

ELSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Elsing Parish Council Annual meeting held in Elsing Village Hall, Church Street on Monday May 18th 2026 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillors Laws, Chaplin and Horncastle.

Other Members Present: - Dist. Cllr G. Bambridge, 1 Elector and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Nothing was discussed.

1. To appoint the Chairmen for the forthcoming year

Cllr Laws proposed Cllr Horncastle for Chairman, seconded by Cllr Chaplin and carried.

2. Clerk to receive signed Declaration of Acceptance form.

The Clerk received the signed Declaration of Acceptance Form.

3. To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence received.

4. To declare any interests re items on the agenda.

No interests were declared.

5. To confirm and accept minutes of the meeting held on March 16th

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Laws proposed the minutes of March 16th be accepted as true and accurate records of the meetings, seconded by Cllr Chaplin and carried.

6. To discuss any matters arising from the March minutes (not on the agenda).

Cllr Horncastle had sent a letter to Cllr Bill Borret and thanked him for his support over the years.

7. To discuss any necessary Correspondence.

A donation request from the Marie Curie charity had been received and a donation might be sent later in the year.

8. To discuss update on the Wild Track. To discuss the implications of the RoSPA Report and make a decision on the first steps to be taken.

A report from RoSPA had been received. The Inspector watched a couple of boys use the jumps. The Parish Council proposes to set up a regular group consisting of parents and users. The Parish Councillors need to train the children not to leave dangerous items behind, such as a piece of wood with nails in it. It will be called the Wild Track Users Group. Cllr Laws has some initial contacts. If they see a child using it they will be asked to request that their parents contact either Cllr Horncastle or Cllr Laws. They must be told not to leave behind dangerous litter and not to dig holes. Cllr Horncastle and Cllr Laws will need with the shelter themselves. The roof will be replaced with a more solid roof. Tools are not to be left in the shed. There will be no more 'take off' ramps made out of timber used. The report suggested different notices. Cllr Horncastle thinks the faster tracks should be identified and he thinks it would be a good idea to get the children involved with this. Colours will be used. The signs

will have to be paid for. Cllr Chaplin mentioned that he had a laminating machine, so he could make them.

9. To discuss Allotment matters, and to receive an allotment report.

They are being well looked after and are all let out. The potatoes were affected by the frost and a few other vegetables suffered. The Tree Nursery is doing well. On the Church footpath some maintenance has been ne. The Orchard has been mowed. Some more work will be done around the Woodlanders hut. The big water pipe has been laid from the bore-hole tank down to the vines. The vines were also affected. Next year some precautions will be taken to avoid this again.

10. To request the Highways Rangers clear Green Lane.

The Highways Rangers will be contacted and a request given that they cut back the vegetation on Green Lane. There is a What3word reference for this. The landowner has been contacted.

11. To decide whether or not to give a donation to the Marie Curie charity.

This was dealt with under item 7.

12. To authorise necessary financial payments, inc. Clerk's net salary, tax, expenses for April to May, C Morton, Internal Auditor, Cllr Laws, diesel £19.60, Cllr Laws, booklets £20.00 and Zurich Municipal Insurance £214.00

Cllr Horncastle proposed the following financial payments be authorized, seconded by Cllr Laws and carried.

Clerk's net salary for April -May	£323.20	HMRC tax for April and May	£69.20
Clerk's expenses for April and May	£43.39	C Morton, audit	£50.00
Cllr Laws, diesel	£19.60	Cllr Laws, booklets	£20.00
Zurich Municipal Ins.	£2145.00		

Since the last meeting, £47.00 was paid for I.C.O., £960.00 for a RoSPA report, £189.70 for Npower, £20.00 for Norfolk Woods and £57.65 for Community Car. £2,703.50 was received from Breckland Council, 1st precept payment. £300.00 was received from Breckland Council, Community Car grant and £612.50 rent from the allotments.

13. To adopt the end of year accounts.

Cllr Laws proposed the end of year accounts be adopted, seconded by Cllr Horncastle and carried.

14. To adopt the Annual Governance and Accountancy Return and the Certificate of Exemption.

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15. To receive a Financial Update from the Clerk.

This had been circulated and no-one had any questions regarding it. Cllr Horncastle's figures had been circulated also.

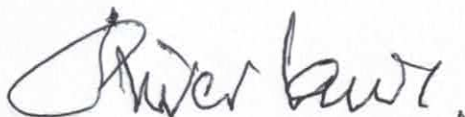
16. To receive items for the next agenda.

To discuss the Jumps

To discuss the Zurich Municipal Insurance situation

17. To confirm date and time of the next Full Parish Council Meeting.

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was set for Monday 17th August 2026 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.



Chairman

17-08-2026

Date