

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on the 13th July, 2026
in Grundisburgh Playing Field Pavilion

NOTICES had been posted according with regulations.

Present: Present: Messrs. G. Caryer, E. Dingman, C. Dow, A. Dunnett, J. Dunnett, M. Harris, R Youngman. Mrs J. Bignell, Mrs. A. Willetts, District Councillor C.Hedgley, Councillor, County E. Bryce and 10 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence Messrs. B. Cook, M. Rankin

2. To receive member's declarations of interest No interests were declared.

3. Minutes - The minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on the 11th May 2026 had been circulated and were therefore taken as read. It was proposed by Mr. Dingman seconded by Mrs. Bignell that these minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record. 8 members voted for 1 member abstained.

4. Allotments Land currently used for allotments has been submitted to East Suffolk Council's Local Plan "Call for sites" by the owner. The land is within the village boundary and subsequently there is a presumption in favour of development. The Parish Council leases the land. The lease contains a clause giving the owner the right to give six months' notice to terminate the lease. The land's value as a development site would be well beyond the Parish Council's financial capabilities and a new site seems to be the only realistic way of providing a much needed and vital community asset if the land was lost to development.. The Council's Footpath and Environment Committee will spearhead the search.

5. Recycling & Waste Collections Numerous complaints had been received about the new waste collection service provided by East Suffolk Services. Changes were badly managed causing many instances of missed collections, delays, frustration, incorrect information being given. Assurances had been given that performance is improving and that the actions being put in place are beginning to have an effect.

6. Public Open Forum

It was proposed by Mr. Dingman seconded by Mr. A. Dunnett, to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be suspended and members of the public invited to address the meeting.

The following issues were raised

- Playing Field Pavilion It was questioned why work on Emergency Exits, which was allocated £5,000 at the November 2025 meeting, not completed. It was explained that this type of work's requirements are prescriptive and there are very few contactors who are qualified and they are fully booked months in advance.. Most of work has been carried out and the remaining work should be completed shortly.
- Fly Tipping Piles of sand had been tipped on land on the Playing Field at the entrance to the Post Mill Orchard footpath and a wooden bollard removed.. This unsightly area is due for landscaping by Grundforce volunteers.
- Allotments Allotment tenants are keen to provide help in identifying a new site. It was stressed that allotments are a vital community asset. The Parish Council has not yet been asked for comments on the 6 sites submitted in the Call for Sites appeal.
- Gull Lane County Council Highways turned down a request from Mr. I Jay for a 20 or 30mph speed limit.in Gull Lane.. They noted that, with the geometry and narrowness of the road, estimated speeds would already be around 30mph. Also, it is a rural road with only a few houses, no facilities, and falls outside of a village characteristic. Traffic Survey data provided by residents cannot be used to determine applications for speed limits only data collected by County Council Highways.

7. District Councillor's Report District Councillor Colin Hedgley's July 2026 Report is published on the Parish Council's Web Site Home Page - Important Documents <https://grundisburgh.suffolk.cloud/>

The New Bin Collection System. Mr. Hedgley had urged the Leader of the Council to make a Public Statement about the ongoing bin problems.

He had received dozens of complaints regarding the new bin collection system, this has been ongoing for well over a month. He always forwarded complaints to those in charge plus the Chief Executive. It's been disastrous. bins missed, sometimes 2 or 3 times and the bin missed reporting system not working effectively.

However, some good news. At long last the shortcomings have been recognised.

Mr. Hedgley hoped that the consistent Emailing of those in charge at East Suffolk Council has brought results. An Email from the Head of the Waste collection system admits that vast swathes of caddy collection was missed continually. They now admit they are short staffed and that staff are going sick because it is all too much for them.

Missed bin collections can be reported on East Suffolk Council's website.

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/household-bin-collections/missed-bin-collections>

8. County Councillor's Report County Councillor Elaine Bryce June 2026 Parish Newsletter is published on the Parish Council's Web Site Home Page - Important Documents <https://grundisburgh.suffolk.cloud/>

Westerfield Quarry Having worked closely with Parish Councils and residents affected by proposed Westerfield Quarry, ever since talk of it first reared its ugly head, Mrs. Bryce was especially pleased to learn the Suffolk County Council Highways team has recommended that the application is refused on grounds of highways concerns.

It looks likely that the application will come before Suffolk County Council's Development and Regulation Committee on 1st September 2026. Mrs Bryce will be attending the Committee and speaking against the application, on behalf of the residents and communities who she represents.

Suffolk County Council have confirmed that it will continue to receive and review comments on the application right up until the Committee meeting and further details on the application can be found here: [Planning Register | Suffolk County Council](#)

Easton and Letheringham Solar Farm Having worked closely with Parish Councils and residents affected by the proposed industrial solar site at Easton and Letheringham, Mrs. Bryce has continued to work hard in opposing this hideous application. Twice she has gone into writing with East Suffolk Council demanding that they extend their consultation period, raising concerns of lack of transparency and accessibility for residents to have their say on this application.

East Suffolk Council will continue to receive and review comments on the application, so if you haven't yet had the opportunity to review the application and have your say, further details can be found here: [DC/25/2733/FUL | Full planning application for the construction and operation of a Solar Farm \(49.9MW\) and Battery Energy Storage Scheme \(50MW\) with all associated works, equipment, enclosures, access and biodiversity net gains | Parcels To Northwest Of Easton And South West Of Letheringham Suffolk](#)

Local Government Reorganisation The Suffolk Conservative Group has questioned the decision by the new Reform UK administration at Suffolk County Council to pursue a legal challenge against the Government's decision on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Suffolk.

Mrs. Bryce believes that pursuing legal action is an irresponsible use of taxpayers' money and risked diverting attention from the practical challenges of LGR in Suffolk.

Climate change The Suffolk Conservative Group and other opposition parties have come together to question Reform UK's decision to "un-declare" the climate emergency adopted by Suffolk County Council in 2019, branding it "an empty gesture that achieves nothing for Suffolk" and highlighting that the council's climate programme has cut energy bills by £4.8 million a year while placing Suffolk near the top of the national rankings for emissions reductions. While also pointing out the change to the council's energy tariff would have happened anyway, regardless of the local elections.

County Councillor's Report cont...

Democracy Mrs. Bryce is concerned by the decision taken by the new Reform administration's decision to limit democratic scrutiny at Cabinet meetings. At a recent Cabinet meeting where councillors were due to consider significant matters including road improvements and the travel policy for young people over 16 years old. Councillors were restricted to asking only one question traditionally councillors were permitted to ask three questions. Robust scrutiny is an essential part of local democracy.

The Conservative Group at Suffolk County Council have called upon the Reform UK administration to provide a full explanation for its decision to pursue a Judicial Review of the Government's decision on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) which was taken by the leader of the council alone.

9. Community Emergency Plan Mr. Dingman reported that a draft Community Emergency Plan had been produced which outline what the community can do in a state of emergency in Grundisburgh and Culpho. . A small volunteer group will coordinate actions that can be carried out locally. The Plan will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

10. Planning Report Mrs. Willetts reported.

10.1 Applications approved by East Suffolk Council since last Parish Council meeting.

DC/26/1032/FUL. 18 Gurdon Road Grundisburgh Proposed single storey rear extension and associated works to existing single storey detached dwelling.

DC/26/1071/FUL 19 Stoney Road Grundisburgh Woodbridge

Removal of existing single storey side extension with proposed two storey side extension in lieu with associated alterations.

DC/26/1343/DEM Agricultural Buildings at Elm Tree Farm, Wood Farm Road

Determination by the local planning authority that prior approval is given for the Proposed method of demolition permitted by Class B of Part 11 of Schedule 2 to The Town And Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 Our reference DC/26/1343/DEM

Proposal Prior Notification Demolition - One Dutch Style Barn, concrete supports, asbestos roof, asbestos canopy roof over courtyard Date of local planning authority's determination that prior approval to the siting and appearance of the development is required: 1 June 2026

DC/26/1397/FUL Stoneleigh Half Moon Lane Grundisburgh Replacement of the existing extension with a more efficient and better designed structure External wall insulation and new cladding Installation of an air source heat pump. Under floor heating system Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery (MVHR) Roof replacement incorporating photovoltaic solar panels

DC/26/0532/FUL The Gables, The Green, Grundisburgh Creation of a natural swimming pond

DC/25/3128/FUL Hill Farm Barns, Hill Farm Road, Grundisburgh Conversion & alterations of barn to form self-build dwelling

DC/25/3129/LBC Hill Farm Barns Hill Farm Road Grundisburgh Listed Building Consent - Conversion & alterations of barn to form self-build dwelling

DC/25/3157/FUL Hill Farm Barns Hill Farm Road Grundisburgh Conversion & alterations of barn (including reconstruction of single storey element in North East corner) along with associated small extension on courtyard face of link to form self-build dwelling

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DC/26/1413/FUL 4 Thomas Walls Close Grundisburgh . Single storey side and rear extension to house. New windows and doors, extension to double garage.

