



## **Trunch Annual Parish Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
at 7pm at the Village Hall Trunch

**Present: 14 electors, Kay Montandon (Parish Clerk) and Cllr Gaynor Houlton (Chair).**

1. The Chair welcomed the members of the public and fellow councillors to be meeting.
2. The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chair.

Parish Council Chair gave a report of the year:

I can't believe that a year has gone by since the last Annual meeting, A good year where a lot has been achieved towards our vision of good living, great community.

A big thanks to Cllr Dave Burns for his work on the Neighbourhood plan, it is well underway and now with NNDC. Once passed, it will be reviewed in a further consultation with the residents. Following the community surveys, which were well attended, the council got the views of the village to incorporate into the plan. The plan will give the village a strong voice in shaping its future, protecting its character and environment, and supporting appropriate housing growth for all ages. Helping young families to stay in the village as well as catering for the needs of the older generation.

We have put in place plans for the playing field this year, some of which we have

already achieved. A new basketball hoop has been fitted, a new fence put up around the toddlers play area and of course the wonderful petanque court, along with the bench which was kindly donated by the compost group, We hope to carry out further improvements this year. A regular weekly inspection is now carried out, and all councillors have undergone their training and received their certificates.

The allotments continue to improve, as nearly all the plots are now being used and mostly well cared for. A six-year lease has now been secured with the diocese which gives the plot holders a sense of permanence, thank you to Rev Sally Myers for her help. For the first time the Mundesley road allotments are to be included in the Trunch open Gardens, which we hope will become an annual event.

A lot of work has been done this year on the footpaths. Malcolm has put in a lot of hard work to establish which footpaths we are responsible for maintaining and what we are paid for from NNDC. He has been very thorough in ensuring that we keep to our budget with regards to grass cutting and maintenance, and that we receive what we are due from NNDC. Cllr Alan Bowker has been responsible for getting signs and finger posts replaced and reinstalled, not forgetting Cllr Karen Randell who has also walked the paths with Alan and Cllr Malcolm Bulley, braving brambles and stinging nettles.

The community speedwatch is up and running again, more volunteers still needed I believe. It has been proving very effective in reducing speeding through the village.

The no cold calls signs are also proving very effective.

Lastly, I'd like to mention the good neighbour scheme and the community cafe. Thanks to the hard work of the volunteers, they provide a valuable service for our village. A big thanks to Cllr Burns for putting them in place and to the volunteers for giving up their free time to help out.

All in all a good year. This year we will be focusing on:

- the village consultation and vote on the neighbourhood plan,
- the playing field improving the children's play area with new flooring, also the possible addition of a monkey wall,
- working to improve safety on the North Walsham road,
- with the support and contribution from the village hall society, we will be looking to install a defibrillator on the outside wall of the village hall.

We will continue to support the village towards the vision with the good neighbours

scheme, new residents' welcome packs and another community cafe next winter. Also, the community speedwatch.

That leaves me to say a big thank you to everyone for giving up your time and energy to make our village a place we are proud to live in.

3. There were no reports from community groups
4. Open forum for questions from the public:  
A question was asked about NP consultation.  
Residents views were sought on the possibility of planters being positioned at the entrance to the village by the Garden Society. There were no objections.
5. Date and time of next meeting to be advised

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Chair, Trunch Parish Council