

HAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on March 11th. 2026

Present: Cllr.L.Rogers, Cllr.T.Dossor Cllr.S.Howes
Cllr.K.Saggers Cllr.M.Bown
Parishioners: None J.Graves (Clerk)

In Attendance:
Cll.D.Roper NCC
Cllr.S.Ward BDC

Public participation: None

Police Report No incidents reported in January. Residents can see locations and details by accessing the police website <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/> , entering Hainford and selecting “crime map”

NCC Report Cllr.Roper said that now the elections had been re-instated NCC would shortly be entering “purdah” when no new policy decisions could be made until after the election.

BDC Report Cllr.Ward said that BDC council tax would once again be frozen at the current level. The new Broadland Country Park visitor centre would open later this year.

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1. **Apologies** None
2. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr.Saggers as a Village Hall Committee member
3. **Minutes** of the meeting on January 14th. were confirmed and signed.
4. **Reports** The Clerk reported that a rebate of £1,525.70 had been received from the NCC Parish Partnership scheme. Broadland DC had quoted £350 to clear a flytip from the car park. The Clerk was asked to investigate alternatives.
5. **Planning** 2026/0554 Poultry Farm, Spixworth Road – Change of use of agricultural barn to dwelling house. No objection but BDC asked to consider the fact that it is outside the development area when determining the application.
6. **QE Playground** The Clerk reported on the site visit by NGF play to assess the repairs necessary and the resultant quotation of £2,247.00 was accepted.
7. **Asset Register** The Clerk presented the up to date register which was accepted by the Council.
8. **Correspondence** A request from Frettenham Parish Council for a joint approach to a Neighbourhood Plan did not command support. The Clerk had confirmed to the resident leading the bi-annual litter pick that if participants names were logged with the Clerk they would be covered by the Council’s insurance. A complaint had been received about the fencing around the pond and Cllr.Howes confirmed that remedial work had now commenced. A resident had asked for 30mph warnings be painted on the surface along Waterloo Road. The clerk would investigate what the criteria are for these measures.
9. **Finance** Cheques signed :-

J.Graves	Salary & Exp.(inc.PAYE) 4th.Qtr.	£1,367.02
Broadland DC	Dog bin emptying (inc.VAT)	£592.80
10. **Clerk’s and Councillors’ Reports** Members discussed at length the “call for sites” resulting from the creation of a new Greater Norwich Local Plan. They were particularly concerned that any future development in the village could result in the loss of some of the mature trees, and in particular those on Newton Road which characterise the rural nature of the village. Their concern had been increased by the recent Tree Preservation Order (TPO) issued by BDC at a site on Waterloo Road which had been made after some trees had already been felled. Members were anxious that this should not happen in future and the Clerk would write to BDC asking for a TPO to be placed on mature verge side trees along Newton Road which could be vulnerable if adjacent land were to be subject to development at some point in the future. Residents had asked if Spixworth Road and Frettenham Road could be designated as “quiet lanes” and the Clerk would investigate. The Clerk was asked to report a section of Grange Road where the edge of the carriageway was collapsing.
11. **Next meeting** May 13th. 7.30 p.m.