrical Inspection** of Parish Office & Parish Room. (8:00pm, 5 minutes)

8.4. To consider **Litter & Dog Bins** upgrade as per the recommendations of the Working Group. (8:05pm, 7 minutes)

9. **Written Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups** which have met recently if applicable. (8:12pm, 3 minutes)

- *Blakeney Village Hall Trust – 7th July 2026 Minutes (M.R.)*
- *Dinghy Park Joint Management Committee – 20th July 2026 (T.T.)*

10. **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS** – Written questions should be given to the Chairman & Clerk, at least 3 clear working days prior to the meeting; **None** at time of print. (8:15pm, 2 minutes)

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1. To consider action to stop **Overnight Parking of Motorhomes** in Village Hall Car Park. *(8:17pm, 7 minutes)*

11.2. To consider forming a Working Group to meet with representatives of the **Blakeney Village Hall Trust** in order to consider the long term future. *(8:24pm, 5 minutes)*

Confidential Business – Exclusion of the Press & Public – To pass the following **resolution**; Due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (charities and legal advice), on the grounds that it is not in the public interest to disclose discussion on the items below relating to contracts and staffing matters, it is proposed that the press and public are now excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. (Admission to Meeting Act (Public Bodies) 1960.

11.3. To consider the proposed amendment to the named Trustees for the **Transfer of 1 and 2 Memorial Cottages, New Road, Blakeney**. *(8:29pm, 7 minutes)*

11.4. Items in relation to **Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society & (BPC) Parish Rent Charity**. *(8:36pm, 10 minutes)*

For information only; NNDC Planning Decisions or Updates, or any Planning Inspectorate Appeals since our last meeting; most available on NNDC website.

NMA/26/1340 – Ferrymans, 36 Langham Road, Blakeney – Approve

PU/26/0880 – Agricultural Barn, Morston Road, Blakeney – Permission not required

Meeting closed; *Approx. 8:46pm*

Next Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 7pm
in The Parish Room

(However, due to changes in Planning Application deadlines, please note that other meetings will be called as and when needed and will be advertised on the noticeboard and website.)

NB. Councillors & members of the public, please note that ANY item requiring a decision in consideration of the agenda MUST be with the Clerk 10 clear days prior to the meeting. (Saturdays & Sundays are included for ease of calculation, this timescale may change if Annual Leave is being taken, please check with the Clerk.)

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DRAFT: Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 23rd June 2026** in **The Parish Room**, commencing at 6:15pm.

Present:- Rosemary Thew (Chairman), Jenny Girling, Samantha Arlow, Judy Pegden, Mike Reed & Alban Donohoe.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield Public:- 0 Did not attend:- Willie Weston & Iain Wolfe

1. Apologies for absence were ***accepted*** from; Shirley Everett, Nigel Sutcliffe & Barry Girling.

2. Declarations of Interest or requests for dispensations from members – None.

3. *Resolved* that the **Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 are signed as a true record.

4. Chairman's Announcements – None.

5. Open Public Session – No public present.

6. Confidential Business – Exclusion of the Press & Public

Resolved that due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (detailed below) it is proposed that the press and public are now excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. (Admission to Meeting Act (Public Bodies) 1960.)

6.1. *Resolved* to approve the draft **1 year licence to occupy the Blakeney Parish Room** by a sole trader (Reef Make & Do Ltd) to commence from 01/07/2026, expiring 30/06/2027.

Meeting closed at 6:19pm

Chairman _____

County Cllr report July 2026

Electrical waste collections resume at Norfolk Recycling Centres from 13 July

Electrical waste items and batteries will again be accepted at all Norfolk recycling centres from Monday 13 July.

You can book a visit to a Norfolk recycling centre on the county council website: [Norfolk Recycling Centre bookings](#) or by calling 03448008020.

The Norfolk Crisis and Resilience Grant Fund

This grant programme run by Norfolk County Council supports people facing financial hardship and builds long-term resilience. It provides funding to voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to deliver larger-scale, preventative projects across Norfolk. This programme does not fund one-off crisis payments, but focuses on earlier intervention and long-term impact. Grants of between £50,000 and £200,000 are available. Organisations interested in applying should email

communities@norfolk.gov.uk to register their interest or contact me on victoria.holliday.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk

Free workshops to help people drive safely for longer

In partnership with Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service, Norfolk County Council's public health road safety team is offering free workshops for drivers aged 60 and over to help them drive safely for longer. The workshop covers how driving can change as you get older, key Highway Code updates and practical tips with time to ask questions. Family members wanting to find out about support available for older people to travel safely are also welcome to book a place. Search Older Driver Workshop on the NCC website or call 03448008020. More workshops around the county will be added in the coming months.

Big Holiday Fun back

This summer's Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is now live, Between 20 July and 02 September, activities will take place across Norfolk Hopefully there are still free spaces available for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals, alongside paid places for those who are not eligible - look for Big Holiday Fun on the NCC website. There's lots on in North Norfolk so do have a look. There is the Government promise of free bus travel for children in August.

Fire Safety Campaign

Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service is running a fire safety campaign in response to the increased risk of outdoor fires during the recent hot, dry weather especially in higher-risk coastal and inland areas.

You can support the campaign by sharing the advice locally and displaying posters in appropriate community locations. Posters can be requested from norfolkresilienceforum@norfolk.gov.uk.

Further fire safety advice, including safety both inside and outside the home, is available on the county council webpages [here](#). You can also request a free home fire safety visit if you're worried about your or a friend, neighbour or loved one's fire readiness by filling in the online form at <https://www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc/>

Flood readiness

Flooding can happen at any time of year, including during the summer months. Sudden summer downpours can also cause flash flooding, particularly after prolonged hot and dry weather. Last summer, Norfolk County Council's Flood and Water team received 100 reports of flooding, including 54 confirmed cases of internal flooding. More than a third of home insurance flood claims occur between June and August, with almost a quarter occurring in July and August alone.

Flash flooding can happen quickly, affect homes and businesses not previously considered at risk, and may be difficult to predict.

You can find out more with practical flood preparation advice on the county council webpages [here](#).

Flooding anywhere in Norfolk can be reported via the Flooding Hotline on 0344 800 8013. In an emergency, or where there is immediate danger to life, residents should dial 999.

Help with living costs

The Crisis Resilience Service offers short term financial support and ways to improve your financial resilience.

Find out more at

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/41957/What-the-Crisis-and-Resilience-Service-is> or call 03448008020.

Please reach out.

Food support can be accessed

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/accessingfood>

Help with utility bills can be found at

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/41958/Help-and-advice-with-utility-bills>

If you're on benefits you can get reduced broadband packages. I have a detailed information sheet on this so please do get in touch if you'd like to find out more.

If anyone in your household has a medical condition which means you use more water than usual, Anglian Water have a scheme (WaterSure) which caps your water bill. You do need a water meter and be on certain income related benefits.

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/services/extra-support/tariff-options/watersure/apply-for-watersure>

Cllr Victoria Holliday

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Councillor Update 17th July

Norfolk Libraries - Summer Reading Challenge

Norfolk Libraries are supporting this year's Summer Reading Challenge, *Read to the Beat*, which uses children's interest in music to encourage reading and help address declining literacy levels. The challenge is important because, nationally, one in four children cannot read well by age 11, and 8.7 million adults lack basic reading skills.

In Norfolk, 10,330 children up to the age of 11 took part last year, showing strong local engagement with the scheme.

The challenge runs from Saturday 4 July to Saturday 12 September, with free children's activities in Norfolk libraries, including sessions with professional music and dance artists. A full list of events can be found [here](#).

All 47 libraries and mobile libraries in Norfolk are taking part, and more than 1,000 children have already signed up.

There is a mini challenge for under-fives, while children aged 4 to 11 can set their own reading goals and explore music-themed reading lists.

Children who complete the challenge will receive a medal and certificate.

Norfolk Museums - summer holiday activities

Norfolk museums are hosting a range of summer holiday programs from mid-July to early September. Highlights include medieval activities at Norwich Castle, celebrating the 100th birthday at the Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell, nature and historical trails at Gressenhall Farm, pirate -themed fun at Time & Tide, and audio-visual trails at Strangers' Hall.

