

An extraordinary meeting of Full Council was held on:
Tuesday 15th January 2026 at 7.00pm
at the Sheringham Community Centre and was attended by the following:

Chair: Cllr Brisbane

Councillors: Cllrs Bailey, Dorey, Langsdon, Jolley, Worboys, Farrow, Heinink, Ratcliffe, Ashcroft

In Attendance:

Clerk/Minutes: Michelle Barron

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
2025/26-FC/113	1. APOLOGIES	
	Cllr Brisbane provided an introduction welcomed people for coming before explaining emergency arrangements and location of toilets. Cllr Brisbane explained that we would be sticking to 15 minutes for public participation in line with standing orders. No apologies were received.	
2025/26-FC/114	2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS	
	With reference to items on the agenda members are reminded of their responsibility to declare interests and to update their Register of Interests as required. The Clerk has received and approved dispensation requests for all Councillors. No declarations of interest were received.	
2025/26-FC/115	3. OPEN MEETING	
	The Chair of Experience Sheringham and Chamber of Trade. They have over 100 members many of which are on the High Street. There is a clear view from the Business Community that this is already impacting business. They are concerned about the impact on public finances and asking the council to urgently reconsider. Crucially the buses need to stop exactly where that shelter is. The shelter cannot remain if we also want a bus stop. Its incompatible. Charles Sanders spoke as local bus operator. In 2025 there were 459,800 passengers. The problem is the sheer volume of people using buses to alight in Sheringham – there has never been as	

many bus users as there are now and that was why the project was developed in the first place. He explained that anyone who is tall is at risk of the bus wing mirror as it swings in. He's very disappointed that the project has stopped and hopes all haste is taken to resolve the issue.

Katie Hart, a representative of Save our Bus Shelter, spoke about a petition signed by 4477 people in support of retaining the bus shelter, as well as the consultation results. She commented that the Prime Minister had asked for the plans to be amended and talked about the wider use of Otterndorf green as a community space. She talked about the negative impacts of the relocation of the bus stop and that it is not acceptable or inclusive. Traffic and safety concerns were raised and a possible solution of making station approach one way.

Callum Ringer – Chair at Bodum and also a District Councillor. He raised concerns of people having to stand in elements, and also that people are failing to alight at the new stop and have to go to the community centre. The current arrangements cannot continue and buses stopping outside of Tesco is not working. He states that available data shows that the junction of station approach and station road is the main problem and that is not addressed. The Prime minister and Secretary of State expect improvements that the he will write to them.

Colin Seal, Community Artist wants to see the Shelter taken down and replaced with the two new ones. He has been working hard for the new project as has the Museum and has some incredible new designs. He is happy to share if anyone wants to look. He hopes this is going to be resolved. It's going to be detrimental to the Viking festival and Carnival if the site stays as it is – He doesn't mind knocking it down even though he painted a Mural in there.

A member of the Public who named himself as Lyndon Swift talked about the Nolan Principles and lost trust in NCC and STC after the STC consultation. It was clarified that it was NCC's consultation, and the results of the FOI submitted regarding the outcomes were first seen by STC councillors when they appeared in the press. Mr Swift provided an analogy that if he gave the money to paint the clock bright pink it could be refused. He said accountability was needed for the actions that you make. Criticism was made of the Consultation. One Councillor was called a liar and Cllr Ratcliffe called a point of order, and asked the speaker which councillor was being referred to. Mr Swift confirmed that it was Cllr Peter Ratcliffe.

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4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as extended by s100 of the Local Government Act 1972, Council to exclude the press and public from the meeting on the grounds that the following agenda item would involve the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

	It was RESOLVED to exclude press and public for the next item.	
2025/26-FC/117	4. TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR MOVING THE OTTERNDORF GREEN SITE FORWARD, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR THE SHELTER, THE COMPLETION OF THE TRANSPORT HUB, RECENT DIALOGUE WITH NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL, AND LEGAL ADVICE RECEIVED.	
	Following confidential discussions, It was RESOLVED that Councillor Brisbane and The Town Clerk take forward and explore the designs, liaising with NNR, Save our Shelter, other stakeholders and professionals as required, and bring feedback on feasibility and costs to Sheringham Town Council for consideration as soon as possible. A recorded vote was requested. Proposer: Cllr Langsdon. Seconded: Cherry Farrow. All in favour.	

Meeting closed at 20:38

Chair

Date: 20/01/26