

Reydon Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Reydon Village Hall on 18th June 2026

1 Present and Opening

Present:

Chair, Cllr Linda Coe, Vice-Chair, Cllr Dominic Knight, Cllr Kalvyn Friend, Cllr Dale Goldsmith, Cllr Chris Dixon, Cllr David Eccles, Cllr Mike Medland, SCC Cllr John Matthews, ESC David Beavan.

Clerk – Ann Dobson.

There were two members of the public present.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Adele Coleman, Cllr David Panther and Cllr Kim Harvey and these were duly accepted by the Chair and Councillors.

3 Public Forum and Councillor Reports

The Chair, Cllr Linda Coe, welcomed Nick King from Neighbourhood Watch who had come to give a short presentation. He was accompanied by a Reydon Resident who was part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Lakeside Park Drive.

Nick explained how Neighbourhood Watch Schemes had changed over the years. Rather than have one person per street, the current scheme worked on the basis of as many residents as possible signing up by email and then they would receive the Suffolk Connected Police and Neighbourhood Watch messages whenever an incident occurred close to where they lived. If a resident had CCTV at their property they were asked to register that too as it could be useful for information should a crime be committed. The resident from Lakeside Park Drive said that there were currently 26 residents who had signed up in her location and they had also set up a Whats App Group so that information could be passed quickly and easily to everyone. She added that it was a good way to get to know your neighbours and it wasn't complicated to set up.

Cllr Linda Coe thanked them both for coming and it was agreed to add this to the July Agenda.

ACTION: Clerk to add to July Agenda.

ESC Cllr David Beavan gave his report and he said that the main topic of conversation currently was bins, due to the new set up starting in June. He said that the transition had not gone as well as hoped and the Council had come under a lot of criticism, but that it was a huge undertaking and it would take time to get everything working smoothly. He said that the Council were particularly proud of the App they had produced that could be downloaded as it gave a great deal of useful information. Cllr Kalvyn Friend asked what was happening with bins and second homes and Cllr Beavan said he was currently looking into that. Cllr Beavan went on to say that if any Councillors needed to they could email him about bin issues. On a positive note, Cllr Beavan said that the rat and rabbit problem along the seafront was going down which was good news.

SCC Cllr John Matthews introduced himself to everyone and said that he lived in Westleton and had been a Parish Councillor himself in the past. He went on to say that he had 21 Councils he was responsible for so he would not be able to attend all the meetings as he had to balance his time carefully, but that he was always available via email.

Cllr Linda Coe thanked Cllr Beavan and Cllr Matthews for coming.

Cllr Coe then went on to say that there was currently a Vacancy for a Councillor and Dexter Kirk had expressed an interest in returning. He had previously been a Councillor for many years and his financial background had been very beneficial. Dexter said that if he did re-join he may not be able to come to every meeting as he had other business commitments, so he wanted that explained first to see if the other

Councillors thought that was acceptable. A discussion followed with Cllr Coe proposing Dexter Kirk be reinstated as a Councillor, Cllr Kalvyn Friend seconding the proposal and all the Councillors in favour. The Clerk was asked to write to Dexter Kirk.

ACTION: Clerk to inform Dexter Kirk of the Council’s decision, notify ESC and get a Council email address set up.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 21st May 2026 were unanimously agreed to be authorised by the Chair and were duly signed.

6 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

7 Clerk’s Report

Crime Figures for April were as follows:

Location	Apr-26 Details	Total 8 crimes Outcomes
Queens Road	Public Order	Under investigation
Wangford Road	Theft	Under investigation
Wangford Road	Theft	No suspect identified
Shepherds Lane	Shoplifting	No suspect identified
Moyse Ave	Antisocial behaviour	N/A
Moyse Ave	Bicycle theft	Unable to prosecute
Moyse Ave	Theft	Unable to prosecute
Rissemere Lane	Burglary	No suspect identified

External Audit – The Clerk said she had answered a few questions and was now waiting for the final document to come out.

8 Highways Committee (DP)

Cllr David Panther was not able to attend but had sent in his report which was read by the Clerk:

“The long-awaited SCC Highways structural inspection of Potters Bridge has taken place. The report to RPC is as follows:

Our structures team have completed the general inspection of Potter Bridge. There is little to report due to most of the bridge being submerged however this was expected. Currently there are no further action as a result of this inspection.

Apparently, there is to be another multi-agency meeting chaired by Jenny Riddell Carpenter on Friday 19 June.