Further details of what's on at Norfolk Museums are available [here](#).

Healthy Ageing: feel connected campaign

Public Health Norfolk's *Feel Connected* campaign is encouraging older residents to stay socially active as part of a wider two-year healthy ageing initiative. The current phase runs from 6 July to 20 August 2026 and focuses on reducing loneliness and isolation by helping people aged 55 and over, particularly those approaching retirement, living alone or at risk of isolation, to find local opportunities to connect with others.

Norfolk has one of the highest ageing populations in the UK and around 125,500 people living alone. Social isolation and loneliness are linked to poorer physical and mental health, higher mortality and increased reliance on health and social care services. The campaign highlights the benefits of spending time with others, sharing experiences and feeling part of a community.

Residents can find local activities and support at www.norfolk.gov.uk/feelconnected.

They can also subscribe to the Healthy Ageing newsletter at www.norfolk.gov.uk/healthyageing

Posters and postcards can also be downloaded from the Health Information Resource Service website [here](#). Additional copies can be requested from sophie.harrison@norfolk.gov.uk.

National Updates

Future of Rural England Report

The Government has published the [Future of Rural England report](#), which sets out a long-term vision for improving opportunities and quality of life in rural communities.

Drafted by the Rural Taskforce (a group of rural stakeholders brought together in April 2025 to explore the strengths and opportunities for rural areas), the report highlights challenges around housing, transport, healthcare, digital connectivity, skills and economic opportunity. It also emphasises the need to support rural businesses, strengthen local services and help communities remain sustainable and resilient.

The report focuses on making sure that rural communities are considered in future government policy and investment decisions.

A new cross-government board will oversee this work, with annual public reporting on progress.

The report is particularly relevant to Norfolk because of the county's large rural population and similar challenges around access to services, connectivity, resilience, and economic growth.

30by30 Land Delivery Plan

The Government has published a [30by30 on Land Delivery Plan](#), setting out how England will conserve and manage 30% of land for nature by 2030. Only 7% of land currently meets the criteria, although around 32% already contributes or has potential to contribute.

The plan is relevant for Norfolk because of the county's protected landscapes, coastline, natural assets and habitat restoration opportunities. It highlights the role of Local Nature Recovery Strategies, protected sites, public sector land and local partnerships, but does not provide significant new direct funding for local authorities. Instead, it seeks to align existing funding and attract more private investment.

Support for unpaid carers

The Government has published a new [cross-government action plan](#) to improve support for unpaid carers in England.

Nearly one in ten people is an unpaid carer, with many experiencing pressures on their work, education, health and wellbeing, as well as difficulties accessing breaks

from caring. The plan focuses on three priorities: recognising carers, referring them to support and helping them reach their potential. It includes 42 actions, with overall accountability sitting with a cross-government ministerial group chaired by the Minister of State for Care.

The Norfolk county council webpages already bring together a wide range of support for unpaid carers living in Norfolk, available [here](#).

Norfolk Coast National Landscape Management Plan 2025 - 2030

<https://norfolkcoast.org/our-work/resources/norfolk-coast-national-landscape-management-plan/>

Councillor summary and draft response

Brief summary for councillors

The Norfolk Coast National Landscape Management Plan 2025–30 sets a five-year framework for protecting and enhancing the Norfolk Coast, with a strong emphasis on partnership working, local stewardship and practical delivery. It replaces the former AONB Management Plan and is intended to guide future action rather than set detailed projects itself. The Plan covers four priorities: nature recovery, climate adaptation and mitigation, sustainable development, and local communities, including businesses.

Key points relevant to parish councils include:

- A strong planning focus, with the Norfolk Coast Partnership encouraging local planning authorities and developers to protect landscape character, habitats, dark skies and heritage. The Plan says it will review and respond to planning applications affecting the National Landscape and work with Local Planning Authorities.
- A climate and resilience agenda, including adaptation to flooding, coastal change and emissions reduction.
- Recognition that tourism and visitor pressure need better management, with a proposed coast-wide approach to visitor management.
- Support for communities, local businesses, wellbeing, green social prescribing and volunteering.
- Specific ambitions on nature recovery, including habitat creation, SSSI and County Wildlife Site condition, and better connectivity.

