

Great and Little Plumstead

P a r i s h C o u n c i l

A Meeting of Great & Little Plumstead Parish Council was held on Monday 13th April 2026 at 7.00pm at Great Plumstead Village Hall

PRESENT: Mr J Wiley (Chairman)

Mr A Cawdron

Mrs L Carty

Mr G Edwards

Mr R Heath

Mrs J Jones

Mr P Knowles

Mr R Rice

Mrs T Scott (Clerk)

- **Police Report** – None
- **County Councillor Report** – Councillor Mackie met with Highways who confirmed that the speed sign on Reeves Corner is facing the wrong way and this will be changed. Councillor Jones asked whether the water can be pumped again from Hare Road together with the ditch being cleared to remove the silt, Councillor Mackie confirmed he will speak with Highways about this.
- **District Councillor Report** – Councillor Harvey is chasing for an update on the land management issues in Little Plumstead and will update the Parish Council when received. It was asked if the landowner could provide a timetable for the works which are planned for the year, there is a tree down between Morris Drive and MacMillian Way. There are ongoing discussions about different parts of land on The Glade, Little Plumstead as they are not being maintained at all, Broadland DC were unsure of what they are responsible for when this was previously discussed. It would be useful to have confirmation of the land which Broadland DC took responsibility for. Nutrient Neutrality assessment has been completed for the Saffron development on Green Lane, Councillor Harvey has therefore raised the question of the timescales for the footpath. There is currently no confirmed date for when the medical centre is opening. The Ingram Homes proposed development on Water Lane, Little Plumstead has been called into the planning committee. The Norfolk County Council elections will take place on 7th May 2026.
- **Public Participation** – Councillor Jones mentioned that there is the problem with racing cars on the NDR and A47 again. The Clerk asked if a record of timings and days could be kept and these can be fed back to the police to allow them to patrol the area at the correct times. The hedge cutting along Hospital Road, Little Plumstead was discussed as a poor job has been done with cuttings left in the road and trees down on the verge. The Clerk will enquire whether this work was undertaken by Highways or by the landowner, especially as the works happened during bird nesting season. A parishioner reported to the Parish Council that the bus shelter on Church Road, Great Plumstead incorrectly states that the stop is Little Plumstead. The Clerk will report this to the bus company and ask them to change the sign to show the correct location. The signage on Church Road, Great Plumstead in relation to the broken drain is causing issues with pedestrians as it covers more than half of the pathway,

the Clerk will report this to Highways to see if there are any alternatives, together with asking when the drain is likely to be repaired.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Vincent and Bullen

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Rice – Item 12

Councillor Knowles – Item 6

3. TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH MARCH 2026

Proposed – Councillor Cawdron. Seconded – Councillor Edwards. All agreed.

4. TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Councillor Heath will look at the SAM2 locations on Salhouse Road, Little Plumstead to ensure that the SAM2 sign can be placed there. The Parish Council is waiting to hear back from Highways as to improved signage on Hare Road, Great Plumstead to warn users of the road that the area floods. We are waiting to hear back from Broadland DC about the suggestion for TPOs on the oak trees on Water Lane, Great Plumstead. The Clerk has gone through the documents for the Willows development in Little Plumstead to find confirmation that Cripps are required to mark the pathways to mark out the cycleway and footpaths, unfortunately this has not been found. The Clerk has asked Broadland DC planning to see if they have the requirement noted. Repairs still awaited for the play areas, the Clerk has been pushing to have these undertaken as soon as possible. Christian Cator Estate confirmed that they were happy to receive payment by BACS and the cheque has been cancelled.

5. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council made the following comments on planning applications:

2026/0806	Little Oaks, 53 Plumstead Road, Thorpe End	Proposed single storey rear extension, loft conversion and conversion of garage to hair salon	No comments received.
2025/3831	2 Burtt Way, Great Plumstead	Erection of 1 helical vertical axis wind turbine	• The turbine's height, movement, and reflective surfaces will introduce a large industrial feature into an area which has an

			increasing number of neighbouring residential buildings. • Even helical vertical-axis turbines, though marketed as “low-impact,” remain visually prominent due to their constant rotation and vertical form. • The proposal conflicts with local policies requiring development to respect the scale, form, and character of its surroundings. • The turbine would be visible from neighbouring properties, public footpaths, and the wider landscape, resulting in a significant and permanent visual intrusion. • Vertical-axis turbines can generate low-frequency noise and vibration, which travel further and penetrate buildings more easily than higher-frequency sound. Manufacturer data alone is insufficient to demonstrate that noise levels will be acceptable in real-world conditions. • No independent acoustic assessment has been provided, and without one the council cannot reasonably conclude that the turbine will not cause statutory nuisance or harm to neighbouring residential amenity. The proposal therefore fails to meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) regarding noise. • The rotating blades will create movement in the field of view, which is known to be distracting and can cause visual
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			discomfort for the neighbouring housing. Together with the proximity to the Broadland Northway and the A47. • Potential for shadow flicker and reflective glare has not been assessed. • The cumulative effect of noise, movement, and visual intrusion represents a clear and unacceptable impact on amenity. • No evidence has been provided regarding structural integrity, maintenance schedules, or risk of blade failure. • Vertical-axis turbines can shed ice in winter conditions, posing a risk to people, vehicles, and property. Without a full risk assessment, the proposal cannot be considered safe or compliant with planning requirements. • The application does not include an ecological survey. The absence of ecological assessment means the application fails to meet the council's biodiversity obligations. Even small turbines can pose risks to bats and birds.
2026/0769	Land Off Burt Way Great Plumstead Norfolk	Variation of conditions plot 2 - (2) change of design (5) foul water drainage (13) off-site highway improvement works & (16) noise report of permission 20211918 and subsequent non-material amendment 2026/0283 (which consented to change description on application 20211918 to read "The proposed development will provide flexible and adaptable space for Use Classes E(g)(ii), and Class E(g)(iii),	The application does not yet include any traffic considerations or vehicular movement studies or any indication of the use of public transport. The engineering study for surface water drainage indicates a much larger attenuation basin than shown on indicative landscape drawings and appears to have a connection back to

		General Industrial Use Class B2 and Storage and Distribution Use Class B8 and Ancillary Accommodation, Service Yards, Parking & Landscaping) Date of Decision: 26/02/2026	existing surface water drainage in the roadway, there is no written explanation of the proposals. The application does not appear to show any details for the lighting planned for the site, the area is covered by a dark skies policy and the Parish Council want to ensure that this has been taken into account. The application should be updated to include the details mentioned above.
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7. TO DISCUSS PARISH PROJECTS

a. UPDATE ON PLAY AREA REPAIRS

Still waiting for the works to begin. The contractor confirmed that the timber works should commence on the 27th April. The Clerk is meeting the contractor on site to discuss the ground tiles under the slide as these are not the same as previously thought.

b. UPDATE ON GREAT PLUMSTEAD RECREATIONAL GROUND PHASE 1

Willow-Denby will be undertaking the small snagging list. The Scouts have asked the Parish Council if they would provide an insurance indemnity for the missing documents. The Parish Council are not able to provide indemnity as they cannot confirm the sign off for the building. The Councillors discussed this and agreed that they will chase for the fire team to provide sign off. The Parish Council will have to risk assess the items that the Scouts are planning to store in the store room of the Activity Building. The Parish Council are still awaiting for an explanation from the solicitors about who the tenant will be in the lease and the consequences for the council.

c. UPDATE ON GREAT PLUMSTEAD RECREATIONAL GROUND PHASE 2

Some of the Councillors met with the Bowls Club to go through the finer details of what the new building requires. Together with picking up the final landscaping items which were not completed in phase 1. The Councillors identified that a tap which can be used for cleaning would be useful in the changing rooms (accessible toilet) and the cost for this will be included in phase 2. It was also discussed that it would be useful if Willow-Denby could use the field to site their toilet/hut rather than using the carpark, they have confirmed that this could be possible. The solicitors are working on the Licence for the store room (Bowls) and the green to allow the Bowls Club to access this area during phase 2. Once this has been signed the Parish Council will move onto drafting the heads of terms for the new Lease.

d. REQUEST FROM THE BOWLS CLUB TO INSTALL A SINK INTO THE STORE ROOM

The Bowls have asked if they can install a sink into the store room (Bowls) to allow for handwashing. The Councillors discussed this request and confirmed that the

works cannot be undertaken until the Licence is in place and the works must be undertaken by a qualified plumber.

