

the norton messenger

July 2025



EDITORIAL

Thanks to Dave Ling for his lovely photos from around the water meadows to be found throughout the Messenger – including the one above.

Several people have emailed with suggestions for different articles for the Messenger. If you have any ideas please send me in the material you would like to see published to the address below by the 15th of the previous month. I can't write them without input from you!

Best wishes, Diana



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NORTON VILLAGE HALL CLASSES

IP31 3LE



MONDAY	6.00pm - 6.45pm 7.00pm - 7.45pm	Paracise Jo's Fit4All
TUESDAY	9.30am - 10.30am	Serenity Yoga
	10.45am - 11.45am	Silver Swans Over-55s Ballet Class
	7.15pm - 9.15pm	Song Circle Ladies' Choir
WEDNESDAY	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Zumba
THURSDAY	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Rockfit with Bliss
FRIDAY	9.15am - 10.15am	Zumba Fitness with Yvonne
	10.45am - 11.45 am	



For further details please contact: nortonvhbookings@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER TREASURER NEEDED



We have an urgent vacancy for a TREASURER to join the Norton Village Hall Management Committee in order to keep our great facility running smoothly

RESPONSIBILITIES

- > Managing straightforward finances
- > Providing a financial summary for our monthly meetings
- > Helping to shape the future of our community space
- > Prior experience with bookkeeping or finance is welcome but not essential, as full support will be provided
- > Flexible working - just a few hours a month

VOLUNTEERS ALSO WANTED WITH NO COMMITTEE DUTIES!

Want to help but don't fancy meetings? No problem!

Because we are also looking for volunteers we can call upon to:

- > Lend a hand with odd jobs
- > Help at Events
- > Assist with Marketing and Social Media posts
- > Pitch in with occasional or small regular tasks
- > Just help when they can - every bit counts!

INTERESTED? QUESTIONS?

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St Andrew's Church Norton IP31 3LE

Plants

DOG SHOW



Tea

Cakes

SUNDAY 2nd JUNE

4 pm

POSTPONED UNTIL 20th SEPTEMBER
Due to the hot weather

Dog Classes and Prizes

Class Registration 2pm

Classes beginning 2.30pm

Fun for all the Family



As I write this article, we are already two weeks into the Summer 2 term. The sun is shining, and the children are happily playing on the field — a lovely backdrop to what is always one of the busiest and most exciting times of the school year. Summer 2 is full of anticipation, as children begin preparing for the next step in their educational journey while also enjoying their final weeks with their current class teachers and all the learning and experiences that still lie ahead. We began the term on a high note with a visit from Olympic athlete Rachel Laybourne, who represented Great Britain in volleyball at the 2012 London Games. Rachel shared her inspiring story with the children, speaking about the importance of stepping out of your comfort zone and following your dreams. Each class also enjoyed a special PE session led by Rachel, with the chance to try out volleyball skills first-hand.

Looking ahead, we have a packed calendar of exciting events, including the Key Stage 2 performance of *It's the End of the World... But Not as We Know It!*, our much-anticipated Sports Day, and Norton's Got Talent. In addition, several school trips are planned to enhance and support the children's learning across the curriculum.

In Star Class (Reception), the children are continuing their topic on Living and Growing. They are currently caring for caterpillars and will be observing and documenting their transformation over the coming weeks. There is also great excitement about their first school trip to Bradfield Woods — postponed earlier due to high winds, but now eagerly awaited.

Galaxy Class (Year 1) have launched their new Geography topic, *Let's Go to the Jungle*. They'll be exploring various types of jungle ecosystems around the world — from cloud forests to mangroves — and comparing them with our own British woodlands, looking closely at weather, wildlife, and key environmental features.

Planet Class (Year 2) have been learning about Judaism. They recently welcomed visitors from the Jewish community, who brought a range of religious items for the children to explore through touch, taste, smell, and sight. The children have learned about Shabbat, the Torah, and worn kippahs and tallitot. They even designed their own mezuzahs and wrote prayers to go inside. Their new Geography topic is *G'day Australia*, where they'll explore Australia's location, climate, landscape, and native animals, while making comparisons with the UK.

Comet Class (Year 3) are diving into their topic *Under the Sea*, with lots of cross-curricular links to marine life and ocean biomes. They'll also be visiting Lackford Lakes as part of their Science work on plants. The trip will include pond dipping, exploring plant life cycles, and classifying invertebrates.

Rocket Class (Year 4) are continuing their exploration of *Rivers and Deserts*. This term, they will learn about the journey rivers take and will visit the nearby Black Bourn River to identify key features. They'll then move on to study deserts — their locations, climates, and how humans use these extreme environments.

Meteor Class (Year 5) recently enjoyed a fantastic day at Explore Outdoors in Nowton Park, where they took part in a variety of team-building and outdoor learning activities. They are also looking forward to showcasing their clarinet skills in a joint musical performance with other local schools.

Supernova Class (Year 6) are in their final half term at primary school. In Science, they are studying the effects of healthy lifestyles on physical and mental health — particularly in relation to heart health and the respiratory system. They will investigate how choices such as exercise, smoking, alcohol, drugs, and diet can impact wellbeing. There will also be a strong focus on preparing for their transition to secondary school, as well as rehearsing for the end-of-year production, where they will take on key acting roles.

As our Year 6 pupils prepare to move on, we are also welcoming the next generation: our new Star Class children, who are attending Come and Join In sessions. Our current Reception pupils are doing a brilliant job of showing them around and sharing all the fun to be had both inside and outside the classroom.

I look forward to sharing news of our end-of-term production and other final celebrations in my last newsletter of the academic year.

Thank you,
 Mrs Sparkes



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (Part of the Benefice of Pakenham, Norton & Tostock, with Great Ashfield, Hunston & Stowlangtoft)

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Website: www.achurchnearyou.com Benefice Church magazine www.vcnews.org.uk

June 2025 Church Services

Open daily for visitors and private prayer. St Andrew's Norton services are highlighted below.

6 th	3 rd Sunday after Trinity	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family@Church Saints	Norton Pakenham
13 th	4 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship 11.00am Family Communion	Tostock Great Ashfield Pakenham
20 th	5 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship 11am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	Pakenham Norton Great Ashfield Tostock
27 th	6 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am TOAST 9.30am Holy Communion 11am Morning Worship 11am Family Communion	Great Ashfield Hunston Tostock Norton

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH LIGHTS

The St Andrew's Church (Norton) floodlights for the first 2 weeks of July is sponsored by David and Thelma Howes the Church lights to celebrate family birthdays.

If you would like to see the church lit up please consider sponsoring the lights (£20 a week) or if you would like to celebrate an event or remember a loved one contact:

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Norton Salvation Army

What's on at the Army in July?

Sunday 6 th	Breakfast Church (Enjoy coffee/tea/pastries in a relaxed Worship setting)	10.45am
Sunday 13 th	Morning Worship	11.00am
Sunday 20 th	Evening Praise	6.00pm
Sunday 27 th	Morning Worship	11.00am
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Mondays (School Term Time)	Toddlesong (Children 0-4yrs £1 per family/session)	9.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 2nd	Friends Cafe (We are a dementia friendly group offering time out to include carers)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday's	Cameo Lunches (3 Course Meal £6.00)	11.45am – 1.30pm
Thursday 24 th	Choir Rehearsal	8.00pm – 9.30pm.
Friday 18 th	Craft Club	7.00pm – 9.00pm
Tuesday 22 nd	Youth Drop-in	4.30pm – 6.00pm

Please feel free to come & join in with us at any time: You would be very welcome

Our Clothes Bank situated in the car park is available to you for all your unwanted clothes & shoes.
Available 24/7. Please help us to help others.

If you would like to make contact with Norton Salvation Army please e-mail:

Norton@salvationarmy.org.uk OR Peter.Newson@salvationarmy.org.uk

We will be pleased to help you where possible with any questions/queries

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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

In **May**, our secretary attended a conference in Norwich entitled “*Building in Context: Delivering Good Growth in Heritage Locations*”. This was organised by *SAVE Britain’s Heritage* who spoke to us in April about their campaigning work, and was held in Norwich’s impressive King’s Centre which had been a 19th-century brewery, then a WW1 rehabilitation and activity centre for returning soldiers, and in the 1960s a popular concert hall, but now much enlarged, improved and repurposed. Held in partnership with The Norwich Society, this conference brought together leading voices from planning, architecture, and heritage to explore one of the most pressing challenges facing our historic towns and cities, i.e. how to accommodate growth while enhancing the very character that makes these places special. The numerous speakers explored various aspects on how we can accommodate growth in our historic cities, and enhance the very character which makes them unique and interesting.

Also included was a guided walk down King Street (parallel with the river), led by a Norwich City Guide. Once lined with mansions, merchant houses, and a Benedictine priory, the river had brought trade here for centuries. King Street is one of the longest thoroughfares in the city and, since Saxon times, the area has been associated with the fishing and riverside industries. As trade from the river grew, so did the number of sailors and the many pubs (once an astonishing 58) vying for their custom. Amongst other splendid historic buildings, we were shown a wealthy family’s 12th century Music House, thought to be the oldest surviving house in the city, and the 14th-century Dragon Hall, a former merchants’ hall which today has been restored to its medieval splendour.




Our **June** meeting started with our AGM at which we appointed a new Chairman and viable committee to enable us to continue for another year.

We then welcomed Neil Instrall for his talk “*The MIDDY Railway*” (Mid-Suffolk Light Railway), being Suffolk’s only standard-gauge heritage railway. Three lines were originally planned, but mid-Suffolk in the late 19th century experienced an agricultural depression and population decline, so just one line was built in 1904, and this was initially for freight only but passengers were eventually accommodated, albeit in “mixed” trains, i.e. freight-and-passengers-combined train. Over its 50 years of operation, the MSLR experienced bankruptcy and takeovers, but was used extensively for freight in both world wars and passenger services until its final closure in 1952. Having re-opened and run by volunteers in the mid-1990s, one can now enjoy steam train rides in Victorian coaches to experience the atmosphere of a rural railway of up to 100 years ago.





Our next event will be on **17th July**, when we will join Woolpit History Group for their outing to Hawstead’s *Great War Huts* Military Museum.

For further information about our History Group, please visit our website
– www.elmswell-history.org.uk – or contact our Secretary, on 01359-
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NORTON NATURE NOTES

LINNET (*Linaria cannabina*)

The Linnet is a small and slim finch that was once widespread across the United Kingdom, with the exception of the very north of Scotland. They are a passerine bird having a toe arrangement especially suited to perching. It was once popular as a caged bird because of its tuneful and melodious song, which contains fast twills and twitters.

Linnet males have brown backs and grey head with pink foreheads and chests. Females are paler and streakier and lack the pink patches. The young also lack the pink colour. They have a short but deeply forked tail. Their bills are grey, and they have pale brown legs. It has a bouncing flight, usually twittering as it flies and may be seen in larger flocks during the winter. Linnet numbers have dropped significantly over the past few decades, with the UK population estimated to have fallen by almost 60% since the 1970's.



Credit: RSPB



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Linnets can be seen in all sorts of habitats – grassland and scrubland, heathland and moorland, farmland, wetland and coastal areas, and occasionally in towns and gardens. Like many other farmland birds, they are declining due to agricultural intensification reducing their main food source. They feed on seeds, and occasionally invertebrates, and are year-round residents in the UK. In winter, they will often form larger flocks with other seedeaters, roaming the countryside and feeding on stubbles, saltmarshes and wasteland.

Open land with thick bushes is favourite for breeding. The female Linnet builds a neat, bowl-shaped nest made of grass, moss, and twigs often lined with hair and wool. The nests can be found in gorse bushes or in hedgerows. They lay between four to seven eggs which are smooth, pale blue with fine purple and brown spots. Incubation is by the female only, but the young are fed by both parents.



Credit: Garden Wildlife Direct

DID YOU KNOW ?

Linnet is the nickname for several football teams including Kings Lynn FC, Runcorn Linnets FC, Barry Town FC, and Burscough FC.

Linnets are named after their favourite food – seeds. Their common name comes from linseed which is the seed of flax, while their scientific name, refers to hemp.



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IN MEMORIAM – MEMORIES OF A SHOP KEEPER

It is with deep regret that Jill Bonfield wishes to announce the death of her husband John Bonfield who died peacefully in March 2025 after battling with cancer and Parkinson's.

John was born in Isleworth in Middx in 1935, and after an early career working for Nat West Bank, including spell at Heathrow airport he and his wife decided to move their young family to Suffolk. So in 1968 after viewing several opportunities they settled on purchasing the village shop known as Regent Stores (now Heathercroft) opposite the garage, with John's parents.



The shop was open 6 days a week and customers could buy anything from newspapers, fresh meats, cheese, eggs and vegetables all sourced locally, along with longer life products.

In the days before online shopping customers used to fill in red order books that were collected and John and his father would make deliveries daily to Norton and the surrounding villages in a large van.

One of his early memories was dealing with the switch to decimalisation in 1971 and having to have 2 prices on everything in the shop. They also ran a Christmas club that enabled customers to save money during the year and this could be spent on Christmas trees, turkeys and even children's presents.

In the winter of 1981 Suffolk experienced very heavy snowfalls but John still managed to use a makeshift sledge to deliver to the elderly customers in the village.

When not at their caravan at Dunwich, John also helped out with a village youth football team and also remembered the shop team winning the village fete 5 a side football tournament one year.

However, with the growth of the supermarkets they decided to close what had become a SPAR shop and concentrate on delivering newspapers. John's red van and Jill's motorcycle could be seen in the early mornings zipping around the village. With the closure of the shop the living quarters were extended and the property was renamed Heathercroft.

However after in 2000 after 32 years, John and Jill decided to call it a day and start enjoying their retirement. This saw them visit family in South Africa, Australia, NZ and the USA. But when they were at home John still could be found helping out at the then ESSO garage.

In 2013 after 45 years living and working in the village they decided to move to a smaller property at Shepherds Grove Park in Stanton, and remained there until John's illness worsened in the early part of 2025.

He would often talk about the many great memories of running the shop, serving the village and the characters that he came across and will be sadly missed by Jill and the rest of the family.

David Bonfield





Norton Baptist Church

July 2025



Norton Baptist
Church

Check the information below for our services
throughout July and beyond



Summer is here and we hope and pray that the weather is bright and sunny for everyone.

July is a month for celebration at Norton Baptist Church as we come together on the 6th July for our Church Anniversary service. The church, in one form or another, has been serving the local community for over 190 years. It would be great if you could join with us as we give thanks for all that has been done and all that we want to do over the coming year. Our service of celebration starts at 10:30am (10am for coffee) and then we can join together as friends and family for a Bar-B-Q and picnic at the home of Helen Allum.

We continue with our Prayer Course on the 13th July looking a little more into The Lords Prayer. This is a time for open discussion and questions as we watch the Prayer Course video and talk through the points it raises.

By the time Café Church rolls around at the end of the month the schools will have broken up and the summer holidays will be well underway. We hope you enjoy whatever you have planned.

The Den continues to meet at 6:30pm-8pm until 4th July after which we can all take a well-earned break until September.

If you need any more information, please email us and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

	6 TH July	13 TH July	20 TH July	27 TH July
Church Anniversary	10am			
Prayer Course		10am		
Praise & Worship			10am	
Café Church				10am

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NORTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

2025 Exchange Visit: Wednesday 28th May – Sunday 1st June

We recently welcomed our friends from Muids for a wonderful, fun-filled exchange visit where we could not have wished for more beautiful weather!

After hosting a welcome event on Wednesday, Thursday saw many of us head off for the organised group trip to the North Norfolk Railway. Our annual soir   took place on Friday evening which included some fantastic food from Forage Kitchen (soon to be running the coffee shop!) and incredible entertainment from Harry Isaac Presley and the HIP Operation. A relaxed day was had on Saturday with many families visiting Woolpit Steam and other local venues before waving our guests off on Sunday.

Please get in touch if you would like any more information!



Dates for your diary:

- ❖ **20th July:** Summer Social (members only)
- ❖ **13th September:** Bingo Night
- ❖ **8th October:** Annual General Meeting



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Norton & District Twinning Association

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th May 2025

PRESENT in the Chair: Mrs. S. Hill

Mr. B. Aket, Mr. J Bolus, Prof. K. Jaggard, , Mr. J. Morgan, Mr. G. Walton, Mr. N. Winstanley

Mrs. J. Rowland (Clerk)

LGA 1972 s12 para 40

County Councillor A. Mellen

District Councillors H. Richardson and David Bradbury.

