

SKEYTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT SKEYTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2026. 7.30pm

Present: Chairman Cllr: S. Bunting, Vice-Chairman Cllr: G. Berry, Cllr: M. Hicks, Cllr: H. Randell, Cllr: I. Stevenson, Cllr: A. Morton, Cllr: M. Scott, District Councillor S. Penfold and Mrs. D. Fields, Parish Clerk. One parishioner Reece Bunting.

- 1: Apologies
There were no apologies.
2. Minutes.
Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting dated 11th May 2026 were both signed on the 14th September as a true and accurate record.
3. Matters Arising.
 - a) Septic Tank Replacements.
District Councillor S. Penfold is going to contact Stefan Aquarone MP to ask if he could speak to NNDC to see if any more villages were going to be released for this work.
 - b) Update on Benjamin Court.
A statement from Norfolk & Suffolk Foundation Trust about their planned mental health centre for North Norfolk, which could be situated at Benjamin Court, though they would not use all the space. Martin Booth and his campaign is continuing to call for community post-hospital discharge beds there.
4. Correspondence
 - a) An e-mail was received concerning the closure of the East Anglian Air Ambulance in Cambridge asking for a donation. It was agreed that the only money the Council has available is from the profit of the Bottle Bank. And this money is always used to help local needs.
 - b) AGAR Accounts going digital.
The Digital AGAR Portal will be voluntary for the 2027 AGAR submission, giving authorities an opportunity to become familiar with the new process and benefit from the enhanced functionality, SAAA intends for the portal to become the primary submission route and, subject to final arrangements, its use is expected to become mandatory for the 2029 Accounts.
All relevant emails have been sent to the Councillor's.

c) Report from Adam Varley (our new Norfolk County Councillor) MAG002-the multi-agency group which brings together Anglian Water and Highways and EA etc., has been very proactive in resolving flooding issues across Norfolk. Any other flooding concerns contact Councillor Varley.

Tom McCabe (CEO of NCC) has resigned and a new recruitment process has been in place and Denis Bacon is now the new CEO of NCC.

Flu Vaccinations – NHS Norfolk & Suffolk Integrated Care Board.
Early booking is intended to help protect vulnerable residents and pressure on local NHS.

Air pollution warnings – new alert system
The Government has launched a free text message and email alert system to inform people about the high levels of air pollution in their local areas. Residents can sign up using this link.
Check [air quality.gov.uk](http://airquality.gov.uk) which goes to the Web Site.

5. Planning.

- a) North Norfolk Local Plan Review (already sent to Councillors.)
- b) PU/26/0236 Beech Farmhouse Barns. Decision – prior approval given.

6. Finance.

- a) Bank Statement is now £1,050. 79
- b) Bottle Bank. Is still working O.K. and an advert was placed in the King's Beck Magazine, reminding people about the Bottle Bank and the good cause it does.
- c) Second Precept is due any day.
- d) Clerk's Wages and Tax paid.

7. Highways.

There are several issues regarding Highways, pot holes, signs, etc., County Councillor Adam Varley has agreed to meet Skeyton Councillor's late September. Date to be agreed.

8. Any other business.

Councillor I. Stevenson reported a water leak to Anglian Water on 1st September regarding a fast running stream exiting the grass opposite the west end of the lane NR10 5AN. He was informed the work was

scheduled for the 15th October. His response was this seemed ridiculous considering the volume of water being lost. Also, the road surface is becoming dangerous.

The Council wishes to thank Ian Stevenson for his hard work and diligence in spotting items that need adhering to on his dog walks. We will all miss Ian. The Chairman presented Ian with a Thank-you Card and gift.

Reece Bunting has shown an interest in joining the Council and as there is now a vacancy. Councillor A. Morton proposed Reece Bunting for this position and this was seconded by Vice-Chairman G. Berry. The Clerk has delivered the necessary paper work to Reece.

Report by District Councillor S. Penfold.

The Highways budget which was given to County Councillors has now been cut.

In Norfolk, as well as Essex, Hampshire and Suffolk, the Government has advised that its Minded to decisions made and announced on 25th March 2026 have been formally “withdrawn” and the whole LGR programme be subject to review. Therefore, this has not been scrapped completely and is subject to review and legal advice.

6th May is the date set for Elections 2027.

The Government is looking to build lots of new houses. It was 550 every year, now it is looking at 930. Worstead are having lots of houses built as it has access to a train line. These properties need to be affordable and social.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is set for Monday 16th November 2026
7.30 pm

Signed by the Chairman S. Bunting

