



## ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

### of the ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on JULY 29th 2025 at THE READING ROOM ERISWELL

Present

Present:

Cllr G Tolmie (Chairman)

Cllr J Foster (Vice Chairman)

Cllr B Foster

Cllr T Harrington

Cllr A James

In attendance: N Glading (parish clerk), Mr A Blenkiron (MD Elveden Farms), J Tillotson (MoD), D/Cllr G Kelly and three members of the public.

2025/ 37	<b>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME and RECORDING OF MEETING</b>
	The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting: no recording.
2025/ 38	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
	a) Councillor received apologies for absence from Cllr Bibbey, Cmdr. Adam Eaton and PC Scott Cameron. b) The Councillors consented to accept the apologies received.
2025/39	<b>CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR</b>
	a) Co-option of a Parish Councillor: No candidates at present.
2025/ 40	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
	a) None
2025/41	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD in June 2025</b>
	a) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in June 2025 were unanimously <b>AGREED</b> as an accurate record. The Chairman was authorised to sign the same b) Business remaining from the meeting not on this agenda: none
2025/42	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>
	a) None
2025/43	<b>UPDATES FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</b>
a.	<b>Update from Commander Adam Eaton, via J Tillotson</b> Operational activity at the Wing is extremely high with both F15 and F35 jets currently deployed in support of ongoing US operations. In addition, the 94th Fighter Squadron, equipped with F22 'Raptors' staged through RAF Lakenheath when deploying in support of US CENTCOM operations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· The Change of Command season is now complete and there is a new Wing Deputy, Col Nicholas ‘Spike’ Jurewicz.</li> <li>· Following an increase in the number of US Airmen who have been committed motoring offences (other than speeding) 48 SFS are working with Suffolk Police to implement an awareness campaign that is due to commence this month.</li> <li>· Lakenheath Alliance for Peace are scheduled to conduct their monthly protest at Gate 1 this week on 26 July.</li> </ul> <p>Change of command to Cnl N Gerowich.  Speed Awareness campaign: zero tolerance for offenders.  Lakenheath Alliance for Peace Sat 26<sup>th</sup>  Amazon lockers negotiations ongoing with Elveden a quiring land to alleviate parking  Jets are employed in ongoing operations.</p>
b.	<b>Update from C/Cllr Colin Noble:</b> not present
c.	<p><b>To receive an update from West Suffolk D/Cllr Gerald Kelly</b> and /or D/Cllr Tracy Whitehead</p> <p>D/Cllr Kelly reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on advertising signage (Planning Enforcement WSC): unable to comment as legal proceedings going ahead.</li> <li>• Local Plan has been agreed, this has taken 6 years, there is 30 months to get the next one through which will be more in line with what we want.</li> <li>• West Suffolk Council is sticking with S106, despite CIL being operative in most other areas: with Community Infrastructure Levy, a percentage of money comes to the parish, whereas with S106 it goes into goes into education, transport (and is unseen).</li> <li>• Local Government Reform- all the District Councils have agreed to three unitary authorities. The Secretary of State will decide.</li> <li>• West Suffolk educational standards are low, income is low too – need to get the right sort of businesses going, with appropriate people. West Suffolk College can only go up to Higher National Diploma level, working with Anglia Ruskin to facilitate a Bury Campus (£3m from West Suffolk, overall cost £20m).</li> <li>• A planning application received from Mr Shipp, referencing the original Lords Walk estate plans.</li> <li>• Brecks outdoor festival (clerk to receive leaflets)</li> <li>• Looking forward to simpler recycling</li> <li>• Water system: Water companies and Environment Agency plan on working together.</li> <li>• Lords Walk signage is now a matter for the courts.</li> </ul>
d.	<p><b>Update from Police Officer Cameron Scott:</b> had given apologies, sent the following report:</p> <p>As an update from the last meeting, I have spoken to the management team at Eriswell Chequers public house and advised them that I will be conducting licencing checks there.</p> <p>I have also attended the village multiple times since the last meeting. Continued patrols will continue in order to disrupt speeding vehicles and show a presence in the area.</p> <p>If there are any concerns that you feel need my attention, please get in touch.</p> <p>A resident reported that a catalytic converter had been stolen at Eriswell.</p>

e.	<p><b>Update from Mr A Blenkiron, MD Elveden Farms</b>  The harvest is well underway; we should complete the cereal harvest soon.  Onions and carrots to be lifted next week  Renovation works- the focus is still on Elveden at present.</p>												
2025/44	<b>MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING</b>												
a.	<p>Application No. DC/25/0189/FUL Expires: 17 July 2025 3 July 2025  RE-CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF A PLANNING PROPOSAL - installation of 351KWp ground mounted solar array to generate energy for the adjacent borehole irrigation pump (Amended information submitted 16/6/25) Roads In And Around APPLICANT Miss Sarah Shepherd, Elveden Farms Ltd  <a href="https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&amp;keyVal=SR489YPDHJT00">https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&amp;keyVal=SR489YPDHJT00</a></p> <p>A decision had been made by general consensus (expiry date)  <b>NO COMMENT</b></p>												
2025/45	<b>FINANCE/ AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ DONATIONS/OTHER EXPENDITURE</b>												
	<p>a. The expenditure for July 2025 and the authorisation of approved councillors to sign off was <b>unanimously AGREED.</b>  Accounts Payable JULY 2025</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Staff salary</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£303.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reimburse N Glading ICO payment</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£52.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reimburse N Glading printer cartridges</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£26.39</td> </tr> </table>	Staff salary			£303.81	Reimburse N Glading ICO payment			£52.00	Reimburse N Glading printer cartridges			£26.39
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2025/46	<b>SID REPORT (Appendix A)</b>												
a.	<p>Cllr G Tolmie reported that there has been very little change from the last report, there are still too many on the wrong side of the curve, i.e. exceeding limit 30mph</p>												
2025/47	<b>CHAIRMANS and OTHER REPORTS</b>												
a.	<p><u>Chairmans/ clerk report (on the night)</u></p> <p>(i) Update on the installation of outside electric points at Lords Walk shops and Pavilion: clerk has spoken to and emailed Kim, she has not yet approved, clerk to call at Bulgogi shop.</p> <p>(ii) Cllr Tolmie has attended playground inspection training, an interesting day combining theory and site visits. Cllr Tolmie passed the examination and is now qualified.  Our playground looks pretty good compared to others.</p> <p>(iii) Update on redundant lights at LW shops (tripping hazard): clerk reported that the owner of the car park has removed the redundant damaged lights. Three remain, by the noticeboards. Clerk has sent photos of the issue to Mr Shipp but has not heard back.</p> <p>(iv) RECEIVED: Summary of Procurement Regulations (<b>Appendix B</b>)</p>												
b.	<p><u>Councillors' reports (on the night)</u>  Cllr James told the meeting that the tractor tyre is still at Lords Walk.</p>												

c.	<p><u>Reports from other groups</u></p> <p>a) <b>Eriswell Recreation Ground Committee:</b> Cllr Bibbey has taken on the role of Pavilion renovation. The floors are uneven, the electrical system needs an overhaul and the redundant internal door will be filled in. Doug is kindly mowing the children's play area and pavilion grounds. In line with the grant, the play area has been topped up (5 cubic metres) The Chairman has been approached by a neighbouring youth football club, Cllr Tolmie and clerk are working on an agreement which benefits both parties. The ground is not up to match standard. The club are looking to carry out training on two nights during the season, with a match on Sunday/ Saturday. It was thought that the pub could benefit during Winter</p> <p>b) <b>Reading Room Committee:</b> the new windows have been ordered</p> <p>c) <b>Poor's Charity:</b> Cllr B Foster reported that the land is not rented, he receives, on average, a phone call a week. He has got the fence and will be putting it up when time allows.</p> <p>d) <b>Eriswell Footpath Warden Report</b> from Cllr G Tolmie: the Rights of Way people at SCC have confirmed that the path will be cut next week or the week after A new gate has been installed at the end of pathway 7</p>
2025/48	<p><b>EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION:</b> Information may be shared (with the permission of the Chairman)</p> <p>a) USAF residents in Lords Walk are subjected to a grass cutting scam around this time of year. The scammer drives around the area and notes front gardens whose grass and flowerbeds are in much need of work. It's pretty easy to see by vehicles parked in driveways who are USAF and who are not. An inflated fee is charged.</p> <p>b) Valuable items are being left in plain sight in open cars (e.g. military badges) Not prudent.</p>

Meeting closed 8pm

### Remaining meetings 2025

August 2025 No meeting, summer break

September 30th 2025

October 28th 2025

November 25th 2025

December 2025 Parish Council Winter break

Appendix A

On 08 May 2024 at 18:00 the SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole positioned opposite the Volvo dealership, The Street, in the village of Eriswell. The SID was positioned to monitor traffic coming from the direction Lakenheath heading South towards Eriswell Village.

