

Walcott Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Walcott Parish Council held at Walcott Village Hall on **19th January 2026 at 7pm**

Present: Graham French, William Love, Tricia McCarthy (part), Keith Porter, Pauline Porter (In the Chair), Andy Starkins (part), Maria Withington

Public: 8

1. To receive Apologies for Absence.

1.1 To consider and agree apologies for absence

Cllr Mills sent his apologies, which were accepted by the council

2. Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations

2.1 To consider and agree declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

None received

3. Minutes of previous meetings

4.1 To agree and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the **17th November 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th November 2025 were agreed and signed at the meeting

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman spoke about the Coastal Transition committee, this consisted of Cllr P Porter, Cllr French, representatives of the Coastwise Team and several members of the public, the first meeting had been held

5. Public Participation Time

The meeting will be adjourned for a period of 15 minutes to allow Members of the Public to speak, to receive District and County Councillors reports and any Councillors with prejudicial interests to speak.

Note that only items on this Agenda are to be discussed – for any other item/ subject please contact the Clerk in writing for submission at a future meeting.

Parishioners and council had a discussion regarding the proposed Walcott Future Fund, the chairman explained about the cost to parishioners should the precept be increased in order to add money to the fund, along with the money that had already been received after the Storm Surge (from the Gas Terminal, £20548) and the money earmarked for providing a car park £13452. The parishioners present said that they were happy for the council to increase the precept by £14000 per year to add money to this fund. Concerns were raised about business tax payers not paying council tax and not contributing to the fund, the clerk would look into this. The council stated that the fund would only be used for Walcott and the aims of the Future Fund, money would not be used for any other purposes.

5.1 Report from County Councillor Lucy Shires - available online after the meeting

6. Matters arising from previous meetings

To report on progress on items from previous meetings. No decisions may be taken

7.1 The 30mph sign has been fitted to the back of the Bacton Village gates

7.2 TRO - ongoing - Stakeholder Consultation being undertaken

7.3 Additional Drains - ongoing

7.3 Levelling Footpath to the Lighthouse

7.4 Footpath Ostend Road - Awaiting more information

7. Parish and Community Matters

7.1 To consider and agree memorial plaque

The council agreed to order a brass plaque

7.2 To consider and agree setting up Protecting Walcott Fund

The council agreed to set up the Protecting Walcott Fund, money would be kept in a separate bank account. The council also agreed to move the storm surge money and the Car Park money into this account. It was also agreed to make an increase to this year's precept of £14000 for the Fund. A committee would be set up consisting of 5 Councillors and 5 Parishioners to oversee the fund, agree the aims and objectives

8. Planning

To consider and agree responses to planning applications and received updates
PF/25/2618 Church Cottage Walcott

The council has no objection or comment regarding this planning application

9. Finance

9.1 To consider and agree the bank reconciliation of accounts

The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed at the meeting

9.2 To consider and agree the budget and set the precept

The budget was reviewed and it was agreed to set a precept of £24109 (this figure includes the £14000 for the Future Fund)

9.3 To consider and agree the Payments and Receipts

The following payments and receipts were agreed

PAYMENTS			
Date	Payable to	Description	Amount
25.12.2025	D Revell	Salary	£407.15
19.01.2026	Walcott Village Hall	Hall Hire	£20.00
11.12.2025	Salle Estates	Christmas Tree	£246.00
19.01.2026	Solopress	Printing	£30.24
27.09.2026	Post Office	Postage	£3.60
05.12.2025	Norfolk Pension Fund	Pension	£31.24
RECEIPTS			

10. Policies, Documents, Communications and Training

None

11. Parish Council Matters

11.1 To consider and agree holding a community meeting

The council agreed to hold a community meeting, date to be agreed

12. Events

Summer Event - The council agreed to discuss this at the next meeting

13. To report any other business

Note that this is to report matters for inclusion in a future agenda or matters which require no decision to be made by the Council

None

14. Correspondence

To consider any correspondence and agree responses thereto

Email received about abusive resident, the council would advise the person who sent the email to refer the matter to the police

Email received regarding meeting dates, the council agreed to update the meeting dates on the website, add them to the Facebook page and put a poster on the Notice boards with the next years meeting dates.

15. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm that the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 16th March 2026, 7:15 Walcott Village Hall

Meeting Closed: 20:05