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**Minutes of the Beck Row, Holywell Row & Kenny Hill Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7.30pm**

Attendance:

Councillor Gary Peachey	Chair
Councillor Alan Vickerage	Vice Chair
Ms Jane Spenser	Clerk
Councillor James Bailey	
Councillor Jamie Howard	
Councillor Steve Murrow	
Councillor Philip Haylock	
Councillor Gary Harrison	
Councillor Paul Stannard	

Members of the electorate and other attendees:

2 members of the electorate

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

A reminder to everyone that the meeting was being recorded for accurate writing of the minutes.

6154	<u>Apologies and consent to acceptance for absence</u> Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Sue French. Apologies received from District Councillor Don Waldron and County Councillor Colin Noble.	
6155	<u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda.</u> None were received.	
6156	<u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11th February 2025 are a true and correct record.</u> It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 11th February 2025 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
6157	<u>To resolve that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 are a true and correct record.</u> It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 4 th March 2025 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	

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6158	<p><u>Public participation session (15 minutes) to include Police, District and County Councillors' Reports.</u></p> <p>a. Squadron Leader Andy Bell – RAF Mildenhall Not present – no report received.</p> <p>b. PC Andrew Green – Community Policing Not present – no report received.</p> <p>c. Councillor Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council Apologies received – report circulated.</p> <p>d. Councillor Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council Apologies received, any matters for his attention please do get in touch.</p>	
6159	<p><u>Progress reports for information</u></p> <p>a. Chair's report The Parish Council wished to thank Tim, our Parish Keeper for the work undertaken to restore the bus stop on Holmsey Green with the addition of the Perspex sign to try and prevent the splash from the road. The Chair also noted that the Beck Row Village Sign was taken down by Tim and Councillor Peachey as well as help from David Bacon and Oliver Peachey. The sign will now be restored and repainted by H Signs.</p> <p>b. Clerk's report Circulated ahead of the meeting, APPENDIX F</p> <p>c. The Beacon, Councillor French Nothing to report at this time.</p>	
6160	<p><u>To consider planning applications</u></p> <p>DC/24/1136/FUL – RECONSULTATION Planning application - detached industrial building (class B2 - general industrial) on existing concrete hard standing. Kenny Hill Service Station Ltd, Burnt Fen Turnpike, Burnt Fen, Suffolk, IP28 8EB SUPPORT noting the previous comments made by the Parish Council regarding support of local business initiatives.</p>	
6161	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>a. To receive and approve the bank reconciliations - Appendix A and Appendix B - Reconciliation of Parish Council and Parish Hub bank accounts, previously circulated to members ahead of meeting, for the month ending February 2025, were received and approved.</p>	

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b.	<p>To approve payments - i. Parish Council - Appendix C ii. Parish Hub - Appendix D</p> <p>Payments were approved and authorised for payment. Appendix items can be found in the minute folder with signed minutes relating to this meeting and on the website.</p>	
6162	<p><u>Statutory Business</u></p> <p>None at this time</p>	
6163	<p><u>To receive and discuss the February 2025 Play area inspection report</u></p> <p>The play area report was circulated to Council Members ahead of the meeting. It was resolved that the Clerk will obtain 3 quotes to replace the slide and climbing frame equipment in the gated park.</p> <p>There is also the need to repaint some equipment and the Clerk is getting a quote for this to be done. There are several other areas of routine maintenance that the Parish Keeper regularly undertakes in consultation with the Clerk by reviewing the monthly inspection report.</p>	
6164	<p><u>Update on the land at Holywell Row following extraordinary meeting</u></p> <p>Legal representation has now been instructed to handle this matter. The purchaser of 23 The Street, Holywell Row has moved the boundary that was set by Flagship Homes prior to the auction sale taking place. This boundary and photos of it were included in the auction sale. All correspondence to support this is held by the Parish Council who purchased the land from West Suffolk Council with the agreed boundary in place to allow for vehicle access so that the land could be maintained and to allow emergency vehicle access to the land should it be required.</p> <p>With that now being removed the Parish Council are unable to move forward in providing the residents of Holywell Row with the open space planned at present.</p>	
6165	<p><u>Update on the Rose & Crown reunion event</u></p> <p>Councillor French is looking for DJ suggestions. Councillor Stannard confirmed the bar is booked for the evening. Catering is not yet decided. The Committee for this event will get together to carry on planning.</p>	

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6166	<p><u>To discuss a Spring Love Your Village clean up date</u></p> <p>It was decided this time to try an evening meet up rather than a weekend day. Thursday 15th May 2025, 6-8pm was agreed. Advertising will need to be prepared to notify Parish residents of this.</p>	
6167	<p><u>To discuss planting up the area of Beck Row Village Sign</u></p> <p>It was resolved to purchase some materials to make planters to stand on the area of the Village Sign. The Clerk will speak to the Parish Keeper about making these and also to Aspal Lane Nursery with regards to planting them up.</p>	Clerk
6168	<p><u>To confirm timings and plans for VE Day</u></p> <p>Councillor Bailey has spoken to St John's Church and confirmed that St John's Church Hall are happy to open for refreshments. Councillor Bailey has spoken to Beck Row Buddies from Beck Row Primary Academy who would be willing to provide refreshments but ideally need funding to do this.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was resolved that the Parish Council will have a VE Day 80 cake made. Councillor Peachey will order this. The Parish Council will fund the refreshments.</p> <p>Once the timings are known regarding the Church Service and refreshments, a plan of events can be made in line with the Beacon lighting.</p>	Cllr Peachey
6169	<p><u>To discuss Parish maintenance equipment suitability</u></p> <p>The Parish Keeper's area of responsibility has increased over the years. There are areas of grass cutting that the current lawn mower doesn't handle well as the ground is uneven.</p> <p>It was resolved to purchase a rough-cut mower for the Parish Keeper to tackle these areas better and potentially cut down on the number of breakdowns and repairs the current mower incurs. A budget of up to £300 including the service was agreed.</p>	Cllr Peachey Clerk
6170	<p><u>To discuss placement of memorial bench and potential concrete base</u></p> <p>It was agreed to leave the existing bench on the corner of Lamble Close and site the new memorial bench in addition to it. Other areas in the Parish were considered but the conclusion was that the War Memorial location was the most suitable and had the room and footfall to warrant another bench at the location. The Clerk has applied to Councillor Waldron for a contribution from his locality budget towards the project which will require a concrete base being laid.</p>	

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6171	<u>Matters for the next meeting</u> None at this time.	
6172	<u>Date of the next meeting</u> The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8 th April 2025	
6173	<u>Meeting closed</u> The meeting closed at 8.44pm.	

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