

# Homersfield Parish Council

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
*Homersfield Black Swan*  
**Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 6.00 pm**

**Councillors Present:** Lucy Hammond (Chair), Debbie Bird, Lynne Elliott & Peter Kent

**Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO):** Sally Chapman

**Also Present:** One parishioner

**A. Public Forum – for Members of the Public**

None

**B. To Receive Reports from the County & District Councillors'**

County Councillor Judy Cloke sent apologies and a report and District Councillor Anthony Specca sent apologies. All reports: <https://homersfield-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/meetings/>

## MINUTES

**1. To Approve Apologies for Absence**

None

**2. To Record Declarations of Interests and to Consider Requests for Dispensation**

None

**3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on Tuesday 18th November 2025**

The Minutes from the Meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2025 were confirmed unanimously as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

**4. To Consider Co-option to fill the Casual Vacancy**

None

**5. Finance**

**a) To Receive the Financial & Budget Reports and Approve the Income & Expenditure**

Councillors Resolved unanimously to Approve the following Receipts and Expenditure:

DATE	REFERENCE	DETAILS	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURE
20/01/2026	20	NBB Recycled Furniture - Church Woods Information Board		£ 545.40
20/01/2026	21	Clerk's Expenses - December & January		£ 32.00
20/01/2026	22	Meeeing Costs		£ 7.70
20/01/2026	23	Redenhall with Harleston Town Council - Car Parking Grant		£ 100.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 685.10</b>
		<b>Reserves</b>		
		General Reserves		£ 7,589.13
		Restricted Reserves		£ 11,851.74
		<b>Total</b>		<b>£ 19,440.87</b>

**b) To Consider Church Wood Survey Quotation**

Councillors Resolved to approve the Ravencroft Arboricultural Services quotation of £395 to survey Church Wood.

CLLrs requested the Clerk to book the survey in the spring and to arrange for the local Bat Surveyor to attend.

**Action: Clerk**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

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**c) Redenhall with Harleston Town Council - Car Park Support 2026**

Councillors considered Redenhall with Harleston Town Council Car Park Support request and Agreed a grant of £100.00.

**d) Budget and Precept 2026/27 – update**

The Clerk confirmed that the Precept Request had been sent and acknowledged by East Suffolk Council.

**e) Church Wood Information Board – update**

CLLrs confirmed that the Church Wood Information Board had been received and installed at the entrance of Church Wood. The Clerk informed that the HPC website had been updated with information and that an article had appeared on the front page of the Community News magazine.

## 6. Planning Applications and Decisions

To review the listed Planning Applications and any Additional Applications issued after the Agenda is published.

### Applications

**a) Planning Ref: W/15/5183/CC/VOC**

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 of permission W/15/5183/CC extension to Flixton Quarry to allow extraction of 856,000 Tonnes of sand and gravel from land known as Homersfield, Retention of access, concrete plant and aggregate processing and phased details of plant site extraction with restoration to agriculture and wet land conservation. Duration of permission.

Location: Flixton Quarry, Flixton Park, Bungay, Suffolk, NR35 1NN

Status: Pending

Councillors Resolved to return a Neutral decision with no comments.

**b) Planning Ref: W/12/1190/VOC2**

Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission W/12/1190/VOC to extend the date by which the application site is to be restored.

Location: Flixton Park Quarry, Homersfield Road, Flixton West, NR35 1NN

Status: Pending

Councillors Resolved to return a Neutral decision with no comments.

**c) Planning Ref: SCC/0007/22W/VOC**

Proposal: Variation of Condition 6 of planning permission SCC/0007/22W proposed erection of replacement sand and gravel processing plant (permitted development rights) withdrawn by condition 3 of planning permission W/15/5183/CC. Cessation.

Location: Flixton Park Quarry, Flixton Park, Bungay, NR35 1NN

Status: Pending

Councillors Resolved to return a Neutral decision with no comments.

**d) Planning Ref: DC/25/4202/FUL**

Proposal: Alterations, extensions and for the reinstatement of the residential use of Flixton Hall and wider landscape enhancements.

Site address: Former Flixton Hall, Flixton Hall Estate, Flixton West, Suffolk,

Consultation letter expiry date: 2 January 2026

Status: Awaiting decision (*comments closed*)

### Decisions

None

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

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## 7. Homersfield Phonebox

### a) Display

Cllr Bird informed that she is planning a spring display of butterflies and moths, information from the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch and possibly posters of bats that may be found in the village.

### b) Maintenance

Cllr Kent reported that the phone box would benefit from a paint touch-up, particularly the black paint and kindly offered to carry out the work. Action: PK

## 8. Homersfield Church Wood

### a) Wood Working Party - Saturday 10th January 2026 – update

The wood working party scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> January was cancelled due to the cold weather.

Next Wood Working Party date: Saturday 7th February 2026 at 10.00 am

### b) Bat Survey/Information

A local Bat Surveyor attended the meeting and provided advice on bat habitats and the requirements for completing a bat survey. He explained that surveys are not straightforward and require evidence of any bat activity. For each tree, several surveys are required, carried out at three-week intervals, and a qualified climber is needed to inspect the trees to determine whether bats are present. The surveyor reported that there are 7-8 different species of bats in the village and expressed a wish to attend the next tree survey in the spring.

## 9. Homersfield Community Park

### a) Grounds Maintenance

Cllr Bird reported that, unfortunately, no volunteers have come forward to cut the play area. She will be contracting the local handyman to carry out this work.

## 10. Village Maintenance

### a) Village Noticeboard – c/f

## 11. Correspondence

### a) River Waveney Vision Survey and Workshop Invitation - 12 February 2026 from 10:00-3:00 pm

Cllrs discussed the River Waveney invitation. Cllr Bird confirmed she would attend and other Cllrs will advise in due course. Action: Cllrs

## 12. AOB (For discussion only – the Council cannot make decisions on these items unless stated on the agenda)

### a) Flixton Quarry Liaison Meeting - 3rd December 2025

Cllr Elliott attended the meeting and gave an update. Main points: Gravel sales are increasing and supplies have been provided to local businesses and housing estates. Land has been sold to Flixton Hall, with pockets of land retained. They are currently awaiting a new gas pump to drain water and no complaints have been received since the last meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd June at 1.00 pm.

### b) East Suffolk Council Daffodil Bulbs Planting – update

Cllrs noted that Daffodils have been planted around the 'Man in the Boat' sculpture, on the village green, at the entrance to the village from St Cross and at the top of Church Lane.

### c) Litterpick – 14th March 2026 at 10.00 am

Cllrs informed that the next litter pick will take place on 14th March and expressed hope that parishioners would attend.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

Date:

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**d) Village Communication – update**

The Chair stated that the latest village communication has been circulated with the Community News parish magazine.

**13. To Receive items for the next Agenda**

**a) Policies Adoption & Review**

**14. To Confirm the Next Meeting Dates:**

- Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 6.00 pm
- Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 6.00 pm – *Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting*
- Tuesday 21st July 2026 at 6.00 pm
- Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 6.00 pm
- Tuesday 17th November 2026 at 6.00 pm

*The meeting ended at 7.48 pm*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

Date: