

RINGLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 18th May 2026, 7pm

Ringland Village Hall

Present: Cllr Cooper, Chair, Cllr Baker, Cllr George, Cllr Stone, Cllr Thomas (County Council) and Cllr Bulman (District Council) 6 members of the public and Kay Montandon (Clerk)

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Addington and Illing
2. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th May 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair
3. To receive the annual report of the Chairman of the Council:
The Chair marked the sad passing of George Crayston and David Sparkes, both of whom were involved in the parish council and parish matters for many years. The Chair also thanked the Councillors for their hard work during the year and the Clerk for helping the council run smoothly. She also thanked Malcolm Turner who stepped down as a Councillor recently and who has been involved in many projects to improve the village including the river green car park, church car park and village hall. The Chair then outlined the many achievements in the parish over the last year including new fencing erected at Low Common and a coral for cattle. A pond restoration grant for £5,000 has been awarded thanks to the work of Andy Illing and Simon Addington. Church Common and Ringland Hills projects include reducing scrub to reinstate grasslands with Norfolk Wildlife Trust. The village hall bookings are up thanks to the work of Cllr George and Louise George. Broadband has been connected now which will help with bookings too.

The NWL road is now being revised with new options to be assessed. A47 changes are in progress, which will affect the village.

4. To receive the county councillor report:
Cllr Thomas reported that LGR will have a legal challenge by the Reform Administration against the 3 unitary option. I don't know impacts of timescales of the process at this stage with this happening. Will update more when I know.
11 days since signing my declaration of acceptance, ive:
1) done 3 days of induction training at County Hall
2) Starting new casework (i am a district cllr so ive gone from 7 parishes to 22)
3) Started to meet chairs of other parishes where i couldnt make their parish meetings
4) had 2 highway briefings, one for the A47 and mitigations and the other for a NWL update
I will be having Cllr surgeries in Reepham Division - details will follow once booked.
I have a Cllr Facebook Page that anyone is welcome to follow:
<https://www.facebook.com/DTLD4ReephamDiv>
NCC AGM is 28th May, new leader and cabinet will be agreed here.

If anyone would like to contact me my details are below.

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5. To receive the district councillor report:

Cllr Bulman urged parishioners to write to the Ministry about LGR and the fact that Ringland will become part of the unitary that contains Norwich and therefore may struggle for proper representation. Also copy in Trevor Houlden, Chief Exec of Broadland and South Norfolk District Council and Tom McCabe, the Chief Executive of Norfolk County Council.

6. There were no reports from village groups, charities and other organisations

7. Parishioner's questions on local issues included questions about enforcement of the weight limit on Ringland Bridge and the problems with trees encroaching on telephone lines that affect broadband in the village. Clerk has reported to Sky who supply the village hall but had no response. Cllr Bulman offered to help. Parishioners are advised to email him with their issues.

The meeting closed at 7.13pm

Lindy Cooper

19th May 2026

Chairman: Lindy Cooper

Signed.....Date.....