

FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
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AGENDA for the Parish Council meeting 20th October 2025 7pm

To Members of the Public,

You are hereby invited to attend this meeting at Freethorpe Village Hall for the purpose of transacting the following business:

A. Moll, Parish Clerk 13th October 2025

1. To consider apologies for absence

Lana Hemsall

2. Public Forum

- a. County Councillor Report – none
- b. District Councillor Report (GN)
- c. Tree Warden Report (JF)
- d. Annual Parish Meeting Format (MB)
- e. Town & Parish Council Forum 7th October
- f. Norfolk Police – to note that Police priority for the area is Road Safety. A new Police survey is open: <https://www.norfolk.police.uk/police-forces/norfolk-constabulary/areas/campaigns/campaigns/neighbourhood-policing-survey/>
- g. Public Items

3. Declaration of interest for items on the agenda and applications for dispensation

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th September 2025

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- a. (2d) Annual Parish Meeting – costed proposal (MB) – item 2d refers.
- b. Other matters arising.

6. Clerk's Report

- a. Assertion 10 guide – for information.
- b. Flood prevention questionnaire – for comment.
- c. Broadland's winter pressure grants 2025/26 are now open.
- d. Reprourement of Norwich bus station & Park and ride – for information.
- e. Age-friendly community - <https://ageing-better.org.uk/uk-network-age-friendly-communities> - meeting Jake Kubala from Broadland to discuss at 10 on 3rd November.
- f. Freethorpe's Remembrance Service is at 10:45 at the Methodist Cemetery on Sunday 9th November, to which Parish Councillors are invited. Assumed that PB will lay the wreath. Any volunteers to take on Armed Forces Champion role from Cllr. Nurden?

7. Finance

- a. To review and **approve** the monthly finance update.
- b. To authorise payments as follows:
 - (1) Norse Eastern Ltd. **£294.85** – INV1089091 Pitch setting
 - (SO1) Calica Computer Solutions **£30.00** - Speed machine management
 - (SO2) Mr A & Mrs MC Moll **£207.33** - Clerk Salary.
- c. To note receipts as follows:
 - (1) Broadland District Council **£8,965.50** – Precept (2)
- d. Quarterly Finance Checks (MB).
- e. To consider applications for grants and donations.

8. Correspondence

- a. To note the letter from Miss Leah Boast, asking for a zebra crossing at the Blacksmith's Shop Corner. Highways have advised that these are provided from a government fund and cost around £250,000. Freethorpe Parish Council could pay for a survey (around £5,000) to prepare an application ready for any future opening of the fund. Awaiting advice from Highways as to whether there are criteria that we could never meet, such as volumes. Parish Councillor views are sought.

9. Planning

- a. New applications – none.
- b. Decisions – none.
- c. Enforcements – two open cases.
- d. Affordability / viability check for Green View Way

10. Update on Ongoing Matters and Projects

- a. Speed management statistics – for information; we have been in contact with Westcotec about the signs showing unreliable speeds and recording very high speeds and sent data files to them to check. We have received an assurance that the recordings are accurate.
- b. Play Area Inspections – no significant issues. Awaiting quote from supplier for a package of small repairs.
- c. Wickhampton Pond – Norfolk Wildlife Trust have suggested an alternative for removal of crassula, and Beckhithe Farms have given permission. Feasibility of this is now with Norfolk Wildlife Trust.
- d. Rampant Horse update (PC).
- e. Solar Panels for Village Hall – grant application has been made to National Lottery Fund.
- f. Pump Repairs –awaiting guidance from Broadland re. Listed Building Consent.
- g. Gateways – sign design approved, installation likely within next few weeks.
- h. Village Hall – check rep for next meeting.

11. Other Matters

- a. None

12. Councillor Reports and Items for the Next Agenda

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 17th November 2025 at 7.00pm at Freethorpe Village Hall.

14. Exclusion of the Press and Public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to consider the following item of business: None