

BUNWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of Bunwell Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September 2026 at the Village Hall, Bunwell.

Cllrs Present at the Meeting: Cllr M Booty (Chair), Cllr M Crouch, Cllr P Palmer, Cllr D Ward and Cllr J Worth

Also Present: Parish Clerk, County Cllr Margaret Thomas, and 8 members of the public.

		ACTION
1.	To receive apologies – Cllr R Watson and District Cllr S Wateridge sent their apologies.	
2.	To record declarations of interest from Council members in any item to be discussed – there were no declarations of interest.	
3.	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st July 2026 – the minutes of the meeting held on 1 st July 2026, pages 667-675, having previously been circulated to all members, were agreed and signed by the Chair.	
4.	Matters Arising from Previous Meeting:	
4.1.	Update on Village Emergency Plan – Cllr Crouch will arrange a meeting between himself and Cllr Palmer to compile a Community Resilience Plan. This would include a list of residents who might be able to help in an emergency, such as flooding, fire, major accident or incident, etc. and also vulnerable residents who might be in need of extra help.	Cllr Crouch and Cllr Palmer
4.2.	Repair and repainting of telephone boxes and Bunwell Hill Noticeboard – Cllr Crouch reported that the broken and unsafe noticeboard had been removed and a replacement has been placed in position. He will also contact Mr Gledhill to ask for details of paint and glass used in the telephone boxes so they can be refurbished.	Cllr Crouch
4.3.	Financial support for Village Coffee Shop – A grant of £500 had been paid to the organisers of the Bunwell Coffee Shop and councillors were delighted to hear that the enterprise is a great success as a social event and support forum. The local MP Adrian Ramsey will be attending the Coffee Morning on the 18 th September from 9.00am to 10.00am.	
5.	Resident's Questions –	
5.1.	County Councillor's Report – Cllr Margaret Thomas spoke about the appointment of a new Chief Executive at NCC, other NCC updates, Community Wellbeing, Housing and Adult Social Care, Environmental issues, Community Safety, Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service, Highways and Transport, Funding Opportunities and International Partnerships. Cllr Thomas's full report is attached to these minutes.	
5.2.	District Councillor's Report – Cllr Wateridge's was unable to attend but her full report is attached to these minutes. In her report she mentions Grants and	

Funding, Nature Conservation, Community Climate Action Plan, East Pye update, Food Waste Collection and Call for Sites.

- 5.3. A councillor asked NCC Councillor, Maggie Thomas, for details about the removal of the Norfolk Community Fund, which is being redirected to Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service, which is chronically underfunded. Also, the Highways Local Member Fund which will not continue, as funding will be redirected towards highway maintenance and repairs across Norfolk's road network. Cllr Thomas explained that the decision had been taken that it was better to reallocate these funds from individual councillors to budget areas of greater need as other grants are available should they be needed.
- 5.4. Mr Richard Hoolahan reminded councillors of the Village Hall AGM which will take place on the 4th September and said that he would be stepping down as Chairman, to be replaced by Mr Mike Smallwood. Mr Hoolahan thanked the Parish Council for the support they have given the Village Hall during the last seven years while he has been Chairman.

6. **To receive and discuss correspondence** – any correspondence of importance had been passed to councillors for consideration or are included in agenda items. A resident did raise the matter of noise from the play area, especially if new equipment is installed, and Cllr Crouch offered to contact them to discuss the matter.

Cllr
Crouch

7. **Highways and Footpath Matters** –

- 7.1. The Footpath Warden, Katherine Womack, reported that she had been to see the site of the proposed diversion of FP3 and was very happy with the proposal. Unfortunately, several footpath signpost had again been removed and NCC Highways have said that they will not replace them until they have investigated the matter further. Her full report is attached to these minutes.
- 7.2. Proposed diversion of FP3 – the owners of this footpath from Hunts Green to the Chapel, have applied to NCC to divert the existing footpath which runs through their garden and pasture, to give them greater privacy and avoid the necessity of walkers having to cross the field grazed by their horses. The proposed diversion includes a stock fence alongside the field, a natural surface path of 2m width, the installation of steps and handrail and a culvert to the ditch. All councillors were in favour of the proposed diversion and praised the excellent construction methods together with the obvious mindfulness of the safety of walkers.

8. **Playground/Playing Field**

- 8.1. Cllr Crouch said that he had noted that a handrail on the slide was damaged and this will be repaired. Unfortunately, Action Play & Leisure, the company that had carried out most of the repairs to the play equipment over recent years, is no longer operating and a new provider will be sought.
- 8.2. Cllr Worth confirmed that she has investigated providing new picnic benches and details of costings will be sent to councillors shortly.
- 8.3. The clean-up day on 26th July was a great success, and Cllr Crouch thanked all the volunteers who had helped. He had purchased some cleaning equipment which will be used again on an annual basis.
- 8.4. An application had been submitted to the National Lottery Fund to supply a grant towards a new climbing and target wall for the play area. The result of the application will not be received until nearer the end of the year and any decisions necessary will be taken then.

Cllr
Worth

- 8.5. Councillors agreed that a Playing Field Hire Agreement be sent to the organisers of New Buckenham under-7s Football Team, inviting them to sign the agreement and use Bunwell Playing Field for their matches. They will also sign an agreement which allows them to site a storage container on the field for their equipment.

9. Projects –

- 9.1. Nature Recovery Project on the Playing Field. Cllr Booty reported that unfortunately he had not had time to progress this project but would put forward plans later in the year.
- 9.2. Changing Facilities for visiting teams. The Village Hall Committee will consider reinstating the existing changing rooms at the rear of the Hall which are now used as a storage area at their AGM. If this was possible a decision on providing outside facilities could wait to see how much the Playing Field was used.
- 9.3. CCTV for the Village Hall and Carpark. Cllr Booty had obtained a quote for this to improve security for hall users. There were also plans to improve the outside doors to the Hall and upgrade the kitchen. The VH Committee will contact the Parish Council after their AGM with details of the costings for this work and a decision will be taken as to whether grant funding is available or whether the PC could help to cover part of the costs.
- 9.4. Norwich to Tilbury Community Fund Project. Cllr Watson had prepared an in-depth report and timetable of liaising with other local councils affected by the proposed National Grid Pylon proposal and how best to ensure that residents can benefit from the Community Fund National Grid are offering. Unfortunately, Cllr Watson was unable to attend the meeting but Councillors were appreciative of his time and effort and agreed that his suggestions be followed up.

Cllr
Watson

10. Planning Applications – No planning applications or decisions had been received since the last meeting.

- 10.1. Details of the Greater Norwich Local Plan Scoping Consultation had been received, and it was agreed that a statement from the Parish Council be submitted before the closing date of 28th September. The suggested statement will be forwarded to councillors by email for their comments and approval.

Clerk

11. Finance

- 11.1. Payments for July had been circulated and councillors agreed to these transactions. The payments for August were also agreed.
- 11.2. The external auditors, PKF Littlejohn, had sent their conclusion of audit certificate and report which are available on the PC website.

12. To receive matters of importance from Councillors – Cllr Crouch reported that there were still insufficient volunteers to help set up a Community Speedwatch Group but he would put out a further call on Facebook.

13. To receive items for the next Agenda for Consideration – To follow up items raised above.

14. Date of next meeting – the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 8.25pm

UNITY TRUST CURRENT ACCOUNT			
BALANCE AS AT 01.07.26			£26,944.13
UNITY TRUST DEPOSIT ACCOUNT			
BALANCE AS AT 06.05.26			£120,057.70
RECEIPTS AS AT 01.07.26			
DATE	RECEIVED FROM	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT
Current A/c Balance C/Fwd			£26,944.13
Deposit A/c Balance C/Fwd			£120,057.70

