

North Norfolk Green Party 10th July 2025 meeting minutes

1. Those present: Ray Mooney, Stephen Green, Steve Marsh, Mike Bossingham & Mike Ward.

Attendance via Zoom: Liz Dixon, Anne & Mike Filgate & Kim Mathews (meeting welcomed Kim as a new member)

Apologies: Bryonie Jones & Edmund Wright

2. Previous minutes:

Agreed

3. Matters arising:

Liz has been informed that Zak can't attend this meeting because individual candidates for leader cannot attend local parties but that they must all attend convened hustings in order to avoid preferential treatment of any one candidate. Check here for details of the hustings.

<https://greenparty.org.uk/members/internal-elections/2025-internal-elections/hustings/>
Liz still pursuing details of Pallavi Devlopalli's expulsion.

4. Election of leader / joint leaders:

In light of the restriction on individual candidates addressing local party meeting, Liz will attempt to request elected leader following ballot to address us via zoom in the autumn if possible.

Nominations closed at noon on Monday 30th June 2025

Go here to read statements and watch videos: <https://greenparty.org.uk/members/internal-elections/2025-internal-elections/candidates/>

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. 3 candidates standing as 1 individual and 2 as co leaders.

Deputy Leader. 9 candidates are standing

Chair. 2 candidates standing

5. Bury St Edmunds By-Election

The turnout was a low 27.18%

The results:

1 st Reform 1,332	28.8% of the votes,
2 nd Green Party 1,155	25.0% of the votes,
3 rd Conservative 808	17.5% of the votes,
4 th Labour 667	14.4% of the votes,
5 th Independent 407	8.8% of the votes,
6 th LibDem 259	5.6% of the votes.

Reform gain from Con with majority 177. But Greens came second!

6. Newsletter:

Update on this quarter's newsletter deliveries 3 rounds of Fakenham done, whilst canvassing found a local volunteer who will do two more rounds. Liz delivered to Happisburgh, Sheringham being delivered by Steve Marsh & Edmund Wright, Southrepps done by Ray, Mike Ward distributed 100 at the Thursday market in North Walsham. New member in Mundesley delivering 700! Volunteers still needed to deliver to rest of constituency as we need to up profile before Mayoral election next year. Liz to telephone local members to seek assistance.

We will be leafletting in Fakenham on 24/7, 7/8, 21/8 and 11/9, just let us know if you can join in!

7. Finance

Mike Bossinham informed the meeting that we currently have £1,710 in current account and that a donation had been gifted to the local party.

8. Norfolk & Suffolk Mayoral steering group. Any member with 1 years membership can stand to be candidate and is welcome to do so in the next 2 weeks. Liz is our representative on this. Understand that all members in Norfolk & Suffolk will have online vote to elect candidate who will stand as Green Party candidate for Mayor of Suffolk & Norfolk. Need 10 proposers 5 of which must be from surrounding local parties. Because election will be next year it is hoped to have candidates in place by end of September. Good news is that the election may be held under a supplementary vote and not first past the post.

9. Two news stories for the Web

Ray agreed to do a piece on Green members involvement in the local community. Liz to do piece on contaminated sludge being sprayed onto local farms.

10. Guest speaker

Natalie Rothwell-Warn of the Education policy working group addressed the meeting via zoom.

She gave an interesting presentation that caused debate and questions following her presentation. She informed the meeting that the draft voting paper on our Education policy is currently on the website for observations and any possible amendments.

<https://conference2025.greenparty.org.uk/agenda/Education-Draft-Voting-Paper-19038>

She said that our policy would return education to focus on the well being of children and not be simply be attainment driven. Private schools would lose their charitable status and simply be businesses that would have to pay corporation tax just like any other business. Tuition fees for higher education would be abolished.

A.O.B

A discussion was had about the emergence of a new left party, but it was a case of watch this space.

Meeting closed at 20:55.

Next meeting 14th August 19:00 Sheringham Community Centre.

