



## NORTHAW & CUFFLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE NORTHAW AND CUFFLEY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH ELECTORATE 2024/25 HELD AT CUFFLEY HALL ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026 AT 6:15PM

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The meeting was chaired by the Parish Council Chair David Sive, supported by the Office Manager. There were 4 Parish Councillors and 2 members of the public in attendance.

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#### 1. ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECLARATIONS

There were none

#### 2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS AMPE

Minutes were accepted to be a true and accurate record of the meeting, and were approved as such by the Chair. It was noted that there was an error in the meeting date in the title, which was manually corrected prior to approval. The correct date of the meeting was confirmed to be in the footer of the document.

#### 3. INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW FROM THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL

The Chair gave an overview of the Councils works completed during the year 2025-2026.

Highlighting the following:

- Repairs carried out to the brickwork of the South side Station Road Planters, and thinning out of the planting to avoid future problems
- Resurfaced and relined Sopers Road Car Park
- Drainage repairs completed in Maynard Place Car Park
- Terms agreed with Cuffley Football Club regarding the pitch requirements for the 2026 tournament and 2026-2027 season
- Northaw Orchard lease finalised and submitted to the Land Registry
- Community Grants, totalling £9,419, awarded to Bowls Club for Canopy, Wednesday Games Club for table tennis table, and Cuffley Scouts for Wooden Gazebo
- Completion of Millennium Gardens Wall work

#### 4. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

The following questions were received from residents in advance of the meeting and read out by the Chairman. The responses from the Parish Council are noted in italics.

I would like to know if section 106 funding is being used to support and improve facilities within the parish? Are there any statistics showing how and where this money is being used.

*The S106 agreement for each development would list the areas where the funding has been allocated. Unfortunately, we are not aware of an officer at WHBC with the responsibility for collating the statistics for all S106 monies used, or available, within the Parish.*

I would like to know who is responsible for holding Bellway to account over the degradation (and occasional flooding) of the footpath that runs alongside the development down to the railway bridge. The ground works there seem to have had a direct negative impact on the state of the footpath. Over the winter, it was inaccessible for many weeks due to water run off causing deep and rutted mud on the path. This forced walkers to divert up into the Bellway housing site. The footpath is now rock solid, very uneven and unsafe in places.

I believe that part of the Bellway planning application was to include improvement of the adjacent public footpath. There has been much "hype" by developers Bellway/Stonebond of the access to green space and footpaths, however for many months of the year these are not suitable for general public access. It would be a fantastic time to make vital repairs and improvements to our footpaths, so that we can better link our two villages. Give people better off road access to the facilities within our villages, and much needed access to spaces away from very fast moving traffic (as is experienced on the B156). Cycle safe routes might also be appropriate, especially for families. Who is responsible for ensuring developers fulfil their obligations?

*This is a matter from planning enforcement. Both NCPC and HCC have lodged a complaint regarding this matter. We are also waiting for a response from Bellway, following questions asked in Sept 2025, when they put in their initial application to sign off on the drainage for the site.*

I am concerned for pedestrian safety outside Bridge House and the narrow footpath access towards Cuffley Station. The safety bollards there were knocked down months ago and left on the footpath for weeks, only for holes to be filled in and bollards not replaced. The damage to these bollards clearly indicates a public safety risk. Bollards need to be replaced. There is a need for better traffic speed enforcement in this area, as vehicles accelerate away from the mini roundabout or swerve to avoid cars turning into Sopers Road. This is "an accident waiting to happen"...again. Can councillors please lobby for improvements or speed enforcement between the railway and The Meadway.

*This matter is on the agenda for the next Highways meeting, but it has been flagged to the County Councillor.*

Dog waste bins are much needed at the Youth Centre entrance to the Hertfordshire Way as some individuals are leaving shopping bags or refuse sacks there, which are filled with dog poo and these are never removed, this is a disgusting health hazard. Refuse, plastic bottles etc are also frequently abandoned into the small brook there causing damage to the environment and nature. Who is responsible or who do we approach to create additional dog waste bins and clear this area?

*Unfortunately, this lies outside our Parish Boundary and is therefore a matter for Broxbourne Borough Council. The matter has been escalated to them and flagged with the Broxbourne BC Rights of Way manager.*

When is the zip wire, or any other equipment, going to be installed in the space left in the playground at KGV?

*There are currently no immediate plans to make changes to the equipment in the playground, as we are hoping to be moving forwards with the project to renovate and extend the playground facilities. Once the final decision has been taken on the plans for the playground*

*facilities this will be made public, but this will only be once suitable funding for the project is confirmed and in place.*

What happened to all the proposals put forward for KGV playing fields in the consultation?

*We are hoping to publish the final report in the next few days, after it has been considered by the Councillors at the annual council meeting.*

Why are the current proposals so minimal?

*As the request from residents was to retain the current football pitches, the ability to amend the layout of the current field is very limited. We are therefore doing what we can with the available space that we have.*

Question received from Cuffley Rugby Club:

Can you give us an update on the chosen option for King George V playing fields extension ideas? We are hoping for a floodlit 4G pitch that we can use/rent...particularly for the rugby aspiring youth from the Cuffley area.

*Once the final decision has been taken on the plans for the KGV facilities this will be made public, but this will only be once suitable funding for the project is confirmed and in place.*

Following this the Chairman took questions from the floor.

Topics:

- Following a recent NHS patient's meeting, questions were asked, and answered, regarding the frequency of the testing of the defibrillator at Cuffley Hall

Meeting ended at 6.35pm

Minutes for approval at the Annual Parish Electorate Meeting in May 2027

Signed Chair  
Cllr David Sive