10.2 Applications approved/No objections since the last Parish Council meeting.

DC/26/1715/TCA Hillside Cottage The Street Grundisburgh

Planning Report cont...

10.3 Applications received since the last Parish Council meeting.

DC/26/1413/FUL 4 Thomas Walls Close Grundisburgh . Single storey side and rear extension to house. New windows and doors, extension to double garage.

DC/26/1715/TCA Hillside Cottage The Street Grundisburgh 2no. Beech (marked on plan) - Fell
1no. Cherry (marked on plan) - Overall crown reduction by 1.5 metres

10.4 Applications still outstanding.

DC/25/3828/FUL Tarn Hows Woodbridge Road Grundisburgh
Drop kerb/splay, entrance total area 25sq. meters

DC/26/0024/FUL The Gables, The Green, Grundisburgh Creation of new vehicular access

10.5 New Local Plan

Local Plan Scoping Consultation 10 June – 29 July 2026. A 24 page document asking for your views
The purpose of this consultation is to inform the content of the East Suffolk Local Plan, and the methods we should use to engage with our communities and stakeholders during the plan preparation process. This consultation is the first public consultation on the new Local Plan, and your responses will help us to prepare the draft Local Plan which will also be subject to consultation.

The questionnaire asks for your views on:

- *Your vision for East Suffolk*
- *Local Plan Topics*
- *Involving you in the Local Plan*

It is the usual tick box consultation that the Local Authority have to use to prove that they have consulted.

The only really important dates are

- May to June 2027: Consultation on the proposed Local Plan content and evidence
- February to March 2028: Consultation on the proposed Local Plan
- September 2028 to March 2029: Examination
- April 2029: Adoption

A Call for Sites was carried out between 20 October 2025 and 9 January 2026. No decisions have been taken at this stage on any sites.

Determining which sites become allocated in the new Local Plan will be informed by a range of assessments and public consultation, including the creation of a wider strategic vision and spatial strategy for the plan. The site assessment itself will involve considering a range of key constraints such as flood risk, environmental assets and infrastructure availability.

The sites currently have no planning status (other than sites which are already allocated or permitted, in which case a submission does not alter this status). The map shows sites submitted during the call for sites, further sites may come forward through the Local Plan process.

The Parish Council will have to make sure we consult with the village via public meetings and publishing links to the proposed Local Plan content and evidence.

The next meeting of the Planning Sub Committee meeting will have the main agenda item

The sites within Grundisburgh put forward in the Call for Sites.

Planning Report cont...

10.6 Old School

The definition of a Housing Association

A Housing Association is an independent not-for-profit organisation that owns, lets and manages affordable social housing. Any surplus money they make is reinvested into maintaining existing properties, financing new homes and providing community support groups.

Concern has been expressed at the news that rented social housing at Grundisburgh's Old School are to be sold on the open market by Flagship Housing.

When it was announced that the Old Primary School, built in 1874, would close in 1988 the Parish Council worked hard to firstly to get it listed, to help to preserve the historic centre of the village. then to work with various Housing Associations to find a scheme which was much needed in the village and viable financially and aesthetically. English Churches Housing Association were finally chosen as they had experience in similar developments.

Planning Permission was granted on 13th April 1992 for the Conversion of the Existing School to 6 flats for the over 60's and conversion of the former Headmasters House to 2 flats together with the erection of 8 new 2 bedroomed houses and associated carparking.

The site was acquired with a grant of £200,000 from the then Suffolk Coastal District Council. Work started in October 1992 with a £398,000 Housing Corporation grant and further grants raised on the money market. The total cost of the development was £1,117,724 mainly from public funds Today's cost would be £2,426,298

The Old School Flats and New Houses were opened on 22nd July 1994 by John Selwyn Gummer MP for Suffolk Coastal now Lord Deben.

Application C12/0837 was submitted on behalf of Riverside, part of the English Churches Housing Group, in April 2012 to vary that condition to allow occupants to be a minimum of 55 years of age or 50 years of age if disabled. That application was refused by Suffolk Coastal District Council after well founded objections from the Parish Council and village residents.

The Old School and School Houses continued to be fully occupied with only occasional problem tenants, until the Parish Council became aware in 2025 that several flats in the school building had been empty for some time. All the tenants of the flats received a letter from Flagship asking if they were interested in moving. Help in finding a new home in an area of their choice was offered either with Flagship or another housing provider. A Disturbance Payment to cover the cost associated with the move is payable as soon as notice is formally given on the tenancy. An additional discretionary payment of up to £8,100, a Home Loss Payment paid when keys are returned.

Flagship Housing Group/ Newtide informed District Councillor Colin Hedgley that *The Old School has been approved for disposal, and we are currently engaging with the remaining residents and the Local Authority to find suitable alternative accommodation. While some residents remain, our priority is to ensure they feel safe and that repairs are carried out when needed. As properties become vacant, we will not re-let them. The decision to approve disposal was carefully considered. When our homes become empty, we take the opportunity to assess their suitability and investment requirements so we can make an informed decision for the long term.*

Using local knowledge, information came to the Parish Council in June 2026 that the tenant of School Houses had given notice to Flagship and had been found another suitable property in Woodbridge so quickly she had asked to stay another month in order to pack reasonably, she has paid extra and is leaving in August.

That "new" house occupied firstly by the present tenant in 1994 is now being painted etc with a view to going to auction as soon as possible.

So even properties as new as 1994 are being sold by Flagship.

How can this so call Housing Association sell any of these properties for profit, on this listed site when they received so much PUBLIC MONEY to convert them and build new, for rent by local people over the age of 60.

It was unanimously agreed that this should be brought to the attention of our Member of Parliament

11. Financial Matters

11.1 2025/2026 Audit

The Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) was submitted to the External Auditor on the 24th May. The commencement date of the period for the exercise of Public Rights is the 3rd June. The Notice was placed on the Parish Council's Notice Board and posted, with the AGAR plus regulated documents, on the council's website.

11.2 Letters of thanks received

Community Tech Hub
Disability Advice Service
Chaps Chat
Suffolk Wildlife Trust
Citizens Advice
Lighthouse Womens Aid
East Anglian Air Ambulance
SARS
Grundisburgh Youth Club
St Elizabeth Hospice

11.3 Transfers

12/06/2026 £15,000 transferred from the Council's Business Premium Account to the Council's Current Account

11.4 Grant application

St Mary's Church are in the process of starting a Youth Band. The plan is to meet weekly to learn and practise music together, and once up and running, the group will perform in Church on a monthly basis.

The aim is to encourage young people to take up music, as it can have such a positive impact on mental wellbeing, confidence, and even educational attainment. They hope to purchase an electric guitar and an electronic drum kit, with a total cost of around £800.

Mrs. Willetts proposed seconded by Mr. Dingman, to unanimous approval that the Parish Council award a grant of £400.

11.5 Ratification of payments made since the last meeting and approved at the time

Mr. B. Laxton	£1,635.60	Playing Field Pavilion – 3 bench seats
SALC	£27.00	Payroll Service 6 months up to 31 March 2026
Peter Voller	£1,500.00	Playing Field Pavilion – new cupboards
Barclays Bank	£12.70	Bank charges 13 Feb – 13 March 2026
Robert .Fletcher	£260.00	Village Greens Grass Cutting February/March
The Trustees of the Parish Rooms	£172.00	Room Hire 2025/2026
R.P.Herries	£47.50	ESPA Playing Field Pavilion Hire
HM Revenue & Customs	£128.20	Income Tax
East Suffolk Services Ltd	£65.52	General Waste Bin Hire St. Mary's 1 April – 30 June
Barclays Bank Limited	£11.50	Bank charges 13 March – 12 April 2026
Grundisburgh Village Hall	£48.00	Annual Parish Meeting – Hall Hire
Mr.C.Dow	£80.68	Playing Field Pavilion – Paint
Mr. J. Ager	£513.05	Clerk's Salary April/May 2026
	£48.14	Clerk's Expenses
	£239.95	Laser Printer toners
Vertas Group Limited	£366.55	Playing Field Grass Cutting 01/04/2026 – 30/06/2026
SALC	£651.33	Membership Subscription 2026/2027
Brave Futures	£50.00	Donation
Chaps Chat	£200.00	Grant
Citizens Advice Bureau	£100.00	Donation
Communities Together East Anglia	£50.00	Donation
Disability Advice Service	£100.00	Donation
East Anglian Air Ambulance	£200.00	Donation
Headway	£50.00	Donation
Lighthouse Woman's Aid	£100.00	Donation
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	£100.00	Donation
Starlight	£50.00	Donation

Financial Matters cont....

