



Cley Parish Council

Chairman – Cllr. Victoria Holliday

Vice-Chairman Cllr. Richard Allen

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF CLEY PARISH
HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH MAY, 2026 AT 6.00 PM
IN CLEY VILLAGE HALL

Present:-

Chairman – Cllr. V. Holliday, Vice-Chairman – Cllr. R. Allen,
Cllr. R Deane, Cllr. J. Holman and Cllr. R. Williamson.

County and District Councillor V. Holliday.

Julie Chance – Clerk.

Six members of the public also attended the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed all present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. C. Peters.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST MAY, 2025

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2025, having been circulated, were taken as read, **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Attached.

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4. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS' REPORTS

- 4.1 Cley WI:-** Attached.
- 4.2 Cley Harbour Committee:-** Attached.
- 4.3 Cley Church:-** To follow.
- 4.4 Cley Village Hall:-** Attached.

5. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

A member of the public enquired about the current position with water testing. Cllr. Deane said that a representative of The Norfolk Rivers Trust will be attending the June meeting to discuss this matter. It is hoped that the Norfolk Rivers Trust will hold Anglian Water to account. The Members suggested that the member of public attend that meeting to hear an update and to ask any questions.

A member of public expressed concern that Norfolk County Council had strimmed the footpath near her property and had cut down all the planting that she had done to improve the area. County Councillor Holiday said she will liaise with Norfolk County Council to ask that they be careful when strimming in order that this does not occur again.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.25 pm.

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Chairman

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Dated

Cley Next The Sea W.I. Committee Annual Report 2025

The Committee Annual Report is basically a summary of the year to date.

This has been another very varied year for our WI. Once again Alison put together a wonderful programme and we had some excellent speakers. The topics ranged from seasonal floral decorations, recreating historic heads and another super foraging talk from Naomi covering the fruits and delights of Autumn.

Our visit this year was to Mrs Temple's farm, Copys Green Farm. I hope you will all agree that this was a fascinating outing with a host of interesting facts from both Catherine and her husband Stephen. The visit was rounded off with a delicious tasting of the many different cheeses that Catherine is so well known for in Norfolk and beyond.

Once again the sun shone on our annual July Strawberry Tea in Brenda's garden which was a really enjoyable get together. It was great that so many members were able to come along.

We still have 3 more meetings in the WI year finishing with Bishop & Miller (the Auction House) coming along to give us a talk and to value items so please remember to dig out your family jewels and bring them to the meeting.

Well that basically encapsulates our WI year into 4 paragraphs. We, the Committee, hope you enjoyed the year as much as we did and thank you for supporting Cley WI and as she won't thank herself, on behalf of all of us, a big 'thank you' to our President, Sophie.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

CLEY HARBOUR AGM

14TH NOVEMBER 2025

Looking back over this last year has seen a consolidation of our activities in both navigation maintenance and events.

The navigation maintenance has been helped enormously by the addition of Jonothan Wright as contractor for reed cutting and bank maintenance. Regular cutting has meant the area to the tidal gate is much more accessible and reed growth has been replaced in the most part with lower vegetation. He is happy to expand this further next year

Events have been hugely successful this year with more held than ever before. This is a great way of getting people out on the water to experience the Glaven river we all know too well. What with Cockle Day, Paddle Day, Sailing Taster Day and Stiffkey Raid not to mention Harbour Day and Carols on the Quay having again surpassed expectations with record fund raising in particular for Harbour Day.

We have been liasing through BHA and Norfolk coastal protection over the possibility of a much wider ranging environmental / people and places project that could result in benefits to our project to protect and enhance the navigation we look after.

We enter the forthcoming year with a healthy fund and work towards the possibility of working with Cley Mill to re establish the estuary at their river frontage. It is a project that has only been made a possible through the positivity of the current owners and is something we need to work hard to achieve..

Village Hall report for the Annual Parish meeting 2026

Summary

Cley Village Hall has had another good year. A set of both regular and one-off bookings help ensure that our income usually exceeds our expenditure. This is enhanced by the ongoing success of the Christmas Fair as well as the helpful revenue from carpark donations.

2026 is set for being an exciting if challenging year, with a number of major projects planned, including a major upgrade of the children's play equipment.

The committee appreciates the ongoing support from the village, ranging from helping at the occasional working parties through to booking events; from supporting the many activities in the hall through to helping when needed to add value to the evolution of new projects.

Ongoing maintenance and extending facilities

As well as the regular minor maintenance and fixes, such as plumbing problems, hedge and grass cutting, the following more significant activities occurred:

- New wi-fi installed with improved signal and coverage
- New audio system installed
- Drainage system underwent major clearing and fixing
- Heating system tuned to be easier to control and quieter
- Club room door replaced and grab rails fitted to aid access
- CADS Shed roofing replaced

Planned Projects

There are a number of projects which we hope to complete in the next year, some of these have been in our forward plans for some time, others have arisen in the light of emerging needs or opportunities. Where possible we try to apply for grants to assist with the costs of some of these projects. This can be quite time consuming and is rarely successful! However because of the efforts of the village over the years in fundraising and supporting the village hall, we aim to complete most or all of these projects, supported by any grants secured.

Children's Play Area

This consists of refurbishing some components, but also the provision of several new pieces of play equipment, aimed at a range of ages from 18 months to 14 years. We applied for a substantial grant to support this but were not successful. However we have decided to proceed with the full project anyway – the costs are circa £32,000. The scheduled installation of this is June 2026, and we plan to have a social “formal” opening event when all is completed.

Basketball Court

This is a concrete slab of 7 metres x 8.5 metres, in one corner of the playing field, along with a good quality post, net and backboard. The cost for this is about £9500 and we have gratefully received a £2500 grant from the County Council community fund towards this. This project is also about to commence and is also scheduled to be complete by June 2026.

Wheelchair Access to the Club Room

Whilst there is a portable ramp available for wheelchairs, and grab rails to give mobility support, the gravel surface of the car park prevents anyone wheelchair-bound to enter the club room in practice.

We therefore plan to create a concreted area of the car park, adjacent to the club room, where dedicated parking for wheelchair-bound visitors can park. They will then be able to directly access the club room via a concrete slope, complete with handrail. The cost of this project is about £8000 and we hope to proceed with this soon and are applying for grants to assist with the cost.

Perennial traffic erosion causing dip in car park

Near the entrance to the car park, a dip regularly develops, despite attempts during working parties or temporary concrete fixes to provide a more resilient fix.

There is therefore a planned project to provide a a more resilient solution of a combination of mesh and concrete over a larger area. This project cost will be about £7000.

Digital Payment facility for Car Parking and Curloo maintenance

It has been jointly decided between the village hall committee and the parish council, to install a digital payment device in the car park, to accept donations by card or phone, alongside to ongoing facility to donate cash.

It is expected that this will be installed in the next two months and will ensure sufficient funds are available for the Curloo, as well as being a revenue source for the village hall.