

ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

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

Present:

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Cllr G Tolmie (Chairman)

Cllr J Foster (Vice Chairman)

Cllr A Bibbey

Cllr B Foster

Cllr T Harrington

Cllr A James

In attendance: N Glading (parish clerk), Police Officer C Scott, J Tillotson (MoD), D/Cllr G Kelly and five members of the public.

2025/ 49	CHAIRMANS WELCOME and RECORDING OF MEETING
	The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. No recording
2025/ 50	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	a) Apologies for absence had been received from Mr A Blenkiron and Cllr T Harrington (work) b) The Councillors consented to accept the apologies received
2025/51	CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR
	a) To consider the Co-option of a Parish Councillor There were no nominations
2025/ 52	DECLARATIONS of INTEREST
	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: Clerk at 2025/60
2025/53	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD in July 2025
	a) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in July 2025 were unanimous AGREED, the Chairman authorised to sign the same b) Business remaining from the meeting not on this agenda: None
2025/54	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
	a) Members of the public may speak about specific items on this agenda or suggest future items. (i) A resident asked about the new usage of the Football pitch. This facility is not managed by the Recreation Ground Committee, not the Parish Council. The Recreation Ground Committee is self-funded and has a lease from Elveden Estates. The Agreement with is between the Committee and Lakenheath Youth Football Club. LYFC have renovated and will maintain the pitch in a good state. The Committee has limited resources, which are steadily dwindling. What has happened to the old goalposts?

	<p>These were removed as the playing field inspector deemed them unfit for purpose. The land has not been used for football since 1088.</p> <p>(ii) Points to consider at the ERGMC at the end of October:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter left- (cleared by a resident) • Parking needs monitoring and • directional signage <p>It was NOTED that Mr Blenkiron has been very helpful with Pavilion renovations, parish councillors expressed their grateful thanks to Elveden Estates.</p> <p>There were two Youth Football matches this last weekend</p> <p>At the ERGMC meeting 30.10.2025, the management committee volunteers will discuss the disposal of the old goalpost, which has been noted as no longer fit for purpose by the West Suffolk Council playground inspector.</p>
2025/55	UPDATES FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
a.	<p><u>Update from John Tillotson (MoD)</u> reported that 494 flight squadron returned recently. The sirens during recent training exercises caused concerns, we apologise. Cobra warrior exercise. 678 August sorties. Have been close to 1,000 sorties sometimes. Night flying- there should be no flying after 8pm.</p>
b.	<p><u>Update from C/Cllr Colin Noble</u> – not present</p>
c.	<p><u>Update from West Suffolk D/Cllr Gerald Kelly</u> (D/Cllr Tracy Whitehead did not attend)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Central government have decided that Lakenheath is one of 390 places to receive up to 2 million a year. The Chair of the new initiative cannot be a councillor. Cllr Tolmie commented that volunteers are the lynch pin, how can we encourage more joiners? So many wonderful groups across the patch are short of volunteers. Would it be possible to ask US personnel to join? This seems to be prevented by red tape from the MoD 2. Councillors are invited to join the Leader of the Council on 27th October at Lakenheath to discuss Local Government Reform, the three areas idea. Ultimately, it is down to Secretary of State to decide early next year. 3. Every 5/6 years a parish review is conducted – some parishes are struggling. Parishes can `group` or `merge. Please consider this. Once the Unitaries kick in, no changes will be allowed. Let West Suffolk know of any proposals. 4. One and a half billion gallons of water are drawn off the Fens: there are concerns, need to get on top of extraction from bore holes. 5. Solar farm up the road- many strands - can we produce hydrogen there? A Resident suggested a four-page newsletter The Councillors are concerned that we have not seen Cllr Whitehead since she was elected, Cllr J Foster noted that this has meant that EPC has not been able to apply for some of her Locality Budget. D/Cllr Kelly commented that there seems to be a line across the A11, North of which no-one seems to apply for money. In terms of the billboard signage, D/Cllr Kelly was supposed to have a meeting today, but the officer did not turn up. He will see the officer tomorrow morning and get back to Cllr Tolmie. Cllr J Foster asked why the offending billboards cannot just be taken down by WSC.
d.	<p><u>Update from Police Officer Scott Cameron</u>: Last issue was speeding through the village. Sparkes corner is a good place to pick up speeders.</p>

	<p>A resident asked about nuisance from motorbikes: Officer Scott has chased a bike which veered off across a field. Number plates are covered up and masks worn. Generally, these are 14/15-year-olds on pit bikes.</p> <p>Cllr J Foster reported that lorries are speeding constantly.</p> <p>The SID reports are sent through to the Neighbourhood Police Team.</p> <p>Cllr Tolmie confirmed that 37% of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit.</p> <p>US personnel - insurance does not show up on UK online records.</p> <p>An initiative underway to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage with Base 2. Put explanatory signage up on Base 3. Deal with individuals 															
e.	Mr A Blenkiron, MD Elveden Farms had given his apologies.															
2025/56	MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING															
a.	NOTED , the response to application TPO 031(2017) Location TPO 031(2017) tree preservation order - one silver birch (T17 on plan and order), one maple (T18 on plan and order) overall crown reduction by four metres, one willow (T19 on plan and order) overall crown reduction by five metres 9 Ash Close Raf Lakenheath Suffolk IP27 9QJ Expired 5 th September 2025 (No Comment)															
2025/57	FINANCE/ AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ DONATIONS/OTHER EXPENDITURE															
a.	<p>The expenditure for August & September 2025 was considered and unanimously AGREED. The approved councillors were authorised to sign off once the payments had been set up by the clerk.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Item</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Salary August 2025</td> <td>£303.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Salary September 2025</td> <td>£303.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clear insurance</td> <td>PC insurance</td> <td>£966.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Tax paid</td> <td>£997.20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee	Item	Amount	Staff	Salary August 2025	£303.81	Staff	Salary September 2025	£303.81	Clear insurance	PC insurance	£966.97	HMRC	Tax paid	£997.20
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b.	<p>The report for Quarters 1 & 2 was RECEIVED. No questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Payment summary (ii) Income summary (iii) Bank Reconciliation (iv) Budget comparison 															
c.	The Eriswell Parish Council insurance renewal (from October 1 st 2025) was considered. It was RESOLVED to accept the three-year LTU at £ 966.97 per annum. (Appendix A)															
2025/58	SID REPORT															
a.	Cllr Tolmie, who manages the SID device, went through the report (Appendix B)															
2025/59	CHAIRMANS and OTHER REPORTS															
a.	<p>Chairmans/ clerk report (on the night)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Christmas 2025 <ol 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 instal a meter so electricity consumption can be reimbursed. Clerk to ask James Brunning again to carry out the work. 2. Clerk to order two Christmas trees with stands from Elveden Estates (ii) Update on redundant lights at LW shops (tripping hazard): there remains three redundant lights belonging to Mr Shipp, clerk to write again the remind him of his liability. 															

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Assertion 10: compliance to be verified on Annual Return next year clerk reported that EPC are compliant in terms of email addresses, Cllr Tolmie to check website accessibility (iv) Reminder: meeting with the Leader of West Suffolk Council: 27th October 2025, 6pm at the Methodist Church, Lakenheath (Local Government Review). (v) Parish Council meetings for 2026 – to continue on the last Tuesday of each month, as in 2025.
b.	<u>Councillors’ reports</u> (on the night) 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. d) Report from Cllr G Tolmie, Eriswell Footpath Warden. Cllr Tolmie reported that all the footpaths are open, some are in a better condition than others. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Eriswell b) 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 9.30am.
2025/60	CORRESPONDENCE/ EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION: Information may be shared (with the permission of the Chairman) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) NOTED: Email from East Anglian Air Ambulance sent to councillors 09/09/2025 b) NOTED: Letter from Moulton Parish Council us about speeding and road safety concerns, sent to all councillors 09/09/2025. Cllr J Foster had commented that there is no way we would get a 20mph limit in the village, but it would be nice if the current limit could be adhered to in Eriswell. Councillors declined to join the proposed group at this time. c) Booklet received “History of Eriswell” courtesy of Hamilton Woods. His mother lived in Eriswell late 1920s. Her maiden name was Fincham, her father was a wheelwright in the area. The clerk has written to thank Mr Woods, the booklet will be scanned and posted on the website.

Exempted Matters 2025/61: NJC Pay Agreement

The clerk left the meeting

2025/61 It was resolved to increase the clerks pay by 3.2% as agreed by the National Joint Council

Appendix A

Clear insurance

Invoice Number: LCO02370

Invoice Date: 20/08/2025

Policyholder Name: Eriswell Parish Council

Policyholder Address: 6 Albert Rolph Drive Lakenheath Brandon Suffolk IP27 9DA

Policy Number: LCO02370

Policy Type: Local Councils

Effective Date: 01/10/2025

Description: Local Councils Insurance Renewal

Premium: £818.72

Insurance Premium Tax: £98.25

Administration Fee: £50.00

Total Premium Due:

£966.97 or £989.18 annual

Terms of Payment: In advance of your renewal date 01/10/2025

How To Make Payment:

Credit/Debit Card:

Please call Clear Councils on 0330 013 0036 and have your card details ready.

BACS/Automatic Account Name: Clear Insurance Management Ltd Transfer:

Account No.: 65304586 Sort Code: 60-15-03

Reference: Your quote reference (see above)

Appendix B SID Report

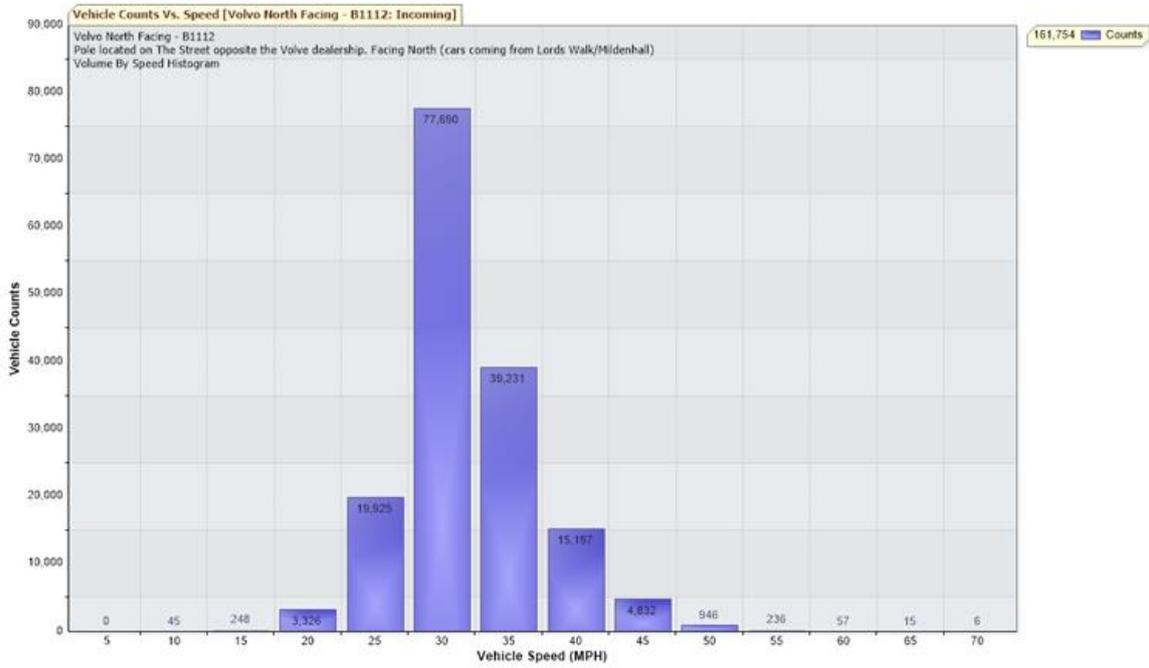
On 08 May 2024 at 18:00 the SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole positioned opposite the Volvo dealership, The Street, in the village of Eriswell. The SID was positioned to monitor traffic coming from the direction Lakenheath heading South towards Eriswell Village.

Traffic speed and volumes were measured from 00:00AM 1st June up until 2:00PM on 29th July 2025. There was between 2900 and 3600 vehicles on weekdays passing this point. There was between 1800 and 2500 vehicles per day over the weekend heading towards the village.

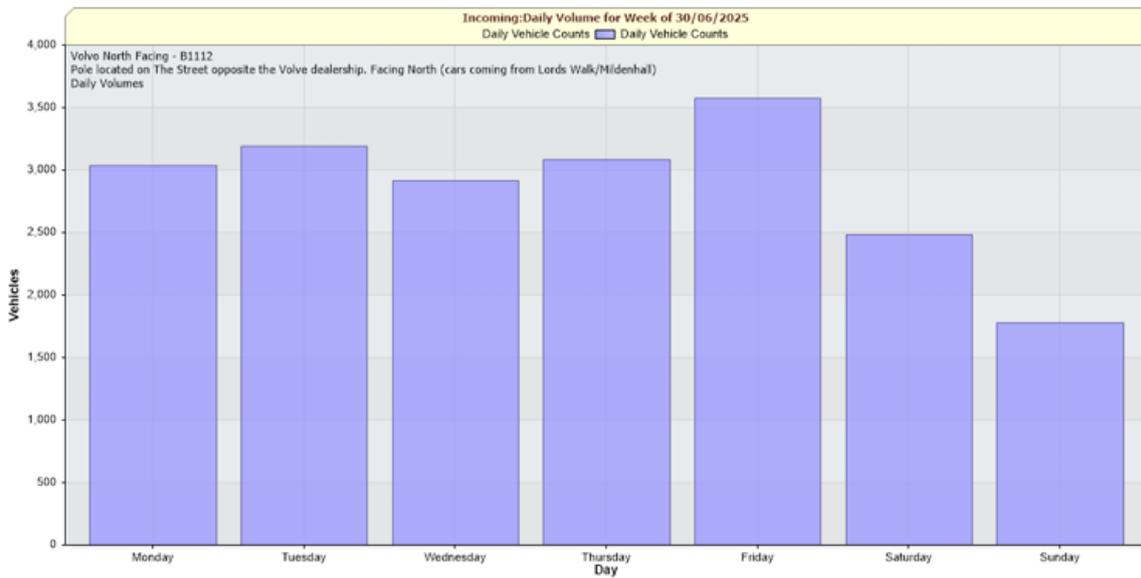
The busiest times during the week was 07:30-08:30 (Avg. 234 cars p/h) and 16:15-17:15 (Avg. 250 cars p/h).

The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below 34.6 MPH past his point. The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below 28.7 MPH past his point.

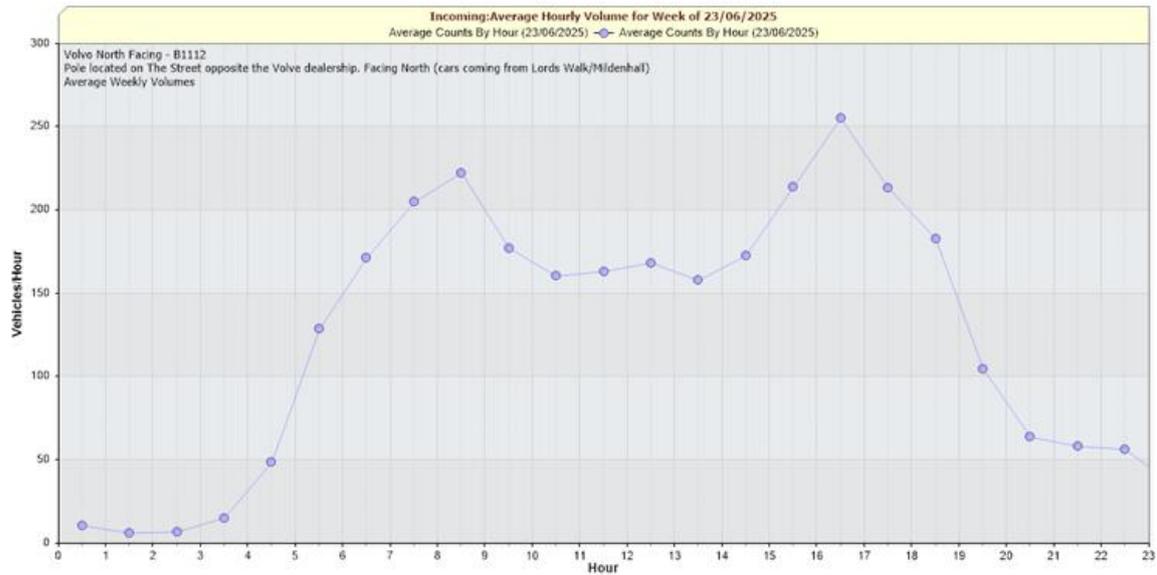
The fastest speeds recorded during this period was 70MPH (x6) and 65MPH (x15). The SID is positioned 670m past where the 30MPH zone starts (460m past the T-junction). 37% of the vehicles passing this point exceed the speed limit.



01/06/2025 to 29/07/2025 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	24	7	9	12	17	19	36
2 - 2	9	12	3	3	6	16	17
2 - 3	12	11	9	14	10	12	22
3 - 4	36	28	24	20	22	12	35
4 - 5	79	57	76	64	55	40	59
5 - 6	134	117	112	93	107	50	41
6 - 7	128	80	74	96	89	41	33
7 - 8	88	62	66	64	75	39	46
8 - 9	68	49	64	61	65	59	64
9 - 10	70	55	57	55	57	52	85
10 - 11	64	44	42	51	41	68	93
11 - 12	74	68	46	77	48	80	94
12 - 13	81	64	49	74	66	78	101
13 - 14	105	69	68	76	76	87	126
14 - 15	118	77	81	98	111	85	114
15 - 16	133	89	84	99	115	92	110
16 - 17	166	140	127	145	141	74	109
17 - 18	161	99	111	93	95	97	105
18 - 19	111	88	91	82	112	100	118
19 - 20	82	66	91	66	76	82	87
20 - 21	65	45	41	41	70	66	68
21 - 22	44	30	43	37	43	41	51
22 - 23	44	36	47	39	47	51	43
23 - 24	21	19	20	20	37	51	47
Totals	1917	1412	1435	1480	1581	1392	1704

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

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0 - 1	22	17	14	16	17	28	34
2 - 2	11	9	10	7	9	22	15
2 - 3	13	9	7	18	17	10	14
3 - 4	24	29	20	30	34	21	26
4 - 5	76	71	74	83	74	40	41
5 - 6	110	168	102	111	126	34	30
6 - 7	98	112	102	93	90	44	47
7 - 8	73	103	68	67	74	49	37
8 - 9	54	95	67	65	58	50	46
9 - 10	43	73	47	42	60	57	56
10 - 11	51	47	55	44	82	56	66
11 - 12	63	67	68	60	74	71	80
12 - 13	47	93	69	52	103	94	92
13 - 14	81	69	59	60	97	92	82
14 - 15	78	82	51	71	94	91	60
15 - 16	87	86	71	106	136	70	81
16 - 17	116	103	113	117	120	91	83
17 - 18	90	113	132	99	114	101	75
18 - 19	67	104	79	92	110	88	80
19 - 20	58	59	89	68	72	79	63
20 - 21	52	45	73	64	60	70	42
21 - 22	28	32	41	40	51	58	38
22 - 23	23	26	26	32	55	58	38
23 - 24	24	18	17	34	36	30	31
Totals	1389	1630	1454	1471	1763	1404	1257

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