A traffic survey on the A1095 should take place in the course of the next few weeks. The survey shall catch data on traffic volumes, speeds and vehicle type travelling in both directions. The data will be used to inform the possibility of requesting additional safety measures on the Halesworth Road, as advised by the road safety team following the last application for a 40 mph limit.

RPC has been forwarded an email expressing concern about vehicles being driven dangerously along Mount Pleasant. This concern is to be discussed at the next Highways Committee meeting. The email has been forwarded to the Suffolk Road Safety Team for advice.

The Clerk gave an update to this last paragraph in that the Community Engineer had come back to say that he would investigate if the resident could let him have the exact location of where the trouble was occurring and a few more details of what was happening.

- 9 Finance Committee (RFO/DK)**
Cllr Dominic Knight said there was nothing new to report but that a Finance Committee Meeting would take place in July after the end of the first quarter, so there would be more to report at the July RPC Meeting.
A quote had been received from Cooper & Denny for refurbishing the bus shelter at Old School Drive in the sum of £805.40 plus VAT, and it was unanimously agreed to go ahead and get this done.
ACTION: Clerk to notify Cooper & Denny.
- 10 Green Spaces Working Group (MM)**
Update on CCTV
Cllr Mike Medland had met with a company and obtained a quote for adding CCTV at the Recreation Ground by using solar panels. This was a very expensive option. However, he said it should be possible to get electricity to the recreation ground again which would make it cheaper. Cllr Sarah Jerman asked whether it was really necessary to install CCTV. Cllr Medland added that he had been told CCTV was not possible for the Pillbox site – only a dummy camera could be put in place. After much discussion it was decided by all the Councillors to put the whole subject of CCTV on hold for now.
Wildflower Seeds for Local Residents
Everyone agreed that this was an excellent idea.
ACTION: Clerk to let Cllr David Panther know.
Pump Track and MUGA
Cllr Linda Coe began by saying that she thought the time had come to make a decision on this, one way or the other.
The MUGA quotes were very high. The Pump Track seemed more affordable and it was once more discussed having this for a day to see how the local children responded to it and then asking the community which they preferred. The Clerk said she had contacted the local primary school too so that they could ask the pupils whether they would use a pump track or a MUGA but had not had a reply so far. The idea of a proper Fun Day was put forward, where the Pump Track would be just one activity, and to include ice creams, burgers etc. The weekend of 15th/16th was discussed – either the Saturday or Sunday and Cllr Sarah Jerman said she would be happy to organise it. The Councillors all agreed to the principle of getting a pump track for the day, subject to finalising a date etc, and Cllr Mike Medland said he would go back to the company and get a date firmed up for that before any other activities for the day were planned.
ACTION: Cllr Mike Medland to get a date for the Pump Track and then Cllr Sarah Jerman to contact other possible participants.
Cllr Mike Medland ended by saying that Cooper & Denny were working through the list of repairs necessary at the playground and should be sending a quote shortly.
- 11 WW1 Pillbox Working Group (CD)**
Cllr Chris Dixon said that she and Philip O’Hear were still working on fundraising and were currently completing a Council application for Thriving Places which was proving challenging. One of the documents requested was a Safeguarding Policy and Cllr David Eccles said that he thought the Parish Council should have one anyway. The Clerk said she would look on the SALC website and produce a template.
ACTION: Clerk to follow up on a Safeguarding Policy.
A discussion took place as to whether the Pillbox Working Group should be a Committee with the Clerk taking Minutes etc rather than the current Working Group status. The Councillors were in favour in principle, and the Clerk said she would ask SALC if this was possible and report back.
ACTION: Clerk to contact SALC re this Group becoming a Committee.
- 12 Cost of Living and Community Pantry (LC) (report already circulated)**
Cllr Linda Coe had sent her report as follows:

“Not too much to report this month. Our opening hours have settled down to Wednesday and Friday mornings from 09.00 to 12.00 and these continue to be very well attended. New customers and more established clients have been able to enjoy increased amounts of foodstuffs donated by various supermarkets and shops and hygiene goods which are still given by the Waveney Hygiene Bank. A few volunteers have still to complete their Level 2 Training online but to date we have 14 who have passed, 4 to complete and 4 to start. I have chivvied them along and hope to have a full complement soon. Two new volunteers have recently come forward so we hope to include them in our rotas soon. The Pre Application Advice went to the ES Planning Dept in relation to our plan to build a new independent Pantry and they responded full of praise for the concept and a suggestion that we went for full planning approval immediately. There has been a hiccup over bio-diversity nett gain, which is being revisited by the Government and rules are due to change at the end of July. I spoke to Ben Woolnough myself about this and he recommended we wait for this change to come in before we submit our application, so that is where we are with that at the moment.”

Cllr David Eccles asked if there should always be a Level 2 trained person working at the Pantry and it was discussed that maybe more volunteers needed to take the training. Cllr Linda Coe said she would see if she could get a donation towards this.

Finally, the possibility of a donation box to be placed in the Pantry was discussed. It was thought that this would be a good idea if it was allowed and the Clerk said she would check this out.

ACTION: Cllr Linda Coe to see if a donation could be obtained towards further training and the Clerk to see about a donation box to help with Pantry funds.

13 Footpaths Working Group (CD)

Cllr Chris Dixon said that there was nothing new to report as the Meeting was not until the following week. She said that unfortunately Ben Heather the PROW was not able to attend.

14 Reydon Village Hall (KH/DE/KF) Update

Cllr David Eccles said that the next Meeting was on 8th July. The Management Committee were currently looking for a Bookings Secretary. The £5,000 towards maintenance of the hall had been promised for June and all the Councillors agreed with this being paid.

ACTION: Clerk to notify the Chair and Treasurer of the VHMC and arrange payment.

15 Reydon Robin (DomK)

Cllr Dominic Knight said that the anonymous donor had asked for the local children to design a Christmas Scene for the November Robin and the Clerk confirmed that she was waiting on Reydon Primary responding to the Council’s request for them to arrange this. The anonymous donor was being kept informed.

16 Website (DomK)

Cllr Dominic Knight said there was no update this month but there would be in July at the end of the quarter.

17 Correspondence (Clerk)

There was no correspondence to report.

18 Planning Committee (DomK)

Cllr Dominic Knight said that the planned Planning Meeting had not taken place as there were no significant planning applications to discuss. It was agreed that there were no objections to DC/26/1778/FUL below.

He went on to say that he and Cllr Kalvyn Friend had made a site visit to Hurn Crag Road and had sent in a revised response strongly opposing this application due to the scale and size of it. This revised response had been submitted to ESC in time for the expiry date.

New Applications:

DC/26/1778/FUL: Replacement Entry Porch, Croft Cottage, Rissemere Lane East, Reydon IP18 6SW
Response by 26 June 2026

Decided Applications:

DC/26/1328/FUL and DC/26/1329/LBC – Demolition of the dilapidated and now partly collapsed cart shed and the construction of a replacement outbuilding on the same footprint – Elms Farm, Rissemere Lane East, Reydon IP18 6SW
Application Permitted

DC/26/0949/FUL – Single Storey Rear Extension – 20 Elliott Avenue, Reydon IP18 6QX
Application Permitted

DC/26/0924/FUL – Construction and operation of a micro energy storage project – Verge At Fountain Way, Reydon IP18 6SZ
Application Permitted

19 Finance – (RFO)**a) Invoices already paid**

CAS – Extra Insurance for Pillbox	£20.93
A Dobson – Stationery and Ink	£62.98
E-On D/D	£20.59
Meeting Costs D/D	£8.50
Patrick Huggins (New Leaf and paid back to us)	£1,278.48

b) Invoices to be paid

Wills	£185.00
Gillian Graham	£177.94
Pantry Driving (inc backdated to 5 th April @55p)	£279.40
Hall Hire	£24.00
Lettering for Stars Board & 2 signs for Rec	£50.54
Pantry Electricity	£121.89
Southwold Press – Pillbox Leaflets	£85.00
Ann Dobson – Salary at end of month	

c) Bank Balances and Reconciliation as at 31st May 2026

Commercial Instant Access Account as at 31st May 2026	£351,741.97
Community Account as at 31st May 2026	£601.00
TOTAL	£352,342.97

d) CIL Money Remaining as at end May 2026 - £286,060.09**e) Working Budget (circulated prior to meeting)****20 Any Other Business**

It was agreed that the Vision and Strategy Document would be discussed at the July RPC Meeting. Cllr Linda Coe said she had received a complaint from a resident about 1 Copperwheat Drive regarding the garden being very overgrown. The resident had put this on the SCC Report It Tool and had asked for the Parish Council to do the same. Cllr Coe said she would take a look for herself and then follow up if appropriate.

ACTION: Cllr Linda Coe to follow up.

21 Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting would be held on Thursday 23rd July 2026 at 6.30 pm at Reydon Village Hall.

The Chair closed the Meeting at 8.05 pm.