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL THIS MONTH: UNITY TRUST CURRENT ACCOUNT					
BALANCE AS 01.07.26			£26,944.13		
PAY TYPE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT	VAT	PAYE
BACS	M Ridgwell	Jul Salary & Exps	332.45		
BACS	HMRC	PAYE to month 4	73.40		73.40
BACS	Bunwell Village Hall	Hall Hire, Jun & Jul 2026	72.00		
BACS	Badger Design	Noticeboard Repairs (Pd by M. Crouch)	7.95	1.33	
BACS	Boulder Devs Ltd	Noticeboard Repairs (Pd by M. Crouch)	19.99	3.33	
BACS	Online Playgrounds	Playground Repairs (Pd by P Gledhill)	141.59	23.60	
BACS	Norfolk PTS	Agendas, Minutes etc Training MR	62.40	10.40	
BACS	Norfolk PTS	Grant Funding Training, RW	62.40	10.40	
BACS	Norfolk PTS	Engaging Your Community Training, RW	72.00	12.00	
BACS	F.H Easton	Playing Field Rent	30.00	5.00	
	Unity Trust	Service Charge	7.00		
		Total	881.18	63.06	73.40
BALANCE C/FWD			£ 26,062.95		

CASHBOOK BALANCES: 03.08.26

Details	CR	DR	
Cash Book Balances Brought Forward			
Unity Trust Bank Current Account A1	26,944.13		
Unity Trust Deposit Account A2	120,057.70		
Receipts this month (see listed above) B			
Payments this month (listed above) C	881.18		
Cash Book Balances Carried Forward (=A1+A2+B-C)			146,120.65
Unity Current Account Balance			26,062.95
Unity Deposit Account Balance			120,057.70
Total Bank Balances			£146,120.65

UNITY TRUST CURRENT ACCOUNT			
BALANCE AS AT 03.08.26			£26,062.95
UNITY TRUST DEPOSIT ACCOUNT			
BALANCE AS AT 06.05.26			£120,057.70
RECEIPTS AS AT 03.08.26			
DATE	RECEIVED FROM	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT
30/06.26	Unity Trust Bank	Interest on Deposit A/c	583.68
Current A/c Balance C/Fwd			£26,062.95
Deposit A/c Balance C/Fwd			£120,641.38

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL THIS MONTH: UNITY TRUST CURRENT ACCOUNT					
BALANCE AS 03.08.26			£26,062.95		
PAY TYPE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT	VAT	PAYE
BACS	M Ridgwell	Aug Salary & Exps	306.60		
BACS	HMRC	PAYE to month 4	73.40		73.40
BACS	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	504.00	84.00	
	Unity Trust	Service Charge	7.00		
		Total	891.00	84.00	73.40
BALANCE C/FWD			£25,171.95		

CASHBOOK BALANCES: 02.09.26

Details	CR	DR	
Cash Book Balances Brought Forward			
Unity Trust Bank Current Account A1	26,062.95		
Unity Trust Deposit Account A2	120,057.70		
Receipts this month (see listed above) B	583.68		
Payments this month (listed above) C	891.00		
Cash Book Balances Carried Forward (=A1+A2+B-C)			145,813.33
Unity Current Account Balance			25,171.95
Unity Deposit Account Balance			120,641.38
Total Bank Balances			£145,813.33

Report from Margaret Thomas
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August 2026

Here is my latest update on Norfolk County Council activity, local developments, funding opportunities and issues that may be of interest to residents, businesses, parish councils and community organisations.

Norfolk County Council Updates

Appointment of a New Chief Executive

Norfolk County Council has appointed **Dennis Bacon** as its new Chief Executive. Mr Bacon brings extensive leadership experience from the health and care sector and has previously worked closely with organisations across Norfolk. His appointment comes at an important time for the authority as it prepares for significant change, including Local Government Reorganisation and the continued delivery of key public services. The appointment was approved by a **special meeting of Full Council** following the recruitment process. [\[norfolk.gov.uk\]](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk)

Support Following Exam Results Day

Students across Norfolk have received their A Level, T Level and Level 3 qualification results. Norfolk County Council is encouraging young people, parents and carers who may be unsure about their next steps to make use of support and advice available on education, training, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.

Community Wellbeing

Feel Connected Campaign

Public Health Norfolk's Feel Connected campaign is encouraging residents aged 55 and over to stay socially connected and actively involved within their communities. The campaign aims to reduce loneliness and social isolation by promoting local activities, volunteering opportunities and community participation.

School Uniform and Back-to-School Support

The County Council's Crisis and Resilience Service is providing targeted support for families experiencing financial hardship with school uniform and back-to-school costs. Assistance may be available for clothing, shoes and other essential items. Residents who may qualify are encouraged to contact the Crisis and Resilience Service for further information.

Housing and Adult Social Care

New Extra Care Housing Development in Thorpe St Andrew

Work has begun on a new Extra Care housing scheme in Thorpe St Andrew. Once completed, the development will provide 87 self-contained apartments for social rent for people aged over 55, together with 24-hour on-site care and support. Facilities will include a restaurant, communal lounge, landscaped gardens and mobility scooter storage. The development reflects the council's commitment to helping residents live independently for longer.

Flooding and Environmental Resilience

Reclaim the Rain Programme

The Reclaim the Rain project continues to support flood resilience across Norfolk and Suffolk through sustainable drainage measures and practical solutions designed to help communities better manage flood risk and improve long-term water resilience. Examples of good practice are being shared through local projects and schools.

Nature Recovery and Biodiversity

The Government's 30by30 Land Delivery Plan aims to ensure that 30% of England's land is managed for nature recovery by 2030. Norfolk's important landscapes, habitats and environmental assets create opportunities for local communities to support biodiversity and habitat improvement initiatives.

Community Safety

Trading Standards Enforcement Activity

Norfolk Trading Standards, working alongside Norfolk Police and HMRC, continues to tackle the sale of illicit tobacco and vaping products. Significant quantities of illegal products have been seized during recent operations, helping to protect residents and legitimate businesses.

Police and Crime Commissioner

Consultation will begin on a new Police and Crime Plan following the election of Norfolk's new Police and Crime Commissioner. Residents and local councils will have opportunities to help shape future policing priorities across the county.

Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service

Investment in Fire and Rescue Services

Funding originally allocated to the proposed Norfolk Community Fund has been redirected to Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service due to increasing operational pressures. The service has experienced a significant increase in activity over recent years, including incidents linked to extreme weather events and lithium-ion batteries. While the Norfolk Community Fund will not proceed during 2026/27, the Council has confirmed its continuing commitment to supporting the voluntary and community sector through alternative grant programmes.

Recognition of Long Service

Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service recently recognised Holt firefighter **Tony Pointer** for reaching the remarkable milestone of **50 years' service**. Mr Pointer joined the service at the age of 19 and has spent the last 31 years serving as Watch Manager at Holt Fire Station. During his career he is estimated to have attended more than 7,000 incidents.

As crews continue responding to outdoor fires during the summer period, residents are being encouraged to take extra care when enjoying the countryside and open spaces to help reduce the risk of preventable fires.

Highways and Transport

Trial of New Pothole Repair Technology

Norfolk County Council will trial an innovative pothole repair machine during September as part of ongoing efforts to improve road maintenance. The trial will take place in South Norfolk and will help assess whether new technology can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of repairs.

Highways Local Member Fund

Following a recent decision by the Leader of the Council, the Highways Local Member Fund will not continue for new schemes during the current financial year. Funding will instead be redirected towards highway maintenance and repairs across Norfolk's road network.

Funding Opportunities for Local Projects

Parish Partnership Scheme 2027/28

Norfolk County Council has opened the next round of the Parish Partnership Scheme, enabling Town and Parish Councils to bid for funding towards local highway and transport improvements. The County Council has provisionally allocated £500,000 to the programme and will generally fund projects on a 50/50 basis, with a maximum County Council contribution of £25,000 per bid. Applications close on **1 December 2026**.

Projects may include:

- Footpaths and surfacing improvements
- Road safety measures
- Speed awareness signs
- Rights of way improvements
- School safety schemes
- Bus shelters and transport infrastructure
- Electric vehicle charging facilities

Smaller parish councils with annual incomes below £2,000 may qualify for enhanced support of up to 75% of project costs. Parish councils are encouraged to contact their local Highway Engineer as early as possible to discuss proposals

Bus Infrastructure Funding

Additional funding is available for bus stop infrastructure improvements, including bus shelters, seating, lighting and cycle parking. Funding may cover up to 80% of eligible project costs.

Best Start Family Hub Grants

A range of grants is available for organisations, community groups and individuals supporting children and families. Funding can assist with new activities, expansion of services, equipment, venue improvements and initiatives supporting infant feeding and family wellbeing. Grant values range up to £9,000, with a combined application limit of £10,000.

Norfolk Crisis and Resilience Grant Programme

Funding is available for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations delivering projects that support residents facing financial hardship and help build stronger, more resilient communities

Go Digital Funding Programme

Norfolk businesses can apply for grants of up to £500 to support digital improvements, including websites, software, online marketing and productivity enhancements.

Heating Oil Crisis Fund

Support of up to £350 is available for eligible low-income households that rely on heating oil for heating and hot water and are struggling with fuel costs.

International Partnerships

Norfolk's Partnership with Lviv

Norfolk County Council recently welcomed a delegation from Danylo Halytsky Lviv National Medical University in Ukraine. The visit forms part of the ongoing partnership between Norfolk and the Lviv region, supporting collaboration in healthcare, education and public services.

Keeping in Touch

If you would like further information on any of the issues highlighted above, or if there are local matters you would like me to raise with Norfolk County Council, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Margaret Thomas

County Councillor for West Depwade

District Councillor Report August/September 2026

Grants and Funding

I was pleased to submit three applications to South Norfolk Council's Community Action Fund and the new Community Facilities Grant, in time for the 16th August deadline:

- Aslacton Parish Council is keen to replace the churchyard toilet facilities
- Bunwell Village Hall would like new fire doors, CCTV and electrical upgrades
- Community Art Clubs CIC are hoping to fund a year-long project to work with local adults with SEN.

The Communities Team tell me they were inundated (probably because this may be the last round of funding before the shadow unitaries are formed next May) so fingers crossed we will be successful! The panel will be meeting on October 2nd.

Nature Conservation Fund

Unfortunately, we were told about this very late in the day and certainly not in time to share with you at the July parish council meetings. I am really disappointed about that as this fund requires a well-researched and considered application to be in with a chance, and launching in mid July, with a deadline of September 18th, was always going to be impossible for most.

However, just in case anyone is brilliant at turning around grant applications and has a project which is shovel-ready, please follow this link! (NB tree planting has been added to the list of priority projects the Council would like you to focus on):

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/environment/nature-conservation-fund>

Community Climate Action Plan/Peoples' Emergency Briefing

I mentioned in my last report that I wanted to focus on helping to make the communities I represent more climate-resilient and to that end, I have been liaising with Joolz Thompson who heads up the Community Climate Action Plan concept.

I have also discussed this with Adrian Ramsay and we thought it might be worthwhile to screen the Peoples' Emergency Briefing at the same time. I am currently trying to get an evening date for both myself, Adrian and Joolz. This may prove impossible so we may need to split the two evenings up but either way, I will let you know as soon as we have a date and will be booking one of the village halls (probably Bunwell as it is the most central venue for the four parishes) to host the event.

Perhaps some of you have already seen the People's Emergency Briefing? Adrian Ramsay hosted a screening at the Corn Hall in Diss which I mentioned in my July report but other screenings are now starting to spring up.

It's so important that this information is out there in the public domain, especially given this summer full of terrifyingly close wildfires and the ongoing drought/hosepipe ban, not to mention the prospect of potential flooding in the winter. I have given you the link previously but I do urge you to find out more here <https://www.nebriefing.org>

Sadly, next summer looks set to be even more extreme given continuing El Nino effect so I would also remind parish councils to start thinking, or revisit, ideas around emergency planning, which I have mentioned before. As a reminder, South Norfolk Council has an excellent team to help you put yours together – contact Jenny or Simon jenny.bloomfield@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk and simon.faraday-drake@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

East Pye Update

I'm pretty sure all the residents of Great Moulton are aware of this by now but for everyone else's information, the first round of the Planning Inspectorate's hearings will be taking place at Dunston Hall on 15th and 16th September. Adrian Ramsay will be speaking on behalf of Great Moulton residents (having held a meeting with National Grid recently regarding the mooted substation there and subsequently meeting residents to reiterate his support for them).

