

Minutes of the Meeting of Blickling Parish Council held on Tuesday  
15/07/2025 in Blickling Hall at 7.00 p.m

**PRESENT**

Alan Evans  
John Woodeson

Charlie Ennals

Sue Lake – Clerk  
Seb Billings – National Trust

**1. TO RECEIVE & ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Robert Wichall

**2. TO CONSIDER CO-OPTIONS TO FILL CURRENT VACANCIES**

No applications received

**3. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS**

None made

**4. MINUTES**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 had previously been circulated and were **confirmed and signed by the chairman.**

**5. INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING**

Nothing raised

**6. REPORTS POLICE, COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Apologies were received from Sue Catchpole and Abu Miah.

**7. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

No public present

**8. FINANCE**

**a) To note the balance of the Account**

The balance of the account was £3304.11. A further £2139.31 is held in the National Savings Account

**b) To approve payment for newsletters**

It was **AGREED** to pay £40 for the printing of the newsletters

**9. TO CONSIDER PLANNING ISSUES**

**a) To consider any applications received**

None received

**b) Bluestone Biogas proposed digester at Oulton**

A meeting was held at Itteringham regarding this. This will involve a large amount of heavy traffic on the Holt Road. This will be an issue for Oulton but should not impact Blickling. More details and information to be received from Oulton Parish Council.

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**c) RWE Offshore wind project update**

The noise level has subsided. No update on the community fund.

**10. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

**a) To receive an update on parking in Silvergate**

This has improved greatly but the signs have been removed again after about one month in place. Consideration of placing metal signs was discussed.

**b) To discuss passing places in Silvergate**

These have still to be installed. A reminder will be sent to the Highway Engineer.

**c) To discuss flooding in Silvergate**

There is flooding on the bend in Silvergate as the drain is blocked. The clerk will contact whoever is responsible.

**d) To discuss highway issues relating to the livery stables**

There have been issues with horses on the road. Charlie will speak to them.

**e) To consider a project for the Parish Partnership 2026**

The details of the project and what could be funded was explained to members. Consideration will be given to placing VAS signs on the main road outside the Hall. The clerk will contact the Highway Engineer regarding this.

**f) To discuss any other highway matter**

The car park signs for Blickling Hall will be enlarged as and when they fail.  
There is an issue with footpaths being closed – this will be taken up with RWE.

**11. NATIONAL TRUST**

**a) To receive an update on parking meters**

These have still to be installed. The hope is there will be a 4-week lead in time and they should be installed in September.

**b) To receive details of Stakeholders Meeting**

The minutes of this meeting are still awaited.

**c) To receive any update**

Seb briefed members on the summer programme for the Hall, Gardens and Grounds. He also mentioned the recent changes to National Trust and the impact this will have including staff reductions. However, the mission remains the same.

**12. BLICKLING CEMETERY**

**a) To receive update on maintenance and funding**

The path is in a terrible state. The clerk will contact Rev Canon Julie Boyd. It was noted that the leylandii had been removed leaving the cemetery open. The leylandii are an invasive species and were getting too big,

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**b) Update on Community Fund Application and future progress**

Still awaiting future opening dates.

**13. COMMUNITY EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**a) To discuss results of flyer circulated to residents**

Over 50 were issued but only 5 replies received. Those that replied felt that the orchard project would bring parking/traffic issues. 100% were in favour of work on the cemetery.

**b) To receive an update on noticeboards**

The board at Silvergate is now OK. Boards at Woodgate and Moorgate need to be checked.

**c) To discuss possible September event**

After discussion it was proposed holding a 'Picnic in the Park' on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**d) Summer 2025 Newsletter**

This will be prepared and circulated.

**e) Update on defibrillator for Silvergate**

It has been agreed that one could be placed on the Hangman Building. The clerk will check the figures for provision and installation

**f) Update on sign for 35-39 Silvergate**

The sign is being made – need to agree placement

**g) Update on Website**

The clerk is looking into a new website.

**14. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA**

Parish Partnership  
Community Event  
Cemetery Plan

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This was agreed as Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Minutes Agreed.....