e. TO DISCUSS THE REPAIRS NEEDED TO THE WALLED GARDEN CARPARK

Munnings have visited the site and confirmed that a number of the grids need to be lifted and repaired, together with a shingle layer across the whole carpark to protect the other grids. Unfortunately Munnings have confirmed that they won't be providing a quote for the works, the Clerk will look into other companies who can provide a quote.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. TO AGREE PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET AS LISTED

The following accounts were agreed in accordance with the Budget:

Payments

Bank Balance	Nat West	£4,609.86	30.03.2026
Bank Balance	Scottish Widows	£42,496.75	31.03.2026
Bank Balance	Broadland Deposit Account	£343,318.46	31.03.2025
		£255,635.66	As allocated in parish accounts. Not confirmed by Broadland Deposit Account
<u>Payments</u>			
Google		Google Workspace	£5.00*
		TOTAL	£0.00
<u>Receipts</u>			
Allotment Holder		NAS Membership	£3.50*
Allotment Holder		Allotment Hire Fee	£9.00*
Allotment Holder		Allotment Hire Fee	£9.00*
Allotment Holder		Allotment Hire Fee	£27.00*
Football Team		Pitch Hire Fees	£285.00*
		TOTAL	£0.00
Outstanding Cheques			
Great Plumstead Village Hall		Hire fees	£50.00
		TOTAL	£50.00
Current Account Balance after above payments made and outstanding cheques cleared will be approximately			
			£4,559.86
* already included in the accounts stated above			

Proposed – Councillor Rice. Seconded – Councillor Heath. All agreed.

Bank Balance	Unity Bank	£80,636.47	13.04.2026
<u>Payments</u>			
T Scott		Salary and expenses	£1,524.68
HMRC		Tax and NI	£393.03

Norfolk Pension Scheme		Monthly payment	£453.00
Norfolk Parish Training & Support		Annual Subscription	£690.00
Anglian Water		Water Rates	£401.05
Scribe		Accounting Software	£657.60
Scribe		Monthly subscription	£62.40
E.on		Electricity - January	£56.05
E.on		Electricity - March	£68.12
		TOTAL	£4,305.93
<u>Receipts</u>			
		TOTAL	£0.00
Payments Awaiting Authorisation			
E.On		Electricity - February	£56.05
DH Arboriculture		Great Plumstead Hedge Cutting	£700.00
		TOTAL	£756.05
Current Account Balance after above payments made and outstanding cheques cleared will be approximately			
			£75,574.49
* already included in the accounts stated above			

Proposed - Councillor Cawdron. Seconded – Councillor Edwards. All agreed.

Broadland DC have confirmed that the Parish Council will be receiving a CIL payment of £53,520.09 from the Land North of Smea Lane development.

9. TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE AMENITY LAND AT CHURCH ROAD, GREAT PLUMSTEAD

The solicitors have confirmed that Ingram Homes have not signed the Transfer document and our solicitors are chasing for an update on this.

10. TO DISCUSS THE USE OF THE CHANGING ROOMS AND THE FORMALISATION OF IT

Councillor Heath is drawing up a Conditions of Use for the hirers of the changing rooms to sign. This will be circulated shortly to the Councillors.

11. TO DISCUSS WHAT ITEMS SHOULD GO ONTO SOCIAL MEDIA THIS MONTH

Planning

12. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE QUOTES RECEIVED FOR THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOR THE PARISH

20:58 – Councillor Rice left the meeting.

The Clerk presented the quotes received for the grounds maintenance works around the parish for the year. One quote was still outstanding but two had been received, these were discussed. The Councillors agreed to accept the quote from Garden Guardian who is the current contractor. The Clerk confirmed that the extra cuts of the field for the football

pitches together with the pitch marking is not included in this contract and quotes for that will be presented separately.

Proposed – Councillor Cawdron. Seconded – Councillor Edwards. All agreed.

21:03 – Councillor Jones left the meeting.

21:07 – Councillor Rice returned to the meeting.

13. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE PLUMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

The date of the next meeting is Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.00pm at St David's Hall, Thorpe End

14. TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Tree Warden Report

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: