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**Minutes of the Beck Row, Holywell Row & Kenny Hill Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 7.30pm**

Attendance:

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

Members of the electorate and other attendees:

4 members of the electorate
West Suffolk Councillor Don Waldron
Squadron Leader Owen Crossby

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

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

6313	<p><u>Apologies and consent to acceptance for absence</u></p> <p>None requiring consent.</p> <p>Other apologies received from Suffolk County Councillor Colin Noble and PC Scott Cameron – Community Policing.</p>	
6314	<p><u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda.</u></p> <p>None were received.</p>	
6315	<p><u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026 are a true and correct record.</u></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 13th January 2026 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.</p>	

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6316	<p><u>Progress reports for information</u></p> <p>a. Chair's report</p> <p>The phone box door is now completed and hung.</p> <p>The Chair wished to thank the Clerk for her work this month in sorting out the Easter Eggs and the savings made on last year. Also the work undertaken with SID's in retrieving the data from them as well as the work put into the website.</p> <p>Cllr Peachey has also spoken to Suffolk Fire Service and other local authorities with regards to running a driver safety awareness training course at the Parish Hub aimed at our visiting US forces as well as residents.</p> <p>Cllr Peachey has been thinking a lot about loneliness and would like to run a social evening at the Parish Hub where people could bring their own drink or have hot refreshments.</p> <p>b. Clerk's progress report on previous agenda items</p> <p>1) To date the Community Speedwatch Suffolk team have only received 3 application forms from volunteers. There were 7 people who expressed an interest in taking part in a Speedwatch campaign (those 7 include Cllr Murrow and Cllr Howard from the PC). The campaign cannot be launched without enough volunteers.</p> <p>2) I collected the keys for the flat from B Carter along with handover documents. I've been in touch with the tenant so they know to contact me for future management. The EICR for the flat has been completed and I'm in receipt of the certificate – thank you Cllr Stannard for arranging this. It is time to replace several smoke detectors which I will action. The flat is in very good order.</p> <p>3) It became apparent that a mains isolator switch needs to be installed prior to the solar panels going ahead at the Hub. This is a cost of £300 which I was not expecting. Greenscape said it is a recent legislation requirement for best practice. They have agreed to pay 50% of the net cost. This has been booked and paid to British Gas. I'm waiting for IM Serv to call me with an appointment time. The EICR was completed, the application has been submitted and cleared by the Grid. Once the mains isolator has been fitted the panels will be installed so this should be underway before the end of February.</p> <p>4) The warranty repairs to the zip wire (following the report regarding stopping distance) will take place on 13/02/26. Creative Play are waiting for the go ahead on repairs to the pirate ship and zip wire quoted in September 2025 (now scheduling for April).</p> <p>5) Early as it may seem, I've purchased the Easter Eggs due to a good saving at Asda (£1 per egg whilst they are on offer). I did have to do</p>	
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this over 3 separate purchases including 2 home deliveries of 82 and 52 eggs! I collected the remaining 92 from Bury. So a total of 226 eggs - based on last year's figures with the addition of a dairy free alternative to be purchased. We received grant funding from Cllr Waldron of £400 towards the Easter Egg Hunt so remaining funds will be spent on craft activities and extra prizes for the 2 interactive stations which will be a new addition this year.

6) I've had a website rebuild. No change to the name and is still a work in progress but please take the time to have a look and if you'd like to make any suggestions or have any input, let me know. It is particularly much better for the Parish Hub with a new booking facility available via the website. This has been done in conjunction with Suffolk Cloud who have joined forces with Freethought. There is still more that can be done and added to turn it into a Parish website and information centre so I'd appreciate any suggestions. Kay Sallis very kindly took the time to collate a list of contact details for clubs and associations in the Parish.

7) I have just about managed to extract and compile the data from the SID's. Parkside SID is not being helpful as not detectable via Bluetooth so am having to use a cable.

Speed Indicator Device Statistics				Month Report				Jan/Feb 2026	
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Holmsey Green			Dolvers View HR			The Street HR			
2026 13 Jan - 04 Feb			2026 28 Jan - 05 Feb			2026 20 Jan - 06 Feb			
	23	Days		9	Days		18	Days	
	I/C	O/G		I/C	O/G		I/C	O/G	
Total Vehicles	13712	13020	Total Vehicles	8922	8225	Total Vehicles	18846	23331	
Vehicles per day	596	566	Vehicles per day	991	914	Vehicles per day	1047	1296	
	MPH	MPH		MPH	MPH		MPH	MPH	
Average mph	26	27	Average mph	26	26	Average mph	25	25	
Max mph	70	71	Max mph	57	67	Max mph	48	56	
30% Vehicles less than	23	23	30% Vehicles less than	23	23	30% Vehicles less than	22	22	
50% Vehicles less than	25	26	50% Vehicles less than	25	25	50% Vehicles less than	24	24	
85% Vehicles less than	29	31	85% Vehicles less than	28	29	85% Vehicles less than	27	28	
Vehicles over 45 mph	0.3%	0.3%	Vehicles over 45 mph	0.1%	0.1%	Vehicles over 45 mph	0.0%	0.1%	

This also meant clearing down from 2021 to 2026. (I believe we may still have the paperwork for the sign that was damaged and disposed of opposed to one of the signs that is now up which has caused confusion). I've therefore left it off the above table, it will appear next month. Please see above the initial data extracted. As time goes on I will be able to provide a more uniform date range. Next time I will show a decline by a red box or an improvement by a green box. Orange will indicate no change. It would currently appear that speeding (certainly around the SID's) is done by the minority of people and that the SID's are clearly making a difference. I must thank Alan Fisher (West Row Parish Council Chair) and his wife Gaynor who came and spent the morning with me getting this sorted. It would have been difficult without them and it was very helpful to have someone to work this out with. Alan and Gaynor then shared their template which is already supplied to the local police so will be helpful to maintain consistency. Alan and Gaynor have saved hours of my time.

8) Stuart and I had several trips up to Holywell Row land access. Stuart made about 4 trips in his van following all the cutting, pruning, digging and rubbish removal etc. Stuart really has done a great job. The top end of the access is ok. The further you get the more the

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	<p>decrease occurs getting down to perhaps under a metre at one point which is over 2 metres narrower than it should be. Stuart had to cut a fence panel down to gain access to the land as the gate that was at the end of the access path is now in the neighbouring garden. Quite an achievement though and will eventually be a nice space for the residents of Holywell Row to use. There has been a lot of grass cuttings and garden waste dumped on the land as well as bricks and rubble. The land needs to be secured properly now with perimeter fencing so it can be turned into a community space – wildlife garden seems preferable.</p> <p>9) Hub bookings continue to be very frequent. This weekend saw 4 bookings, day and night. £1179.50 paid into the bank in January from Hub bookings.</p> <p>c. The Beacon – Councillor French Cut off for entry in next edition (Apr-May 26) is 12.03.26.</p>	
6317	<p><u>Public participation session (15 minutes) to include Police, District and County Councillors' Reports.</u></p> <p>Brian Sulman spoke as church warden to St John's Church regarding grass cutting. The Church is available to all residents. The Church is grateful for all support received. The Church is awaiting quotations from builders regarding necessary repairs which will no doubt be costly but hopefully affordable. Beck Row has the largest Commonwealth War Graves in Suffolk.</p> <p>The PCC is aware that, following the loss of the last Parish Keeper, the Parish Council were considering how to move forward with the grass cutting at the Churchyard. The PCC are hoping that the discussion regarding the grass cutting at St John's Church will be favourable and would wish to continue with the Parish Council cutting the grass.</p> <p>A member of the electorate asked whether the SID's recorded number plate details. The Clerk responded that no, the data collected is statistics only, date, time, number of vehicles, speed.</p> <p>a. Councillor Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council Parish report circulated to Council Members ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>b. Councillor Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council Present but nothing of significance to report at this time.</p> <p>c. PC Scott Cameron – Community Policing Apologies received, nothing to report at this time but please let him know of matters for his attention.</p>	

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d.	<p>Squadron Leader Owen Crossby – RAF Mildenhall</p> <p>On 27th January, RAF Mildenhall hosted Suffolk Highways for a meeting to discuss planned redevelopment of the main gate entrance. The proposed changes were supported by those attending with some minor alterations suggested. Work will begin on site in 2027, with changes to the public road layout proposed for 2028. Ultimately it should improve traffic flow for the public, although there will be some disruption in the short term.</p> <p>Nick Timothy MP visited RAF Mildenhall on 30th January and spoke about noise, rental prices, jobs in the local economy, and community involvement with the base. The visit was seen as positive by the USAF hosts and discussions were frank and productive on both sides.</p> <p>RAF Mildenhall is hosting an Emergency Services Seminar tomorrow (11th February), which is an opportunity to foster relations between the on-base emergency service personnel and their civilian counterparts in the region. This helps to ensure a smooth process if any emergency events needed the teams to work together when responding.</p> <p>Tim Passmore (Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner) has suggested that a motorbike simulator might be available to promote safe road use for base personnel. This potentially could be coordinated with any education events from Suffolk Fire Service.</p>	
6318	<p><u>Planning matters</u></p> <p>DC/26/0165/HH – one air source heat pump. Location, 59 Holmsey Green, Beck Row. SUPPORT</p>	Clerk
6319	<p><u>Governance and Finance</u></p> <p>a-b. 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 January 2026, were received and approved.</p> <p>c-d. To approve payments - i. Parish Council - Appendix C ii. Parish Hub - Appendix D</p> <p>Approved and authorised for payment. Appendix items can be found in the minute folder with signed minutes relating to this meeting.</p> <p>e. To review and adopt the circulated Asset Register – Appendix E</p> <p>The Asset Register was circulated to Council Members ahead of the meeting for annual review. No changes were suggested by the Council Members. The circulated version was adopted for 2026.</p>	

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6320	<p><u>To discuss and resolve plans for play equipment</u></p> <p>It was resolved to proceed with the jungle climber as a new piece of equipment which will be sited outside the gated play area. The site of the removed climbing frame and slide will be cleared and reviewed. The Clerk will liaise with Creative Play to achieve a date for the repairs to the zip wire and pirate ship and the install of the Jungle Climber. Cllr Haylock asked if there was any progress regarding accessible play equipment. The Clerk is still looking at options that are affordable within the budget or ways to potentially adapt or replace equipment that is due to be replaced, for instance the swings or roundabout. It has certainly not been forgotten.</p>	
6321	<p><u>To discuss upgrading the ride on mower</u></p> <p>The current mower is now quite old and struggling with the workload required. It isn't time effective for Stuart using that equipment. Cllr Murrow will investigate options and prices to upgrade the ride on mower. The option of hire will be priced up also.</p>	Cllr Murrow
6322	<p><u>To discuss purchasing Heras fencing</u></p> <p>The Parish Council needs Heras fencing to secure play equipment should it become faulty or when an area needs to be worked on and put out of action. Cllr Stannard has a stock of this fencing and has offered the Parish Council the use of it as and when required. The Clerk will put Stuart in touch with Cllr Stannard to arrange collection as the old climbing frame area will need to be sectioned off to allow for work to remove the stumps and rubber matting.</p>	Cllr Stannard
6323	<p><u>To update on the progress of Holywell Row land and to discuss fencing</u></p> <p>Stuart has spent a lot of time clearing the access to land and the land itself, removing overgrown and unwanted bushes and brambles. There is unfortunately a lot of waste that has been dumped on the land - rubble, metal and other items.</p> <p>Fencing around the site was discussed. The outside fencing is satisfactory and provides a good view across the neighbouring fields. Fencing at the rear of the garden of the properties backing on to the land was deemed unnecessary at this time.</p> <p>Arrangements will need to be made to clear the remaining waste from the land.</p>	
6324	<p><u>Items for consideration for inclusion on the next agenda</u></p> <p>Purchase of wildlife cameras Sponsorship of Christmas trees</p>	

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6325	<u>Date of the next meeting</u> The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10 th March 2026.	
6326	<u>Meeting closed</u> The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.	

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