

**Minutes of the Meeting of Stokesby with Herringby Parish Council held on
Wednesday 13th August 2025 at 7.30pm at Stokesby Community Centre**

Present: Richard Youngs (Chairman)
Richard Ager
Philip Crane
Rob Lloyd
Stuart Ward
Ed Wharton
Catherine Moore, Parish Clerk

Also present: Borough Councillor Adrian Thompson and 2 members of the public were in attendance

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Councillor Resignation

It was noted that Leigh-Ann Medhurst had resigned from the Council. The statutory period to advertise the vacancy was underway. An expression of interest had been received in the vacancy.

3. Public Forum

a. Public
None.

b. County Councillor
Not present.

c. Borough Councillor
Borough Councillor Adrian Thompson congratulated the community on a very successful fete. There had been a couple of jobs done on behalf of the Borough Council in Croft Hill, and repairs had been made to items of play equipment. Devolution was still on the agenda, and GYBC were supporting three councils for Norfolk rather than one, with proposals submitted to the government in September. A final decision would be made in January. No additional money would be available, and no debt would be written on. There would be a Mayoral election in May 2026 for Norfolk and Suffolk, with May 2027 for elections for the new Council(s).

d. Police
Police reports were circulated as received and reports were available on their website.

4. Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda
None.

5. Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 14th May 2025

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

6. Village Maintenance

a. Quarterly Report

Richard Youngs reported that hew had straightened a few posts. There were a few potholes between the pub and the shingle on the Council's roadway, these could be filled with instant road repair.

7. Finance

a. Financial Update 2025/26

The accounts for 2025/26 to date were **noted**, with £23,428.30 in the bank at 31.07.2025. Of this, £16,995.51 was in reserves. Receipts since the last meeting were:

- £128.73 – Interest

b. Payments

It was **agreed** to pay the following, proposed by Richard Ager, seconded by Stuart Ward, all in favour:-

C Moore	Salary & Expenses June – August 25	£525.83
HMRC	PAYE June – August 25	£127.60
R Dixon	Wix Website Renewal	£129.60
Zurich	Insurance	£280.00
Maple Tree Services	Tree Removal	£1,050.00
Information Commissioner	Annual Subscription	£47.00

8. Correspondence

a. Cycle Rack and Bus Shelter Funding

The Clerk noted that 80% funding was available for replacement bus shelters and cycle racks. There was nothing to be applied for.

b. Parish Partnership Funding 2026/27

The Clerk noted that the Parish Partnership Fund was open for applications for the 2026/27 round of funding, with the deadline of early December 2025. Councillors were asked to send any suggestions to the Clerk for pricing, for consideration at the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to price to fill the pot holes and top dress Croft Hill.

ACTION: Clerk

c. General Correspondence

None.

9. Planning

a. Applications

None.

b. Applications Considered Between Meetings

None.

c. Decisions

None.

10. Other Matters

a. Update on Tree Work

The cherry tree had been removed, and an offer had been made by a resident to replace it. Rob Lloyd noted that he had a fruiting cherry that could be donated. Richard Youngs would speak to the resident about this.

b. Moles on Village Green

There were one or two molehills, and it was noted that the fete day had been particularly bad. It was suggested that the village green should be rolled once the ground was softer. The Clerk was asked to get Burrell's out, and to get a quote for an annual contract.

ACTION: Clerk

Rob Lloyd would get a comparative quote from another contractor.

ACTION: RL

c. Deployment and Results from SAM2

Richard Ager reported that the camera had been moved around different locations and he circulated the analysis.

d. Charging for use of Public Mooring

Richard Youngs reported that he had spoken to Upton about their moorings. The insurance would need to be informed, and they were charging £27/ft. The Clerk was asked to get a copy of Sutton's rental agreement, and it was noted that with the electric hook up Stokesby's would be a premium.

ACTION: Clerk

e. Registering the Ferry Inn as an Asset of Community Value

Richard Youngs noted that the Ferry Inn was the only shop in the village and he was concerned that this could be lost. The Clerk noted that she had challenged the last decision as Hemsby's had been approved and they had village halls and a social club, and they were successfully registered. It was **agreed** to wait until Hemsby's renewal application had gone through, and then a challenge could be made with a re-application.

11. Reports from Parish Councillors

Rob Lloyd noted that there was a pothole at the Acle end of the village which needed dealing with. It wasn't clear whether it was on the road itself.

A member of the public noted that the Parish Council had been discussing the boat in the public mooring for too long. It was **agreed** that the Broads Authority would be asked whether the vessel was up to date with Tolls and Boat Safety Certificate, and for advice on how it could be removed.

ACTION: Clerk / SW

A member of the public noted that vehicles were parked blocking the access to the slipway, which created a problem for the inshore lifeboat. Richard Youngs would speak with the residents who were parking, as well as discussing the overgrowth in that area.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th November 2025, 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

CHAIRMAN