**Traffic speed and volumes were measured from 00:00AM 30th April up until 23:59PM on 31st May 2025.**

There was between 2700 and 3200 vehicles on weekdays passing this point.

There was between 2200 and 3000 vehicles per day over the weekend heading towards the village.

The busiest times during the week was 07:00-08:00 (Avg. 220 cars p/h) and 15:15-16:15 (Avg. 260 cars p/h).

The 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below **34.6 MPH** past his point.

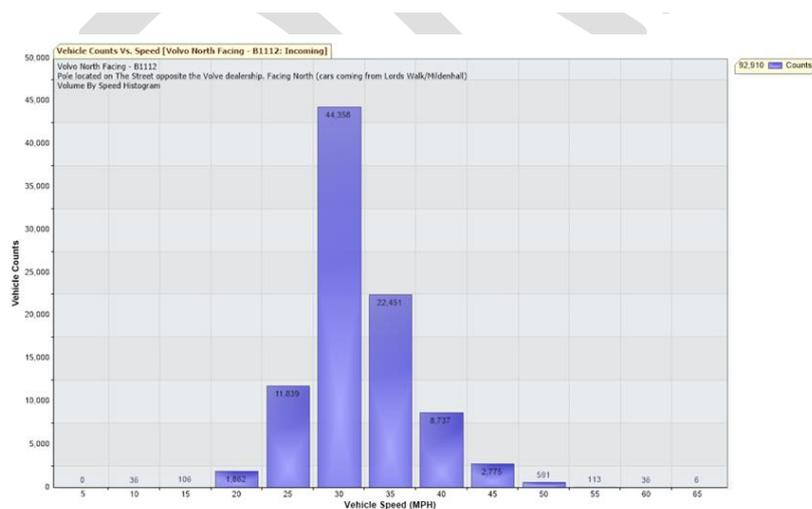
The 50<sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below **28.7 MPH** past his point.

The fastest speeds recorded during this period was **65MPH (x6)** and **60MPH (x36)**. The SID is positioned 670m past where the 30MPH zone starts (460m past the T-junction).

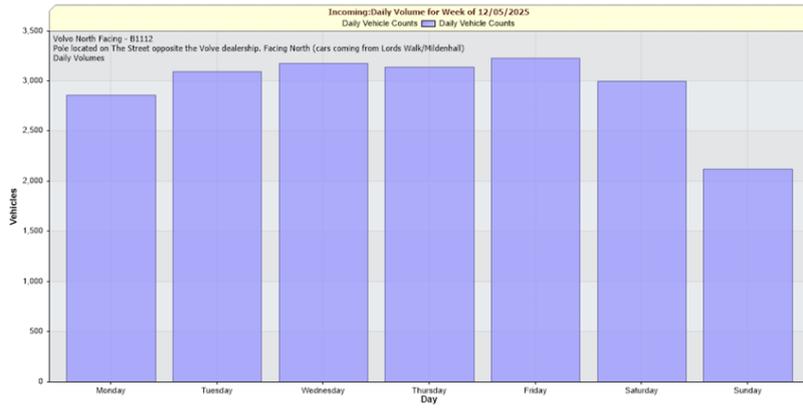
**37% of the vehicles passing this point exceed the speed limit.**

The next pages show:

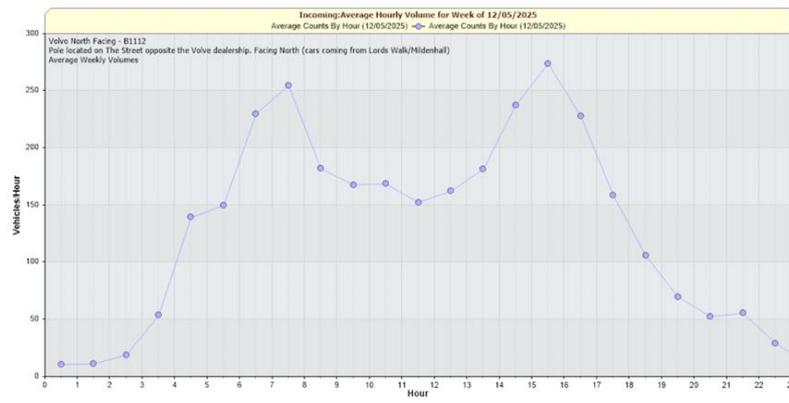
- Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above.
- Typical hourly volumes (weekdays) passing this point
- Community Speed Watch Team Limit (35MPH) exceedances table
- SID Location aerial diagram



