



MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting

17th November 2025



at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, NR9 3JJ.

Members:

Cllr Claire Hankey (CH) [Chair]	Cllr Habib Rehman (HR)
Cllr Leslie Dale (LD) [Vice-Chair]	Cllr Jenny Walpole (JW)
Cllr Anne Edwards (AE)	Cllr Robert Revens (RR)
Cllr Paul Everett (PE)	Cllr Karen Prime (KP)
Cllr Heath Dakin (HD)	Cllr Geoffrey Johnson (JG)
Cllr Eileen Mulvaney (EM)	

Presentation and Q & A from Mike Stonard, Leader of Norwich City Council and Louise Rawsthorne (Chief Executive) on proposed Greater Norwich Council Unitary

20:30 Meeting opened, with LD presiding

Present:

LD, GJ, PE, EM, RR, JW, HR, AE, KP
Members of the public: 6
Sara White (Clerk)

19:30 Meeting opened, with LD presiding

- 1. Apologies for absence**, to receive (HD) & (CH)
- 2. Declarations of interest and requests of dispensations**, to record LD & JW (VHMT)
- 3. Public participation**, to receive
 - 3.1** Members of the public. Statement from member of the public in relation to item 9.: People housed within the Hethersett North area are expected to receive the services promised at the strategic gap land, as per the original plans. Sums in lieu associated with the sports and recreation areas should not be siphoned for use in other areas of Hethersett.
 - 3.2** District and county councillors.
Reports received from Cllr David Bills and Cllr Kathryn Cross, with additional point by Cllr Cross as follows:

Surgery statement update: South Norfolk Council has reached an agreement with the developers for 4 parcels of housing which brings together the S106, linked to the GP surgery. Developers have 6 months to offer the land and 6 months in which to accept it.

Within 12 months' time the land will be transferred and work to commence. The land and building will remain South Norfolk Council and the rent will be paid for the ICB.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting, to approve

Held on 20th October 2025, unanimously approved

5. Finance & General Purposes (F&GP) Committee

5.1 Draft minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2025, to adopt, unanimously approved

6. Planning Committee

6.1 Final minutes of the meeting held on 20th October, to adopt, Approved with abstention from EM

6.2 Verbal report of the meeting held on 17th November, to receive Received

7. Remaining committees, working groups, and external meetings

7.1 Final minutes of the HEAT Committee held on 13th October 2025, to adopt Unanimously approved

7.2 Draft minutes of the HEAT Committee held on 10th November 2025, to receive Unanimously approved

7.3 Report with action points from CERT, held on 30th October 2025, to adopt Unanimously approved

7.4 Draft minutes of Extraordinary council meeting held on 9th October 2025, to adopt Deferred to December Ordinary

7.5 Minutes of Memorial Playing Field Trust, to receive None received

7.6 Minutes of Village Hall Management Trust, to receive Noted

8. Happy Healthy Hethersett update, to receive

Progress report received from Cllr Reven: Our path to Net Zero initiative has been gaining momentum steadily. Our current focus is on our aggressive tree planting plan – 100,000 trees by 2030. We have had press and radio coverage for our Miyawaki Forest which has been dug and is due for planting during December.

- Kings Head meetings: Our meetings on the first Thursday of every month continue to be well attended. These are agenda-free evenings that give us the opportunity to discuss Net Zero and associated topics.
- Foster a Forest: We have distributed 35 micro forests with 24 saplings or seeds per forest. We are planning to increase this number dramatically over the next few months. These micro forests will be utilised for planting stock to support our goal.
- Tree planting: Strategic gap – 6977 trees; Miyawaki Forest 6-800 trees to be planted in December; Foster a Forest – 1512 saplings and seeds planted, all from local sources. Just over 90,000 trees to go!

If anyone would like more information, please contact the parish office who can pass on the details of our events and activities: office@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk

9. Strategic Gap Options, to decide (supporting documents)

U11 Pitch: Decision as to whether to hire out pitch deferred. Council asked to refresh themselves with Joel Pailes (South Norfolk Council) presentation from Sept 2025 and email from Mike Stark of MPFT (Clerk to circulate). Unanimously agreed for the Clerk to reach out to HAFC for a supporting case to evidence need of further hired pitch facility at the strategic gap.

7-aside pitches/Trim Trail: Unanimously agreed for the Clerk to write to the consortium to ask:

1. The Council wishes to know if the consortium would consider an alternative use of the area (pump track), instead of the original Trim Trail and 7-aside kick around, which meets the 'Older Children ' criteria set out within the S106, and if so, whether the maintenance sum could be included?
2. If not, would there be any maintenance sum provision if only taking the sums in lieu for each of the areas (as above), and using the funds at the gap, to still meet the criteria for sports/leisure for the Older Children cohort?
3. What is the deadline decision for this area of the land?

10. Meeting dates 2026, to note (supporting document)

Few of the dates need checking. Defer to December Ordinary.

11. Staffing Matters update, to receive

- Laura Loome, Administration Assistant left post on 14/11/25
- Adam Loynes to commence post as replacement, in the position of Administration Officer on 18/11/25.

12. Progress reports, to note

12.1 Assurance of funding from SNDC (supporting documentation), noted

13. Date of the next ordinary meeting, to note

Monday 15th December 2025

7.30pm in the Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, NR9 3JJ.

Meeting closed at 21:30

These minutes have been resolved as a true account.

Name:

Signed:

Date: