

**MINUTES OF STOKESBY WITH HERRINGBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD AT STOKESBY COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY
2025 AT 7PM**

The Parish Council Chairman, Richard Youngs, presided and the following Councillors were present:-

Ed Wharton, Stuart Ward, Richard Ager, Rob Lloyd and Philip Crane. The Parish Clerk and Borough Councillor Adrian Thompson were also present. There were two members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Leigh-Ann Medhurst and PC Callum Ball had sent apologies.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8TH MAY 2024

The minutes were read and **agreed**, proposed by Richard Ager, seconded by Rob Lloyd, all in favour; and signed by the Chairman.

3. UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING

The asbestos sheets had been removed and safely disposed of.

4. PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report was presented by Richard Youngs (**Appendix A**).

b. Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented by the Clerk (**Appendix B**).

5. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER REPORTS

i. County Councillor

No report.

ii. Borough Councillor

Adrian Thompson reported that the flagpole had been installed, and a VE flag had been flown. The seesaw and rocker had been installed, and the ditch had been dug out. The appeal on Filby Road land had been won. The moles were under control, and Adrian was thanked for funding this.

iii. Police

The Police reports were circulated as received and information was available on the website. **Appendix C**.

iv. Website

The report from Richard Dixon was presented (**Appendix D**).

v. Sports and Social Club

Rob Lloyd presented his report (**Appendix E**).

vi. Poors Marshes

Ed Wharton reported that there had been 18 applicants, with £200 awarded per applicant. Income from the tenant plus from environmental scheme payments formed the income, with £3,910 from the Rural Payments Agency.

- vii. Village Hall and Fete Working Group
Rob Lloyd presented his report (**Appendix F**).
- viii. Defibrillator
Ed Wharton reported that the consumables were replaced as needed, and it was checked monthly.
- ix. Parochial Church Council
Richard Dixon reported that the PCC had received a generous donation from a former villager, which could kick start grant funding. They needed someone with the skills and knowledge to put together grant funding applications. Philip Crane noted that there were three bad holes in the thatch, however this could need permission, and a thatcher was needed.

6. GENERAL PARISH ISSUES

Richard Dixon noted that there were complaints from people regarding the parking at the Common, which was almost pushing the planter that had been moved there. Potentially a concrete bollard could be needed, Richard Youngs would look into this and would look at pinning it into the ground. **ACTION: RY**

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.23pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chairman's Report May 2025

The village at present is looking very well cared for with the horse chestnuts in bloom and neatly cut grass. The bulbs provided by Adrian alongside the cherry trees gave April a great feel and it's sad that one cherry tree has to be felled because of a fungal disease.

Parking on common ground is still a concern that needs monitoring but not a problem purely applicable to our parish , the speed (SAM) camera has been in constant use and thanks must go to Richard Ager for compiling the data . Older playground equipment is now receiving some maintenance with the roundabout getting a new floor, the posts around the green area will require replacing from time to time. Thanks to all councillors for their time and effort in keeping Stokesby a pleasant village to live in .many thanks to Adrian Thompson for his time and providing a new see saw and flowering bulbs. Finally many thanks to Catherine our hard working clerk for all her knowledge and support.

Richard Youngs
Stokesby Parish Council Chairman

Stokesby with Herringby Parish Council
Accounts for year ending 31st March 2025

	2024/25	<i>Budget</i> <i>2024/25</i>	2023/24
Income			
Precept	£ 6,928.00	£6,928.00	£ 5,598.00
Council Tax Support Grant	£ -	£0.00	£ -
Concurrent Functions	£ 812.00	£812.00	£ 2,731.00
Interest	£ 534.09	£200.00	£ 520.19
Misc	£ 1.15	£1.00	£ 1.15
Grants	£ -		£ 800.00
S106	£ -		£ -
CIL	£ -		£ -
VAT	£ 2,116.63		£ 718.10
Total	£ 10,391.87	£ 7,941.00	£ 10,368.44
Expenditure			
Concurrent - Churchyard	£ 800.00	£800.00	£ 800.00
Concurrent - Open Spaces	£ 1,275.00	£1,250.00	£ 1,275.00
Clerk's Salary	£ 2,545.66	£2,613.00	£ 2,457.00
Mileage	£ -		£ -
Subscriptions	£ 120.28	£136.00	£ 134.29
Bank Charges	£ 71.40	£72.00	£ 72.00
Audit	£ 100.00	£100.00	£ 50.00
Hall Hire	£ -	£60.00	£ 300.00
Insurance	£ 280.00	£350.00	£ 325.56
Capital Expenditure	£ 1,464.00		£ 9,933.46
Repairs and Replacements	£ 129.95	£950.00	£ -
Tree Inspection Works	£ 250.00	£500.00	£ -
Administration	£ 61.13	£50.00	£ 66.00
Website	£ 155.50	£160.00	£ 114.00
Grants	£ -		£ -
Misc	£ 112.00	£250.00	£ -
VAT	£ 107.09		£ 2,009.54
S137	£ -	£40.00	£ 40.00
Contingency		£300.00	£ -
Total	£ 7,472.01	£ 7,631.00	£ 17,576.85
Balance B/f	£ 17,478.42		£ 24,686.83

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Expenditure	£ 7,472.01	£ 17,576.85
Balance c/f	£ 20,398.28	£ 17,478.42

Represented by		
Main account	£ 525.60	£ 139.83
Deposit Account	£ 19,872.68	£ 17,338.59
Unpresented Cheques	£ -	£ -
	£ 20,398.28	£ 17,478.42

Earmarked Reserves

Street Furniture Fund	£ 5,446.00	<i>£210.00</i>	£ 5,236.00
Ex Youth Club Fund	£ 773.01		£ 773.01
Staithe	£ 1,750.00	<i>£250.00</i>	£ 1,500.00
Election Reserve	£ 2,150.00		£ 2,150.00
Concurrent Funds Mitigation	£ 850.00	<i>£250.00</i>	£ 1,000.00
Play Equipment	£ 366.50		£ 366.50
General Reserve	£ 5,000.00		£ 5,000.00
	£ 16,335.51	£710.00	£ 16,025.51

Free Funds:	£ 4,062.77
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Norfolk Police

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an update on policing activity in the Rural Flegg area. I have had the privilege of serving as the Beat Manager here since September, and I'm pleased to share a summary of the work undertaken over the past year.

Community Engagement

Over the last year, I have prioritised public engagement to strengthen trust and build positive relationships with residents. I have attended and hosted numerous community meetings, drop-in sessions, and events across the villages, ensuring a visible and approachable police presence. These engagements have provided valuable insight into local concerns and helped guide policing priorities.

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

A key focus has been addressing anti-social behaviour in known hotspots. Targeted patrols, increased visibility, and intelligence-led interventions have led to a reduction in incidents in several areas. Where necessary, enforcement action has been taken against repeat offenders, and ongoing monitoring continues.

Partnership Working

Strong collaboration with Great Yarmouth Borough Council and other local agencies has been central to our problem-solving efforts. This joint approach has enabled us to better support vulnerable individuals, apply effective ASB measures, and respond more quickly and holistically to community issues.

Looking Ahead

Moving forward, I will continue to prioritise visibility, engagement, and problem-solving in the Rural Flegg area. Your feedback and local knowledge are vital in helping us deliver effective, community-focused policing, and I welcome continued dialogue with all parish councils in the area.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thanks,
Callum

Stokesby Website

(stokesby.org.uk)

Annual Report for Stokesby Parish Council

2024/25

The Stokesby Website has continued to be a source of information for both the village and people wanting to visit this lovely area of Norfolk. The site has at the time of writing this report been visited 43058 times, again this is an increase of over 7 thousand since my report last year.

Each month I receive a report giving me a break down of where and what areas of the site receive the most attention. We are still receiving hits from various countries around the world these include Australia, America, Holland and the Channel Islands.

The clerk to the Parish Council continues to have control of the Parish Council page and its contents, ensuring that all necessary documents and all legal requirements are up to date. Details and minutes of past and future parish council meetings can be found on this page.

The police input in the form of Operation Randall which gave the farming community details of rural crime and ways of reducing their risk of being targeted, has been suspended due to operation needs but it is hoped it will return perhaps on a quarterly basis.

The village and the various groups and clubs who use the village hall continue to be kept up to date through the pages of the website. The Stokesby Calendar, the Ferry Inn and Village Shop continue to be the most popular pages visited over the last year.

We now have two separate groups of Pilates classes, one which specialises in helping horse riders.

The page outlining the 'St Andrews Church Appeal', identifies the serious structural damage to the tower which needs repair.

The Wix program which was used to design the site makes it easy to change the format of the pages which hopefully keep the site interesting for visitors.

Again, I would like to thank the Parish Council for their support in funding the hosting cost of the site. This are the only cost incurred in keeping the site up and running. It is appreciated that the parish council must prioritise how they manage their funds, and we hope they will be able to continue supporting this important village resource.

Richard Dixon

STOKESBY SOCIAL CLUB
AGM REPORT
May 2025

Activities

A number of events were hosted during the year where the bar was required, including xmas/NYE and birthday parties, donations, wakes, music evenings, bar quiz's, all of which were well attended.

The 6 Nations rugby screenings were again a great success and a big thank you to Gill and Anne for doing the sausages and Glynn for arranging both the sausages and meat for the raffle.

We extended the Sunday lunchtime opening from the end of Jan until early April. We will review reviving Sunday opening in the autumn.

A big thank you to the following without which the Social Club would not function:

- Gary for his excellent cellar work.
- Irene for cleaning duties.
- To all our bar volunteers.

Looking forward, a number of events are scheduled and will be advertised on the village WhatsApp and web site.

Finances

Income	£20,301.11
Retained in bank/cash	£6,536.21

£10,000 was recently transferred to the Village Hall

Further details can be found in attached financial report

Stokesby Village Hall Chairman's Report 2025

Good evening everyone,

We come to the end of another very busy year, but one which has been very productive with successful outcomes.

Whilst it has been a full on year for me personally, we could not have achieved what we have without the unswerving support of my team of officers and co trustees.

To that end I must thank Karen for stepping into the breach to fill the secretaries role.

Shorty for his tenacity in everything treasurer related and much more including taking on the role of Safeguarding officer and taking the lead on the Village Hall Risk Assessment.

Richard Dixon for being deputy chair and bookings clerk and looking after the website.

Ann Dixon for her role as membership secretary and trustee along with overseeing many VH clubs and activities including co-ordinating our marvellous fete.

Not forgetting Martin Seabright, Steve Roebuck and Gary Chandler for their dedicated effort to run such a successful social club and bar. We have had another year of great events and huge amounts of fun in the village because of our wonderful social club which we are so lucky to have.

I thank you all.

Whilst the maintenance of the village Hall is an ever-evolving project, we have made big strides in the following areas.

1. The Risk assessment indicated the need for a fire alarm system, which is now installed and up & running (thank you Shorty).
2. Last year's AGM raised the need for food hygiene and safety in the Bar & Kitchen. We were inspected at the beginning of the year by GYBC. The initial inspection was positive but with minor areas for improvement including some deep cleaning and introduction of some food safety procedures. Most of these have been addressed, and we are part way through other areas such as

introducing a more formal checklist, and attending online food handling courses, which is not mandatory but is good practice.

3. The gents w/c now has hot water to the basins, so the loo refurbishment is now complete.

4. We had a new notice board made to match the other new board in the village.

5. The war memorial board has been refurbished, with funds from the Community Chest.

6. We now have a picture of our king on the wall.

7. We have updated the heating of the hall by installing a new remote control 'Hive' system programmable from our mobile phones.

8. It would be remiss to not mention the splendid VE Day celebrations last week, and a big thank you to Malcolm Lake for his energy and commitment to such an event. Sadly Karen and I were away for the event, but we have seen some video footage and heard all about how fantastic it was, and it was really unbelievable how such an amazing event was organised in such a short space of time.

2024 Summer Fete.

Saturday 3rd August saw the highlight of the village's summer. We were blessed with good weather and, as always, plenty of helpers.

The fete was well-attended and a good time was had by all.

It was a successful event enabling the three beneficiaries (the village hall, St Andrew's Church and the Community Chest) to each receive £800.

We are now planning for this year's fete which will be on Saturday 2nd August.

Rob Lloyd
Chairman
Stokesby Village Hall
May 2025