



ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MAY 27th 2025

Present:

Cllr G Tolmie (Chairman)

Cllr J Foster (Vice Chairman)

Cllr A Bibbey

Cllr B Foster

Cllr A James

Cllr T Harrington (arrived c. 7.20pm)

In attendance:

Mr John Tillotson, Mr A Blenkiron (MD Elveden Estates), D/Cllr G Kelly,

N Glading, parish clerk, and four members of the public

2025/ 09	CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME and RECORDING OF MEETING
	The Chairman to clarify whether any person will be recording the meeting
2025/ 10	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	a) Apologies had been received from Sqd. Ldr. Adam Eaton (John Tillotson attended) and C/Cllr Noble b) The Councillors consented to accept the apologies received
2025/11	CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR
	a) Co-option of a Councillor to replace Cllr L Hall There were no nominations
2025/ 12	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
	None
2025/13	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD in April 2025
	a) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in April 2025 were unanimously AGREED and the Chairman authorised to sign the same b) Business remaining from the meeting not on this agenda: none
2025/14	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
	a) Members of the public may speak about specific items on this agenda or suggest future items. Please note: an individual's time is limited to 3 minutes (Standing Order 1.8.5) No discussion shall take place on any question put or comment made. Disappointed with wildlife garden Maybe lack of rain
2025/15	UPDATES FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
a.	Update from Mr J Tillotson: There were several arrests during the 24-26 of April 2025 protests at Gate One on The temporary flight restriction zone remains in place after the drone incident. Committed to around world exercises, in readiness for immediate response.

	<p>Getting ready for Suffolk Show</p> <p>If aircraft seem particularly noisy recently, may be because of the wind has been coming from the East.</p> <p>An email message had been received from Sqn Ldr Eaton- see Appendix A.</p> <p>Q: What's the pollution level from burning fuel on aircraft?</p> <p>A: Will find out</p> <p>Q: The Noise Contour Map is 11 years out of date, when is the publication date of the next one?</p> <p>A: That will be down to the MoD</p> <p>Comment- the map will be useless if it's just a replication again</p> <p>Q: Rumours about leaving?</p> <p>A: No official confirmation, we are back to 4 squadrons</p> <p><i>John Tillotson left the meeting</i></p>
b.	<p><u>Update from C/Cllr Colin Noble:</u> not present, the councillors expressed their thanks to C/Cllr Noble for his help with the removal of the hazardous unit and the confirmation of the re-instatement of nine lighting units at Radcliffe Road.</p> <p>Appendix B</p>
c.	<p><u>Update from West Suffolk D/Cllr Gerald Kelly</u> (D/Cllr Tracy Whitehead was not present)</p> <p>I seem to have upset both the MoD and CND equally, some agitation, people wanting to comment, the MoD trying to hide noise, contradictions</p> <p>The relook at Noise Contour Map is very overdue</p> <p>In America, noise contour maps measurement goes up to 100 decibels, the ones we have got only go up to 72. In Ipswich, a measurement of more than 50 decibels has meant no building.</p> <p>Emergency plan- Local Resilience Forum have agreed that they will publish levels, e.g. fuel. Nevertheless, it does not move this into the category at which there needs to be a plan.</p> <p>There will be a public exercise in Lakenheath</p> <p>A Bibbey noted that he thinks that the hush sheds are being tested.</p> <p>D/Cllr Kelly observed that perspective is needed. The MoD has its own Fire brigade / emergency services</p> <p>Departures/ Arrivals are the responsibility of investigation unit there is a clear hierarchy depending on circumstance</p> <p>Landing and take off increases risk but not by much, could happen anywhere, i.e. not just here.</p> <p>There is some movement on the signs at Lords Walk, legal proceedings have been instigated.</p> <p>West Suffolk has removed net zero target as not feasible: if you look at it as a balance sheet, we are saving 7k tonnes of CO2. Having to buy bigger diesel lorries so going zero sooner is unlikely.</p> <p>Go to Warm Homes Suffolk for green grants.</p> <p>There will be a solar canopy at Mildenhall Hub.</p> <p>5,000 trees to be planted, looking for sites.</p> <p>Active Lakenheath: two community connectors will be doing all data gathering – they have said that Lords Walk cannot be ignored (complete lack of facilities)</p>
d.	<p>To receive an update from PC A Green/ representative of Suffolk Police: not present.</p>
e.	<p>Update from Mr A Blenkiron, MD Elveden Farms: Thank goodness it has rained.</p>

	<p>Road repairs are imminent including Little London entrance.</p> <p>Building renovations continue, current focus is on Icklingham, moving on to Eriswell next.</p> <p>Quotes for old Post Office are being sought.</p> <p>The George V post box must remain.</p> <p>Working on Caudle Farm.</p> <p>Gave evidence to the Brandon Commission- restraints on residential area severely restricted, what can Elveden Estates do in mitigation, a mechanism needed to free up sites.</p> <p>Not opening up the Farm Shop this year, maybe next year.</p> <p>Rural Pastimes: problems with badgers.</p> <p>Two and a half tones of venison has gone to the shop</p>												
2025/16	LORDS WALK UPDATES												
a.	Update on Radcliffe Road streetlights (Suffolk County Council Streetlighting) Covered at 2025/15b.												
b.	Update on advertising signage (Planning Enforcement WSC) Covered at 2025/15c. Appears that incorrect information was provided to WSC planning officer: send copy of our letter last August and subsequent contact.												
2025/17	MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING												
	<p>a. DC/24/1828/FUL Consultation Period Expires: 6 June 2025 RE-CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF A PLANNING PROPOSAL Planning application - Installation of a 259KwP ground mounted solar array (Amended</p> <p>This was around Final Net Gain increase DECISION: APPROVE (Planning officer informed 31/05/2025)</p>												
2025/18	FINANCE/ AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ DONATIONS/OTHER EXPENDITURE												
	<p>a. The expenditure May 2025 listed below was unanimously AGREED and approved councillors asked to counter authorise.</p> <table><tr><td><u>Payee</u></td><td><u>Item</u></td><td><u>Amount</u></td></tr><tr><td>Staff</td><td>Pay May 2025</td><td>£486.02</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk re-imburse</td><td>Annual Assembly 2025</td><td>£29.44</td></tr><tr><td>IT services CAS</td><td>Switch of e addresses</td><td>£193.00</td></tr></table>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Staff	Pay May 2025	£486.02	Clerk re-imburse	Annual Assembly 2025	£29.44	IT services CAS	Switch of e addresses	£193.00
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2025/19	SID REPORT												
	<p>a Report from Cllr G Tolmie, manager, SID device (Appendix C) Cllr Tolmie commented that this isa standard report with not much change 85th percentile = 34 mph Fastest 65 mph, 30 doing 60+ mph Over 2k vehicles a day High infringement rate at 8am</p>												
2025/20	EPC EMERGENCY PLAN REVIEW												
a.	Deferred: next meeting.												

2025/21	CHAIRMANS and OTHER REPORTS
a.	<u>Chairmans/ clerk report (on the night)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Update on the installation of outside electric points at Lords Walk shops and Pavilion: external point outside Manna café / offer her metered supply: awaiting quote from Mr Brunning (ii) New email addresses: Councillors to set up in next two weeks, will cross over for administration purposes, there is a pre populated welcome message: In next two weeks i.e. by 17th June (iii) Concern that the Earlsfield Shopping Centre flattened car park lights could be a trip hazard: next meeting. (iv) Commemorative bench positioning: suggest by Pavilion will decide later
b.	<u>Councillors' reports (on the night)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Tyre is still there (ii) Grass has been cut by unknown person (iii) Cllr Harrington will email the Kenny Hill dog people (iv) Cllr Bibbey: the new bushes by are wall ok (been watered) (v) Path grown over, willing to work on, Cllr Kelly offered use of Lakenheath Gator.
c.	<u>Reports from other groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Eriswell Recreation Ground Committee: a meeting is planned, work items identified. Another quote for the removal showers etc has been received. Send breakdown to Andrew Blenkiron. b) Reading Room Committee: Being used twice week Pilates and practice. c) Poor's Charity: work party has got the strimming done, hoping to attract a renter. Clerk to put up signs advertising. d) Report from Cllr G Tolmie, Eriswell Footpath Warden: someone had an off road excursion (no idea who) - need to re-instate finger post (in correct place). Grass has been cut on all footpaths, with a strimmer.
2025/22	EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION: Information may be shared (with the permission of the Chairman) Footpath will be publicised when it's officially opened Attended Local Govt reorganisation – SCC putting in their proposal which involve installing Mayor and one area. Interim plan gone in. Not all our residents are online Next meeting is the West Suffolk case

Meeting closed 8.55

Meetings 2025

June 24th 2025 Parish Council meeting July 29th 2025 Parish Council meeting

August 2025 Summer break September 30th 2025 Parish Council meeting

October 28th 2025 Parish Council meeting November 25th 2025 Parish Council meeting

December 2025 Parish Council meeting to be confirmed nearer the time

Appendix A

I can't make the meeting on Tuesday as I'll be over at Trinity Park setting up for the Suffolk Show.

