

DILHAM PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on 20 May 2026 in Dilham Village Hall

Present: Councillors: J G Paterson (Chair), I Warner, P Duffield, P Noble, S Rowland and N Loadman, Also present C Drew (Parish Clerk).

1. Chairman's welcome.
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Apologies for absence.
None
3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (2025)
The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true record of the business of the meeting.
4. WORSTEAD GUILD OF WEAVERS, DYERS AND SPINNERS
NONE
5. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT AND PARISH ACCOUNTS
Chair's report (appendix 1) Accounts (Appendix 2)
6. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS / POLICE REPORT
No report
7. VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE (including user groups)
Last year was a transitional year as a new committee was formed. A questionnaire was sent to the Parish to find out what they wanted and coffee mornings were formed as a result of the questionnaire. There have been a number of successful coffee mornings which have also raised funds for the hall. There was a working party after Christmas which was a great success and thanks go to the parishioners for the number of volunteer hours. The main philosophy of the village hall is to look after the asset and to organise community events where people come together. The old constitution restricted the committee working with commercial groups so there was a consultation to update the constitution and this was passed at the April AGM. Finally Cllr Loadman said they are doing a project to generate ideas on how to improve the use of the playing field space. A visual drawing was used to show some of the ideas. This project is at the early stages and all ideas are welcomed.
A parishioner expressed concern that the newly adopted constitution stated only one representative from the Parish Council was required. Concern was raised about the liability to the Parish Council if the Village Hall committee disbands.
8. ST NICHOLAS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Report attached (appendix 3)
9. OPEN FORUM- QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
10. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING
19th May 2027 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 20:02

Date

Signed by Chair

Appendix 1 Chair report

Chairmans report 2026

We have had our normal quarterly meetings plus one for the audited accounts to be minuted.

We received a generous donation on behalf of the Playing field and Village Hall committee for play equipment.

Rumford Ltd applied for planning and resulted in a large gathering not seen since the Crossfield footpaths PI.

There was concern over the Cross Keys blind and narrow bend with ongoing discussions.

We very sadly recorded the passing of Simon Lake who was on both committees and did much for the Parish.

Various Planning applications have come and gone.

We have an updated website,

We believe the Village Hall and Playing field are now electronically registered with the Land Registry.

My thanks to everyone who has contributed to village life.

Our Councillors for keeping us abreast of developments at Cromer and County Hall.

My fellow councillors especially the 2 hatters, Steph, and Neal who attend the VHPF as well.

My vice chair who does many delegated duties for planning, finance and moving the SAM.

And our Clerk, Charlotte, who makes the job of being Chair so much easier and allows the smooth running of the Parish Council.

Appendix 2

**Dilham Parish Council
Accounts 2025/26**

Payments	Budget	Actual	Over/under spend	Receipts	Budget	Actual
Administration						
Hall hire	100.00	44.00	56.00	Precept.	6000	6000
Salary inc tax	3500.00	3184.44	315.56	C Tax Support Grant	0	0
Insurance	300.00	241.00	59.00	NS&I - interest	0	42
Audit	100.00	100.00	0.00	Ground rents.	5.00	0
Subs	250.00	230.64	19.36	VAT refund f	0	402.61
PP&S	100.00	155.49	-55.49	Grants & donations	0	5000
Mileage	20.00	11.70	8.30	50% training	0	0
ELECTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	Total	6005	11444
Charitable donations / S137	50.00	50.00	0.00	Opening Balance @ 1st April 2025		7244.31
Defibrillator	100.00	265.00	-165.00	Total Income		11444
Training	200	222.50	-22.50	Total Expenditure		11057.77
Maintenance						

Grounds Mtnc	200.00	0.00	200.00
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Other

Grants	1500.00	6500.00	-5000.00
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VAT		53.00	
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Total	6420.00	11057.77	-4637.77
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**Closing Balance @ 31st March
2026**

7630.93

Represented by

Current account	3410.95
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Savings - public funds	1611.06
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Savings - non-public funds	2608.92
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Total	7630.93
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VAT yet to be reclaimed	74.99
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Total	7705.92
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Appendix 3

PCC Annual Report to Dilham Parish Council 20th May 2026

In August last year our new Rector, Rev Darleen Plattin took up the post. Darleen has moved to us from the benefice of Rackheath and is now living in the Stalham rectory.

St. Nicholas Dilham services are now running on a rota where the 2nd Sunday of each month is always at Dilham (the 1st being at Smallburgh and the 3rd at Honing or Crostwight. 4th and 5th Sundays cycle alternating with Smallburgh and Honing with Crostwight.

During the last 12 months there have been 20 services held in Dilham St Nicholas. The average attendance at these services has been 17.

There have been no weddings, and there was one burial in Dilham Churchyard in the last year.

Dilham Parish share this year, this is the amount that Dilham Church has to pay each year to the Diocese of Norwich, was £7863, and was again paid in full. The attendance figures for services have stabilised but budget forecasts for 2026 project a deficit in the region of £5000. Fundraising activities are generally well supported but to date only bring in a small proportion of the amount necessary to break even.

We are very grateful to the flower arrangers and cleaners who keep the inside of the church looking beautiful. By arrangement through the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the probation service, the community payback team visit us twice a year (in July and October) to carry out maintenance work in the churchyard. With the dwindling number and advancing years of volunteers helping in the churchyard this involvement with the probation service has proved of great assistance. The PCC would be very happy to welcome more volunteers to join the maintenance rota.

Iain Warner

Churchwarden

20th May 2026