St. Elizabeth's Hospice	£200.00	Donation
Suffolk Family Carers	£100.00	Donation
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	£100.00	Donation
St.Botolph's PCC	£500.00	Grant towards cost of maintaining church yard
	£100.00	Grant Benefice Magazine
Lunch Club	£300.00	Grant
Grundisburgh PCC	£800.00	Grant towards cost of maintaining church yard
Grundisburgh PCC (Bags of Food)	£750.00	Grant
Grundisburgh Community Tech Hub	£500.00	Grant
1 st Grundisburgh Scouts	£300.00	Grant- 2027 Jamboree – 3 Scouts
Youth Club	£600.00	Grant
Mr.R.A.Youngman	£471.70	Annual Parish Meeting – buffet
Robert Fletcher	£260.00	Village Green Grass Cutting April

It was proposed by Mr. Dingman seconded by Mrs. Bignell, to unanimous approval, that these payments be ratified.

11.6 Emergency payments made prior to the meeting

Doyle Electrical Services Ltd	£995.72	Pavilion heater upgrade
Mr.C.Dow	£35.99	Pavilion restoration - paint
Mr.G.Caryer	£62.50	The Rectory sign
HM Revenue & Customs *	£208.05	National Insurance 05/06/2025-05/04/2026
Grundisburgh Playing Field	£380.00	Playing Field Pavilion - Fire Extinguishers
Mr.M.Harris	£133.97	Playing Field Pavilion - Fire Safety Signs
Anglian Water Business (National) Ltd	£93.17	Allotment water charges
Barclays Bank	£11.50	Administration charges 13/04/2026-12/05/2026
CPRE	£72.00	Annual Subscription
Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd	£430.00	Brush Cutter – Millennium Meadow
Robert Fletcher	£80.00	Village Green Grass Cutting – May
Notice Me	£1,042.80	New Parish Notice Board
Barclays Bank	£25.90	Administration charges 13/05/2026-14/06/2026

- From 6 April 2025, the employer National Insurance contribution (NIC) rate rises to 15%, with the threshold reduced to £5,000 which results in the Parish Council paying NIC on the Clerk's Salary monthly £16.82

11.7 Other payments requiring approval

Mr. J. Ager	£513.05	Clerk's Salary June/July 2026
	£63.77	Clerk's Expenses
Doyle Electrical Services Ltd	£3,106.96	Playing Field Pavilion - Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting Installation
Vertas Group Limited	£366.55	Playing Field Grass Cutting – 01/07/2026-30/09/2026
Water Testing	£100.00	Richard Watkinson.
Charles Clarke & Son	£3,983.30	Playing Field Pavilion – install new fire proof kitchen and external double doors.

It was proposed by Mr. Dingman seconded by Mr. Caryer, to unanimous approval, that these payments be made

11.8 Balances as at 13th July, 2026

Business Premium Account	£151,507.43
Current Account	£16,406.17
VAT to claim	£1,843.01
TOTAL	£169,756.61

11.9 Budget Report attached**11.10 CIL Report** attached

12. Roads & Transport Report Mr. Caryer reported that the Roads & Transport Sub Committee met on the 18th May

12.1 Gull Lane A request had been received from Mr. I. Jay that a 30mph speed limit be installed on Gull Lane which was forwarded to Suffolk County Council Highways who responded that a speed reduction to 30mph was not possible. They noted that, with the geometry and narrowness of the road, estimated speeds would already be around 30mph. Also, it is a rural road with only a few houses, no facilities, and falls outside of a village characteristic. This information was forwarded to Mr. Jay with Suffolk County Council highways policy for 20 and 30mph limits in rural situations.

12.2 Request for 20mph limit through Grundisburgh. The Committee agreed to consult the public. The only location in Grundisburgh which meets the County Council's criteria for 20mph limits is the centre of Grundisburgh. (i.e. Community facilities include, 2 shops, Pub, Parish Room, Village Green, Church) A Traffic Regulation Order process would be required, a legal process which takes around 9-12 months, at a cost of around £7-11k depending on the size of the speed limit. With the assumption the speed limit would be signs only

12.3 Unsuitable for HGV sign at junction of Gull Lane with Stoney Road. It was suggested that the Unsuitable for HGV sign had been removed. It is still in place. Also a second sign is located on Gull Lane just after the entrance to ESF Fitness.

12.4 Unsuitable for HGV sign on Lower Road Angled incorrectly. Resolved

12.5 Ipswich Road sign obscured by brambles. Resolved

12.6 Bus Stop sign on The Green faded – Repainted

12.7 . Flooding Agreed to investigate the possibility of funding drainage work, on land adjacent to roads.

