

Claxton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 18th March 2025 in Claxton Village Hall (Subject to amendment until signed by the Chair at the next meeting)

Parish Councillors present	Jos Harwood (Chair), Adrian Gidlow (Vice-Chair), Sue Wallis-Garcia,
County Councillor	None
District Councillor	None
Also in attendance	Charlotte Rust – Parish Clerk
Members of the public (MOP)	Eight

25.20 Welcome from the Chair.

Chair Harwood opened the meeting at 19:36pm and welcomed all those in attendance.

25.21 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Councillor Mussell gave his apologies.

25.22 To receive any declarations of interest from Members & consider requests for dispensation.

None.

25.23 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2025.

Councillor Wallis-Garcia proposed for Councillor Harwood to sign the approved minutes, seconded by Councillor Gidlow.

25.24 Adjournment for Public Participation (15 minutes allowed for). This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about and comment on items on the agenda before the Council make decisions.

A parishioner raised her frustrations over the lack of notice and poor coordination of the road closures whilst City Fibre conducted work in surrounding areas, leading to travel disruptions for residents. The local bus service was affected to with no notice for residents to make alternative plans. Councillor Harwood proposed for the clerk to contact Norfolk County Council and City Fibre raising the villages concerns, seconded by Councillor Wallis-Garcia.

Parishioners can check available broadband providers at <https://cityfibre.com/>

A parishioner reiterated his disappointment at the non-attendance of the County Councillor at the council's meetings and that the decision to push back the elections from May 2025 to May 2026 due to the devolution process.

25.25 Matters arising from January's meeting, including Clerk's report.

Matters arising:

Saffron Housing – The clerk contacted Saffron Housing regarding the notice of eviction on the garages at The Warren, detailing concerns raised by residents at January's meeting. Saffron Housing responded explaining no update could be provided as it had not made any decision on its plans for the land.

Clerk's report:

- Devolution/Local Government Reorganisation Summit being held at South Norfolk District Council Offices in April. The clerk has received several emails/tools which she will forward on to the councillors after the meeting.
- Nomination forms for members and Director positions should the newly proposed structure of Norfolk ALC go ahead.
- Love Norwich grant update – the council are not eligible for the grant as the village is outside the Norwich City boundary.
- The clerk requested email security to be increased regarding phishing and scam emails. Councillors are to monitor junk/spam folder as genuine emails may go there.
- Submitted comments on planning portal supporting application 2025/0074.
- Informed Norfolk ALC of the council's decision regarding the vote detailed in January's meeting.
- Submitted 2025/2026 precept paperwork.