

Docking Parish Council Newsletter – July 2025

Hello everyone,

We hope you are enjoying these beautiful summer days. Here's your latest parish update to read with a cuppa in the sunshine:

Latest Parish Council Meeting

Our most recent meeting was held on Monday 7th July. Full minutes will be available shortly on our website.

Council will be taking its usual August recess, nonetheless – we have a healthy action list, and progress continues throughout the summer. Our next formal meeting will be in September, and as always, the public are warmly welcome – we look forward to seeing you at our September meeting.

Welcome to Our New Councillors

We are delighted to welcome Cllr Clive Hill and Cllr David Harrison to Docking Parish Council. It is wonderful to have you both join our team, bringing your skills, perspectives, and energy to support our village.

Speedwatch Heroes

The Docking Speedwatch team continues to work tirelessly – with many watches run recently and, shockingly, some drivers still being clocked at over 70mph through the village.

A huge thank you to every single volunteer keeping our roads safer for us all.

Volunteer Call-Out – Join Speedwatch

We are looking for more volunteers to join Speedwatch. It is:

- Fun
- Essential to village safety
- A great way to meet neighbours, enjoy a biscuit, and genuinely help save lives.

Please contact the Clerk if you would like to find out more.

Fire Safety Reminder

We were very sorry to hear of the fire in Bradmere Lane plantation recently. Please, at all times, but especially in this dry, hot weather, be vigilant:

- Do not light fires

- Do not discard cigarettes or glass

No one wants a repeat of the devastating Brancaster Staithe fire – let's keep Docking safe.

Parking – School Holidays & Summer Visitors

With school holidays upon us, we may see less congestion near the school, but do expect more visitors, particularly to the Spar shop. Please take extra care navigating around the village this summer.

Pond Railings Progress

Councillors had a successful meeting with Highways, who have confirmed that work to replace the pond railings should begin sometime after the summer holidays, regardless of water levels.

Fingers crossed – watch this space for updates.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is in its final stages. Council has approved the final funding to **complete this vital work to help preserve Docking's picturesque charm, heritage, and beauty for generations to come.**

Community Grants

Council is delighted to confirm approval of grants for:

- Docking Bowling Club
- Christmas Gifts for Senior Citizens of Docking and children of Docking Primary School

We hope these small acts continue to bring joy to our community.

Contact Details

A gentle reminder:

- ✓ **Highways issues:** Norfolk County Council Highways
 - ✓ **Borough matters (planning, bins, housing):** [Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk](#)
 - ✓ **Policing (non-emergency):** Call **101** or visit Norfolk Police
 - ✓ **Parish matters:** Contact **Docking Parish Clerk** at clerk@dockingparishcouncil.gov.uk
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That's all for now. Have a wonderful August, stay safe in the sun, and we look forward to **seeing you at our September meeting.**

Warmest wishes,

Docking Parish Council