12.8 Culpho traffic calming Chevron signs have been installed at the right angled bend.

12.9 Grundisburgh Corner A costing from Highways has been requested for the replacement of white lines at edge of road.

12.10 Missing Road Signs

- Stoney Road sign at Old School replaced by East Suffolk at no cost to the Parish Council..
- Missing Finger post signs at Culpho . If investigation cannot locate sign in long grass below post the Committee proposes that CIL money should be used to replace.

12.11. Speed Control Bob Crouch has handed over management of SID to Martin Kneebone. Bob will continue to process data.

13. Footpaths & Environnement Report Mr. Caryer reported

13.1 Playing Field East Suffolk Services will, in future, empty waste bins on the field. The Parish Council will be invoiced.

13.2 Old Forge Stores Notice Board The current Notice Board is being replaced being beyond repair.

14. Village Maintenance Report

Mr. Dow reported that the next group activity is likely to be in the Stoney Road area and the entrance to the footpath from the Playing Field to Post Mill Orchard mentioned in the Public Open Forum earlier in the meeting.

A bench in Meeting Lane and the Orchard End Road Sign need refurbishment.

15. To receive reports from Council representatives to village organisations

Playing Field Management Committee Mr. Harris reported

Since the last Parish Council meeting, the Playing Field Management Committee (PFMC) held its AGM on 2 July 2026. The committee reported strong progress across pavilion improvements, including upgraded LED lighting, new storage cupboards, new soakaways for the training area, and continued work on the accessible toilet.

The Fire Risk Assessment actions are being implemented: all electrical fire-safety works have been completed, and the fire-exit door works are contracted and begin on Monday 13 July. The CCTV installation on the pavilion also begins on Monday. Please see note below.

Grateful thanks were recorded to the Grundforce volunteers, who have now contributed around 700 hours of labour towards refurbishment and grounds work.

The PFMC also recorded its thanks to the Parish Council for its financial support over the past year and going forward, which has enabled key improvements and strengthened the facility's long-term sustainability.

The three elected member trustees — John Ellerby, David Keates, and Bryan Laxton — were re-elected unanimously at the AGM. Two co-opted trustees, Adrian McAllister and Julian Brook, were also confirmed.

PFMC is exploring further opportunities to support revenue and community use, including an InPost locker licence, a paid advertising board, improved signage for bookings, and wider promotion of the pavilion's availability.

A detailed financial report was given by the Treasurer at the AGM.

16. Public Open Forum

It was proposed by Mr. Caryer seconded by Mrs. Willetts, to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be suspended and members of the public invited to address the meeting.

The following issue was raised

- Old School Following the disturbing news of Flagship Housing plans to sell flats and houses at the Old School further investigation is needed into the history of its development into flats for the elderly including planning permissions and public funding.

17. Items for next meeting

- Community Emergency Plan
- St. Botolph's Church, Culpho application for a grant to provide toilets and kitchenette. An architects plans and costings are pending.

18 Any other business

2026 Council Meetings 14 September, 9 November

Meetings will be held in the Parish Rooms starting at 7.00pm..

19. Co-option of new members for Grundisburgh & Culpho (closed session)

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Paul Nixon, 19 Ipswich Road, Culpho IP6 9DH should be coopted as member for Culpho

Budget 2026/2027

01/04/2026 Through 31/03/2027 Using Budget 2 (in Pound)

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Category Description	01/04/2026 Actual	- Budget	31/03/2027 Difference
INCOME			
Allotment Rent	0.00	450.00	-450.00
Bank Interest	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Precept	11,500.00	23,000.00	-11,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	11,500.00	24,450.00	-12,950.00
EXPENSES			
Administration			
Audit Fee	0.00	450.00	450.00
Bank charges	61.60	300.00	238.40
Clerk			
Expenses	311.87	500.00	188.13
Income Tax	128.20	0.00	-128.20
National Insurance	208.05	0.00	-208.05
Office	0.00	577.00	577.00
Payroll Service	0.00	50.00	50.00
Salary	1,026.10	3,854.00	2,827.90
Soc.Clks	0.00	110.00	110.00
Training	0.00	50.00	50.00
TOTAL Clerk	1,674.22	5,141.00	3,466.78
Cls. Exp.Train	0.00	200.00	200.00
Data Protection	0.00	40.00	40.00
Hire of Rooms	0.00	400.00	400.00
Insurance	0.00	600.00	600.00
Laser Printer	0.00	200.00	200.00
Parish Meeting	441.08	600.00	158.92
SALC	651.33	650.00	-1.33
Stationery	0.00	100.00	100.00
Website	130.00	150.00	20.00
TOTAL Administration	2,958.23	8,831.00	5,872.77
Run Costs			
Bags of Food	750.00	750.00	0.00
Bus Shelters			
Cleaning	0.00	300.00	300.00
Repairs	0.00	500.00	500.00
TOTAL Bus Shelters	0.00	800.00	800.00
Community Tech Hub CIC	500.00	500.00	0.00
Defibrillator	0.00	200.00	200.00
East Suffolk Planning Alliance	47.50	0.00	-47.50
Highways			
Road Signs	62.50	0.00	-62.50
SAVID	0.00	50.00	50.00
Snow Clearing	0.00	200.00	200.00
Speedwatch	0.00	150.00	150.00
TOTAL Highways	62.50	400.00	337.50
Local Fighting Fund	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Lunch Club	300.00	300.00	0.00
Pks Open Spa			
Allotments	93.17	400.00	306.83
Benches	0.00	500.00	500.00

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Category Description	01/04/2026 Actual	- Budget	31/03/2027 Difference
Dog Fido Bins	0.00	150.00	150.00
Footpaths & Environment	0.00	150.00	150.00
Millennium Meadow	358.33	1,100.00	741.67
Notice Boards	869.00	500.00	-369.00
Playing Field Maintenance	829.77	5,000.00	4,170.23
Playingfield Grass Cutting	610.92	1,000.00	389.08
Playingfield Pavilion	3,080.77	0.00	-3,080.77
River Water Testing	0.00	150.00	150.00
St.Bots	500.00	500.00	0.00
St.Mary	800.00	800.00	0.00
Village Greens			
Electricity Supply	0.00	150.00	150.00
Hedges	0.00	150.00	150.00
Mowing	340.00	2,000.00	1,660.00
Posts & Rails	0.00	300.00	300.00
Stream	0.00	500.00	500.00
Trees	0.00	100.00	100.00
Xmas Tree	0.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL Village Greens	340.00	3,400.00	3,060.00
Village Maintenance	97.22	1,000.00	902.78
War Memorial	0.00	300.00	300.00
Wheeled Bin	54.60	800.00	745.40
TOTAL Pks Open Spa	7,633.78	15,750.00	8,116.22
Scouts 2027 Jamboree	300.00	300.00	0.00
Youth Club	600.00	600.00	0.00
TOTAL Run Costs	10,193.78	20,600.00	10,406.22
Section 137			
Brave Futures	50.00	50.00	0.00
British Legion	0.00	100.00	100.00
Chaps Chat	200.00	200.00	0.00
Citizens Advice	100.00	100.00	0.00
Communities Together East Anglia	50.00	50.00	0.00
CPRE (Suffolk Preservation Soc)	72.00	80.00	8.00
Disability Advice Service	100.00	100.00	0.00
East Anglian Air Ambulance	200.00	200.00	0.00
Headway	50.00	50.00	0.00
Lighthouse	100.00	100.00	0.00
Sflk Accid Resc	100.00	100.00	0.00
St Elizabeths Hospice	200.00	200.00	0.00
St.Botolphs Benefice Magazine	100.00	100.00	0.00
Starlight	50.00	50.00	0.00
Suffolk Family Carers	100.00	100.00	0.00
SWLT	100.00	100.00	0.00
TOTAL Section 137	1,572.00	1,680.00	108.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,724.01	31,111.00	16,386.99
OVERALL TOTAL	-3,224.01	-6,661.00	3,436.99

