

South Walsham Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting on 2nd March 2026

at South Walsham Village Hall

1. ATTENDANCE

Present: Peter Crook, chair and interim clerk (PCr), Malcolm Steward (MS), Amanda Miller (AM), Clive Grant (CG) and Sue Grant (SG)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of meeting on 2nd February agreed and signed as a true record.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

- a. Litter – disappointment about the level of litter in the village. Woody thanked for his efforts in clearing – council to take responsibility for disposing of collected litter. Agreed to consider a village wide volunteering scheme for litter clearing.
- b. Notice board on Village Green needs attention – PCr to inspect and attend to.
- c. Road condition – large potholes reported at entrance to Staithe car park and poor condition of Kingfisher Lane. PC to report and check on status of Kingfisher Lane.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a. Church lime trees – maintenance work to take place in June.
- b. Iron road sign continues to remain with NCC for repair. Agreed this was an unacceptable situation.
- c. King's Arms triangle – agreed to revise the PC's proposal for a historic village marker in this position in the light of the Lacons plaque not being available. Further details to be worked up.
- d. Burlingham Road Woods – grant funded pond dredging complete. Additional associated work to proceed when mud dries. NCC confirmed grass cutting contract for 2026
- e. Churchyard lights – options to upgrade lights are being finalised.
- f. Community development project – appeal being considered against planning refusal.
- g. A 47 update subject to weather - new turning into South Walsham Road (when travelling east) will open in week commencing 16th March. New carriageways operational early May. South Walsham Road bridge open July. Tree planting will not commence till October.

6. VILLAGE ISSUES

- a. Play equipment – annual inspection awaited. Bearing issues on roundabout to be discussed with inspector. MS to report back with recommendation following inspection.
- b. Parking at King's Arms junction – yellow lines not viable.
- c. Village Hall defibrillator – PC to take over responsibility for maintenance from VH. Maintenance contract not available.
- d. Power to newly erected communications mast - satisfactory Wayleave details from UKPN still awaited for sign off by PC. PCr authorised to proceed with signing as soon as outstanding issues resolved. Cricket club recorded concern that turf should be properly reinstated if excavation involved.

7. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

February accounts and bills for payment approved.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Environmental concerns at 9 Broad Lane reported to be being addressed by BDC and family concerned.

Monday 13th April 2026 at 7.30pm, South Walsham Village Hall

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