

FREETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
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AGENDA for the Parish Council meeting 19th January 2026 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 January 2026

1. To consider apologies for absence

Lana Hempsall, Andrea Rowlands

2. Public Forum

- a. County Councillor Report – [Norfolk secures more than £12 million for active travel improvements - Norfolk County Council](#)
- b. District Councillor Report **(GN)**
- c. Tree Warden Report **(JF)** and discussion on creating a new Tree & Conservation Advisor role
- d. Annual Parish Meeting Format **(MB)**
- e. Armed Forces Covenant - to consider response to consultation on Census 2031, especially the Armed Forces question, for response by end of January. **(AM)**
- f. 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 17th November 2025

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- a. (6h) Village Hall insurance support (AM) – done.
- b. (7d) Place order for pétanque floodlight work to reclaim from S106 (AM) - done.
- c. (7j) Budget & precept – final figures to Jan meeting (AM) – done, item 7f refers.
- d. (12) Drainage at entry to the Common - follow up (AM) – done, update with PB.
- e. (13) Book Village Hall for 2026 meetings (AM) – done, item 7b(1) refers.
- f. (8a) Zebra crossing – check likelihood, and discuss with road safety team (AM) – in progress.
- g. Other matters arising.

6. Clerk's Report

- a. To note house name change at 49 The Green.
- b. To comment on Broadland policy consultation: [Sex Establishment and Sexual Entertainment Venues Legislation and Policy | Broadland and South Norfolk](#)
- c. Village Hall update **(DL)** – for discussion.

7. Finance

- a. To review and **approve** the monthly finance update.
- b. To consider donation application from the Rainbows and Brownies.
- c. To authorise payments as follows:
 - (1) Freethorpe Sports and Social Club **£150.00**, hall hire.
 - (2) 1st Freethorpe Brownies **£200.00**, subject to item 7b.
 - (3) 1st Freethorpe Rainbows **£100.00**, subject to item 7b.
 - (DD) Bank charges **£9.98** (Two months)
 - (SO1) Calica Computer Solutions **£30.00** - Speed machine management
 - (SO2) Mr A & Mrs MC Moll **£207.33** - Clerk Salary.
- d. To note receipts as follows:
 - (1) Freethorpe First Responders **£1235.00** Closure of account
 - (2) Broadland District Council **£1000.00** Section 106 (Football goalposts)
- e. Quarterly Finance Checks (MB).

- f. To note the final budget and precept demand for 2026-27
- g. Village Hall donation – to be discussed once outcome of solar panel process known
- h. Section 106 sports fund – around £3,500 of S106 funds for Palmers Lane development expire in August 2026. Proposal to invest in football pitch improvements to be discussed.

8. Correspondence

- a. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025 – for information
- b. Concern with road surface at Lower Green – for discussion
- c. Walpole Almshouses – resignation of Trustee/Secretary – update and next steps

9. Planning

- a. New applications – none
- b. Decisions – none
- c. Enforcements – three open cases to note
- d. Proposed mast changes Reedham Road – for **response**
- e. Affordability / viability check for Green View Way

10. Update on Ongoing Matters and Projects

- a. Speed management statistics – for information.
- b. Play Area Inspections – repairs ordered, awaiting scheduling, the work requires warmer dry weather for the rubber mulch repair. Note that our inspector is retiring after the annual inspection in June. Replacement will need to be obtained.
- c. Wickhampton Pond – awaiting Norfolk Wildlife Trust proposal.
- d. Rampant Horse update (PC).
- e. Solar Panels for Village Hall – to discuss and agree the invitation to quote and timetable.
- f. Pump Repairs –awaiting guidance from Broadland re. Listed Building Consent. Broadland have advised that CIL money cannot be used for the work, would have to come from grants and reserves.
- g. Gateways – installed in December, small tweak has been requested to swap the text between the two gates.
- h. Petanque floodlights – work has been ordered, to be reclaimed from Section 106.

11. Other Matters

- a. None

12. Councillor Reports and Items for the Next Agenda

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 16th February 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