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MINUTES

of the Lakenheath Parish Council meeting held on 3rd March 2025 at the Methodist Church, Back Street, Lakenheath

Present:

Cllr N Smith (Vice Chairman)
Cllr I Frost
Cllr A Gyte
Cllr P Gyte
Cllr J Hastings
Cllr M Hugo
Cllr M Rowntree
Cllr D Smith

In attendance:

N Glading (Parish clerk), C Shimmion (RFO), A Blenkiron (MD Elveden Estates), C/Cllr C Noble
and 7 members of the public

2025/160 Chairman's welcome, confirmation of recording and Apologies

LPC Vice Chairman Cllr N Smith presided (Cllr Kelly had given his apologies). Clerk to record for minutes.

Apologies had been received from D/Cllr G Kelly and Sqn Ldr Eaton

2025/161 Public Participation: Representations from Members of the Public

Limited to 3 minutes each person: it is advised that generally no decisions will be made

- a. Resident: the deer are eating floral tributes in the Cemetery. I believe that they are getting through a gap in the fence. Could this be addressed as it really can't continue.

Cllr Hastings (LPC Cemetery Committee) I am guessing they are coming in through the gap at the bottom of the cemetery from the fields, but to be honest they could walk through the main gates if they wanted to. We should try to do what we can and I suggest we arrange for a panel to be fixed in the gap and then maybe we can plant a bush to grow up it.

If the issue is raised can we explain that is what we are going to do but to make residents aware that the deer tend to only eat fresh flowers they do not appear to touch the silk flowers

- b. What celebrations are planned for VE Day?

Cllr N Smith reported that he attended a meeting with the Royal British Legion members to find out what they were planning for the VE event. Date is 8th May; beacon lighting 21.30. Churches are ringing bells. Cllr Hastings noted that there LPC have bunting which could be re-purposed, should the RBL wish to use it for decoration. It was confirmed that any VE day event is organised by the local RBL.

c. A resident asked about Library closure concerns: see 162a.

2025/162 **Reports & Questions**

a. **Update from Suffolk County Council Councillor** (C/Cllr C Noble)

Devolution: orders have now been made, no elections in May 2025. SCC have agreed on a one council for Suffolk submission. Others favour an East and West Suffolk, these are different beasts. My personal view is that they tend to follow the money. A vast amount is spent on adults and children`s services (protection). Looking like May 2027 as the Boundary Commission will look at boundaries (minimum one year work). Councillors Noble, Kelly and Whitehands term are now extended until a shadow cabinet is appointed.

SCC agreed a 5% increase in Council Tax. During my term, I did it for zero but I understand things are different nowadays.

Q: What is happening with the libraries?

A: See change.org. Not necessarily a cut, this is effectively a management contract. No Library closures as long as Suffolk County Council exist. Proposal is that Lakenheath comes back in house. The Library budget is going up, not down.

Q: I have seen an email from which describes the current situation as `a fight`. Lakenheath Library`s footfall was significantly higher this year, I will send Cllr Noble a copy of the email.

A: I suggest she also contacts me.

b. **Update from RAF representative** (Sqn Ldr Adam Eaton): Not present

c. **Update from West Suffolk District Councillor** (D/Cllr T. Whitehand and or D/Cllr G Kelly): Not present.

2025/163 **Matters relating to previous Minutes**

- a. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on February 3rd 2025 were unanimously **AGREED** as accurate.

2025/164 **Financial Matters (Appendix A)**

- a. The Bank reconciliation for month end 31st January 2025 was **RECEIVED**.
- b. The Summary of payments for authorisation was **AGREED**. There were no questions.
- c. The Q3 Out-Turn Report was **AGREED**.
- d. The Appointment of Ayuntee Accounting as Internal Auditor 2024/5 was **AGREED**

at £200 plus VAT (same as last year).

- e. The Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit Assessment was **AGREED**
- f. The Risk Assessment and Management (Financial) Risk levels was **AGREED**
- g. The Revised LPC Financial Regulations 2025 were reviewed and **ADOPTED**
- h. The LPC Asset Register was reviewed, it was **RESOLVED** that further review would take place at a separate meeting.

The RFO, Mrs C Shimmon, left the meeting

- i. Annual Assembly (Annual Parish Meeting) refreshments: Clerk to report back on prices to the **next meeting**.

2025/165 **Speed Indicator Devices and related Reports (Appendix B)**

- a. Station Road (December 2024) was **RECEIVED**
- b. Station Road (January 2025) was **RECEIVED**
- c. Eriswell Road (January 2025) was **RECEIVED**
- d. Speedwatch Team Report: sessions starting up again.
Repeaters and the Speedwatch Team have definitely slowed the traffic down.

2025/166 **Matters related to Planning**

- a. The notes from the Planning Sub Committee meeting held on 19th February 2025 were **RECEIVED**. It was **NOTED** that the WSC Delegation Panel has refused the application to alter the old post office. Councillors thought that this was disappointing, feeling that this run-down building in the Lakenheath High Street conservation area is becoming an eye sore.

