

Roydon Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Main Church, St Remigius Church, Roydon on Tuesday 29th April 2025 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present – Paul Curson (Chair), Stephen Finch (Vice Chair), Angela Brown, Andrew Daniels, Jane Jennifer, Trevor Ault, George Waterman, Keith Best

In Attendance – Emma Chandler (Parish Clerk)

Public – County Councillor Kiddie, District Councillor Minshull, District Councillor Murphy and 18 members of the public

Cllr Curson opened the meeting at 7pm and each councillor introduced themselves.

Cllr Ault – Member of the Parish Council for six years – Main interests green space and planning

Cllr Jennifer – Member of the Parish Council for 6 years – involved in the DDNP and main lead on footpaths in the parish.

Cllr Waterman – Member of the Parish Council for one year – Chair of the Quaker Wood Committee with a keen interest in biodiversity and Planning – Previously a member of Diss Town Council, Cllr Waterman provides a vital link between the Parish and Town Councils.

Cllr Curson – Member of the Parish Council for 18 years – Involved in the DDNP and now Chair of the DDNP monitoring group.

Cllr Best – Member of the Parish Council for three years – Keen interest in all aspects of Brewers Green.

Cllr Finch – Member of the Parish Council for three years – A relative newcomer to the area has a keen interest in planning and green issues.

Cllr Daniels – Lived in Roydon for 41 year and a long term member of the council. Cllr Daniels provides vital history and context to many topics that are discussed by the Council.

Cllr Brown – A resident of Roydon for 40 years and eight years ad a member of the Council – The Parish Council Allotment Officer.

Cllr Curson went on to talk about Devolution. He explained that at present there was a lack of detail on this matter but following the first consultation that the Parsh Council had provided a joint response with Diss Town Council. He concluded that looking at the possibilities and the options that are being put forward for one, two or three main authorities that either one may result in a rise in the precept for everyone.

PC Andy Baker then took the stage and gave a presentation which is available in the appendis of these minutes.

A number of people had questions for PC Baker these included

Cllr Ault asked about the mobile phone education in schools and how the police approach this with the different age groups.

PC Baker informed that

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- They tailor the language to each class, working with the teachers for advise on how much detail should be used.
- The watch videos
- They play games and show examples of what can happen online
- They try to dispel myths

One member of the public asked about a crime that had been reported and the processes that the Police have to communicate these.

PC Baker suggested

- Email if non urgent
- Advertise the street regular street surgeries that they hold in different Towns and Villages.
- It was noted that these would be sent to the Clerk so that they could be advertised in the Roydon Round Up and the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

One member of the public asked if the Police did visits to nurseries as she worked at a nursery and thought that this would be a useful exercise.

PC Baker said that they do visit nurseries and would take some details from the member of the public to arrange.

Cllr Finch inquired as to how often the speed gun was used on the A1066.

PC Baker responded that they attempt to do this weekly but at different times of the day so they may not always be seen.

Finally the subject of parking around the Primary School at drop off and pick up times was raised.

PC Baker informed that on the first day of the new term that he and a colleague attended the school but found that there was no illegal parking. He again reiterated that these was parking available at the Village Hall but sadly very few people use this as everyone wants to park as close to the school as possible.

PC Baker then spoke to two members of the public privately before leaving the meeting.

To round off the meeting Cllr Waterman gave a fascinating talk about Quaker Wood and its history and conservation. He explained that it was a community lead initiative that started 15 years ago when the wood was planted. Cllr Waterman remembers this as a young child and is now the Chair of the committee that looks after the wood.

Cllr Waterman is extremely knowledgeable about and passionate about the natural world and the environment which came across in bounds during his talk. Overall the group are aiming to create a safe space for all at all times. For more information about the work at Quaker Wood and how to get involved please see www.roydonparishcouncil.co.uk

Further questions were taken to be included in the public forum of the main parish council meeting which are detailed in the minutes of the April Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm

Signed T. Ault

Date 28th April 2026