For planning matters, the Plan is clear that NCP is not a statutory consultee, but it does intend to continue commenting on relevant planning proposals and to use its integrated landscape guidance to influence development sensitively.

Draft response from the Parish Council

Subject: Norfolk Coast National Landscape Management Plan 2025–30
Blakeney Parish Council welcomes the Norfolk Coast National Landscape Management Plan 2025–30 and supports its overall aims to protect and enhance the coast while enabling communities, businesses and visitors to play an active part in its future. The Council particularly notes the emphasis on partnership working, nature recovery, climate resilience, sustainable planning and the importance of local communities.

The Parish Council supports the Plan's recognition that development should be responsive to landscape character, dark skies, heritage and biodiversity, and that

visitor pressure must be managed sustainably. We also welcome the focus on community wellbeing, local engagement and practical action.

For Blakeney, the Council would wish to see particular attention given to:

- protecting the special qualities of the coast and surrounding landscape;
- ensuring any development is appropriately scaled, sited and designed;
- supporting measures that reduce traffic, parking pressure and visitor impacts;
- strengthening nature recovery and climate adaptation measures;
- maintaining transparent, constructive engagement with parish councils and local communities.

The Council would be pleased to continue engaging with the Norfolk Coast Partnership and relevant planning authorities as supporting action plans are developed.

*Prepared using GovAssist
(21/07/2026)*

Dear Consultee,

North Norfolk Local Plan Scoping Consultation & Further Call for Sites

We are writing to you because we hold your contact information, as you or your organisation have previously been identified as a General or Statutory Consultee in relation to preparing the Local Plan for North Norfolk, have voluntarily signed up to our Local Plan Consultation Database to be kept informed, or have previously submitted representations to the Local Plan process.

New Local Plan for North Norfolk

North Norfolk District Council is preparing a new Local Plan. The Scoping Consultation is the first formal consultation stage in the local plan making process and is being carried out under Regulation 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026. We are also running a second 'Call for Sites', which provides a further opportunity to suggest land that could be considered for a range of uses, including housing, employment, infrastructure, open space or community uses. Details of how to respond are available at the end of this notice.

Consultation period

The consultation opens midday Monday 20 July and closes at 5pm on Monday 31 August 2026.

Consultation matters

This consultation is seeking views on:

- Matters relevant to the preparation of the local plan, including what the plan should contain.
- How we should engage with you in preparing the local plan.

How to view the consultation materials

A Scoping Consultation document and an associated survey questionnaire is available to view:

- on our website at www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/scopingconsultation
- at North Norfolk District Council Main Offices, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am to 5pm, Wednesday from 10am to 5pm and Fridays from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

How to respond

To respond to the consultation, please visit our consultation portal at <https://consult.north-norfolk.gov.uk> and complete the survey questions.

Responses must be received by 5pm on Monday 31 August 2026

Copies of the Scoping Consultation document, including survey questionnaire, can be made available on request. Charges may apply.

Accessibility

If you have any difficulty submitting a response, or have specific accessibility requirements or other questions, please contact us so that we can support you:

- Planning Policy, North Norfolk District Council, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN

- planning.policy@north-norfolk.gov.uk
- 01263 516318

Request to be notified

By submitting a response, the Council will automatically include you on its Consultation Database so that you are notified when any of the following key steps occur:

1. Public consultation on the proposed local plan content and evidence. *Regulation 23(1)(b)*
2. The publication of observations or advice received from a person appointed by the Secretary of State. This is also known as Gateway 2. *Section 15CA(5) of the Act*
3. Public consultation on the proposed local plan. *Regulation 27(1)(b)*
4. Submission of the proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination. *Section 15D(1) of the Act*
5. Publication of the date, time and place of the examination hearings and the name of the Examiner. *Regulation 35(2) and 35(1)(a)*
 - a. If the examination is paused by the Examiner for further work to be carried out. *Section 15D(7) and 15DA of the Act*
 - b. The publication of a document and any evidence sent to the Examiner and/or published whilst the Examination is paused. *Section 15DA(7) and 15DA(6) of the Act*
6. The publication of the Examiner's recommendations and reasons. *Section 15D or 15DA of the Act*
7. The adoption of the local plan. *Part 2 of the Act*

Regulations refer to Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2026 The Act refers to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

If you do not submit a consultation response, but wish to be notified at all key stages, please register for our Local Plan database at [Home | Register for updates on the local plan](#)

If you wish to only be notified for a selection of these stages, please email planningpolicy@north-norfolk.gov.uk or write to us at Planning Policy, North Norfolk District Council, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN.

Further Call for Sites

In tandem with the Scoping Consultation, we are now running a second round of 'Call for Sites'. This Call for Sites provides a further opportunity for individuals and organisations to suggest land that could be considered for a range of uses, including housing, employment, infrastructure, open space or community uses. The Call for Sites is open for submissions from midday Monday 20 July until 5pm on Monday 31 August, where responses may be submitted through our website www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/callforsites

Kind regards

Chris Brown
Project Management Support Officer (Planning Policy)

Blakeney Parish Council

North Norfolk Local Plan Review Scoping Consultation (Regulation 20) – July 2026

Summary for Councillors and Draft Parish Council Response

1. Executive summary

- The consultation is an early-stage request for views on what North Norfolk's new Local Plan should contain, how growth should be distributed, what evidence is needed, and how communities should be engaged.
- The Council is proposing a new plan-making timetable, with consultation now, a further content-and-evidence stage in spring 2027, a proposed plan stage in winter/spring 2028, and adoption around April 2029.
- The document highlights substantial pressures around housing need, coastal change, water infrastructure, affordability, and an ageing population.
- For Blakeney, the most important issues are the balance between limited growth, protection of the Norfolk Coast National Landscape, the effect of coastal and infrastructure constraints, and whether any site should be promoted through the Call for Sites process.

2. Key points for Blakeney councillors

- The Council says the district now needs to plan for 932 dwellings per year, up from 557 per year in the adopted plan.
- The Council is considering different spatial strategies, including continued focus on larger settlements, more growth in existing settlements, new settlements, dispersed rural growth, and village cluster growth.
- Blakeney is specifically mentioned as one of the larger villages in the district, and the current plan already includes smaller allocations in parts of the Norfolk Coast National Landscape.
- The consultation asks whether residential sites should be allocated in rural villages and within settlement boundaries, and how much development should be allowed in the National Landscape.

3. Possible parish council response

- Blakeney Parish Council may wish to support a cautious, plan-led approach that prioritises protection of the Norfolk Coast National Landscape, coastal character, biodiversity and heritage.
- The Parish Council could support housing only where it meets a demonstrable local need, is small in scale, and is accompanied by evidence that infrastructure, water capacity and access arrangements are acceptable.
- The Parish Council may wish to resist substantial new growth in the village unless there is a clear local benefit and the proposal is demonstrably sustainable.
- The Parish Council could ask the District Council to give greater weight to: affordable homes for local people, specialist housing for older residents, flood/coastal resilience, wastewater capacity, traffic and parking pressure, and support for existing services.
- The Parish Council may also wish to identify any site-related issues, including the long-term possibility of overflow parking on Langham Road, if that is considered relevant to local planning discussions.

4. Draft response text

- Blakeney Parish Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the North Norfolk Local Plan Review Scoping Consultation.
- The Parish Council supports the preparation of an up-to-date Local Plan, but considers that the district's exceptional environmental constraints, including the Norfolk Coast National Landscape, coastal erosion risk, flood risk and infrastructure limitations, mean that growth must be carefully managed and genuinely sustainable.
- In our view, the key priorities for the new Local Plan should include protecting and enhancing the coast, landscape, biodiversity and heritage; responding to climate change; managing water supply and wastewater capacity; and ensuring that any housing delivered is appropriate to local need, including affordable and specialist homes for older residents.
- Blakeney Parish Council does not support large-scale growth in rural coastal villages. Any development in or around Blakeney should remain modest in scale, well designed, and proven to be compatible with the village character, landscape setting, traffic conditions and infrastructure capacity.

- The Council should recognise that development in coastal settlements can intensify parking pressure, traffic congestion, and infrastructure strain. These issues should be fully assessed before any allocations are made.
- We would support a spatial strategy that focuses the majority of growth in the most sustainable settlements, while limiting development in the most constrained rural and coastal locations.
- If sites are brought forward through the Call for Sites process, Blakeney Parish Council would expect them to be assessed transparently against deliverability, landscape sensitivity, flood/coastal risk, biodiversity, access, parking and infrastructure capacity.
- Overall, the Parish Council seeks a Local Plan that protects Blakeney's distinctiveness while meeting genuine local needs in a proportionate and sustainable way.

5. Actions recommended for councillors

- Agree whether the Parish Council wants to submit a formal response.
- Confirm whether the response should reference any local sites or parking issues specifically.

Authorise the Clerk to finalise the wording and submit it before 31 August 2026.

Prepared using the GovAssist package (21/07/2026)

Electrical Inspection: Parish Office and Former Scout Hut

Background - The Parish Clerk sought clarification from the council's insurer, Tommy Reed of Gallagher, regarding whether an Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) was needed for the Parish Office, which is open to the public, and the Parish Room (former Scout Hut), now let to a craft workshop operator under licence and used for public workshops. The last inspection was undertaken by DJB Electrical over 5 years ago.

Advice received - The response from Gallagher was that, in principle, where a building is open to the public, it should have an up-to-date electrical system inspection and certificate, with an indicated inspection cycle of around five years. It was also suggested that the craft workshop room would fall within a similar category to a rental property and should likewise be inspected. Gallagher also recommended that the council speak directly to the contractor providing the service to confirm the legal position.

Contractor's explanation - DJB Electrical explained that an EICR is a detailed inspection and test of the fixed electrical installation, including the consumer unit, wiring, sockets, switches and lighting circuits. Its purpose is to identify damage, deterioration, faulty workmanship and other issues that may make the installation unsafe or non-compliant. They also noted that EICRs are commonly required or expected for landlords, insurers and other premises where public use is involved.

Cost - DJB Electrical quoted an estimated cost of £450 plus VAT, with any minor remedial repairs charged additionally if undertaken at the same time.

Relevant council considerations

As the council is responsible for premises used by staff, contractors and the public, it should take reasonable steps to manage electrical safety under its general health and safety duties.

The council reference document notes that parish councils have duties under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 to protect employees and members of the public using council premises.

Recommendation

Approve the EICR for both the Parish Office and the former Scout Hut. Authorise use of the surplus remaining in the insurance budget to meet the estimated cost. Note that any minor remedial works should be considered separately if identified during the inspection.

Conclusion - Given the public use of both premises, the insurer's advice, and the safety case set out by the contractor, it would be prudent for the council to proceed.

28/07/2026

LITTER BINS – Blakeney (as at September 2025)

Aim: Work towards having all dual-purpose bins ie. Litter & Dog Waste too save on costs and increase capacity long term

Agreed by Working Group: RT, MR & The Clerk – present to full council

	Location – Litter Bins	Recommendation
1	By bus shelter at New Road/Langham Road junction (South side) – Blakeney Parish Council owned Daily Summer – Weekly Winter (BPC)	Remove and do not replace
2	By bus shelter at New Road/Langham Road junction (North side) – Blakeney Parish Council owned Daily Summer – Weekly Winter (BPC)	Replace with a larger dual-purpose bin, BUT relocate to spot between bus shelter and entrance to The Pastures, near the street signs
3	The Pastures – at the top by the Little Lane exit – Blakeney Parish Council owned 2 Times a Week Summer – Fortnightly Winter (BPC)	Replace with a larger dual-purpose bin, between seat & Snitterley Stone.
4	Coronation Car Park, High Street – Blakeney Parish Council owned 2 Times a Week Summer – Fortnightly Winter <i>Recommend: Replace with a large dual-purpose bin. (nr broken sign)</i>	Replace with a large dual-purpose bin
5	Playing Field – small children's play area – Blakeney Parish Council owned 3 Times a Week Summer – Weekly Winter	Replace with a large sole purpose litter bin
6	Playing Field – near the BMX track – Blakeney Parish Council owned 3 Times a Week Summer – Weekly Winter	Leave as is or replace with larger bin in due course
7	Quay – near Bournes Corner – (west end) Daily Summer – Weekly Winter	NNDC to place a dual-purpose sticker on bin
8	Quay – directly opposite High Street junction – owned by NNDC sponsored by The Two Magpies Bakery Daily Summer – Weekly Winter	NNDC to place a dual-purpose sticker on bin
9	Quay – outside the NNDC ladies toilet block (New 2025 Big Belly Litter Bin) sensor led for emptying purposes – owned by NNDC	Leave as it. NOT to be a dual-purpose bin

	As and when needed, sensor monitors and advises NNDC & SERCO	
10	Quay – middle of quayside footpath Daily Summer – Weekly Winter	NNDC to place a dual-purpose sticker on bin

DOG WASTE BINS – Blakeney (as at September 2025) Cost per empty
(NNDC) confirmed at £4.75 per bin (2025/26)

	Location DOG BINS	Official Collection Frequency (Lifted from NNDC March 2025, but not correct)	Suggestions/Comments See my Additional Briefing Note; our local Operative in fact advises that he empties them; Mon, Weds & Fri weekly in Summer season and Mon & Fri in the Winter season. He believes this all to be adequate and is happy with what he does!
11	By bus shelter at New Road/Langham Road junction	<i>Fortnightly all year</i>	Amalgamate as per no. 2
12	The Pastures - at the bottom by the Parish Council noticeboard	<i>Fortnightly all year</i>	Amalgamate as per no. 2
13	Queens Close – by The Green	<i>Fortnightly all year</i>	Needs a new red dog bin only, may be able to reuse another
14	Red House Land – by the parking spaces	<i>Fortnightly all year</i>	Review after speaking with contractor
15	Carnser - at entrance to Dinghy Park (1)	<i>Weekly all year</i>	Replace with 1 large dual- purpose bin
16	Carnser - at entrance to Dinghy Park (2)	<i>Weekly all year</i>	As per no. 16 above
17	Quay – outside the NNDC toilet block	<i>Fortnightly all year</i>	Replace with a new much larger dog bin (possibly one from The Carnser)
18	The Pastures – at the top near the Little Lane exit.	<i>Fortnightly all year</i>	Remove and amalgamate with no. 3
19	Coronation Car Park, High Street	<i>Fortnightly all year</i>	Replace with a larger dual- purpose bin
20	The Blakeney Hotel Drive	<i>Fortnightly all year</i>	Owned and managed by the Hotel

21	The Manor Hotel	<i>Fortnightly all year</i>	Owned and managed by NNDC
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Andy Smith, NNDC Environmental Contracts Officer has confirmed that all of the bins can be used as DUAL-PURPOSE BINS, ie. to take both general litter and bagged dog waste, OTHER THAN; than 1) The Big Belly Crushing Bin by the lady's toilet block on the Quay and the Dog Bin in Queens Close. Happy for Blakeney to go up to a maximum size of 220 litre bin for a single cost empty.

For example Wells-next-the-Sea have no stand alone Dog Bins, they are all Dual Purpose bins other than 'Big Belly Crushers' on the front.

NNDC (SERCO) do not have the ability to collect stand alone recycled waste from public spaces (coupled with the high level of contamination from the general public). All public bin collections go to landfill. Whilst the 'separate collection of coffee cups and lids' in a tube attached to the side of the bin, is a good idea in principle, on Blakeney Quay, (as per the pic shown) they will blow all over the place and into the quay, there is no recycled collection, so ends up as another clear up task for volunteers.

2026/27– Costs

Per Dog Bin (DB) empty = £5.00 & BPC currently has 9 Dog Bins

Per Litter Bin (LB) empty = £3.30 & BPC currently has 11 Litter Bins

If combined as a dual-purpose bin the cost would = £3.30, so a saving of £1.70 per empty & we could potentially reduce our numbers to;

Dog Bins x 2 = £5.00 per lift each

Litter Bins x 3 (inc. The Big Belly) = £3.30 per lift each

Dual Purpose x 7 = £3.30 per lift each

Based on Recommendation; need to purchase	Size & Provider – <i>NB: Cost will increase slightly, if we decide to have flaps on the openings; perhaps a good idea to help mask dog waste smells, especially in the heat.</i>	Net Cost £ (maximum)
4 x Large Dual Purpose Bins	Duo 220 litres = £690.00 each Single 110 litre = £415.00 each (£1,660.00)	£2,891.12

