

**Minutes of the Meeting of Lessingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th March 2026 at
7.30pm at Lessingham Village Hall**

Present: Peter Peruzzi, Chair
James Holden, Vice Chair
Gina Dunn
Helen Twining
Sara Burns, Parish Clerk

Also present: Cty Cllr Richard Price

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Sue Allen sent her apologies, accepted by all.

2. Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda

None on this occasion.

3. Public Forum

a. Public

No members of the public present.

b. County/District Councillors

Cllr Richard Price reported the following:

- Sadly, Cty Cllr Price will be standing down at the May elections. The Council thanked him for everything he has done for the Parish.
- Attended the recent SNAP meeting, it was noted there have been extra patrols around Eccles beach in regard to the recent quad bike issues being driven on the beach at Eccles. This appears to have helped
- Noted there is an upcoming BFI webinar on Thursday 12th March at 10am.
- Norfolk County Council has approved a balanced £613.8m budget for 2026–27, demonstrating strong financial leadership and prudent management in what remains one of the toughest funding climates in decades.
- County Council elections are confirmed for the 7th May, Elections for all 84 divisions of NCC will now go ahead.
- NCC invests in community led highway improvements across the county. NCC has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting local communities the approval of 99 new highway improvement schemes for 2026/27 delivered in partnership with town and parish councils across Norfolk.
- NCC is delivering targets support for the county's vital hospitality sector, launching a £250,000 package at the Norfolk Market Towns conference as part of a wider £1m investment in high streets.
- NCC launches the 2026 Rural Business Awards, once again shining a spotlight on the county's outstanding rural enterprise as nominations open for the prestigious award.
- Leaders at NCC have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening fostering services and supporting foster families across the county.
- Boost for water safety as new rescue boat arrives, Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service has taken delivery of six new Zodiac Milpro ERB400 rescue boats to strengthen its response to water emergencies across the county.

c. Police

No Police present

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th January and Tuesday 24th February 2026

The previous minutes were approved, proposed by James Holden, seconded by Gina Dunn, all approved.

5. Applications for co-option of Parish Councillor (2 Vacancies)

None on this occasion, Cllrs Gina Dunn and Helen Twining have said they will advertise the vacancies on social media and in person to local residents.

6. Chair Report

- a. Peter Peruzzi noted he would be making a complaint to Serco on behalf of Lessingham Parish Council regarding rubbish and broken glass being left after bin collections.
- b. Peter Peruzzi also noted he would contact the gentlemen at East Ruston in regarding to the speed activated monitor and whether this has been returned yet.

7. Clerk Report

- a. Clerk noted the letter in response to NALC survey on LGR has been submitted.

8. Finance

- a. Finances 2025/26 to date. Since the last meeting the following has been received:
None
- b. Payments – it was agreed to pay the following. proposed by Peter Peruzzi, seconded by Gina Dunn, all agreed:
 - i. Sara-Louise Burns Salary Jan & Feb 2026 £345.89
 - ii. HMRC PAYE Jan & Feb 2026 £79.80

9. Correspondence and Consultations

None

10. Planning

- a. New Applications
None
- b. Applications considered between meetings
None
- c. Decisions
PF/25/2521 – Dresden, Bush Drive, Bush Estate, Eccles on Sea – Erection of single storey front extension – **Approved**
PF/25/2595 – The Shack, Church Lane, Bush Estate, Eccles on Sea – Erection of boundary fence (1.65m high) – retrospective - **Refused**

11. Highways and Parish Assets

- a. General Highway issues
 - i. Signs at Bush Estate
After discussion, the following locations on Bush Estate would be beneficial for the local community. The provisional locations are:
1/ Church Lane/ Heath Road - what3words: clattered.wrenching.shears
2/ Seaside lane Ramp – potentially: increased.wasps.carrots – depending which resident would be happy to host sign
3/ Cross Lane/ Church Lane – potentially: fewer.privately.builds – depending which resident would be happy to host sign.

4/ Happisburgh end of Bush Drive – potentially: parsnip.forgotten.tones, and dust.heavy.ditching - potentially one either side of the road, if we can't have one, large one in the former position. This location will need to be discussed with Happisburgh Parish Council and NNDC as this would be on their land. The agreed wording on the signs will include the following: Private Estate, No Through Road, No Parking, Emergency Access Only.
Clerk and Cllrs to action and discuss with land owners before finalising and agreeing exact locations. Item to stay on agenda until all actions are completed.

ii. Salt Bins

After discussion, it was agreed that buying Salt Bins may not be the best way forward. It was then discussed whether the Parish Council could buy and distribute bags of salt to local residents for them to store and use in front of their property. Clerk to contact Highways to see if this is permissible.

b. General Parish Council Asset Issues

- i. Clerk noted the Parish Council printer is no longer functioning and would be disposed of as an asset.
- ii. James Holden noted he would speak to the gentleman who is going to repair the bench and chase up how much the wood will cost.
- iii. Cllr Helen Twining noted Eccles has a Wikipedia page which could be linked on the Parish Council website – Clerk to action.

12. Items for inclusion on the next agenda

None

13. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 12th May 2026 7pm at Lessingham Village Hall – Annual Parish Meeting

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Meeting Closed at 9.20pm.

CHAIRMAN