PARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are summoned to attend a meeting of Parham Parish Council which will be held at Parham Village Hall on Tuesday 17th November 2026 at 7.15pm

AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of interests & applications for dispensations**
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September 2026 to be approved as a true record**
4. **Matters arising**

PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for further consideration at the discretion of the Chairman.

5. **Chair's report**
6. **Clerk's report**
7. **Finances**

7.1. To approve the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details
£54.00	Suffolk Association of Local Council	12 months payroll provision
£40.00	G. Whiting	Cut and strim October 2026 (Ref 7546)
£325.00	J. Rogers Agri	Hedgecutting around village greens (Biodiversity project)

7.2 To note additional payments since the last meeting
Chairs using CIL funding- £2,422.30

7.3 To note receipts since the last meeting

7.4 To note bank balances & CCLA Fund holdings as at 31st October 2026
Community account: £877.36
Deposit account: £2,137.94
CCLA Deposit Fund £36,365.97 (at 5th October 2026)
Note £23,250 of these funds are ear-marked for biodiversity projects.

7.5 To review bank statements and bank reconciliation

7.6 To review year-to-date report on payments and receipts and check in line with budget

8. **Discuss the following applications:**

DC/26/3600/VOC Re No. 2 of DC/24/3704/LBC - The Old Parsonage Hall Road IP13 9PW Replacement of porch, replacement of thatch, repair/replacement of existing render and minor internal and external alterations - Replace the approved Method Statement for Re Thatch with new Method Statement for Re Thatch Revision A -

DC/26/3599/VOC Re No.2 of DC/24/3703/FUL The Old Parsonage Hall Road IP13 9PW Replacement of porch, replacement of thatch, repair/replacement of existing render and minor internal and external alterations

9. **Precept and draft budget 2027-2028**

Consider correspondence from ESC re Band D precept figures and the 2026-2027 forecast. Initial discussion of draft budget.

10. New gate
Consider purchasing a gate for between the closed churchyard and church meadow

11. Community Emergency Plan
Consider draft plan and additional local emergency contacts

12. Speed Indicator Device
Note findings from police speeding tests and consider request for the Parish Council to purchase a Speed Indicator Device.

13. Note changes to National Planning Policy Framework & which applications are now considered by Planning Committees

14. Consider correspondence received:
Response from ESC to official complaint re the Better Recycling system and repeated missed bin collections. ESC has confirmed that our complaint is upheld as they did not deliver the expected service.
Reminder from ESC of the importance of having a Community Emergency Plan following the summer wildfires at Dunwich, and details of parishes across ESC area which do and do not have an approved plan.
Invitation from ESC to two online Be a Councillor Sessions to be held on 8th December and 7th January, ahead of the District and Parish elections on 6th May 2027
ESC Estimated elections cost breakdown for Parish elections in May
Invitation from ESC to a Local Plan focus group session for town and parish councils on 16th December.
Letter from Flooded People UK, a non-profit organisation offering free support to people affected by flooding across England and Wales.

15. Meeting dates 2027
Confirm meeting dates for 2027

16. Updates on Natural Flood Management projects

17. Receive Councillors' reports & updates on actions

18. Matters to be raised at the next meeting

19. Co-Option
Possible co-option of new Councillor

20. Confirm date of the next meeting

Lydia Kindred
Clerk to Parham Parish Council 9th November 2026
