

KELLING PARISH COUNCIL

Chair – Councillor J. Mills



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KELLING PARISH COUNCIL **HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY, 2025 AT 6.00 PM** **AT THE READING ROOM, KELLING**

Present:-

Chairman – Cllr. J. Mills, Vice-Chairman – Cllr. A. Cunningham,
Cllr. T. Griffin, Cllr. I. Grundy and Cllr. P. Randell.

District Councillor V. Holliday.

Julie Chance – Clerk.

1. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORM

- 1.1** Cllr. A. Cunningham signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form. The Clerk witnessed the form.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY, 2025

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2025, having been circulated, were taken as read, **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D. Ellingham, Cllr. C. Hill and County Councillor E. Vardy.

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4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. J. Mills concerning any Kelling Church matters.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. T. Girffin concerning any Kelling Church matters.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. P. Randell concerning any Kelling Heath matters.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None received.

6. **POLICE**

6.1 SAM 2 Sign:- The Clerk reported that the cost of a new SAM 2 Sign is £3,175. County Councillor Vardy has earmarked 50% of the cost from his budget. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would obtain the cost of the more updated SAM 3 Sign and enquire whether County Councillor Vardy would be prepared to meet 50% of the new cost. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

7. **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

7.1 County Councillor's Report:- Attached. The Clerk circulated updates on the Local Government Reorganisation from Norfolk County Council and Norfolk ALC. Attached.

7.2 District Councillor's Reports:- Attached. District Councillor Holliday circulated information for a question and answer session concerning the proposed digital switchover. This session will be held on 23rd July between 10 and 12 at Blakeney Village Hall. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion. District Councillor Holliday is liaising with the police concerning speed checks in the village and will keep the Members updated.

8. PLANNING

- 8.1 **Local Plan Timetable:-** Circulated. Noted.
- 8.2 **Reform of Planning Committee – Consultation:-** Circulated. Noted.
- 8.3 **PF/25/0944 – 27 Weynor Gardens, Kelling:-** Approved.

9. FINANCE

- 9.1 **Cash Book:-** The Clerk circulated the cash book to 30th June, 2025 which was **AGREED**.
- 9.2 All Members present signed the bank statements against the cash book reconciliation.
- 9.3 The following payments were **AGREED** and the Clerk will action:-

	£
Clerk's salary and travel – June and July 2025	356.94
HMRC – June and July	84.80
The Old Reading Room – Litter Pick	151.80
NNDC – Dog and Litter Bins	224.64
Adam Jones – Grass Maintenance	180.00
- 9.4 **Full Council Training:-** It was **AGREED** that due to apologies from Members this training will be rearranged for the winter months to avoid holiday season. The Clerk will action accordingly
- 9.5 **Beach Clean – Litter Pick:-** The Chairman reported that the beach clean was a great success with 25 volunteers. A substantial amount of rubbish was removed from the beach.
- 9.6 **VAT:-** The Clerk reported that she has submitted a claim for repayment of the VAT in the sum of £235.00

10. HIGHWAYS

- 10.1 **Kerb Stones – The Street:-** The Clerk reported that the Highway Engineer is happy to meet again and she will obtain some dates in August.
- 10.2 **Weynor Gardens Sign:-** It was reported that the new sign is now in place. This matter will be removed from the agenda.
- 10.3 **Temporary Traffic Orders:-** Circulated. Noted.

10.4 Manhole Cover – Cley Road, Kelling:- The Clerk reported that District Councillor Holliday is liaising with the Highway Engineer on this matter. The manhole cover has been causing damage to vehicles.

10.5 Grips – Weynor Gardens:- Cllr. Randell reported that when it rains the road floods due to the inadequacy of the grips. This matter will be discussed with the Highway Engineer at the site meeting.

11. HORNSEA PROJECT

11.1 The Clerk circulated the most recent update and advance work notice. Cllr. Cunningham will liaise with Hornsea and enquire when the sediment sheets are to be removed.