30/04/2025 to 31/05/2025 into Eriswell village – Traffic from Mildenhall/Lords Walk



Typical weekday volumes heading from Mildenhall/Lords Walk on B1112 into Eriswell village



Typical weekday volumes/hour heading from Mildenhall/Lords Walk on B1112 into Eriswell village

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0 - 1	13	8	7	14	11	14	23
2 - 2	11	10	8	12	14	14	13
2 - 3	21	20	16	19	22	16	20
3 - 4	52	48	58	75	65	30	40
4 - 5	78	77	95	118	137	44	39
5 - 6	67	101	102	118	138	55	34
6 - 7	50	95	76	116	117	85	39
7 - 8	59	73	90	101	112	71	49
8 - 9	37	41	65	78	86	96	74
9 - 10	45	71	60	75	80	99	66
10 - 11	48	53	67	94	91	105	73
11 - 12	49	62	54	92	115	114	91
12 - 13	59	66	63	72	98	108	85
13 - 14	64	68	89	87	135	106	82
14 - 15	117	109	110	122	149	137	58
15 - 16	99	131	140	188	172	89	79
16 - 17	102	120	133	186	168	138	77
17 - 18	72	127	116	135	125	152	73
18 - 19	57	79	82	109	106	129	85
19 - 20	44	63	56	94	70	89	45
20 - 21	27	39	39	45	66	59	40
21 - 22	22	32	35	50	60	65	33
22 - 23	27	27	44	46	41	55	30
23 - 24	19	11	21	22	31	31	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1239</b>	<b>1531</b>	<b>1626</b>	<b>2068</b>	<b>2209</b>	<b>1901</b>	<b>1268</b>

Exceeding Community Speed Watch Team Limit of 35MPH – May 2025

## Appendix B

### Procurement

**Members and officers are responsible for obtaining value for money at all times.** Any officer procuring goods, services or works should ensure, as far as practicable, that the best available terms are obtained, usually by obtaining prices from several suppliers.

Every contract shall comply with these the council's Standing Orders and these Financial Regulations and no exceptions shall be made, except in an emergency.

For contracts estimated to exceed £25,000 including VAT, the Clerk shall seek formal tenders from at least three suppliers agreed by the council.

For contracts greater than £3,000 excluding VAT the Clerk or RFO shall seek at least 3 fixed-price quotes;

where the value is between £500 and £3,000 excluding VAT, the Clerk or RFO shall try to obtain 3 estimates which might include evidence of online prices, or recent prices from regular suppliers.

For smaller purchases, the clerk shall seek to achieve value for money.

**Contracts must not be split into smaller lots to avoid compliance with these rules.**

The requirement to obtain competitive prices in these regulations need not apply to contracts that relate to items (i) to (iv) below:

- i. specialist services, such as legal professionals acting in disputes;
- ii. repairs to, or parts for, existing machinery or equipment;
- iii. works, goods or services that constitute an extension of an existing contract;
- iv. goods or services that are only available from one supplier or are sold at a fixed price.

When applications are made to waive this financial regulation to enable a price to be negotiated without competition, the reason should be set out in a recommendation to the council. Avoidance of competition is not a valid reason.

The council shall not be obliged to accept the lowest or any tender, quote or estimate.

Individual purchases within an agreed budget for that type of expenditure may be authorised by:

- the Clerk, under delegated authority, for any items below £500 excluding VAT.
- the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Council, for any items below £2,000 excluding VAT.
- the council for all items over £5,000;

In cases of serious risk to the delivery of council services or to public safety on council premises, the clerk may authorise expenditure of up to £2,000 excluding VAT on repair, replacement or other work that in their judgement is necessary, whether or not there is any budget for such expenditure. The Clerk shall report such action to the Chair as soon as possible and to the council as soon as practicable thereafter.