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**Minutes of the Beck Row, Holywell Row & Kenny Hill Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7.30pm**

Attendance:

Councillor Gary Peachey	Chair
Councillor Sue French	Vice Chair
Ms Jane Spenser	Clerk
Councillor James Bailey	
Councillor Philip Haylock	
Councillor Steve Murrow	
Councillor Jamie Howard	
Councillor Alan Vickerage	

Members of the electorate and other attendees:

4 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.

6390	<u>Apologies and consent to acceptance for absence</u> Apologies requiring consent received and accepted from Councillor Gary Harrison and Councillor Paul Stannard. Other apologies received not requiring consent from Squadron Leader Owen Crossby and County Councillor and District Councillor Don Waldron.	
6391	<u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda.</u> None were received.	
6392	<u>To resolve that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2026 are a true and correct record.</u> It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 9th June 2026 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	

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6393	<u>Progress reports for information</u>	
a.	Chair's report The Chair wanted to extend thanks to Sandra for the planting and watering of the plants at the Hub and the Village Sign.	
b.	Clerk's progress report on previous agenda items (Appendix G) 1) Both wildlife cameras have been set up, the app is live and I'll update the CCTV Policy accordingly. They are awaiting installation. 2) A very long list of parts has been ordered and received by Graham who is putting a lot of time and effort into restoring the K6 phone kiosk at the Hub. The door frame and insert are confirmed as warped. Although a new frame has been purchased, the inserts are impossible to get hold of. The one we have could be used if there is a way to flatten it but may come with a risk of cracking as I believe it's cast iron? Any input, help or suggestions would be welcome at this point. 3) The pirate ship wood treatment was ordered and, 3 tins later, half of the ship is done. Another 4 tins have now been purchased. It will be completed before the school holidays begin and hopefully will extend the life of the timber. 4) There have been further issues with the pirate ship - new deck lifting, screws exposed. On examination, timber joists under the middle deck (this is a sealed area you cannot access) were rotten. A decision had to be made there and then so Stuart has replaced these joists to avoid the brand-new decking getting damaged and to mitigate the current risks to enable keeping the ship in use. Following communication with Creative Play, the upright timbers of the zip wire will be replaced but it won't be until the end of August. This is having an impact on the cable tension and there could be a need to shut the zip wire off if the condition deteriorates. Having met the playground inspector on site recently, we also discovered a red risk to the base of the pirate ship slide with exposed concrete foundations. Having contacted Stuart, he attended and rectified this the same day by removing the concrete. We are now looking to install grass mats at the base of the slide which will be complete by next week. I've also had to alert Creative Play to some fraying to the netting on the Jungle Climber. This will be changed in August under warranty. There has been a lot of communication with Creative Play regarding these issues. 5) I've completed the documentation and application process for Smart Export (British Gas – electricity for Hub) regarding the energy being returned to the grid. On doing so, it transpires Greenscape Energy have used the wrong MPAN number on the certification so I'm now waiting for amended paperwork to complete our application but this will then see an income of sorts generated from the excess energy	

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	created along with what is clearly a significant monthly saving in electricity required from the grid. 6) As yet I haven't obtained a quote or ordered the picnic bench at the park – there have been too many other issues at the play area to deal with and Stuart will need to be available to install the bench. 7) Suffolk Highways have confirmed from the report logged that they will replace the missing footpath sign at Wildmere Lane. They will be writing to land owners regarding clearing tree/hedge overgrowth which they have concluded is the issue with the footpath reported as impassable - Wildmere/Fen Lane. They won't attend to clear the footpath due to financial constraints and areas they feel are of greater priority. 8) The new lockable bin for the play area is on order after several emails to WSC. They have asked if we can remove the old concrete bin. Stuart is happy to do this. 9) I've received more correspondence and questions regarding ownership and maintenance concerns of Rookery Drove, this time from a representative of a prospective buyer. As no one can confirm ownership, no one can sell or buy! Suffolk Highways have been to the site again and will be coming back to me with a response having suggested to a resident that they contact the Parish Council for assistance. As it stands, responsibility for maintenance will fall to the residents of Rookery Drove should they wish to maintain it or invest in improving it. If this is done and Suffolk Highways are satisfied with it, they may consider its adoption. 10) I've also been contacted by City Fibre who are trying to locate the owners of the entrance road to Rozel Court. No owner is listed on Land Registry and they prefer to have owner co-operation and consent, although they do not need it when improving communication. 11) The Parish Hub is exceptionally busy. Beck Row Pre School have use of the Hub this week as they are having a new building installed ready for September. They have worked with me to ensure Pilates can still run. They have loved the space and the air con! Navy Pilates is hugely successful with classes 3 times a week and on Saturday morning, seeing up to 40 attendees per class. Last weekend saw a baby shower Friday, Parish Hub Café Saturday and a baby naming ceremony on Sunday. 1st Birthday party and family celebrations this weekend. 60th Birthday celebrations the other weekend. I'm rarely not on site! 12) Just a note of thanks to Sandra. She is ensuring the village planters are watered every evening and also the planters at the Parish Hub (which she supplied).	
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The Beacon – Councillor French

There is a new quarter page advert for the next edition of the Beacon. Cut off for entry in the Aug-Sep 26 issue is 17th July 2026.

d.

SID monthly data (Appendix F)

The SID data was shared with Council Members ahead of the meeting. The data remains consistent with the last readings. As before, higher speeds leaving and entering Beck Row from Kenny Hill. Further isolated issues with maximum speeds. The SID data provided shows findings as percentages. For example, 3.22% of cars travelling into Beck Row past Cherry Tree Gardens are entering the village at over 45mph. This 3.22% equates to 1420 cars over the 35 day period of the reading taken June to July. Maximum speed of a car coming into Beck from Kenny Hill is 83mph and 100mph heading out. This is done within the 30mph limit and on entry to the 50mph limit. Other areas of concern remain with Wilde Street, showing a maximum speed of 75mph coming into Beck Row and 68mph heading out towards Wilde Street. The Speed Camera Team and local Police have been provided with the up to date readings.

Holmsey Green				Dolvers View HR				The Street HR			
2026 04 Jun - 08 Jul				2026 04 Jun - 08 Jul				2026 04 Jun - 08 Jul			
	35	Days			35	Days			35	Days	
	I/C	O/G			I/C	O/G			I/C	O/G	
Total Vehicles	22982	22623			48454	46561			39907	49991	
Vehicles per day	657	646			1384	1330			1140	1428	
Average mph	27	27			26	26			25	26	
Max mph	65	68			63	61			53	67	
30% Vehicles less than	24	24			23	24			23	23	
50% Vehicles less than	26	26			25	26			25	25	
85% Vehicles less than	31	31			29	30			28	28	
Vehicles over 45 mph	0.3%	0.3%			0.1%	0.1%			0.1%	0.1%	

Parkside				Wilde Street				Opp Cherry Tree Grd			
2026 04 Jun - 08 Jul				2026 04 Jun - 08 Jul				2026 04 Jun - 08 Jul			
	35	Days			35	Days			35	Days	
	I/C	O/G			I/C	O/G			I/C	O/G	
Total Vehicles	34413	32500			13135	18944			44127	70138	
Vehicles per day	983	931			375	541			1261	2004	
Average mph	26	27			29	30			28	28	
Max mph	63	65			75	68			83	100	
30% Vehicles less than	23	24			25	26			23	19	
50% Vehicles less than	25	26			27	29			26	29	
85% Vehicles less than	29	31			34	35			37	39	
Vehicles over 45 mph	0.2%	0.3%			1.3%	1.2%			3.2%	3.4%	

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Public participation session (15 minutes) to include Police, District and County Councillors’ Reports.

a.

Councillor Don Waldron – Suffolk County Council & West Suffolk Council

Apologies received due to District Council meeting clash. Nothing to report currently.

b.

Squadron Leader Owen Crossby – RAF Mildenhall

The strip of grass along the roadside of the land purchased between the Mildenhall Road/Field Road roundabout and Beck Row has been added to the maintenance contract. The grass has already been cut and trimming should be carried out routinely in future.

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c.	The 352nd Special Operations Wing have returned to Mildenhall from their deployment in support of Operation EPIC FURY. You may have noticed that flights of CV-22 Osprey and MC-130J Commando aircraft have resumed, with an initial increased activity rate to catch up with missed training before returning to normal levels. The Change of Command Ceremony for the 352nd Special Operations Wing (departure of Col Adam Moore and arrival of Col Shane Muscato) is still scheduled for 24th July as planned. RAF Mildenhall hosted a visit by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Kenneth Wilsbach, and the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, David Wolfe, this week. This was an opportunity for the base to highlight its strategic importance to current and future operations. Our Community Relations Advisor, Natalie Murphy, has produced a newsletter summarising recent activity, which has been sent to the Clerk for circulation amongst Councillors. PC Scott Cameron – Community Policing Nothing received at this time.	
6395	<u>Planning matters</u> DC/26/0994/ELEC - Application under the overhead lines (exemption) Regulations 2009 – upgrade existing pole mounted transformer to 50kVa. Location: Ryeland Farm, Wilde Street, Beck Row. SUPPORT DC/26/0919/HH - Householder planning application – a. single storey side and rear extensions b. extended driveway and dropped kerb. Location: 1 Oak Drive, Beck Row. SUPPORT DC/26/0929/HH - Householder planning application – a. single storey side extension (following demolition of existing outbuilding) b. replace window with door on rear elevation. Location: 18 Lamble Close, Beck Row. SUPPORT	Clerk
6396 a-b.	<u>Governance and Finance</u> 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 Jun 2026, were received and approved.	

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To approve payments -

I. Parish Council - **Appendix C**

ii. Parish Hub - **Appendix D**

Date	status	Details	Gross	VAT	Net
10.06.26	PAID	Forest Heath Fasteners - refuse sacks and fastenings	£13.57	£2.26	£11.31
10.06.26	PAID	R E Smith - Parish hedge cutting (done in Feb 26)	£540.00	£30.00	£450.00
16.06.26	DD	Lloyds Srv. Chgs.	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25
17.06.26	PAID	Craig Norman - Jun/Jul 26 Beacon	£1,350.00	£0.00	£1,350.00
18.06.26	DC	X Connect Ltd - K6 kiosk refurb (£1000 grant funded)	£1,593.26	£265.54	£1,327.72
29.06.26	PAID	Willows Management - June 26 Parish maintenance	£435.00	£0.00	£435.00
30.06.26	DC	MFG Field Rd - parish eqpt fuel	£29.85	£4.97	£24.88
30.06.26	DC	Wood Finishes Direct - 3 tins Osmo UV protection oil (p ship)	£253.59	£42.26	£211.33
30.06.26	PAID	JS Salary - Jun 26	£1,196.41	£0.00	£1,196.41
02.07.26	PAID	Forest Heath Fasteners - paint brushes (p ship)	£30.12	£5.02	£25.10
07.07.26	DD	BT - telephone/internet	£62.06	£10.34	£51.72
08.07.26	PAID	HMRC Paye Mth 3 2026	£518.00	£0.00	£518.00
09.07.26	DC	Wood Finishes Direct - 4 tins Osmo UV protection oil (p ship)	£340.62	£56.77	£283.85
09.07.26	DC	Online Playgrounds - caps missing parts for MUGA	£19.44	£3.24	£16.20
09.07.26	DC	BigDUG Ltd - playground floor pegs for mating	£37.81	£6.30	£31.51
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6398	<u>To discuss and book another darts evening at the Parish Hub</u> The darts evening was very well attended and people have asked for another date. Councillor Peachey will get a date over to Councillor French for the advertising in the Beacon magazine but really does need some more volunteers to go forward for future organising and running of the evening.	Cllr Peachey
6399	<u>To discuss plans for running Warm Rooms 2026</u> Cllr Vickerage suggested looking at running Warm Rooms again this year. The Clerk will investigate whether grant funding is available for this winter. It was however mentioned that St John's Hall still successfully runs a Warm Rooms and it was important to not clash with that as it's very well attended. It was agreed to play it by ear as, again, this would need volunteers to open the Hub, set up and make refreshments. The Clerk will update on this in September.	Clerk
6400	<u>To discuss a dedication or memorial for Cheenie Papinjeau</u> Cllr Vickerage suggested a plaque for the bench at the Parish Hub, Cllr Haylock asked if there was a bench at the war memorial, which there is. It was resolved that a plaque will be dedicated to Karen known to us as Cheenie and placed on the bench by the war memorial. The plaque will be acrylic to prevent it from fading like brass will do. Cllr French will be writing an article about Cheenie in the Beacon magazine.	Clerk
6401	<u>To discuss heating for the Parish Council office</u> There is no permanent heat source in the Parish Council office and, in the same respect, it is unworkable in the heat. Following discussion, it was resolved to purchase an air source heating and air conditioning unit for the office. The Clerk will speak to Cllr Stannard for suggestions and pricing.	Clerk
6402	<u>Items for consideration for inclusion on the next agenda</u> None currently.	
6403	<u>Date of the next meeting</u> The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8th September 2026. There is no meeting in August.	
6404	<u>Meeting closed</u> The meeting closed at 8.19pm.	

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