12. ASSET MAINTENANCE

12.1 The Clerk circulated a schedule of works. It was **AGREED** that the grit bin at Weynor Gardens would be monitored. It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Cunningham will treat the benches at Kelling Street and Weynor Gardens. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for an update.

12.2 War Memorial:- It was reported that the southside of the war memorial is flaking. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would obtain a quotation for any work required and this matter will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

13. MEETING DATES 2026

13.1 The Clerk circulated the proposed meeting dates for 2026 which were **AGREED**.

14. ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW

14.1 Financial Regulations:- The Clerk circulated the Financial Regulations. It was **AGREED** that no amendments were required. The Clerk will insert the new date and the Chairman will place these regulations on the website.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC – Various:- Circulated. Noted.

Investigation report into countywide flooding:- Circulated Noted.

NNDC – Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation Briefing:- Circulated. Noted.

NCC – Funding for bus shelters:- Circulated. Noted.

NCC new fund for local projects:- Circulated. Noted.

Email – Biodiversity:- The Clerk read an email received from Weybourne Parish Council concerning improving biodiversity. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would reply stating that Kelling Parish Council do not have a problem with biodiversity at present.

16. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Telephone Box.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as Wednesday 17th September, 2025 at 6.00 pm at The Old Reading Room, Kelling.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.45 pm.

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Chairman

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Date

FW: JULY COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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To townclerk@holttowncouncil.gov.uk <townclerk@holttowncouncil.gov.uk>, Parish clerk <clerk@cleyparishcouncil.gov.uk>, 'Clerk Salthouse' <salthouseclerk@gmail.com>, Upper Sheringham PC <uppersheringhampc@gmail.com>, High Kelling <highkellingclerk@gmail.com>, Clerk <clerk@runtton-pc.gov.uk>, Amanda Yacoubian <matlaske.pc@gmail.com>, Kelling Parish Council <clerk@kellingparishcouncil.gov.uk>
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One council for Norfolk is best for residents and services

A new report from Norfolk County Council shows that replacing the county's eight existing councils with a single unitary authority could save £36.2 million annually, enough to repay the £33.7 million setup cost within just one year.

The draft options appraisal, developed in response to Government plans to streamline local government in England, highlights the financial and service benefits of a single council model. It finds that:

- A single council would deliver the highest savings—£36.2 million per year—by reducing duplication, cutting senior roles, and achieving economies of scale.
- Two or three councils would cost more to set up (£43.2 million and £50.2 million respectively) and would either take years to break even or never recover the investment.
- Ongoing costs of splitting services like adult social care and highways could reach up to £33.6 million per year under a three-council model.
- By 2040, two or three councils would cost between £10 million and £31 million more per year than a single council.
- The west of Norfolk could face a funding shortfall of up to £21.1 million annually under multi-council options, raising serious concerns about financial sustainability.

The report also warns that dividing services between councils could lead to duplication, inefficiencies, and risks to vulnerable residents who rely on county-wide support.

Norfolk County Council is proposing a single unitary council as its preferred option and will be submitting its findings to Government as part of the national reform process.

It's worth noting that any changes will not impact on the vital role our Town and Parish councils play supporting our communities.

Norfolk County Council Approves £500k Community Fund to Boost Local Projects

Norfolk County Council has approved the launch of a new £500k Norfolk Community Fund for 2025/26, aimed at supporting grassroots projects that strengthen communities and improve local wellbeing.

The fund will empower local voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) groups to apply for grants between £200 and £2,500 to deliver small-scale initiatives that bring people together, promote inclusion, and enhance quality of life. Each of the county's 84 councillors will be allocated £5,000 to distribute within their divisions, ensuring funding reaches every corner of Norfolk.