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			Receipts	Payments	Balance
25/10/2017		Old House Half Moon Lane	£102.17		£102.17
25/04/2018		Old House Half Moon Lane	£102.17		£204.34
26/10/2018		Old House Half Moon Lane	£105.26		£309.60
03/05/2019		Land Adjacent 5 Post Mill Crescent	£622.43		£932.03
14/04/2020		The Granary, Otley Road	£3,560.89		£4,492.92
16/10/2020		The Granary, Otley Road	£688.28		£5,181.20
19/07/2021	103076	New Village Hall Solar Panels		£5,181.20	NIL
26/04/2022		Old Village Hall site	£127.57		£127.57
21/10/2022		Chapel Field development	£69,775.68		£69,903.25
12/04/2023		Old Village Hall site	£1,963.09		£71,866.34
13/04/2023	103233	Speed Indicator Device (SID)		£3,474.00	£68,392.34
14/12/2023	103316	Primary School Defibrillator Box		£604.00	£67,788.34
19/01/2024		BACS Village Hall Accoustic Panels		£2,699.10	£65,089.24
		BACS Tennis Courts resurfacing		£2,721.90	£62,367.34
11/03/2024	103338	Tennis Courts resurfacing		£17,278.10	£45,089.24
10/04/2024		Chapel Field development	£66,867.58		£111,956.82
10/08/2024	103395	Re-surfacing Old Forge Stores forecourt		£3,689.62	£108,267.20
09/09/2024	103405	Primary School Atrium reconfiguration		£10,392.00	£97,875.20
04/10/2024		BACS Millennium Meadow maintenance		£3,800.00	£94,075.20
25/10/2024		Chapel Field development	£68,893.87		£162,969.07
12/11/2024	103431	Playing Field Pavilion install 3 doors		£2,821.33	£160,147.74
	103430	Playing Field Oak Tree Surgery		£750.00	£159,397.74
11/11/2024	103428	Grundisburgh Corner Signs		£2,898.40	£156,499.34
21/11/2024	103435	Grundisburgh Corner Signs installing		£3,112.00	£153,387.34
	103457	New Scout HQ Road Safety Audit		£925.00	£152,462.34
01/04/2025	103466	Local History Society Projector		£478.17	£150,322.59
16/05/2025	103492	Playing Field Pavilion - restoration		£1,354.73	£151,107.61
28/05/2025	103497	Playing Field Pavilion - restoration		£214.61	£150,893.00
	103501	Playing Field Pavilion - restoration		£92.24	£150,800.76
13/06/2025	103508	Playing Field Pavilion - restoration		£406.48	£149,916.11
24/06/2025	103510	Playing Field Pavilion - restoration		£766.27	£149,149.84
	103512	GADS Stage equipment Villlage Hall		£756.68	£148,393.16
	103516	Playing Field Pavilion - restoration		£1,450.00	£146,943.16
14/07/2025	103519	Playing Field Pavilion - restoration		£6,012.50	£140,930.66
19/07/2025	103522	Playing Field Pavilion - restoration		£189.96	£140,740.70
	103523	Playing Field Pavilion - restoration		£1,293.95	£139,446.75
31/10/2025	103540	Grundisburgh Guides Gazebo		£600.00	£138,846.75
10/11/2025	103546	GADS Stage Equipment Village Hall		£1,136.95	£137,709.80
19/11/2025	103549	Lower Road HGV signs		£1,155.90	£136,553.90
01/12/2025	103552	Village Green Electricity Supply		£2,307.36	£134,246.54
16/01/2026	103562	Playing Field Pavilion - drainage		£7,577.59	£126,668.95
	103562	Village Green Electricity Supply		£1,918.67	£124,750.28
29/01/2026	103564	Culpho Chevron Signs		£1,871.67	£122,878.61
26/02/2026	103568	GADS Stage Equipment Village Hall		£1,040.41	£121,838.20
15/03/2026	103573	Playing Field Pavilion - restoration		£1,363.00	£120,475.20
23/05/2026	103615	Playing Field Pavilion - fire extinguishes		£380.00	£120,095.20
	103616	Playing Field Pavilion - fire safety signs		£111.64	£119,983.56

25/03/2026	103575	Playing Field Pavilion - restoration		£1,500.00	£118,483.56
05/06/2026	103619	Millennium Meadow maintenance		£358.33	£118,125.23
13/07/2025	103625	Pavilion - electrical upgrade fire safety		£2,589.13	£115,536.10
			£212,808.99	£97,272.89	
				2025/2026	£33,978.78
		<u>Allocated Funds</u>			
		Sandboxes	£1,000.00		
		Lower Road signage	£3,844.10		
		Dog Poo Bins	£4,000.00		
		Millennium Meadow Maintenance	£841.67		
		Village Green Maintenance	£5,000.00		
		<u>New Scout HQ</u>			
		Footpath & Crossing on Stoney Road	£17,201.00		
		Solar Panels & Storage System	£14,300.00		
		Village Gates	£20,000.00		
		Village Maintenance	£7,931.94		
		GADS Stage equipment	£1,015.96		
		Pavilion - restoration	£2,424.32		
		Pavilion - electrical upgrade fire safety	£1,919.23		
		Unallocated	<u>£36,057.88</u>		
		TOTAL	£115,536.10		