2025/167 **Updates**

To receive reports/ updates (on the night):

- a. Chairman and clerk
 - (i) Defibrillators: Sedge Fen defibrillators - Cllr N Smith commented that Wendy Barnes gave us a comprehensive run through at the last meeting. There is a defibrillator at SG Parr and Sons which is available to be used if required (Facebook message from Wendy Overy). The Village Hall defibrillator was going to be moved temporarily to RST but Mrs Barnes has arranged for electricity to be installed at the Hall. Clarity is required as to whether both defibrillators are on the official circuit, so that if people phone in, they get the correct information. Cllr Hastings suggested that the clerk look at defibrillator training for councillors and public. **(next meeting)**. LPC do not own any of the defibs (although the one at the VH was gifted by the PC).
 - (ii) Dog fouling remains an issue: There is no dog bin at the top of Broom Road, it was removed. Cllr Kelly has had a meeting with the appropriate

dept at WSC, pointing out which bins are missing. Posters to be put up on noticeboards and there will be an article in Lakenheath Times. Providing free waste bags was discussed by the Vice Chair and the clerk, but was not thought to be helpful. Emphasis best on Fines and health risk to children.

- b. Lakenheath Times: Cllr D Smith reported that additional advertisers from outside the area are coming forward. A copy of the Lakenheath Times is available online.
- c. Lakenheath Streetlights: Cllr Frost reported that the Lakenheath Streetlight contractors had finalised the LED replacement programme as far as possible. There is some delay as there are outstanding issues, e.g., G39, concrete posts, Councillors were given a list of outstanding repairs and reasons for delay.
- d. Emergency Plan 2025: Cllr Hastings told the meeting that this comes into play when a major incident happens. At a recent meeting with Tarek Foley, the plan was refined, the new plan will be publicised in Lakenheath Times and copies available at the Annual Assembly 2025. It was **NOTED** that the plan is around helping and assisting each other. Mr A Blenkiron of Elveden Farms was present at the meeting and agreed to help should the need arise.
- e. LPC Facebook page: Cllr Rowntree reported that all is going well.
- f. Noticeboards and benches: Cllr P Gyte reported that she goes round the Noticeboards, tidying and putting up notices. The boards are in desperate need of refurbishment, Cllr Gyte believes that a light green shade would be appropriate.
She will go round and look at what needs doing, including the benches. Wingfield road bench needs work. Lakenheath In Bloom group owns the bench outside the Co-op.
- g. Mobile networking Cllr Frost contacted Nick Timothys office about the `Shared rural network` scheme to see if we could achieve funding. From 2020 to 2024, the black spots have improved, still many areas still have no service.
- h. The Play Inspection Company Report on the play area and outdoor gym inspection dated 4th February 2025 was **RECEIVED**. Items designated as at risk by the inspector are being examined.
NOTED: that the Skatepark report dated 4th February 2025 has been forwarded to the LPFA Chairman. Work on the play area has been held up because of half term. Further quotes are required for painting railings, and spraying weed killer.
- i. Lakenheath Place project: Cllr N Smith commented that there will be a lot to be talked about at the Annual Assembly.

2025/168 **Matters relating to Lakenheath Cemetery**

- a. Cllr Frost reported that the general appearance of the Cemetery is good at the moment as Spring is here and there are lots of spring floral tributes.
The Cemetery Team will be working soon to clear all the old Christmas Floral

tributes/decorations and generally tidy up.

The deer unfortunately are back and appear to be eating the tops off all the fresh flowers. We can only suggest that where possible silk or

artificial flowers are used as they do not seem to touch those. However, we are doing our best to try and close up gaps where they may be coming through.

The last funeral company left a huge mound of chalk stones piled up in front of one of our bays. Next month we will hopefully be in a position to work out a programme of planned works and improvements in the entrance gates and the proposed Remembrance Garden. It is hoped these projects will be completed before Summer.

2025/169 **Correspondence and Items for Future Meetings**

- a. Correspondence: Lakenheath Little Fishes have asked for an Easter Egg Hunt draw prize. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk will purchase and donate Easter Eggs up to a value of £30.
- b. Email headed SCC Highways Ref 509836-Eriswell Road, Lakenheath Street Light 0361, Eriswell Road, Lakenheath, from a resident to C/Clr Noble (**Appendix C**).
LPC agreed to support re commissioning of the streetlight.
- c. Inbox

2025/170 **Such other business which, in the opinion of the Chairman,** should be considered as a matter of urgency:

VE Plans

Wings Road car park- toilets repairs e.g., hand dryers not working and bin

Library provision

2025/171 **Information**

2025/172 **MATTERS TO BE TAKEN UNDER EXEMPTION**

It is recommended that in view of the confidential nature of the following items, which relates to business/ confidential matters of other individuals, the public shall be excluded while the following item is discussed. This is in accordance to the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, as amended by the Local Government Act 1972.

The public left the meeting.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

APPENDIX A Accounts

Bank Reconciliation

Balance at 31.10.2024	£410,216.19
Uncleared payments from previous period	£566.95
	£409,649.24
Income	£4,021.12
	£413,670.36
Less Expenditure (Chqs, Online Pmts + D/Ds)	£6,754.88
	£406,915.48

Represented by:

Balance in Current Account	£6,234.81
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	£10,762.28
Balance in Unity Trust Bank Deposit Account	£80,253.99
Balance in Nationwide Deposit Account	£87,156.83
Balance in Cambridge Building Society	£84,560.93
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account - Speedwatch	£653.76
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account - Lakenheath Times	£8,351.87
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account - Street Lighting	£129,538.42
	£407,512.89
Less Payments not Presented	
HMRC	£597.41
	£597.41

£406,915.48

LAKENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Payments 3rd March 2025

Date	Transaction	Payee	Description of Supply	Amount
Receipts				
January			Interest Payments	£277.12
January			Lakenheath Times Advertising	£1,874.00
January			Cemetery Cottage Rent	£950.00
January			Cemetery Fees	£900.00
Payments Made				
17.02.2025	Direct Debit	EDF Energy	Electricity - Cemetery Chapel	£33.00
25.02.2025	Online	Staff	Salary Payments - February	£3,480.64
26.02.2025	Debit Card	Information Commissioners Office	Data Protection Fee	£52.00
06.03.2025	Direct Debit	British Gas	Electricity - Public Toilets	£74.00

07.03.2025	Online	BT Payment Services	Parish Office Telephone & Broadband	£90.26
07.03.2025	Online	Michael Murfet	Mole Catcher - Lakenheath Cemetery Open & Closing Public Toilets & Cemetery Work - February	£80.00 £331.76
07.03.2025	Online	C Shimmon (RFO Reimbursement)	Paper & Ink	£57.63
07.03.2025	Online	Lakenheath Peace Memorial Hall	Parish Office Rent	£1,095.40
07.03.2025	Online	Pearce & Kemp Ltd	Street Lighting LED Lantern Replacements	£4,530.41
07.03.025	Online	Lakenheath Football Club	Room Hire - Annual Assembly	£60.00
07.03.2025	Online	xlpress	Lakenheath Times - Spring Edition	£3,034.00
07.03.2025	Online	Sedge Fen Village Hall	Grant	£1,890.40

Out turns

LAKENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL 2024/2025 QUARTER 3

	Revised Budget YTD 2024/25	Total YTD	Variance YTD	Cummulative YTD Variance £100/15%	Actuals 31/10/2024	Actuals 30/11/2024	Actuals 31/12/2024	Total for Q3	Quarterly Budget	Variance	Variance Explanation £100 / 15%
Receipts											
Precept / LSCG	£138,125.00	£177,500.00	£44,375.00	Precept is one annual receipt	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£44,375.00	-£44,375.00	Precept is one annual receipt
Cemetery	£1,875.00	£1,985.00	£110.00	More Burials	£0.00	£1,210.00	£0.00	£1,210.00	£625.00	£585.00	More Burials
Other (inc interest, VAT, Cottage Rent & LT Advertising)	£125,250.00	£171,296.99	£46,046.99	VAT is one annual receipt	£1,504.94	£1,746.27	£4,363.62	£7,614.83	£41,750.00	-£34,135.17	VAT is one annual receipt
Total	£260,250.00	£350,781.99	£90,531.99	Annual Precept & VAT + Street Lighting Grant	£1,504.94	£2,956.27	£4,363.62	£8,824.83	£86,750.00	-£77,925.17	Annual Precept & VAT + Street Lighting Grant
Payments											
Staff	£26,250.00	£23,607.52	-£2,642.48	Higher Amts Due Q4	£2,761.52	£2,512.28	£2,636.91	£7,910.71	£8,750.00	-£839.29	Higher Amts Due Q4
Village Keeping	£11,250.00	£8,671.31	-£2,578.69	More Cuts Required in Spring	£1,200.00	£2,040.00	£0.00	£3,240.00	£3,750.00	-£510.00	More Cuts Required in Spring
Cottage/Chapel	£6,000.00	£7,140.52	£1,140.52	No Further Works Planned	£31.90	£175.00	£31.89	£238.79	£2,000.00	-£1,761.21	Expenditure Made H1
Cemetery	£3,750.00	£5,729.00	£1,979.00	Includes Tree Work & Machinery	£119.09	£1,626.44	£396.43	£2,141.96	£1,250.00	£891.96	Includes Tree Work & Machinery
Street Lighting	£75,000.00	£28,049.35	-£46,950.65	Streetlight Upgrades Ongoing	£2,371.53	£5,950.00	£0.00	£8,321.53	£25,000.00	-£16,678.47	Streetlight Upgrades Ongoing
Admin	£3,750.00	£3,500.31	-£249.69	Fees Due Q4	£1,232.23	£326.70	£365.25	£1,924.18	£1,250.00	£674.18	Lower Expenditure Expected Q4
Insurance	£2,775.00	£3,664.89	£889.89	Insurances paid H1	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£925.00	-£925.00	Insurances paid H1
Subscriptions	£900.00	£1,137.08	£237.08	Annual subscriptions paid	£36.00	£0.00	£0.00	£36.00	£300.00	-£264.00	Majority of Subscriptions paid in Q1
Training	£75.00	£0.00	-£75.00	Training open to all	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£25.00	-£25.00	Training open to all
Newsletter	£7,200.00	£7,835.86	£635.86	Larger Newsletters Offset by Advertising Revenue	£99.96	£29.94	£2,982.31	£3,112.21	£2,400.00	£712.21	Larger Newsletters Offset by Advertising Revenue
Grants	£4,500.00	£3,700.00	-£800.00	Grants Applicants Welcomed	£1,000.00	£100.00	£0.00	£1,100.00	£1,500.00	-£400.00	Grants Applicants Welcomed
Playground	£15,000.00	£739.32	-£14,260.68	Works Planned Q4	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	-£5,000.00	Works Planned Q4
Village Facilities	£15,000.00	£15,605.44	£605.44	Less Expenditure Q4	£1,136.90	£507.01	£1,646.98	£3,290.89	£5,000.00	-£1,709.11	Offset H1
St Mary's	£750.00	£500.00	-£250.00	Funds available for repairs/trees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00	-£250.00	Funds available for repairs/trees
VAT	£26,250.00	£13,888.75	-£12,361.25	Street Lighting VAT Paid Q4	£921.25	£2,164.45	£1,653.92	£4,740.62	£8,750.00	-£4,009.38	Street Lighting VAT Paid Q4
Professional Fees	£12,000.00	£15,392.11	£3,392.11	Annual fees paid	£0.00	£0.00	£4,341.11	£4,341.11	£4,000.00	£341.11	Annual fees paid
Neighbourhood Plan	£750.00	£31.00	-£719.00	More work to be completed in Q4	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00	-£250.00	More work to be completed in Q4
Trees	£4,500.00	£3,880.00	-£620.00	More work to be completed in Q4	£0.00	£800.00	£3,080.00	£3,880.00	£1,500.00	£2,380.00	Offset H1
Green Spaces	£750.00	£100.95	-£649.05	More Expenditure due in Spring	£30.99	£0.00	£0.00	£30.99	£250.00	-£219.01	More Expenditure due in Spring
Total	£216,450.00	£143,173.41	-£73,276.59	Street Lighting Upgrades Due Q4	£10,942.37	£16,231.82	£17,134.80	£44,308.99	£72,150.00	-£27,841.01	Street Lighting Upgrades Due Q4

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Lakenheath Parish Council				
Risk Assessment and management (financial) for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025				
Topic	Risk Identified	Risk Level H/M/L	Management of Risk	Staff Action
Precept	Not submitted	L	Full PC Minute - DC follow up	Diary
	Not paid by DC	L	Check & report to PC	Diary
	Adequacy of precept	M	Monthly listing of expenditure	Diary
Other Income	Cash handling	L	Cash handling is avoided, but where necessary - appropriate controls are in place	Annual Review of documented controls
	Loss through theft or dishonesty	L	Insurance cover review ensure adequacy of Fidelity guarantee insurance	Diary
	From cemetery	L	Burial Register updated for grave allocations. Check of burial register to invoices to undertakers. Check of memorial fees work dockets to receipts	Member to verify
Salaries	Wrong salary/hours/rate paid	L	Check salary to minute, check hours and rate of contract	Member to verify
	Wrong deductions NI and Income tax	L	Check to PAYE calculations	Member to verify
Direct Costs and Overhead Expenses	Goods not supplied to council	L	Follow up on all orders	Approval check
	Invoiced incorrectly calculated or recorded	L	Check arithmetic on invoices & perform bank reconciliations on monthly basis	Member to verify
	Cheque or Bank Payment payable is excessive or to wrong party	M	Signatory initials stub & voucher	Approval check
Grants & Support	No power to pay or no evidence of agreement Council to pay	L	Minute Council agreement with the power used to authorise payment	Member to verify
	Conditions agreed	L	Agree and document any reasonable conditions	RFO check
Election Costs	Invoice at agreed rate	L	RFO check and consider budget	RFO verify
VAT	VAT analysis	L	All items in cash book lists	RFO verify
	Charged on purchases	L	Consider all items per cash book	RFO verify
	Claimed within time limits	L	Agree returns submitted	RFO verify
Reserves - General	Adequacy	L	Consider at budget setting	RFO opinion
Reserves - Earmarked	Adequacy	L	Consider at budget and review of final accounts	RFO opinion
	Unidentified Earmarked or contingent liability	L	Review minutes	RFO/Member view
Assets	Loss, damage etc.	M	Annual inspection, update insurance & asset registers	Diary
	Risk or damage to third party property or individuals	M	Review adequacy of Public Liability Insurance	Diary
Staff	Loss of key personnel (clerk)	L	Hours, health, stress, training, long term sick, early departure - risk monitored and managed as appropriate	RFO/Member view
	Fraud by staff	L	Fidelity Guarantee value appropriately set	Council to review annually
Loss	Consequential loss due to critical damage or third party performance	L	Review adequacy of Insurance cover	Diary
Maintenance (inc. Cemetery, Village Green & Play area)	Reduced value of assets or amenities - loss of income or performance	M	Maintenance/Inspection programme	Diary
Legal Powers	Illegal activity or payment	H	Educate Council as to their legal powers	Diary
Financial Records	Inadequate records	L	RFO/clerk check regularly + internal audit review	Diary
Minutes	Accurate and legal	L	Review at following meeting	Diary
Members Interests	Conflict of interest	M	Declarations of interest to be documented/minuted and any conflict addressed as appropriate	Diary
* Computer files are backed onto an external hard drive and stored away from the laptop computer.				
Reviewed on 3rd February 2025:				

Appendix B SID Reports

January 2025 Station Road

On 15 June 2023 at 10:00 the new SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole located on Station Road. The SID was positioned to monitor traffic coming into Lakenheath from Wangford.

Traffic speed and counts were measured from 00:00 on 31 December 2024 up until 04:59:59 on 28 January 2025. The measurement point is 450m past the point where the 30MPH zone starts. There were between 3100 and 3700 vehicles per weekday passing this point heading into Lakenheath.

There were between 2100 and 2700 vehicles per day over the weekend heading into Lakenheath. The busiest times during the week are 07:30-08:30 (Avg. 242 cars p/h) and 16:00 -17:00 (Avg. 296 cars p/h).

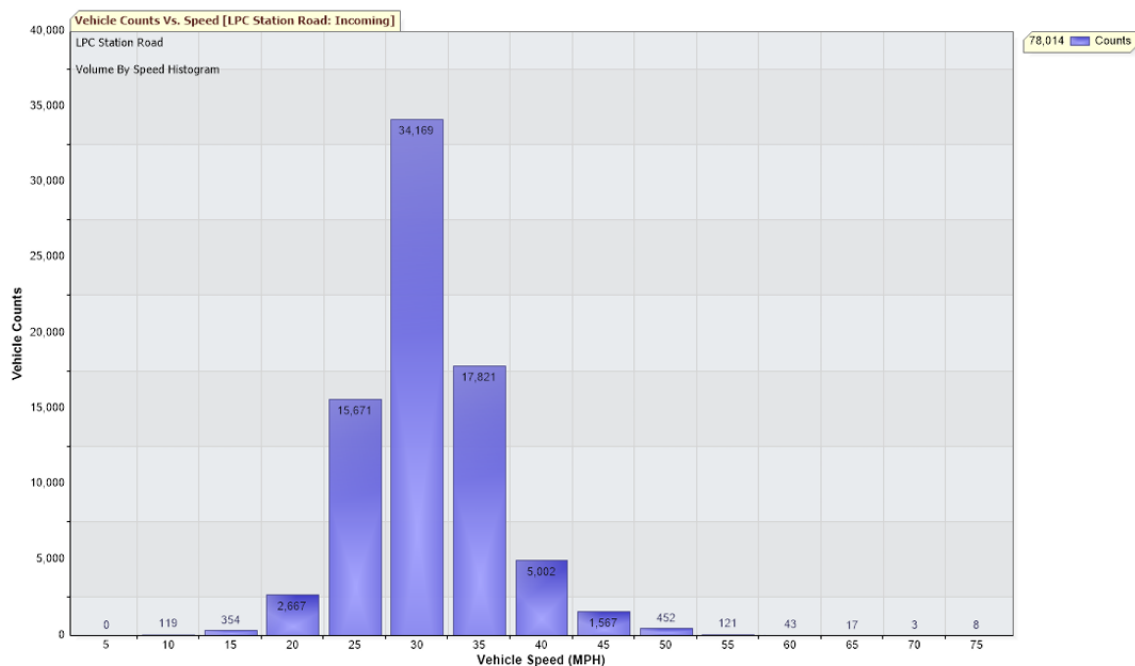
The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below 33.7 MPH past his point.

The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below 28.0 MPH past his point.

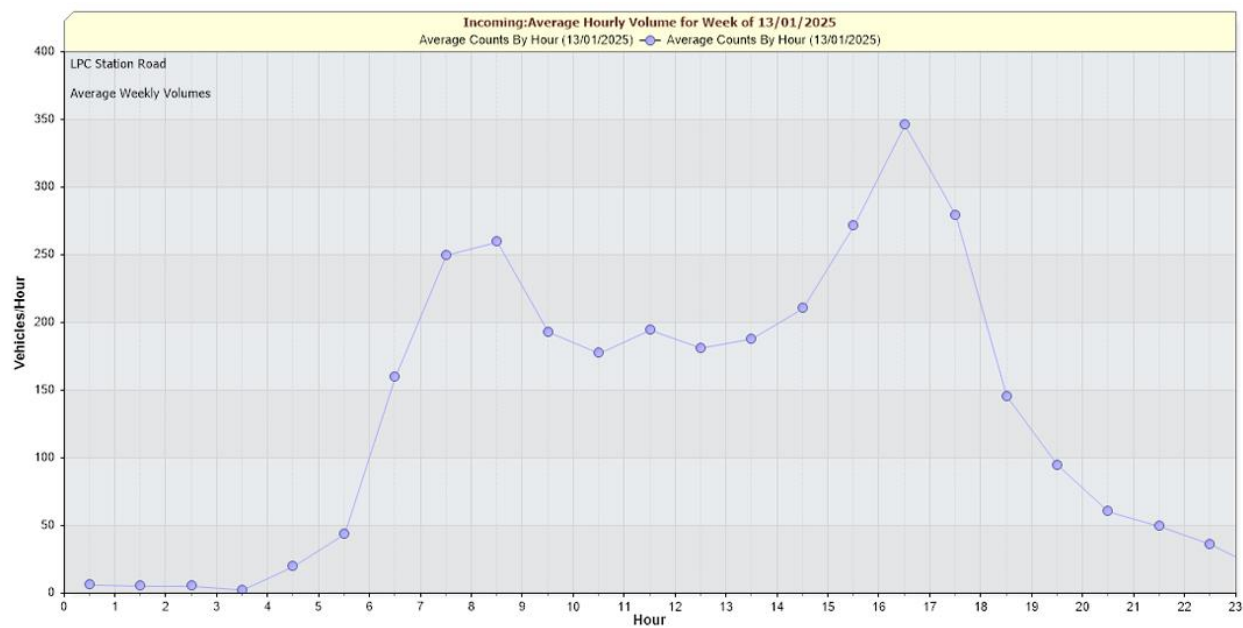
The fastest speed recorded this month was 75MPH (x8), 70MPH (x3). There were 644 vehicles exceeding 50MPH. Due to the battery voltage falling below operational limits and not enough sunshine for the solar panel to recharge the battery, the SID did not monitor traffic for 4 days (31/12 to 28/01)

The next pages show:- Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above.

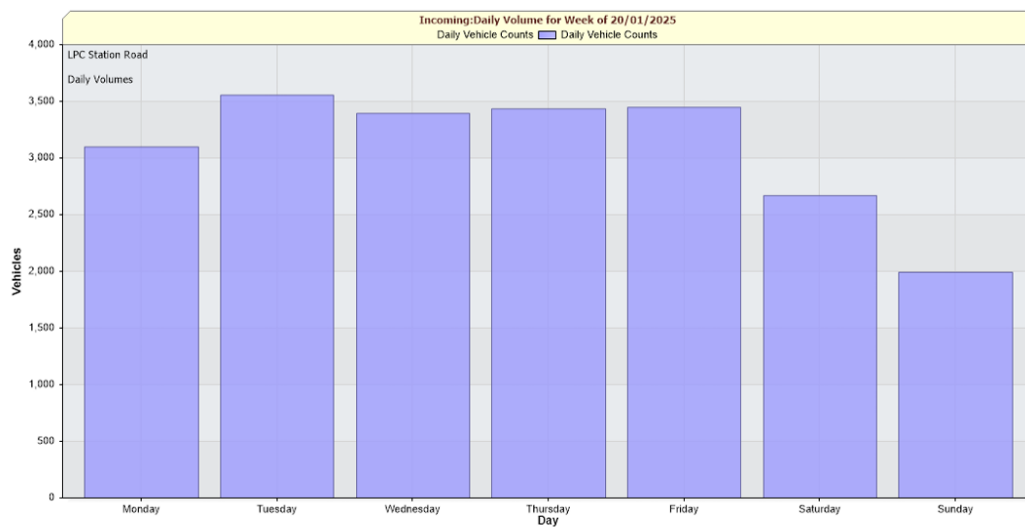
- Typical hourly volumes passing this point
- Typical daily volumes passing this point.
- Speed exceedances of 35MPH for this period



31/12/2024 to 28/01/2025 on Station Road – Traffic from Wangford



Average hourly volumes heading into Lakenheath from Wangford



Typical daily volumes heading into Lakenheath from Wangford

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0 - 1	5	13	7	7	12	12	11
2 - 2	5	7	4	6	4	7	8
2 - 3	7	4	6	6	6	5	7
3 - 4	3	4	7	1	4	6	3
4 - 5	10	8	9	13	14	11	6
5 - 6	44	26	31	31	19	16	12
6 - 7	98	71	60	87	81	30	15
7 - 8	67	68	77	85	69	37	18
8 - 9	83	38	61	55	57	58	44
9 - 10	61	30	40	39	63	62	71
10 - 11	64	34	42	38	76	51	69
11 - 12	41	27	49	42	63	78	70
12 - 13	83	45	51	59	84	105	67
13 - 14	79	38	52	42	83	85	90
14 - 15	65	40	61	69	89	89	67
15 - 16	72	34	50	103	78	95	58
16 - 17	92	58	60	92	90	80	69
17 - 18	68	51	46	56	56	75	38
18 - 19	71	36	45	44	63	54	40
19 - 20	37	31	31	33	51	50	44
20 - 21	35	25	32	33	44	31	27
21 - 22	34	18	28	22	40	18	19
22 - 23	27	21	29	18	32	16	14
23 - 24	15	7	10	23	20	8	15
Totals	1166	734	888	1004	1198	1079	882

Exceeding Speed of 35MPH – January 2025

SID Eriswell Road

On 28 June 2024 at 11:00 the new SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole located on Eriswell Road.

The SID was positioned just after the entrance to the pavilion to monitor traffic coming into Lakenheath from Lords Walk. Traffic speed and counts were measured from 00:00 on 31 December 2024 up until 23:59 on 31 January 2025. The measurement point is 740m past the point where the 30MPH zone starts.

There were between 3600 and 4300 vehicles per weekday passing this point heading into Lakenheath.

There were between 2300 and 3100 vehicles per day over the weekend heading into Lakenheath.

The busiest times during the week are 07:45-08:45 (Avg. 231 cars p/h) and 16:00 -17:00 (Avg. 461 cars p/h).

The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below 29.9 MPH past his point.

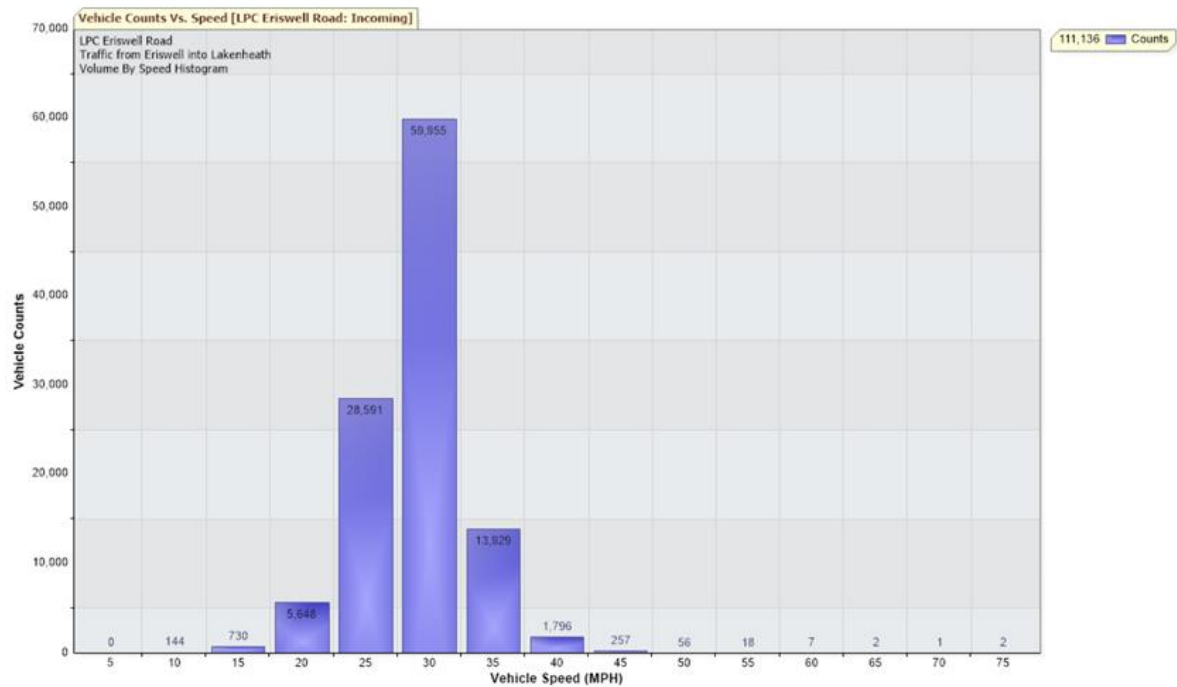
The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below 26.7 MPH past his point.

The fastest speed recorded this month was 75MPH (x2). There were 87 cars exceeding 50 MPH.

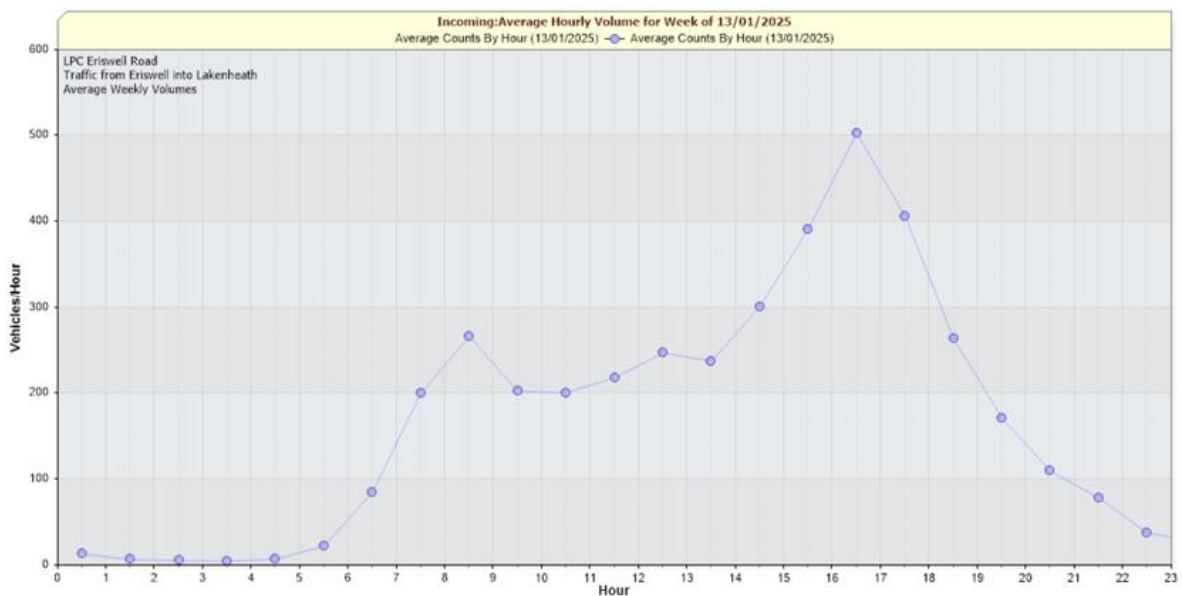
The next pages show:

- Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above.

