

Notes from Inquorate BMPC Meeting 13/1/25

1. Council Confirmation:

The council confirmed the meeting was inquorate, choosing to briefly review the agenda and hear from the public in preparation for addressing these matters at the next meeting.

- Next meeting proposed for 5th February 2025.

2. Public Session:

a) Request noted for meeting notices to be posted on the noticeboard.

b) Query raised about van parking on the green—agreed to add to the February meeting agenda.

c) Query: Can we have recycling bins alongside standard bins?

- Clerk to investigate and add to the March agenda.

d) Green ownership clarified:

- Post Office Green – owned by the Parish Council (PC).
- The Shambles (outside Jack Wills) – loaned to the PC for public use as a green, with no development permitted.
- War Memorial land – owned by the British Legion.
- All other greens – owned by Holkham.

e) Query about paths up Beacon Hill—can Heronwood clear away branches?

- To be decided at the February agenda.

f) Concern raised about frequent “no observation” responses to planning applications.

- Clarified the limited flexibility for objections under the current framework.

g) Noted a serious accident involving a trailer.

h) Query: Any events planned for D-Day?

- Vicky to consult with Traders.

i) Contractor behavior issue: Using the village hall green and incorrect entrance/exit.

- Action: Contact Holkham, planning enforcement, highways, and the Village Hall committee.

3. Reports:

a) Noted that Cllr Jamieson provided no report. Suggested emailing to request a report or communication.

b) Correspondence from Cllr Sandell noted:

- Topics included CIL, devolution, and second-home council tax.

4. Clerk's Report:

a) Noted NALC vote—bring to February meeting. Fiona to review.

b) Pavilion is available for rent again.

c) Norfolk Superhero event on 14th June will support Norfolk Community Foundation's “A Better Childhood.”

d) SAM2 management:

- Considering solar panels. CIL funding or Go Greener initiatives suggested.

e) David Norris identified as our best police contact; Clerk is arranging a meeting.

f) New section added to the website for news (e.g., elections and TROs).

- Concluded to remove the secondary domain.

g) Electoral Office will begin a review in March regarding the number of required councillors.

h) Go Greener grants:

- Solar panels – send to Jeremy.
 - Walking route reinstatement – send to Fiona.
 - i) Flooding meetings upcoming—details to be circulated and discussed at the February meeting.
 - j) Challenges noted with Zoho and the importance of a remotely wipeable email system.
5. **Asset Management and Repairs:**
- Clerk has shared a list of ongoing issues. All such items should be brought to a council meeting for approval.
 - Process: Raise alert → Council approval - delegated power up to £x budget - produce specification → get estimates → engage contractor → produce purchase order → work completed → verify → receive invoice → pay.
6. **Highways:**
- a) Curb is scheduled for repair.
 - b) Awaiting safety team input on the surgery crossing. Initial findings suggest it was built to spec, with a speed reduction implemented.
7. **Planning:**
- Noted planning notifications and the requirement of quoracy to act on them.
8. **Finance:**
- Noted that quoracy is required for action. BMPC financial matters will be discussed in February.
 - Highlighted the importance of delegated power for financial decisions between meetings.
9. **Deferred Agenda Points:**
- The remainder of the agenda points were noted, with decisions deferred to the February meeting