

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR STRUMPSHAW, BUCKENHAM AND HASSINGHAM

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Strumpshaw Community Hall on Tuesday 15 April at 7:30 pm.

Present: Parish Council

Michael Green (Chair)
Russ Blake
Ellie Buckton
Tina McAulay
Bob Morgan
Tanya Rowlandson (Clerk)
Alasdair Fraser (Tree Warden)
Jan Davis
PC Jackie Chambers
Revd Jane Morris
Hilary Hammond
Tamsin Drake and Leanne Yeomans
Colin Goff, Pat Davies(+1)
Tony McKie
Sarah Young, Hazel Stuart(+1)
Jenny Hill, Stuart Blyth, Ann Lahiff

District Councillor
Acle Beat (Police)

Parochial Church Council & Strumpshaw Trust
1st Strumpshaw Brownies

1st Lingwood & Strumpshaw Air Scouts Group
Blofield and District Conservation Group (BADCOG)
Buckenham Ancient Woodland Trust (BAWT)
Strumpshaw Coffee Break

Plus five members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Will Faulkner, Parish Council, County Councillor Andrew Proctor and District Councillor Eleanor Laming.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 May 2024

These were agreed as a true record of proceedings with no amendments and signed by Michael Green, Chair of Strumpshaw Parish Council.

3. Strumpshaw Parish Council

Chairmans Report- Michael Green. See report attached.

4. Reports from Other Bodies, Village Groups, Charities and Organisations

- County Councillor Andrew Proctor was unable to attend, but had provided a report (attached).
- District Councillor Jan Davis shared highlights from the district councillors report (attached).
- Acle Beat Manager, PC Jackie Chambers shared highlights from her annual report (attached).
- Blofield and District Conservation Group (BADCOG), Tony McKie shared highlights from their annual report (attached).

- Buckenham Ancient Woodland Trust (BAWT), Sarah Young shared highlights from the Trust’s annual report, full report attached.
- Strumpshaw Trust and Strumpshaw Parochial Church Council, Hilary Hammond shared highlights of the Trust’s annual report, see full report attached and advised the highlight of the PCC was having Rev Jane Morris inducted as Rector of the Lingwood Benefice at St Peter’s Church, Lingwood by Bishop Ian.
- 1st Lingwood & Strumpshaw Air Scouts Group, Colin Goff presented the groups annual report (attached).
- Strumpshaw Coffee Break submitted their annual report (attached).

5. Questions from parishioners on local issues

Parishioners raised their concerns on Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), to which Cllr Jan Davis responded.

- Although no plans have yet been formulated it is expected that Town and Parish Councils will have an enhanced role in the future, taking on additional services.
- As a result of being in the situation of setting up a new Strategic Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk, led by a Mayor to be elected in May 2026, and reforming local government structures in the two counties, the county elections that were due to be held in May 2025 have been cancelled.
- Timeline:
 - Friday 21 March 2025 - submission of LGR interim plan to Government (completed)
 - Friday 26 September 2025 - submission of LGR full business case to Government
 - New Unitary Councils up and running in Norfolk by 2028
 - Public Consultation, Broadland District Council is committed to involving residents in developing future proposals and will conduct a public consultation as the process develops. They will also seek the views of local organisations and local businesses.

6. Date of Next Annual Parish Meeting: Tuesday, 21 April 2026

The meeting closed at 8:23 pm.

Chair’s signature

Date