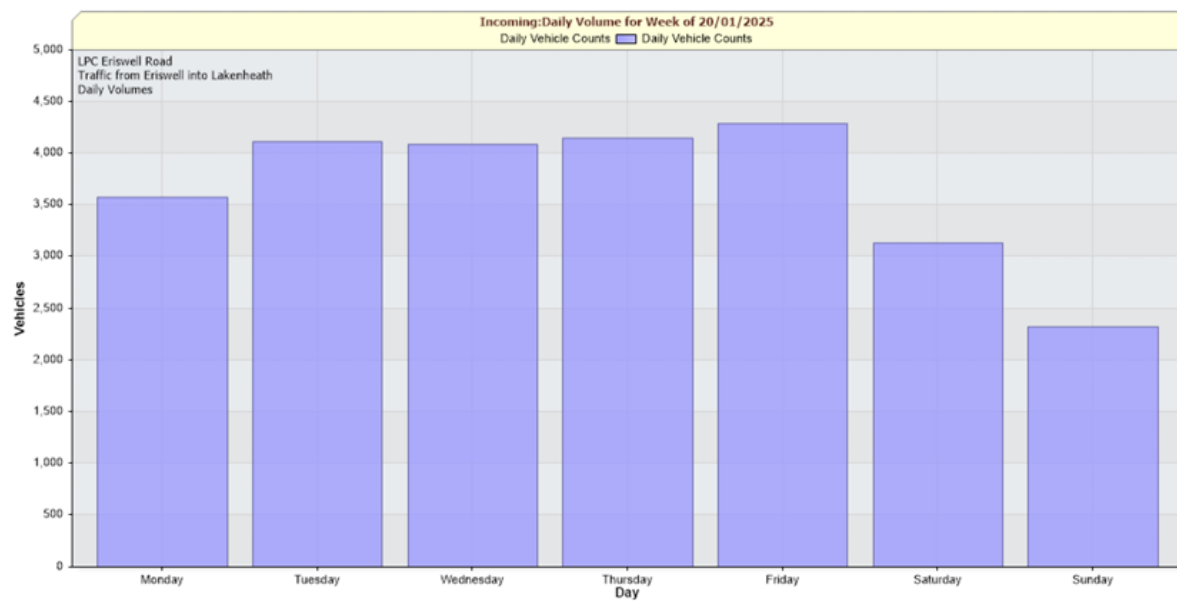
- Typical hourly volumes passing this point
- Typical daily volumes passing this point.
- Speed exceedances of 35MPH for this period



31/12/2024 to 31/01/2025 on Eriswell Road – Traffic from Lords Walk



Average hourly volumes heading into Lakenheath from Lords Walk



Typical daily volumes heading into Lakenheath from Lords Walk

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0 - 1	4	14	9	12	8	12	10
2 - 2	1	3	6	7	6	4	7
2 - 3	2	7	2	2	3	10	2
3 - 4	2	5	4	11	7	7	2
4 - 5	5	4	6	4	4	5	5
5 - 6	8	10	10	11	5	2	2
6 - 7	16	19	27	19	19	7	4
7 - 8	22	30	27	35	23	10	14
8 - 9	10	10	17	14	13	24	18
9 - 10	9	13	19	15	25	13	13
10 - 11	9	12	15	18	21	17	25
11 - 12	8	20	11	19	18	14	14
12 - 13	12	16	25	16	19	12	12
13 - 14	8	17	11	19	25	17	16
14 - 15	17	9	14	16	19	21	16
15 - 16	5	11	20	17	13	17	15
16 - 17	5	4	8	12	13	19	5
17 - 18	2	10	10	9	15	20	16
18 - 19	14	16	11	11	16	16	20
19 - 20	13	15	21	17	18	13	10
20 - 21	13	6	13	18	18	12	13
21 - 22	11	9	17	8	33	14	14
22 - 23	8	14	6	12	9	8	9
23 - 24	10	6	6	7	23	6	4
Totals	214	280	315	329	373	300	266

Exceeding Speed of 35MPH – January 2025

Appendix C - 28 Feb to Highways, Colin Noble, parish clerk

Good Afternoon, Thank you for getting back to me about Ref: 509836.

Also thank you for arranging a site visit and investigation so quickly. Now that we have established why it is not working and that the streetlight in question does indeed belong to Suffolk County Council, can we please turn our attention back to the original reason for this query being raised now which is:

Following the construction of the Liberty Gate Estate in Lakenheath by Persimmon this Street Light is now located on the approach of what is beginning to become a busy junction serving the 139 properties that are due to be built here and have recently begun to be occupied. The Streetlight is also located next to a new pedestrian crossing with a drop curb and tactile pavement either side of the B1112 Eriswell Road. The pavement from Snowdrop Road terminates at this pedestrian crossing, so anyone wishing to leave the estate on foot will need to cross the busy B1112 to continue their journey into the village, this will include many unaccompanied school children crossing the road in the dark to catch or return from the school bus.

This is a very significant change to the circumstances of this Streetlight compared to the period between disconnection and the recent occupation of the Liberty Gate Estate.

Prior to the building and subsequent occupation of the properties on the Liberty Gate Estate, this Street light was located on a straight piece of road, not near any junctions or pedestrian crossings, with houses located on one side of the road only, the site of the Liberty Gate Estate was just an agricultural Field. At that time, this streetlight was not in a significant location and would not have been missed particularly. But none of this is the case anymore, The Circumstances have changed and I have made the report that this streetlight is not working soon after the estate began being occupied.

A well lit junction and pedestrian crossing is essential for maintaining the safety of all road users and pedestrians entering or exiting the Liberty Gate Estate and those traveling through the junction on the busy B1112. ++

I note your intention to remove this Streetlight following the recent investigation, citing a lack of reports that the streetlight is not working between disconnection and present day as demonstrating that the streetlight is not needed, however I do not feel that this decision takes into consideration any of the above information about the recent change of circumstances for this streetlight and I implore you to reconsider this decision taking the above change of circumstances and safety concerns into account and ask UK Power Networks to reconnect this Streetlight which has obviously been disconnected by mistake as you have no record of asking for it to be disconnected.

I have included Colin Noble our County Councillor and Lakenheath Parish Council in this email traffic in the hope that they will support this request to consider all of the safety concerns for this Streetlight, the pedestrian Crossing and Junction approach and intervene to have this streetlight reinstated for the safety of all of the villagers and their visitors that these councillors serve.

Yours Sincerely (a resident/ name withheld by clerk