SOMERLEYTON ASHBY & HERRINGFLEET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's Report for the next Meeting of the Parish Council, to be held on Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 7.15 p.m. in Somerleyton Village Hall

PUBLIC FORUM

Refreshments Julia

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

3. Requests for Dispensation

The Meeting is asked to decide on any requests for dispensation to participate in discussion and voting despite disclosable pecuniary interest(s).

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Meeting is asked to approve and the Chair to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th May 2026.

5.Clerk's Report on Ongoing Matters

21. Parking on The Street at School drop off and pick up. Following the Meeting on May 14th, the Clerk has had further contact with the School Admin worker, who has contacted Somerleyton Estate about the possibility of the field adjacent to the School being used as a car park at peak times. The Clerk has passed on contact details of the new County Councillor. The school have been in touch with Suffolk Highways, who have advised that the School would need to speak with the Parish Council initially. The Clerk has asked for the contact details of the officer who advised this. The School have bought traffic cones to line the riskiest part of The Street during peak times. Parents seem to be using the Forge Garage site to park.

6. Requests from Parishioners

The Clerk has been approached by two parishioners and by Councillor Diggins about the irregular timing of the collection of food caddies by East Suffolk Council. One has not been collected for 4 weeks and now contains maggots.

7. Parish Plan Working Groups

The Meeting is asked to receive reports from working groups and to make decisions on any recommendations.

7.1 Defibrillator Group.

7.2 Green and Environment Group.

7.3 Advice and Information Group.

7.4 Speed Awareness Group.

7.5 Warm Hub.

8. Annual Parish Meeting.

35 people attended the Annual Parish Meeting. All but 2 were electors from our three Villages. It was a sociable occasion with a good range of reports and plans for the future from local organisations. The Formal Meeting was chaired by I. Lomax. (APM minutes are available to view on the Main Noticeboard in Somerleyton and on the Parish Website). To round the evening off the Community Choir sang some familiar songs, and Rev'd. Andrew Avery gave a warm and wise account of his first year as Rector of the Somerleyton Benefice.

9. Planning.

9.1 Recent Applications:

DC/26/1874/TCA

Application: Received Wed 20 May 2026
Application: Validated Wed 20 May 2026
Address: Rose Dene The Street Somerleyton Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5QB
Proposal 1no. Oak (marked on submitted plan) - Prune overhanging branches back to boundary
Status Awaiting decision. Parish Council has no objection
9.2 Recent Decisions None
9.3 Solar Farm Nothing new to report
9.4 New Local Plan S. Phillips will update the Meeting.

10. Village Events- Review.
Monday 25th May: Spring Nature Walk
Saturday 6th June: Grandma's Attic
Sunday 7th June: Open Garden at Manor Farm. Very successful event. £860 raised from refreshments which will go to Herringfleet Church Funds.
11 Village Events – Forthcoming. 4th July School Fete

12. Concerns about the Changing Nature of Somerleyton.
12.1. The Meeting will receive an update on the correspondence between the Parish Council and Hugh Lord Somerleyton on the closure of this popular local business.
12.2. C. Diggins has asked the Meeting to address concerns that the sale of houses, hitherto providing housing to people who want to live long term in the village, will be marketed for second home ownership and for holiday rentals. She has asked the Parish Council to ascertain whether a cap on the number of such uses can be instigated, and by whom.

13. Tipping Of Waste into The Jam. The Meeting will receive an update on the discussions with Somerleyton Estate on the ways of discouraging the illegal tipping.

14. Request from Somerleyton Award Charities for a new Nominative Trustee, to replace Sue Read, who resigned at the last Meeting of the Trustees.

15. Update on the Recruitment of a Parish Councillor following Ron Lindsay's resignation. The Vacancy has been advertised on the Parish Noticeboard. If there are no applicants by 9th July the Parish Council will be able to advertise and co-opt to the vacancy.

16. Review of Assets. The Chair, Vice Chair and new Clerk will inspect Assets during July and report back to the September Meeting.

17. Finance.
17.1 The Accounts for the year, which were approved at the AGM have now reached the Public Right to View stage which will run until Friday 24th July.
17.2 The Meeting will receive the First Quarterly Financial Report, to end of June 2026.

18. Payments to be Approved.
Sue Read: Reimburse: Wine and Fruit Juice for Annual Parish Meeting 18.12

19. Correspondence.
The Meeting is asked to decide what, if any, action should be taken regarding any particular item of correspondence.

13/05 ESC:	Quality of Place Awards
13/05 NPT&S:	Training Opportunities
13/05nwl.co.uk:	Suffolk Water Recycling

13/05 ESC:	Rest Centre Training
13/05 ESC:	Thriving Places Investment Fund
13/05 ESC:	App available re changes to recycling
04/06 Sizewell C:	Construction Update
04/06 ESPA:	Update
04/06 SCC:	Trading Standards: Stamp Out Rogue Traders
04/06 escep.org	Local Impact Assessment of National Grid Ventures
04/06 ESC:	Local Plan Timetable
04/06 ESC:	Green Issues Event
04/06 ESC:	Invitation to Local Plan Briefing
17/06 ESC:	Ditto: Invitation to Local Plan Briefing

20. Dates and Times of Next Meetings:

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 10th September 2026. *Refreshments: Claire*

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