



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 21st MAY 2025 AT 6:15PM

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECLARATIONS

There were none

2. INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW FROM THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL

The Chair gave a review of 2024-2025.

A copy of the review notes are attached to these minutes.

The Chair additionally spoke of the possibility of changes to the provision of local services following the government's publication of the "English Devolution White Paper" in December 2024.

3. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

No suitable questions were received in advance of the meeting, so the Chairman took questions from the floor.

Topics:

- Hook Appeal outcome
- KGV consultation next steps

A request from WHBC relating to an upcoming Colesdale Farm event was read out.

Meeting ended at 6.30pm

Minutes for approval at the Annual Parish Electorate Meeting in May 2026

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW: 2024-2025

During the last 12 months, Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council has endeavoured to be more forward-facing and to openly accept the observations, and sometimes criticism, from the electorate.

It is understood that people are passionate about things that are important to them and, what are understood to be, acceptable and accurate comments are always welcome.

What aren't welcome are the anonymous, intentionally aggravating, inaccurate and, sometimes, personally insulting statements that are made by people. It is interesting that, in the main, the people making these unwarranted comments hide behind anonymity.

The councillors are volunteers and, in the main, volunteer because they want to make the area better for people to live and work in. They want to address issues that are important to maintain the "look and feel" of the area and make it a happier and safer place to live and work.

In the main, I believe, we have achieved that in the last Council year.

- We have addressed areas where planning applications ignore the Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan, that was adopted following a majority vote by the residents. Some of those objections have been successful, and some haven't. We are never going to win them all. This is a democracy and we have to accept defeats when they come along, hopefully with good grace.
- The Hook Estate and Kennels development went to appeal back in February this year and the council was represented on that appeal. Every day the clerk, Lisa Peters, was there, gave evidence and questioned witness for the appellant. Inspector appointed by secretary of state.
- We have maintained the two car parks, and the height barrier in Maynards Place has been replaced, yet again.
- The Council addressed the Legionella Health & Safety compliance issues at Cuffley Hall, the Youth and Community Centre, the Council Offices, Northaw Orchard, and the Football, Bowls and Tennis Pavilions.
- The Best kept village sign on Northaw Green was replaced and the Best Kept Village plaques restored and installed.
- Unfortunately, the repairs for the Millenium Wall are now back in the NCPC domain, after a detailed investigation by Welwyn Hatfield.
- We have painted, and restored, the street furniture in Council managed locations.
- We are continuing with the KGV consultation.