

ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

of the ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on October 30th 2025 at THE READING ROOM ERISWELL

Present:

Cllr G Tolmie (Chairman)

Cllr J Foster (Vice Chairman)

Cllr A Bibbey

Cllr B Foster

Cllr T Harrington

Cllr A James

In attendance: J Tillotson (MoD), Mr A Blenkinsop, D/Cllr G Kelly and 4 members of the public.

Excused: N Glading (parish clerk)

Absent: Police Officer C Scott, C/Cllr Noble

Minutes taken by Cllr Tolmie

2025/ 62	CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME and RECORDING OF MEETING
	The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. No recording
2025/ 63	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	a) Apologies for absence had been received from N. Glading (medical emergency) b) The Councillors consented to accept the apologies received
2025/64	CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR
	a) To consider the Co-option of a Parish Councillor There were no nominations
2025/ 65	DECLARATIONS of INTEREST
	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: A. Bibbey at 2025/70
2025/66	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD in July 2025
	a) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in September 2025 were unanimous AGREED, the Chairman authorised to sign the same b) Business remaining from the meeting not on this agenda: None
2025/67	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
	None
2025/68	UPDATES FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
a.	<u>Update from John Tillotson (MoD)</u> John reported on base activities for the previous month and known upcoming events. APPENDIX A
b.	<u>Update from C/Cllr Colin Noble</u> – not present

c.	<p><u>Update from West Suffolk D/Cllr Gerald Kelly (D/Cllr Tracy Whitehead did not attend)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relayed summary of unitary authority proposals. Option 1 = OneSuffolk, focus on cost reduction. Option 2 = 3 Unitaries (Western, Central&Eastern, Ipswich&Southern), focus on service delivery with some cost reduction. 2. Thanks given to Councillors for their attendance of Leader of the Council meeting held on 27th October at Lakenheath to discuss Local Government Reform. Ultimately, it is down to Secretary of State to decide early next year. 3. Feedback on Selection of Lakenheath for Pride-In-Place and Sport England Active programmes. Data used for both may have been obtained from ONS groupings rather than actual villages. This places parts of RAF Lakenheath and parts of Lords Walk into the Lakenheath data set. The focus on spend will probably be a bit wider than just the village of Lakenheath for example improved bus services. 4. Parish review – up to individual Parishes. Please consider this. Once the Unitaries kick in, no changes will be allowed. Let West Suffolk know of any proposals. 5. The Norfolk and Suffolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy kicks off next week. 6. Reminder to all present that D/Cllr Whitehand , D/Cllr Kelly and C/Cllr Noble all have Locality Budgets and that applications grant funding should be received timeously. Next allocations start in April. 7. WSDC budget setting will take place this coming month. Areas of focus and improvement that have been identified to date include Food Standards, Enforcement and Urban Design. 8. Cllr J Foster asked about the status regarding the offending billboards in Lords Walk. D/Cllr Kelly answered that the case is currently with legal and therefore cannot comment further.
d.	<u>Update from Police Officer Scott Cameron:</u> - Not present
e.	<p>Update from Mr A Blenkiron, MD Elveden: Beatrice Farm solar additions completed, Rakeheath Farm to be completed next. Carrots, sugar beet and potatoes harvesting completed. Existing rainfall is currently at 35% of the usual amount for Year To Date. Current Water reservoir (500 000m³ 25 acres) and new reservoir to be filled over the coming months.</p>
f.	Active Lakenheath community connectors Jo and Rich Keeble presented findings of data consolidated of the survey conducted. A final report will be issued once that survey has been completed. APPENDIX B
2025/69	MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING
a.	<p>APPROVED, The planning consultation on DC/25/1641/TPO Consultation Expiry: 7 November 2025 Proposal TPO 031(2017) tree preservation order - one beech (marked T1 on plan and T43 on order) overall crown reduction by up to four metres Location 41 Redwood Lane Raf Lakenheath Suffolk IP27 9RB</p>
2025/70	FINANCE/ AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ DONATIONS/OTHER EXPENDITURE
a.	The expenditure for October 2025 was considered and unanimously AGREED . The approved councillors were authorised to sign off once the payments had been set up by the clerk. APPENDIX C

	Payee	Item	Amount
	Staff	Salary October 2025 plus Increase backdated	£407.99
	Á. Bibbey	Key cut	£7.50
	Community Action Suffolk	Hosting	£66.00
b.	Deposit Account Summary was RECEIVED . No questions.		
c.	The grant application from Eriswell Church was DEFERRED pending form resubmission in a typed format.		
d.	Councillors to consider items for 2026/7 budget year and come forward with proposals. Councillors to consider precept for 2026/7 financial year.		
2025/71	SID REPORT		
a.	Cllr Tolmie, who manages the SID device, went through the report. Appendix D		
2025/72	CHAIRMANS and OTHER REPORTS		
a.	<u>Chairmans/ clerk report (on the night)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Christmas 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on the installation of outside electric points at Lords Walk shops and Pavilion: Kim (Bulgogi) has been written to confirm that EPC will install a meter so electricity consumption can be reimbursed. Clerk to ask James Brunning again to carry out the work. 2. Clerk has ordered two Christmas trees with stands from Elveden Estates (ii) Suffolk Grass cutting schedule omits Lords Walk, Eriswell and Little Eriswell (including B1112). Request Clerk to investigate and report back. (iii) Industrial quantity of “fly tipped” material on A1065 between Eriswell and Gate 1 of RAF Lakenheath. May be medical waste. Suffolk Highways aware and currently investigating. (iv) Parish Council meetings for 2026 – to continue on the last Tuesday of each month, as in 2025. 		
b.	<u>Councillors’ reports (on the night)</u> none		
c.	<u>Reports from other groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Eriswell Recreation Ground Committee (Cllr Tolmie) The renovation of the Pavilion continues, Elveden Estate has been very helpful with the heaviest work. There is a meeting of the Committee on 30th October 2025. b) Reading Room Committee (Cllr Bibbey) waiting for the new windows c) Poor’s Charity (Cllr B Foster) No tenant has yet been found. Commemoration bench will be installed 30/31 October volunteers help will be appreciated. d) Report from Cllr G Tolmie, Eriswell Footpath Warden. Cllr Tolmie reported that no reports received and all the footpaths are open, cuts will resume in 2026. 		

	<p>a) Eriswell Remembrance service 2025, the Royal British Legion representative confirmed that the Church service will take place at 9.00 am, immediately followed by the wreath laying ceremony at approximately 9.45am.</p>
2025/73	<p>CORRESPONDENCE/ EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION: Information may be shared (with the permission of the Chairman)</p> <p>a) None</p>

Meeting Closed at 20:33

Appendix A

RAF Lakenheath report to Eriswell Parish Council October 2025.

- The 48 FW welcomed 30 guests for the Civic Leaders Tour on 17 Sep. Guests were accompanied by the 48 FW Deputy Commander, Col Jurewicz, and the Command Chief, CMSgt Martinez. After an updated brief on the current mission of the 48 FW, guests were able to visit the Tower, the Military Working Dogs and of course 'pet the jet' with detailed briefings on the F15 and the F35 by the pilots themselves.
- The 48 Medical Group Commander accompanied by his Chief, were guests at the Battle of Britain Service in Bury St. Edmunds on 21 Sep, along with 20 airman that took part in the parade. 48 Operations Group Commander and his wife represented the Wing at the Service in Westminster Abbey.
- There is a new email address for drone requests. If you need to fly a drone of any type in the local area around the Airbase, you will need to make initial contact in advance via 48OSS.Drone.Lakenheath-feltwell@us.af.mil and await further instruction. Please allow 10-14 days for your request to be approved by all parties concerned.
- The 494th and 493d squadrons have now all safely returned from recent operational deployments.
- As you may be aware, the US government has shutdown until a new spending bill can be passed. Until then, servicemembers may have difficulties with their pay and support services.
- USVF Security Forces are working in conjunction with Suffolk Police to tackle unroadworthy vehicles. A precautionary event was held at RAF Mildenhall on 8 Oct to educate USAF personnel on standards required in the UK. Of 88 vehicles examined, 28 were found to have a defect.
- The 48 FW recently held the Liberty Ready Fair at the end of September. The event welcomed local services including St. John's Ambulance, Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue, and local Fire and Police teams to share their equipment and ways of working with USAF support services.
- We are actively looking to provide a representative for your Remembrance event. The point of contact for this is Mr. John Tillotson; john.tillotson209@mod.gov.uk Please ensure he has all the details for your event, including timings and location.
- If the town is holding any Halloween or Fireworks events, please share a flyer and the CRA can ensure this is circulated to base personnel and their families also.

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01 Oct 2025

Appendix B Active Lakenheath Survey Summary

The feedback from the Active Lakenheath survey is helping us to:

- 1) Understand local barriers to physical activity
- 2) Design inclusive, low-cost pilot projects
- 3) Build a healthier, more connected community
- 4) Shape future services, spaces, and support

Some common themes that we have identified from the feedback from Lakenheath residents have included:

- 1) Improved and more accessible walking paths and cycle trails through the village
- 2) A dedicated community wellbeing hub for activities, support, and connection
- 3) Low-cost, regular transport to village groups and other facilities like the swimming pool at Mildenhall Hub
- 4) A wider variety of sports and activities for all ages, such as tennis, badminton, netball, etc.

The Active Lakenheath survey has currently received 163 online responses and 25 of these have been from Lord's Walk residents.

Summary of answers to main questions:

What do you like best about living in your community?

- Peaceful, spacious, and family-friendly
- Surrounded by nature
- Friendly, laid-back community with helpful neighbours
- Conveniently close to nearby towns, yet retains a rural charm

Which kind of things do you do to help you stay active?

- Walking – chosen by 22 out of 25 people as one of the main ways they stay active
- Gardening – second most common activity
- Swimming
- Cycling
- Running
- Gym workout

What facilities or activities would you like to see improved or made available to encourage a more active lifestyle and help bring the community together?

- Desire for a central Community Hub and more local activities to bring people together
- Walking and cycling paths providing a safer and connected route between Lord's Walk and Lakenheath
- A playground based in the Lord's Walk community

What challenges or barriers prevent you from being more active? (eg Health conditions, transport, finance, motivation, etc.)

- Transport challenges – lack of walkable facilities, reliance on driving or public transport
- Health issues – physical limitations affecting activity levels
- Motivation – difficulty staying motivated
- Time constraints – busy lives and limited availability
- Financial barriers – gym costs, membership fees, and general affordability of activities
- Limited local options – few nearby activities, especially in Eriswell/Lord's Walk
- Infrastructure gaps – no pavements, cycle paths, or public footpaths from the estate
- Booking difficulties – swimming access is restricted and hard to schedule for working residents
- Road safety concerns – busy roads make cycling unsafe

What would encourage and enable you to become more active?

- Local, safe options – walkable gyms, better walking and running routes
- Inclusive family activities – sports and games that involve both adults and children, like rounders or badminton with equipment provided
- Youth engagement – activities that encourage young people to get involved
- Improved infrastructure – pavements and paths that connect Lord's Walk to Lakenheath
- More accessible scheduling – flexible, local options that fit around busy lives
- Better access and availability – reducing the need to travel or book far in advance

Any other comments?

- A more local gym or leisure centre is seen as a vital step toward improving wellbeing and connection
- Residents call for play areas, picnic benches, and a community hub to support all ages
- New woodland access is valued—more safe, walkable routes would make a real difference

- Concerns remain around maintenance, lighting, and infrastructure, with many feeling the estate is **physically and socially isolated**

Despite these challenges, residents clearly care about their estate and **see its potential**.

There's a shared hope to build a stronger sense of community, identity, and everyday connection—making Lords Walk a place where everyone can thrive.

Appendix C October Payments

KEY for PAVILION
(ERGMC)

SHOE DOCTOR
1 X MONTHLY
KEY
£7.50

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Description	Quantity	Unit Price	VAT	Amount
One Suffolk Hosting (£66incVAT)	1	55	20%	55
Subtotal		55		
Total VAT 20%		11		
Amount due		GBP 66.00		

Terms

Appendix D SID Report

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 31st August up until 23:59PM on 30th September 2025.

There was between 4100 and 4500 vehicles on weekdays passing this point.

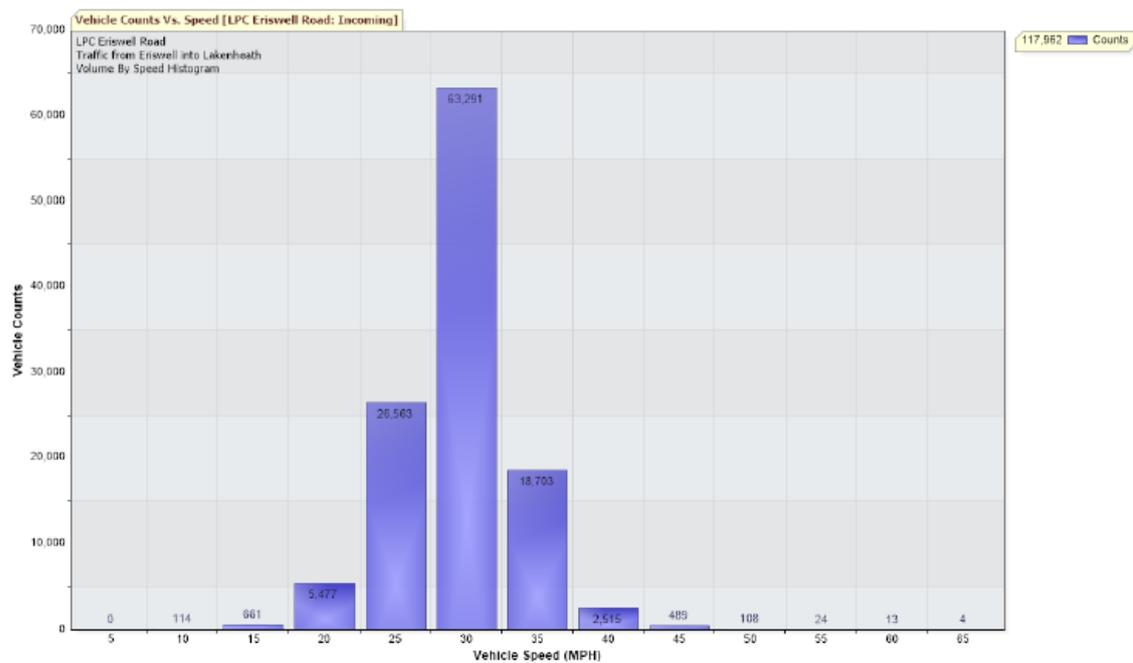
There was between 2500 and 3400 vehicles per day over the weekend heading towards the village.

The busiest times during the week was 07:45-08:45 (Avg. 265 cars p/h) and 16:00-17:00 (Avg. 508 cars p/h).

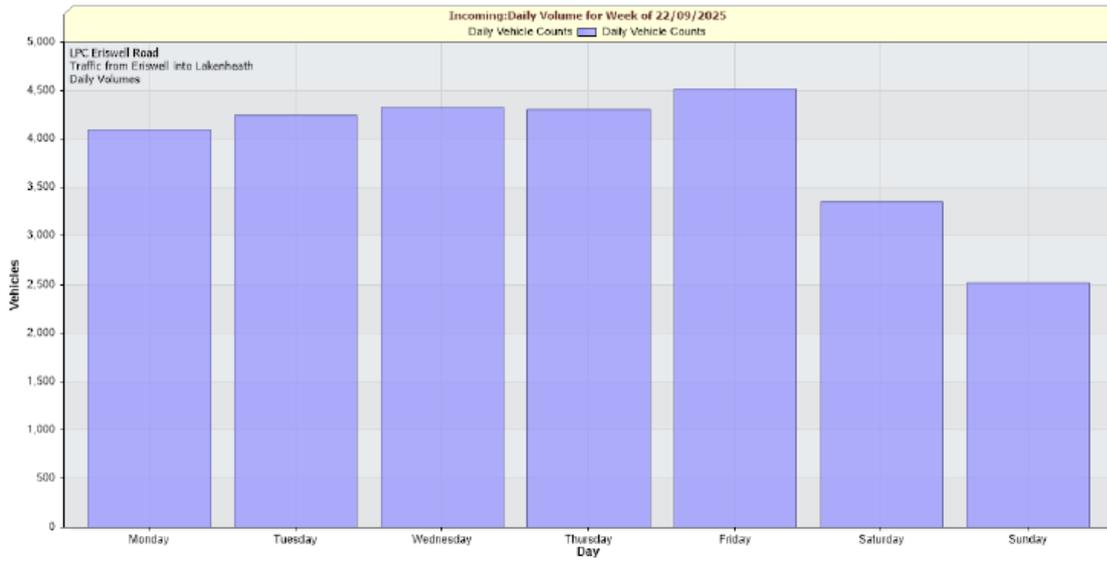
The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below **31.1 MPH** past his point.

The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below **27.1 MPH** past his point.

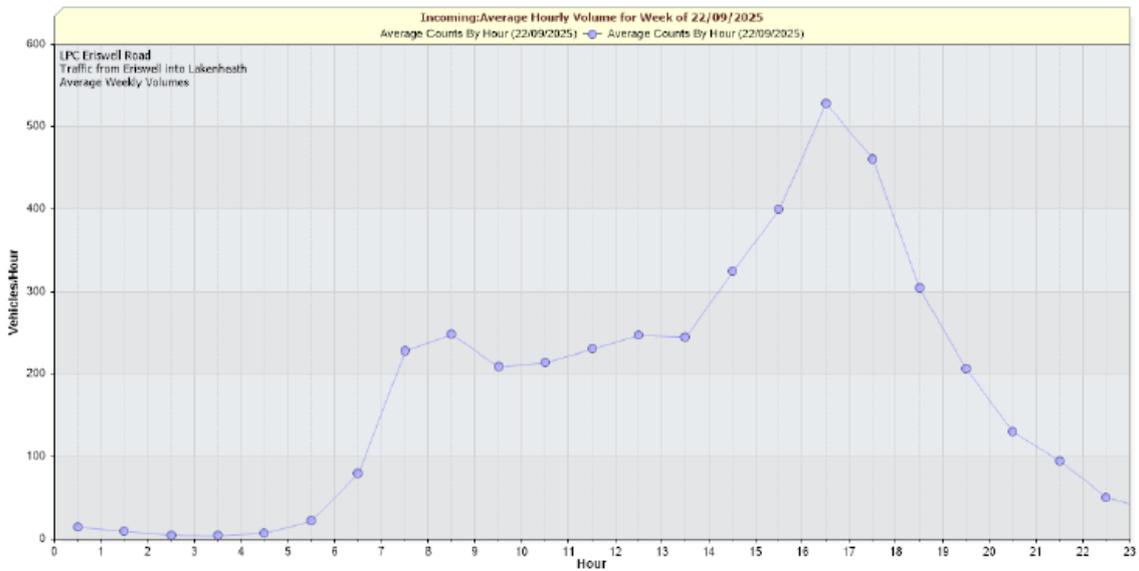
The fastest speeds recorded during this period was **65MPH (x4)** and **60MPH (x13)**. The SID is positioned 670m past where the 30MPH zone starts (460m past the T-junction).



30/08/2025 to 31/09/2025 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	4	16	10	6	18	14	15
2 - 2	8	11	5	8	4	12	8
2 - 3	4	4	5	6	3	13	8
3 - 4	11	4	1	2	3	3	13
4 - 5	5	7	7	14	5	10	12
5 - 6	15	21	16	12	17	5	6
6 - 7	43	42	33	22	23	31	17
7 - 8	38	30	34	32	22	28	25
8 - 9	32	21	20	22	18	17	23
9 - 10	28	24	20	14	19	25	28
10 - 11	20	21	11	12	17	18	16
11 - 12	30	22	22	19	24	33	24
12 - 13	34	28	15	22	25	28	27
13 - 14	32	23	19	16	22	27	17
14 - 15	21	16	16	16	13	24	30
15 - 16	19	32	22	20	12	27	21
16 - 17	24	17	24	12	13	22	28
17 - 18	17	14	19	19	24	23	20
18 - 19	24	22	18	21	30	17	34
19 - 20	21	9	14	6	22	21	14
20 - 21	24	27	17	21	26	24	14
21 - 22	19	19	15	19	26	17	14
22 - 23	12	13	18	16	16	13	16
23 - 24	17	11	9	15	11	18	16
Totals	502	454	390	372	413	470	446