PC Colin Gedney

APOLOGIES: Mr. R. Lenko

The Council consented to accept the apology and reasons, which will be recorded in the attendance register.

1.	The Chair welcomed all to the monthly meeting.	
2.	Declarations of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests a) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) and personal interests in items on the agenda inc. gifts of hospitality exceeding £25- none b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters - none c)To receive requests for dispensations - none	
3.	PUBLIC FORUM	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public—to receive questions and matters of concern from those in attendance - none Members of the public – to receive comments submitted via email <p>A14 to be closed for four months near Bury St Edmunds and lorries using the A1088. Various emails received about lorries using the A1088 after 10pm and not using the signed diversion. It was questioned why enforcement was not put in place prior to work commencing. Although speed cameras are being used this does not monitor weight of vehicles or those that are allowed to use the A1088. Cllr Mellen stated this was more a matter for Trading Standards than the Police, so he agreed to escalate the problem. He felt if a safety camera was used with ANPR it should be able to see who can and cannot use the road. But he was unsure if anyone was in place to collate this information.</p> <p>Enquiry received about overgrown hedge onto the pavement near the pond in Woolpit Road. Mr. Bolus agreed to check and trim back as necessary.</p>	
4.	REPORTS FOR INFORMATION	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from County Councillor Andy Mellen - noted <p>Traffic calming on A roads – information received from Cllr Mellen stating certain calming measures were unable to be used on Suffolk A roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from District Cllrs Harry Richardson and David Bradbury – noted. Both are contributing some Locality Budget to the additional SID. 	
5.	MINUTES	
	To RESOLVE the minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2025 are a true and correct record. Mr. Aket proposed, Prof Jaggard seconded, with all in agreement.	
6.	COOPTION - To consider cooption to the vacant post - ongoing	
7.	MATTERS ARISING from Meeting held on 7 th April 2025	
	7.1 Parish Tree and Wildflower planting scheme. No update.	
	7.2 UKPN – To receive update on recent developments. Following a brief meeting of Councillors on 3 rd May Hayden Foster was asked to negotiate with UKPN and produce the Designated Advisory Report for the Charity Commission. The final agreement was for the Council to pay the £6000 fee to FIT, UKPN to pay £500 per year rental with 3 yearly review against RPI, UKPN agreed to a 40 year lease, UKPN to pay Hayden Foster for his work, and the Council to pay £600 for the Advisory Report. It is now anticipated this will allow the substation to be taken forward.	
	MATTERS ARISING FROM APM ON 28th APRIL 2025	
	7.3 Street lighting – to review lighting times. The Clerk will enquire again about the criteria and merits for turning off lights at night but the A1088 remaining lit.	Clerk

