

# Coddenham Parish Council



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## CODDENHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2025 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr. Gregory (Chair, Coddenham Parish Council)  
Cllr Mills (Vice-Chair, Coddenham Parish Council)  
Cllr. Denning  
County Cllr. M Hicks  
District Cllr. J Whitehead (also Coddenham Parish Councillor)  
9 members of the public

**In attendance:** Maggie Burt, Clerk to the Parish of Coddenham

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Gregory.

- 25/26/1**      The Chair's Welcome  
Cllr. Gregory welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 25/26/2**      Apologies  
Apologies were received from Cllr. Soanes and District Cllr. Penny.
- 25/26/3**      To Confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 May 2024 and to Consider any Matters Arising  
The minutes of the meeting had been published on the Parish Council website.  
The minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed by Cllr. Gregory.  
There were no matters arising.
- 25/26/4**      The Chair's Report  
The Chair's report had been received prior to the meeting and had been published on the Parish Council website. Cllr. Gregory thanked the County and District Councillors for their support over the past year and reported that The Coddenham Centre remaining on budget and thanked its trustees, management and volunteers for all their support.
- 25/26/5**      To Receive the Report from the County Councillor  
The annual report had been received from County Cllr. Hicks prior to the meeting and has been published on the Parish Council website. Cllr. Hicks emphasised that calls upon the County's budgets from child and adult social care cost 77p in every £1, with the remaining 23p covering all other services. He also gave details of how far the Local

Government devolution reforms had progressed and that a Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk was the outcome, with between one and three unitary authorities replacing County, Town and District Councils.

**25/26/6** To Receive the Report from the District Councillors

The Annual Report had been received from District Councillor Penny prior to the meeting and has been published on the Parish Council website. In his absence, District Cllr. Whitehead elaborated on the Local Government Reforms and stated that District Councillors were of the view that it would make government more remote from residents, particularly with a mayor based in Norwich. The decision as to how many Unitary Authorities the region would have would be reached in September 2025. He also reported that council tax rates had been frozen for the year 2025-26.

**25/26/7** To Receive Reports from Representatives of Village Clubs and Groups

Reports from the following parishioner organisations were received prior to the meeting and have been uploaded to the Parish Council website.

- Gardemau Trusts
- History Club
- Day Foundation
- The Country Club
- The Coddendam Centre
- Coddendam Community Shop

In addition, short reports were presented at the meeting for the following organisations:

- The Parochial Parish Council  
Church Warden, Mr Ian Galbraith, reported that no replacement rector had yet been appointed and the PCC were still advertising the position. He also reported that the fund for the renovation of the Church was growing and fund raising would continue, the next event being a concert from the Ipswich Hospital Band on 11 May 2025.

**25/26/8** To Receive an Update on the Parish Plan

The detailed reports on the Parish Plan in relation to housing, energy and recycling, roads and traffic, green spaces and the hub were received prior to the meeting and had been uploaded to the Parish Council website.

**25/26/9** Items Raised by Parishioners to take Forward for Consideration by the Parish Council

The question of more focused promotion of the Annual Parish Meeting to elicit better attendance by parishioners was raised.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:00

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_