<https://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/the-planning-process>

You cannot go along unless you have registered as an interested party and/or filled in an Event Participation Form (the deadline for this is September 1st but the event will be streamed live – see here for more details):

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=mN94Wlhvq0iTIpmM5VcljXHPqxqh6NRGsRYK9LfZtKRURE9TN1hQUVksZsVYU0RVNkU1M1E4RlpBTC4u&route=shorturl>

I have also noted that the Planning Inspectors paid a visit to the area in early July and walked the Great Moulton and Tivetshall site. Further site visits will follow later in the year but we are not notified about these in advance for obvious reasons.

Food Waste Collection

I'm sure you are all aware by now but the second phase of the food waste collection roll-out, which was due to start at the end of this month, has been delayed to 9th November – more learnings need to be gathered and implemented from the first phase, and more drivers need to be trained and recruited.

Call for Sites

I have mentioned previously that the Council had put out a call for development land earlier this year. They have just announced which sites in South Norfolk have come forward. **Please note this doesn't mean they will definitely go ahead!** They will now be considered by the Greater Norwich Authorities over the next few months and then there will be a public consultation. This work is towards forming a new local plan, in light of the government's housing targets.

If you would like to know which sites have been chosen in Bunwell, please go here (in summary, there are two sites off Bunwell Street, two around Sneath Common in Aslacton, and six in Great Moulton).

<https://gnlp.oc2.uk/document/90/32396#d32396>

In conclusion, I hope everyone has had a good summer and I look forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks. As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me using the details below.

Cllr Suzanne Wateridge

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Bunwell Footpath Warden Report – July & August goings-on

02/09/2026

Well! Didn't I talk up the heatwaves at the end of my last report! Planning a Friday walk has been the last thing on my mind. Deputy Warden Lyca is not built for the heat and therefore the last two months have been mostly spent indoors trying to keep her cool. Thankfully there have been no fires affecting the paths, so that's something.

It's been the usual round of filing reports and waiting to hear back. There are no updates on Mystery Footpath 4. Once again footpaths 1, 3, and 4 became obstructed with crops. Hopefully next year this won't be the case.

There has been an incident of fly tipping on the side of the Cow Lane footpath. I've no idea how a large trailer-load of garden waste, animal housing, cardboard boxes, and horse feed sacks ended up a quarter mile down a path not accessible to vehicles, dumped next to the path... beside the gate of a horse paddock. I did report it to the council 2 weeks ago but nothing has happened yet. If anyone knows who owns the field that footpath 18 goes across, I'd like a word with them...

The bridge on footpath 2 that crosses the ditch into the meadows at Packway Barn is in a dangerous state, I have reported it and it will be replaced soon. If you have a dog I'd recommend giving that path a miss anyway, as there are now six very curious 15hh+ horses in the meadow. I'm not entirely sure deputy warden Lyca is still good with horses after the we got mobbed by them. Nothing like a horse kicking its heels up a few feet from your head to get the blood pumping on a Thursday morning!

My DIY sign at the Low Common Road gate of Banyard's Hall remained in place, although it had been knocked over a couple of times and I had to re-erect it.

The council fingerpost sign at the B1113 end didn't fare so well, "someone" decided to saw it off and remove it.

Given the success of my original DIY sign I decided to make a set of new signs for all the paths passing through Banyard's Hall. I erected them all on Sunday (30/08/26)... and they were gone by Monday afternoon (31/08/26).

Hopefully I will have an update on the situation for the next meeting.

I met with Sasha and Dan of North Lodge on the 23rd to discuss their plans for moving their footpath. They are going above and beyond what they need to do (and what most landowners would do) and must be commended. I fully support their application, I hope everything goes smoothly, and I look forward to walking the new section of path.