

Parish council report jan 2026

Good evening

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meeting as I realised Monday 5th January that I am not a penguin or an ice skater! I fell over on the ice and not only bruised my ego but many parts of my body. I eventually gave in and went to the hospital Thursday. I have damaged my rotator cuff and am in a sling for a couple of weeks.

Since the last meeting I have been made deputy leader of the conservative group. This involves more meetings with the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council and Group Leaders.

We are still awaiting news on the decision for LGR. We believe this will be sometime in March. With the Mayoral elections being cancelled in 2026, we are still waiting for confirmation as to whether NCC elections are going to take place in May. I know that many Borough Councillors are hoping these will happen. This is not within our gift.

The biggest topic now is the budget. We are having some training on this. At ENC (Environment and Community Panel) it was discussed about the increase that the brown bin has seen and the Council are looking to do it as a direct debit monthly payment. This will hopefully help some residents.

Some of you may know that I sit on the West Norfolk Girls School Trust.

This is a charity open to all girls in West Norfolk helping with Education. We have supported many girls with books, laptops and fees for uni. We follow them through their journey. We have supported many girls with music and Drama. It is means tested. If you know any young girls in the community who may need help, please pass on the details. I have attached the website link to the report.

I also have some funds left if you know any community projects that need doing. Unfortunately, Parish Councils cannot apply.

With Best Wishes

Sam

Borough Councillor for Burnham with Docking