1 x Large Litter only Bin	Single 110 litre = £478.53	£478.53
1 x Large Red Dog Bin	Single 112 litre = £462.00 (Soho Commercial)	£462.00
Installation Costs (approx.)	Secret Gardens	Depends on location & base

Largest Size Post-Mounted Dog Waste Bins

There isn't a single universal "largest size" post-mounted dog waste bin. It depends on the manufacturer. Below are examples of some of the largest available models which are 60 litres are;

Examples of Large Post-Mounted Dog Waste Bins

Product – Capacity - Key Dimensions / Notes

Glasdon Retriever Dog Waste Bin: 60 litres - 710mm high x 520 mm wide x 440 mm deep

Broxap "Sirius" Post-Mount: 60 litres - 880 mm high x 310 mm wide x 310 mm deep

Seton Hygienic Dog Waste Bin: 60 litres - 622 mm high x 419 mm wide x 254 mm deep

Leaffield Regent 50 Dog Waste Bin: 50 litres - 685 mm high x 480 mm wide x 340 mm deep

Very Large / Supersized Models: The Wybone WDB/112 Large Capacity Dog Waste Bin (free-standing, not post-mounted) has 112 litres capacity. Size: approx. 1003 mm height x 483 mm width x 483 mm depth.

Recommendation: That we delegate to the Clerk, to commence with the replacement programme asap, based on full knowledge of the project. We use the £1,500 under the replacement bin budget heading, we 'vire' the sum of £2,000 allocated for Christmas lights to the same budget, and use some of our reserves to complete the project in due course.

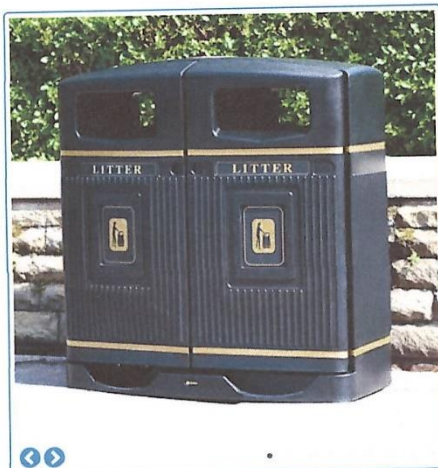
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**Blakeney Parish Council
Agenda Report: for 04/08/2026**

Item No.	11.1
Subject	Overnight Parking of Motorhomes on the Village Hall Car Park
Purpose	To consider options to address unauthorised overnight parking on the Village Hall Car Park.
Recommendation	That Members consider the options set out in the report and agree the preferred approach for implementation.

1. Background

The level of overnight parking by motorhomes and campervans on the Village Hall Car Park has increased, with members of the public reporting breaches on an almost daily basis. In some cases, vehicles are remaining overnight for several consecutive nights, including repeat visits. This is causing concern and the Parish Council may wish to consider how best to manage and deter unauthorised overnight stays.

2. Matters for Consideration

- Larger, more prominent signage clearly stating that overnight parking by campervans and motorhomes is not permitted, and directing users to suitable alternative sites.
- Investigation of whether a byelaw or other legal enforcement mechanism would be appropriate and enforceable.
- Physical access control measures, such as height restrictions or partial barriers, subject to operational access requirements for deliveries and village hall use.
- A full pay-and-display arrangement, including whether overnight stays could be regulated through a parking charge, with appropriate monitoring and enforcement.
- Retention of the current voluntary donation parking arrangement with improved compliance checks by a designated person.
- Whether any checking role could reasonably be undertaken by a councillor, volunteer, existing staff member, or an additional part-time resource.

3. Council Discussion

Members are asked to consider which of the above options, or combination of options, would be proportionate, practical and lawful for the site, and to agree any next steps, including any necessary quotations, legal advice, or operational review.

4. Recommendation

That the Parish Council notes the ongoing issue and resolves to consider the options set out above, with a view to agreeing a preferred course of action

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