

North Norfolk Green Party 12th June 2025 meeting minutes

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

Attendance via Zoom: None

Apologies:

Clare Wilson and Mike Bossingham

2. Previous minutes:

Agreed

3. Matters arising:

Liz still trying to contact Zac Polanski re: zoom meeting with constituency meeting.

4. Election of leader / joint leaders.

Nomination close at noon on Monday 30th June 2025

Each nominee will circulate to all members a 500 word document in support of their election to office.

Voting opens for online voting on Friday 1st August 2025 each member will receive secure online ballot form.

Main posts up for election:

Leader / joint leaders.

Deputy Leader

Chair.

5. There may be a parliamentary by-election for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich.

If current Tory MP resigns following accusations of sexual misconduct. In preparation the party is calling a day of action on the 14th June in Ipswich with Adrian Ramsay, Natalie Bennett, Ellie Chowns and Zac Polanski as speakers.

6. Bury St Edmunds By-Election

3rd July 2025 in Tower. This is an opportunity for us to take back this once Green West Suffolk County Council seat. Party is seeking canvassers to assist taking back this seat that the Tories won in 2017 and kept by the skin of their teeth in 2021.

7. Fakenham

Desperately need members to deliver newsletter to every house hold in ward. Liz to telephone local members to seek assistance.

8. Finance

HQ will be paying us part of the outstanding capitation funds later this year £363. Mike informs us that Head Office would like to keep it for campaigns. So do we let them keep the money or do we claim it and use it as we see fit. The meeting decided that we should have the funds owed and decide how we use it.

9. Two News Stories for the Web

Ray agreed to do a piece on Green memes involvement in the local community.
Stephen agreed to do a piece on going green saves money.

10. Guest speaker

Linda Walker of the Peace, Defence and Security policy working group addressed the meeting via zoom.

She gave an interesting presentation that caused debate and questions following her presentation on non offensive defence. She also argued that to most people security was having enough to eat for themselves and their children, a roof over their heads, a good education for their children and comprehensive health care rather than an arsenal brimming with nuclear weapons. She also said that the whole narrative about the current defence strategy needs to be challenged and changed.

A.O.B

We now have different meeting room at Sheringham Community Centre.

7 new members have joined this month bring total to 111.

Norfolk Green Councillor Pallavi Devlopalli was suspended from party pending investigation following complaint by members. She has now been expelled for attending Green Party event as a private individual. It was agreed the we would write to the disciplinary committee seeking a report of decision as at first glance this seems as a disproportional award against a hard working Green Councillor.

Liz attended Norfolk County Council democratic services presentation in North Walsham given to Town and Parish Councillors about possible ways of ensuring local matters are still raised if there is only one Unitary Authority following consultation. They cited Cornwall's use of local hubs.

Meeting closed at 20:55

Next meeting 10th July 2025 7pm Sheringham Community Centre.