

Minutes of the Meeting of Blickling Parish Council held on Tuesday
07/10/2025 in Blickling Hall at 7.00 p.m

PRESENT

Alan Evans
John Woodeson

Charlie Ennals
Robert Wichall

Sue Lake – Clerk
Seb Billings – National Trust
2 Members of the public

1. TO RECEIVE & ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All councillors present

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 15th July 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

Not present

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

A resident advised that following recent dredging Silvergate stream was now dry and there were concerns that the sewage station may pump into this dry stream. Both Charlie and Seb will investigate this with the Riverlands team.

8. FINANCE

a) To note the balance of the Account

The balance of the account was £3264.11. A further £2139.31 is held in the National Savings Account. It was **AGREED** to amalgamate these two accounts. The sign for 35-39 Silvergate had been completed and a cheque for £25 was drawn to cover the cost.

b) To consider the precept for 2026/7

As the council will not be meeting until after the date this needs to be submitted to Broadland it was **AGREED** for this to remain at £1100.

9. TO CONSIDER PLANNING ISSUES

a) To consider any applications received

None received

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b) Bluestone Biogas proposed digester at Oulton

Information on this had been received from Oulton Parish Council who have invited the developers to meet with them. This plan would appear to have no impact on Blickling.

10. HIGHWAY ISSUES

a) To receive an update on parking in Silvergate

This has improved greatly until last Sunday when due to weather conditions the hall car park was closed which led to cars parking everywhere. However on a positive note, the remaining sign is still in place. It was **AGREED** to purchase further signs, in metal, Robert will organise this.

b) To discuss passing places in Silvergate

Nothing received from the Highway Engineer – a further reminder will be sent.

c) To consider a project for the Parish Partnership 2026

In-between meetings Highways had contacted the Parish Council regarding implementing a 30mph speed limit on the road outside Blickling Hall. This was supported by councillors. There is no indication of timescale and speed limits can take some time to be implemented. The suggestion at the last meeting of SAM signs may not be required depending on the details of the proposal. The clerk will try and ascertain what the proposals will include.

d) To discuss any other highway matter

There is flooding on Silvergate due to blocked drains. The clearance of this is a matter for Broadland. The clerk will chase this. A sign had been knocked down at Abel Heath; Seb will look into this.

11. NATIONAL TRUST

a) To receive an update on parking meters

Still no update on potential date for implementation.

b) To receive details of Stakeholders Meeting

The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for October 22nd. A potential meeting place for the village will be discussed.

c) To receive any update

The Trust had had a good summer with the artwork project very well received. A digital app is being launched.

The Garden of Lights will run from 6-21 December.

12. BLICKLING CEMETERY

a) To receive update on maintenance and funding

The PCC had sent details of their current financial status together with accounts up to December 2024. They also provided details of the costs of groundworks. In

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principle the council support a payment to the PCC but wish to meet with
Cannon Julie Boyd first.

b) Update on Community Fund Application and future progress

The chairman is meeting with Canon Julie Boyd soon to discuss this matter in
detail.

13. COMMUNITY EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a) To discuss September event and 2026 event

Unfortunately, the September event had to be cancelled due to the weather.
However, there was a promising response and to keep the momentum a get
together before Christmas was suggested. It was agreed that Sunday 23rd
November would be the date, providing this was possible, with drinks and
nibbles at the Hall.

b) Autumn 2025 newsletter

This will be written once the date for get together is confirmed and the
Stakeholders meeting held.

c) Update on defibrillator for Silvergate

The clerk showed examples of cases for the defib which ranged in the £6-700
mark. It was **AGREED** to purchase one and get it installed.

d) Update on sign for 35-39 Silvergate

This will be installed.

14. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Meeting Place
Community Event 2026
Cemetery Plan

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This was agreed as Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Minutes Agreed.....