As an aside, your Lakenheath PC colleagues, in an effort to streamline their meetings (or so they tell me) have said that there's no need for me to turn up in person for every meeting. This suits me and we've agreed that reports will suffice, unless there's an issue that warrants discussion in committee in which case I'll turn up. I've agreed to meet separately with the Chair a couple of times a year which is proving to be a far better use of time. Would a similar arrangement work for you?

I've attached a short report, but just so you are aware, we continue to chase Amazon about lockers and are making very slow progress.

On a separate issue, does the PC have an Emergency Plan (Lakenheath does)? I ask as we are in the process of rewriting the Suffolk Resilience Forum's plan for dealing with emergencies that might arise at RAF Lakenheath. In the past letters have been issued to people living in the Public Information Zone, which includes part of Eriswell. For many reasons, reissuing such a letter is probably now not necessary especially if there's an emergency plan in place that advises the community accordingly. Before anyone gets worried, the most likely emergency is some sort of environmental accident such as a fuel spill.

Appendix B

From Colin Noble (SCC Councillor) Colin.Noble@suffolk.gov.uk



Hi Nicky, please see above picture taken on the completion of the works to replace the live wire stump. The other replacement lamp units are on order and I will be getting the works date shortly.

With kind regards, | Colin Noble | Conservative County Councillor for Row Heath Division, Suffolk County Council

Appendix C

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 24th March up until 23:59PM on 30th April 2025.

There was between 3000 and 3600 vehicles on weekdays passing this point.

There was between 2200 and 2800 vehicles per day over the weekend heading towards the village.

The busiest times during the week was 07:00-08:00 (Avg. 224 cars p/h) and 15:00-16:00 (Avg. 265 cars p/h).

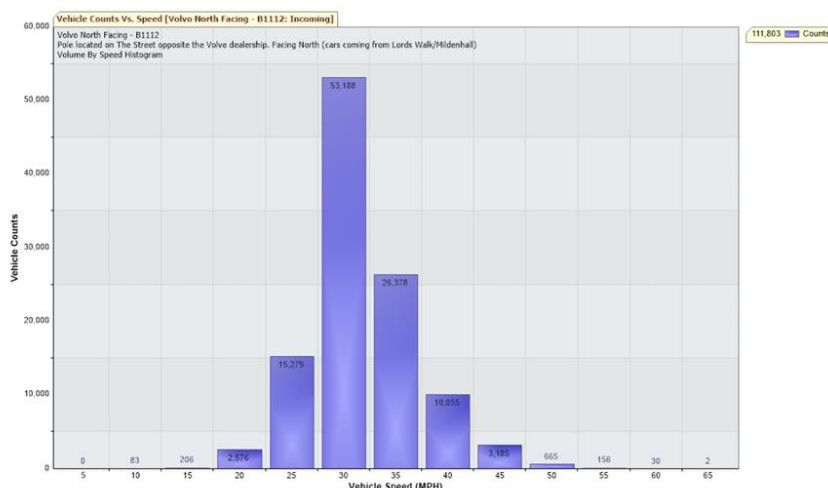
The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below **34.5 MPH** past his point.

The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below **28.5 MPH** past his point.

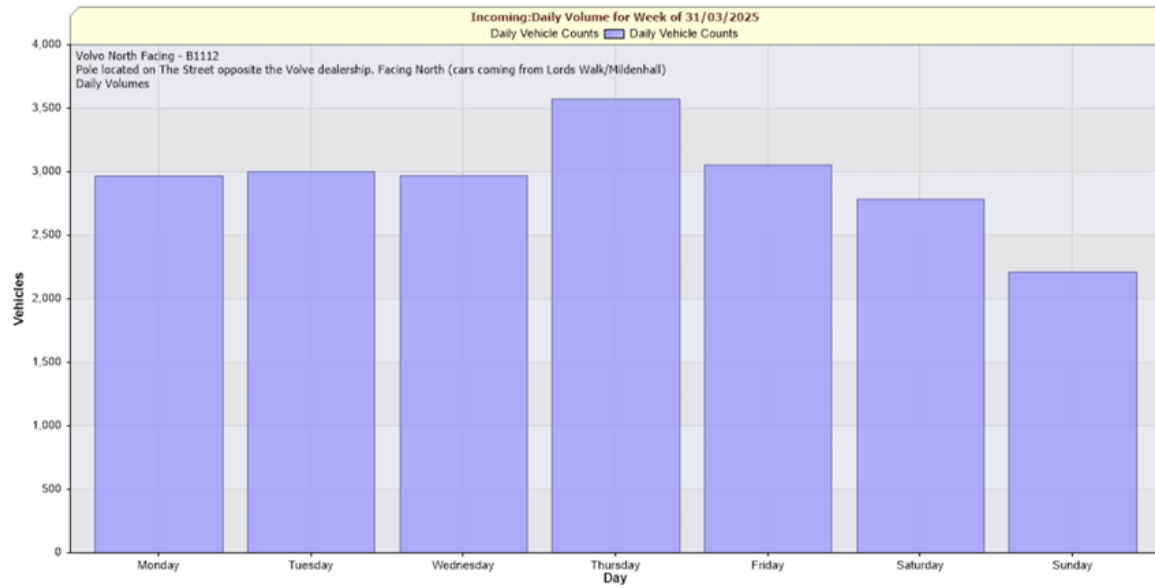
The fastest speeds recorded during this period was **65MPH (x2)** and **60MPH (x30)**. The SID is positioned 670m past where the 30MPH zone starts (460m past the T-junction).

The next pages show:

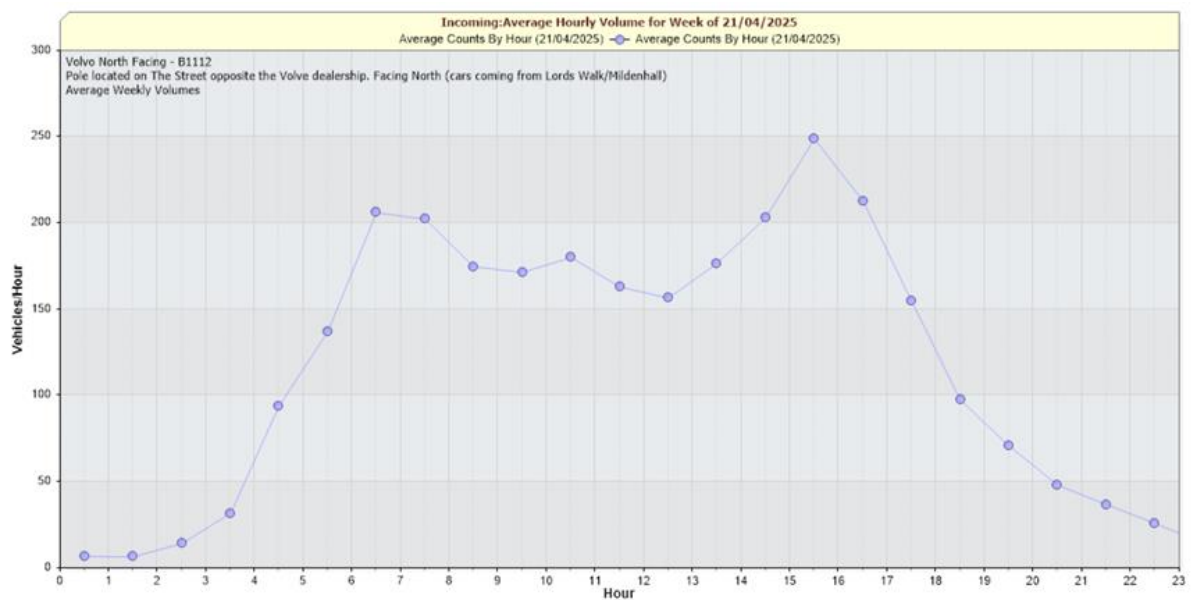
- Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above.
- Typical hourly volumes (weekdays) passing this point
- Community Speed Watch Team Limit (35MPH) exceedances table
- SID Location aerial diagram



24/03/2025 to 30/04/2025 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	10	11	6	7	8	17	9
2 - 2	9	17	12	7	11	18	23
2 - 3	19	26	33	18	23	15	17
3 - 4	57	80	79	54	39	28	40
4 - 5	70	112	109	86	63	39	24
5 - 6	78	117	129	72	75	44	25
6 - 7	75	111	111	80	80	55	33
7 - 8	54	83	76	86	67	77	59
8 - 9	72	62	58	63	57	67	51
9 - 10	71	63	65	49	52	79	92
10 - 11	59	67	98	52	64	109	85
11 - 12	68	94	106	65	87	94	103
12 - 13	77	93	86	89	49	89	96
13 - 14	79	95	109	93	72	115	87
14 - 15	114	132	140	69	116	108	97
15 - 16	136	179	165	107	162	94	70
16 - 17	118	162	147	122	118	109	89
17 - 18	86	116	125	93	109	90	88
18 - 19	65	93	112	66	75	93	64
19 - 20	27	53	58	43	54	42	32
20 - 21	25	38	40	29	33	49	32
21 - 22	28	53	43	22	61	42	18
22 - 23	25	30	28	31	23	37	31
23 - 24	9	11	11	9	30	29	18
Totals	1431	1898	1946	1412	1528	1539	1283

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