

North Norfolk Green Party 15th May 2025 meeting minutes

1. Those present: Liz Dixon, Ray Mooney, Mike Bossingham, Edmund Wright and Mike Ward

Attendance via Zoom: None

Apologies:

Clare Wilson and Stephen Green

2. Previous minutes:

Agreed

3. Matters arising:

All matters covered by agenda items

4. Upcoming leadership election.

There will be a leadership election in the summer following co-leader Carla Denyer announcing that she would not be seeking re-election. Two new MPs, Adrian Ramsay and Ellie Chowns are running on a joint ticket. Adrian is a current joint leader with Carla. The current deputy leader, Zack Polanski is running to be leader. A discussion followed and it was agreed to invite Zack to attend a short Q and A session on Zoom at the next meeting.

5. Getting Green members involved in the local community.

The benefit of getting Green members to run for positions as School governors, Parish or Town Councillors, Magistrates etc was discussed as a way of upping the Green Party's local presence and giving members valuable experience in local public services. It was agreed to do an all member email highlighting its merits.

6. Holt By-election result

It was an interesting count. In 2023 the results were Independent 253, Labour 133, Green Party 286, Conservatives 702 (elected), Lib Dem 381.

In 2025 the results were Labour 27, LibDems 774 (elected), Green Party 73, Conservatives 536 and Reform 441. There were recriminations between Reform and the Tories at this result.

7. Newsletter Delivery.

The newsletter has been produced with a different back page for our target seat of Fakenham. We desperately require volunteers to deliver both the general news letter and most importantly a leaflet in every letter box in Fakenham!

8. Finance report:

Mike Bossingham reported that our balance stands at £1438.99 even after paying £350 for the printing of the news letters. He raised the fact that there may well be a Parliamentary By-election for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich following the current Tory MP being accused of sexual assault by two women. If this does get called he moved that we, as the North Norfolk Green Party, donate £499 to the Green Party's candidates election campaign. This was agreed.

9. Two news stories for the web:

Liz informed the meeting that she currently had a number of possible subjects to choose from and would pick two subjects to work on.

Guest speaker:

We were joined by Diana Newson (Co-convenor, animal rights policy working group). She covered the totally illogical and unscientific badger cull which in Labour's manifesto they promised to end, but true to form they have ignored. The cruelty of all animal racing and the need to co-exist with, instead of dominating or killing inconvenient wild life.

Meeting closed at 20:55

Next meeting 12th June 7pm Sheringham Community Centre.