

PETTAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting
on **THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2025**
at St Catherine's Church, Pettaugh (start time 6.30 pm)

Present:

Councillors Belinda Bulsing, Ruth Crane, Margaret Marlow,
Stephen Rowe (Chairman) and Esther Thornton

1/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2/12 MINUTES OF MEETING – 9 OCTOBER 2025

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 October 2025 be approved and confirmed.

3/12 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS AND NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

None received.

4/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

District Councillor N Hardingham was present and spoke to his report which had been received and circulated earlier that day. Particular mention was made of the new recycling and bin collection arrangements due to be introduced next June. Questions were then raised regarding development matters at Stonham Barns, and also the outstanding planning application for traveller accommodation at the Crowfield Rose.

5/12 FINANCE

The Parish Council considered the following matters:

(a) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation

Although it had not been possible to produce the usual statement the Clerk reported that the balance of the Community Account with no unrepresented cheques was £6,341.21. An additional small amount of interest had been paid into the Business Premium Account earlier in the month and the current balance was either £1,095.33 or £1,095.53. This was to be checked. Expenditure to date totalled £2,433.19.

(b) Accounts for payment

The following accounts were received:

Clerk's salary and expenses - £215.27 (including reimbursement of £34 for laptop anti-virus renewal)

St Catherines Church PCC (Use of Church for Meeting) £18.00

RESOLVED that the above accounts be approved for payment.

(c) Budget 25/26 Review

An updated statement prepared by the Clerk was received and noted. This would be updated further together with a draft budget for 2026/27 for consideration at the January meeting at which the precept for next year would be set.

Reference was made to the potential expenditure of £315 for a new SID (device) post in the new approved location on the A1120. Although there was no specific budget for this and other potential contributions/expenditure relating to highway matters, the Parish Council had previously earmarked a sum out of balances for a new SID and more recently had pursued an alternative location for the existing SID.

While on potential highways-related expenditure, in particular signs and lines and other speed reduction measures, the advice of the Highways Liaison Officer on the need to establish the existence or nature of any speeding problem on the A1120 through the village was accepted. To that end, the likely cost of putting down speed loops was in the region of £400-£500.

RESOLVED

(i) that the budget statement be noted and that approval be given to the potential expenditure of £315.00 out of balances for a new SID post;

(ii) that the principle of earmarking a sum in the region of £400-500 for carrying out a traffic speed survey on the A1120 be agreed subject to possible alternative funding sources being checked.

(d) Donations and Financial Assistance

It was agreed that a decision on this be reached at the next meeting, and that further information on the local taxi/bus hospital service be obtained.

6/12 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

At this point, Councillor M Hicks had arrived at the meeting and was invited to submit his report. He mentioned the proposed delay in the regional mayoral elections, new recycling/bin collection arrangements in June 2026, local government reorganisation and a pilot project for installing electric charging points within the highway.

In response to a question regarding the proposed traffic speed survey on A1120 and potential funding, Councillor Hicks said that he was confident on being able to contribute £200 towards this from his existing Locality Budget. He urged the Parish Council to expedite its request for this.

7/12 PARISH AMENITIES

Councillor Ruth Crane advised that she tidied up and swept around the telephone kiosk.

8/12 TRAFFIC SPEED THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND OTHER RELATED HIGHWAY MATTERS

In the light of the report and offer of a financial contribution from Councillor M Hicks earlier in the meeting, it was

RESOLVED that the Parish Council requests the County Council to carry out a traffic speed survey at a location on the A1120 in the vicinity of the entrance to the church car park.

9/12 NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting be fixed for Wednesday 21 January 2026 at 6.30 pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.

Chairman
21 January 2026