The fund responds to growing pressures on the VCSE sector, highlighted in the recent State of the Sector Survey, and builds on the success of previous schemes like the Norfolk Parish Partnership. It will also encourage match funding through crowdfunding, potentially doubling the impact to £1 million. The 2025–26 programme will prioritise projects that support ageing well, youth engagement, community cohesion, and cultural connection.

For more information on how to apply, visit www.norfolk.gov.uk.

Norfolk County Council Issues over £685,000 in fines for non-compliant road works

In 2024/25, Norfolk County Council issued over 44,000 street and roadwork permits, with 75% linked to utility companies and developers. Although the Council coordinates works, 79 utility firms have legal rights to dig up roads, limiting local control.

Around 7,000 permits were for emergency works, often the most disruptive, and 5,400 applications were rejected. The Council issued 2,809 Fixed Penalty Notices for permit breaches, raising nearly £340,000. A further £345,000 came from 306 overrunning works, causing 1,317 days of disruption. Two utility companies were successfully prosecuted, resulting in nearly £100,000 in court fines and full costs awarded.

Single-Use Vapes to Be Banned in Norfolk from 1st June

From Sunday 1st June, it was illegal to sell or supply single-use vapes in Norfolk, as new national regulations came into force.

The ban, part of the Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) Regulations 2024, aims to reduce fire risks from lithium-ion batteries and tackle environmental damage caused by disposable plastics and nicotine waste.

Businesses must ensure all vapes sold are refillable, rechargeable, and replaceable, and must offer a take-back service for safe disposal. Enforcement action for non-compliance may include fines, product seizures, or prosecution.

Norfolk's 19 recycling centres offer dedicated bins for vape and battery disposal from households.

For business guidance and resources, visit the government's single-use vapes ban page or contact Norfolk Trading Standards at 0344 800 8020.

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Date: 9 June 2025

Dear colleagues

Your help to shape the future of local government in Norfolk

You may recall that I wrote to you in May about local government reorganisation, inviting you to some events to ensure that the needs and priorities of local people across Norfolk help shape any new local government structure.

I'm very grateful those of you who attended of these sessions, and I understand that there were some really useful discussions.

You provided some very valuable insights on local issues, which you will see are captured in our latest report, which is published today.

Our draft options appraisal report that sets out the findings of a detailed assessment of a range of potential options for unitary structures in Norfolk.

We have studied data and evidence on the pros and cons of one, two or three unitary councils and asked the public what mattered to them about local councils and services. The conclusion of the options appraisal is that the recommended preferred option is one unitary council, covering all of Norfolk. Cabinet will decide whether to proceed with this option at their meeting on 23 June.

You can read the full options appraisal report at <https://norfolkcc.cmis.uk.com/norfolkcc/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/496/Meeting/2380/Committee/201/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

A media release summary version is available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/news.

Subject to cabinet's approval, we will develop our proposal in more detail, ensuring that a single council has the strongest and most effective links to our communities, including through our work with town and parish councils.

We know the vital role you play and so we are keen to have further engagement with you over the next few months, as we develop our final submission to the Government in September. A successful submission to government will be one that strengthens and supports this role.

I will be back in touch in the next few weeks, with further details of our next round of engagement. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the team at lgrfeedback@norfolk.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom McCabe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom McCabe
Chief Executive

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Date: 6 May 2025

Dear Chair

Help shape the future of local government in Norfolk

The Leader of Norfolk County Council wrote to you recently explaining that the Government wants to change the way that councils are organised across the country.

In Norfolk, the county council runs some services (like education, adult and children's social care and roads) and the seven district, borough and city councils run other services (like planning, housing and refuse collections.) The Government wants to see all eight councils replaced with fewer unitary councils - which would be responsible for all services in their area.

When the Government decided to re-think local government arrangements in Norfolk, the Minister wrote and asked the county council and the district, borough and city councils to submit proposals about how things could work and how many Unitary councils might be needed.

This is major decision and at Norfolk County Council we don't want to jump to any conclusions - we want to look at all the evidence first. We have been gathering data on costs and services to help inform our decision making and want to hear from community-based organisations about what matters to them and the local areas they represent before focusing in on a preferred option.

We have an opportunity to build on the best features of our current councils and create something that delivers efficient and effective services, with strong community links. We want the needs and priorities of local people in your area to help shape any new local government structure.

How Parish and Town Councils can be involved

Norfolk County Council is posing a series of questions and will use the replies to help draw up plans for a future council structure. The feedback form is available until 20 May 2025 at www.norfolk.gov.uk/lgrfeedback and people can answer as many or as few questions as they wish to and we would ask you to encourage your parishioners to respond.

We also want to hear from your council to gather even more insight into what matters in your community, so will be holding some in-person events in local areas and an online meeting with parish and town councils to hear what you have to say. We would welcome members of your council to attend any (or all) of these meetings.

The in-person events will take place at:

- **The Small Barn, Knights Hill Hotel and Spa - King's Lynn**

Knights Hill Village, King's Lynn PE30 3HQ Tuesday 13 May from 5.30pm to 7.30pm

- **The Ragnar Hall, Viking Centre - Sprowston**

Tills Rd, Sprowston, Norwich NR6 7QZ Wednesday 14 May from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

- **Queens Hall - Watton**

Norwich Road, Watton, Thetford IP25 6DA Thursday 15 May from 2.30pm to 4.30pm

- **The Cedars - North Walsham**

New Rd, North Walsham NR28 9DE Friday 16 May from 5.00pm to 7.00pm

- **Tiffany Room, Central Hall - Wymondham**

6A Back Lane, Wymondham NR18 0QB Monday 19 May from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

- **The Carnegie Room, the Library - Gorleston on Sea**

Lowestoft Rd, Gorleston-on-Sea NR31 6QU Wednesday 21 May from 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Online event

Tuesday 20 May 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

Further information is provided at the end of this letter and in the attached 'joining teams meeting' instructions for PC and phone.

On the day of the meeting, please use the link below to join. If you are unable to click on the link, you can also open Microsoft Teams on your device and join using the meeting ID and passcode provided below.

Microsoft Teams link: <https://bit.ly/3GQ9qvZ>

Meeting ID: 383 231 752 220 6 Passcode: 63qh2Xx3

To help make best use of the time available, at the in-person meetings especially, we have identified a few points that we are particularly keen to get views on which you might want to share with your colleague councillors ahead of the meeting. These are:

- What is currently working well with local services in your area and what could be better?
- What challenges does your local area face and what would help both the people and place to flourish?

To help us plan, please tell us who from your council will attend and which meeting(s) they intend to come to (including the online meeting) by emailing LGR@norfolk.gov.uk

We will want to continue to engage with your council as we progress towards our final submission to Government in the Autumn, so please do keep an eye out for further emails over the next few weeks.

More information

You can find out more about local government reorganisation at www.norfolk.gov.uk/LGR and by subscribing to the county council's email bulletin, Your Norfolk Extra: www.norfolk.gov.uk/yournorfolkextra

If you have questions about the above, or any observations or comments about local government reorganisation, please email LGR@norfolk.gov.uk.

And finally...

We know that the rules around contact details for parish and town councils will be changing over the next year or so. If your council email address or other key information is updated please do let us know by emailing communities@norfolk.gov.uk so we have a way for our highways and other teams to get in touch if they need to.

Yours sincerely



Tom McCabe
Chief Executive

Online meeting information:

The meeting is scheduled to start at 6.30pm on Tuesday 20 May. You are welcome to join at any point during the meeting.

Joining the online meeting

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Joining instructions

If you need to, you can refer to the relevant 'joining teams meeting' document attached to the email for detailed instructions on how to join the meeting using either a computer or a mobile device.

Participation during the online meeting

Instructions on how to ask questions or provide comments will be provided at the beginning of the event.

Difficulties in the online meeting

If you encounter any technical difficulties once you are in the meeting, we will have someone available to try to assist you. However, please note that our support may be limited since you are using your personal computer or mobile device.

Local Government Reorganisation

This newsletter contains information about how local town and parish councils can start to engage with Norfolk County Council (NCC) and gain information on the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), that is going to happen in Norfolk. Due to the importance of the subject, it has been sent to all local councils in Norfolk. Although the Government has yet to decide on the exact model, it is important that councils start to prepare for what is to come no matter what governance model is decided.

This Reorganisation will affect all Town and Parish councils, and Norfolk ALC feels that it is vital that you are kept up to date with what this could mean for you.

To achieve this Norfolk ALC is working in collaboration with Norfolk County Council in their efforts to share information and engage local councils in preparing for the LGR.

I quote from Sarah Rhoden, NCC lead on LGR

"NCC held some engagement sessions with parish councils earlier this year to listen to their views about LGR. We said at the time that we would hold another round of sessions (most likely virtually) and we are looking to do that in August. We will share the dates as soon as we have set them and are grateful that you will advertise to all councils".

"During those engagement sessions, some parish councils raised concerns about additional services being 'shunted' onto them as part of LGR, and (hopefully) we were able to reassure them that this was not going to happen. At the same time, other parish councils said that they were interested in taking control of some local assets (like car parks and public toilets) and welcomed the opportunity to take on some services to be delivered on a more local basis. We are keen to support parish councils whichever end of this scale they currently fall within."

"As part of the development of our business case for submission to Government, we would like to work with Norfolk ALC and a number of parish councils to co-design a prospectus/framework that could enable parish councils to take on local assets or services. Whilst any decisions would be for any new council to make, we can best harness the opportunities if we work together to get in the best possible place to move this forward".

We would like to set up a virtual meeting either on the 24th or 25th of July, but we can be flexible. I would be grateful for responses expressing an interest to be sent to me by Thursday the 17th of July and what times would best suit you.

This is just the beginning of engaging our Town and Parish councils in preparing them for what is to come. It is our intention to keep you fully informed of the opportunities and challenges that will present themselves as we move forward and provide you with clear, concise and honest information, so that you are able to make informed choices.

Adrian Myers County Officer Norfolk ALC

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Grant Funding

DCreport June 25

From Cllr. Victoria Holliday <Victoria.Holliday@north-norfolk.gov.uk>
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Dc report June 25

Local government reform

NNDC will be holding briefing sessions on Local Government Reform for T&PC on 17th June at Fakenham and 24th June at Mundesley. Proposals from the District Councils and the County Council are due to government by the end of September and a decision expected early 26, with the new unitary/unitaries in shadow form by 2027, taking over from the current District and County Councils as of April 28.

Local plan

The new Local Plan will be going out again for public consultation for six weeks in August-September. The additional site allocation to the west of Langham Road in Blakeney is still being put forward, as is Weybourne as a small growth village. This consultation will be the final opportunity to have a say on Planning Policy in North Norfolk for the foreseeable future, so I encourage you to participate.

GP Out of Hours, Norwich Walk in Centre and Vulnerable Adults Service Consultation

The consultation on proposed reduction in opening hours or even closure of the GP Out of Hours and Norwich Walk in Centre has been suspended. The service therefore remains as is, as does the Vulnerable Adults Service. I have asked about the GP Out of Hours provision at Fakenham as this base seems to be seeing very few patients. It would be great for us if it were available rather than the current situation which requires us to drive to North Walsham.

Anglian Water

Anglian Water attended Overview & Scrutiny Committee at NNDC last week to discuss storm overflows into our rivers, broads and seas. Our chalk streams are of particular concern. We have asked them to let us know what investment is going into the sewage treatment works in our district which are the worse offenders, in the form of upgraded water storage tanks for example. Storm overflows are permitted by the Environment Agency after rain but not in dry weather. We have therefore asked for that data to be pulled out as well. Water pressure is a problem in some places. This needs to be reported to AW so they can investigate and amend. The contact number is 0800771881.

Public Space Protection Orders Renewed

Cabinet agreed to renew the current inland Public Space Protection Orders for 3 years. The most relevant to our area is Blakeney Quay, where dogs must be on leads. In Holt, dogs are not allowed in the Burial Ground on Albert Street, Peacock Lane Field and the Kelling Road Playing Field and must be on leads in Holt Cemetery.

Mobile connectivity

NNDC is compiling a database of 'mobile 'not spots' in the hope this can be used for lobbying mobile and mast providers for better connectivity. This becomes more urgent with the switch to digital from copper lines in 2027.

Blakeney Surgery

We are now being asked if we want our meds from the Pharmabox. For the first few weeks of operation there will be a member of staff 9-12 to help with queries. There will be a secure postbox to leave scripts for repeat prescriptions and the facility for contactless payment at the Box. You can always go to another pharmacy including online. If your medications are fridge items or controlled drugs you will need to make other arrangements with the surgery. There is some capacity in the home delivery service - requests will be assessed by a GP.

Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust Recovery College

NSFT (our mental health trust) provides free online or classroom courses on managing mental well-being and living with mental health issues. These are very accessible and open to all. Phone 0300 303 4419 or email RecoveryOnline@nsft.nhs.uk or Google NSFT Recovery College.

<https://www.nsfh.nhs.uk/download-prospectuspdf.pdf?ver=6373&doc=docm93ijm4n3522.pdf>

Consultation on revised Taxi Handbook and policy

NNDC is consulting on a revised Taxi Handbook. The new version is more readable but much more detailed. See <https://forms.north-norfolk.gov.uk/xforms/Confirmation/Show/Confirmation> for the survey.

May District Cllr's report

From Cllr. Victoria Holliday <Victoria.Holliday@north-norfolk.gov.uk>
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Date 2025-05-15 18:47

DC Report May 2025

Feedback requested on Holt Country Park and Pretty Corner

NNDC would like to know your views on local NNDC woodland such as Holt Country Park and Pretty Corner Woods. There's a survey on the NNDC website <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/news/2025/may/let-us-know-your-thoughts-about-our-woodland-sites/>

Local government reform

The government has responded to Norfolk District Council's joint proposal to reorganise local government in Norfolk. This is for three unitary councils (ie merged county and district) centred around Norwich, Great Yarmouth and Kings Lynn. NNDC will be holding a further round of community briefing sessions to hear the views of the community. The advantages of three unitaries is that the local voice is better heard.; however there will be less savings realised. Meanwhile, Norfolk County Council is promoting a single unitary for Norfolk, which they feel is better value for money and preserves the statutory functions of social services, children's care etc. There will be further briefings to Town & Parish Councils June 17th and 24th.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy public consultation

Norfolk County Council is consulting on the Norfolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This outlines the priority species and habitats for Norfolk and the measures that could be taken to restore and enhance what we already have to create new spaces. The consultation runs till June 11th and can be found on norfolk.gov.uk (search for nature strategy consultation).

Blakeney Surgery.

It's expected the new medicines dispensing machine at Blakeney Village Hall will be operational end of May/June with the surgery closing in July. For the first few weeks of the Pharmabox's operation there will be a member of staff 9-12 to help with queries. There will be a secure postbox to leave scripts for repeat prescriptions. There is the facility for contactless payment at the Box. You will be asked if collecting meds from Blakeney in May to say where you would like to collect going forward (Kelling or Melton) or if you want to go to another pharmacy or by post. If your medications are fridge items or controlled drugs you will need to make other arrangements with the surgery as they will not be stocked in the Pharmabox. There is some capacity in the home delivery service - requests will be assessed by a GP.

Victoria Holliday

District Councillor

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