	7.4 Bus stop near The Dog corner. Cllr Mellen agreed to check the criteria and ask for markings. It was mentioned the sign may need repair.	
	7.5 Lamp post and other notices. It was agreed that these notices cause a problem and Councillors agreed to remove if out of date or create visibility problems.	
	7.6 The lift truck parked near The Dog seems to be constantly parked there. It was unsure who owns the truck. It is considered to be an eyesore as it does not appear to move during the day. It is close to the junction and near to the bus stop. It was suggested the layby at the top of Thurston Road would be a better parking place.	
	7.7 Antisocial behaviour in the village. There had been an incident at the Hall recently when a number of youths had been intimidating and threatening. At the time this had been reported to the Police. Cllr Richardson stated he had spoken to the PCSO in Thurston and also PC Colin Gedney, the beat officer covering Norton. Mr. Aket felt the Parish perhaps need to involve younger residents, to possibly mobilise them to have more opportunity to have a pride in where they live rather than spoiling it, for example a working party of youngsters with adult supervision to litter pick, clean the play area, clear the path around the field etc. Mr. Winstanley said he would ask if the Neighbourhood Plan could invite comments from youngsters.	
	7.8 Additional SID along A1088 – Mr. Lenko has identified a site and has resident agreement for siting near the beaver enclosure. Paperwork will be sent to Highways and a pole will be requested. He stated he has obtained Locality Funding from the District Councillors.	
	7.9 Double white lines along A1088 in village - discussion took place about merits and consequences. It was felt that to tackle speeding double lines would not work. It would mean no stopping along the road and benefits are not evident.	
8.	PC Colin Gedney arrived to introduce himself to the Council. He was recently working in schools and is now covering villages. He was aware of the recent antisocial behaviour. He aims to contact parishes quarterly with an invite to meet him at the Police Station to discuss any issues and for him to feedback to Councils. The issue of the HGVs using the A1088 was highlighted. He could not commit to any police presence due to staffing (9 active beat officers covering over 300 miles of Suffolk). He outlined the work that goes on behind the scenes and the various issues they are called to cover. He commented on the Suffolk Police website which informs of types of crimes committed in various areas. He stated that as from 2023 the emphasis had been on community policing and engagement. The Chair thanked PC Gedney for giving his time to introduce himself and engage with the Council.	
9.	PLANNING	
	DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) Haydons, Ashfield Road, Norton DC/25/00803 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/24/04965 - Condition 4 (Highways Surface), Condition 11 (Air Source Heat Pump Details) and Condition 13 Biodiversity Enhancement Layout)	
10	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
	10.1 To approve the accounts awaiting payment: <div> <div> Clerk's salary £624.00 Messenger, £363.00 SCC grounds £407.23 Capitol Play (Tile) £168.00 Clear Councils £1722.41 Clerks & Councils Direct Subscription £15.50 HMRC £210.45 Cheque no. 522593 </div> <div> LGA1972 s112 LGA1972 s112 Public Health Act 1875 s164 Public Health Act 1875 s164 LGA1972 s111 LGA1972 s112 LGA1972 s112 </div> </div>	
	10.2 To review insurance cover. Paperwork circulated to all Councillors for review and comment. The Council RESOLVED that it was fit for purpose.	
	10.3 Request from SARS for financial support. The Clerk stated a donation had been budgeted, so the Council RESOLVED a donation of £400.	
	10.4 The Clerk confirmed receipt of first half of Precept £27500 and CIL payment of £18074.27	
	10.5 Budget statement circulated to Councillors and approved .	
	10.6 The Clerk stated it will be necessary to purchase a new laptop. The current laptop is a Windows 8 and after a yearly update in order to submit PAYE monthly payments it required Windows 10 or above. Windows 10 has been downloaded but the laptop runs very slow and Windows 10 will no longer be available after October so the same problem will occur next year. Mr. Walton stated the Hall has researched laptops with high protection and will pass on details for investigation by the Clerk.	Clerk Mr. 12 Walton

11	REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENTS	
	11.1 Risk assessments currently held circulated, reviewed and agreed as fit for purpose.	
12	DEVOLUTION	
	12.1 Invitation: Suffolk County Council Briefing on Local Government Reorganisation 6 th June 2025, 7.30pm Woolpit Village Hall. Mrs. Hill stated she will attend.	
13	SPEEDWATCH	
	13.1 Update on Speedwatch. No update 13.2 Strategy to combat speeding –gating - no update	
14	VILLAGE HALL	
	14.1 Mr. Walton confirmed he has not left the Management Committee but will be standing down when further members are found. The Deed of Trust asks for all village organisations to be represented on the Committee, but it may be more appropriate to have classes represented. The Clerk commented on a recent caravan booking allowing access to the field as the children were leaving school and felt this was a risk. The car park was full for school and preschool pick up creating difficulty for arriving caravans. She requested that for any future events caravans should be asked not to arrive between 8-9 am and 2.45-4pm.	
15	PLAY AREAS	
	15.1 Play area adjacent to Village Hall. The zip wire requires tightening which Mr. Lenko will do with help.	
	15.2 Play area in Prospect Road. A replacement tile for the trampoline one has been received and will be fixed shortly.	Mr.Lenko
16	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	
	16.1 Review of working party meeting with review and comments on residential survey form. Mr. Winstanley stated the meeting had been constructive and the survey, based on one of many samples received from Mr. Poole, had been put together. This has been sent to Mr. Poole for his comments and to the Council for information. It is hope this will be ready for distribution with the June or July Messenger.	
17	CORRESPONDENCE	
	17.1 The Local Councillor - May 2025- noted	
	17.2 Town and Parish update from MSDC - May 2025 - noted	
	17.3 Clerks & Councils Direct -noted	
18	Questions and Comments from Members and suggestions for next meeting - none	
19	To confirm the date of next meeting 2nd June 2025	
20	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05	

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