

Haslingfield Parish Council (“HPC”) Minutes

Monday 9 June 2025

Attendees: Parish Cllrs Liz Hales (LH) - Chairman; Clive Blower (CB) – Vice Chairman; Andrew Gillies (AG); Ann O'Brien (AO'B); Diana Offord (DO); James Roberts (JR); Andrew Tipler (AT); Lise Jackson – Parish Clerk (LJ); 8 members of the public attended.

Members: 7

Quorum: 4

Meeting commenced 7.30pm

The Chairman remembered Margaret Long, who served for many years on the Parish Council, including as Chairman, who passed away on 31 May.

25-125 Apologies: Apologies received from Cllrs Hatfield, Jones and Revell.

25-126 Declarations of interest: Andrew Tipler declared an interest in item 25-137.

25-127 Public Forum: Issues raised included the ACV on the Mohak Café and public toilets, which were discussed later in the meeting.

25-128 Minutes: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meetings of 12/05/25. Proposed (DO) Seconded (AO'B) All supported

25-129 External Reports:

- a. The County Councillor report was received in advance of the meeting is available on the website. Cllr Damary-Homan attended the EWR LRG meeting and suggested parishes push for the northern route. He stated he will support councils in dealing with EWR.
- b. The District Councillor report was received in advance of the meeting and is available on the website.

25-130 Planning Applications and Decisions:

- a. Notification of the outcome of Planning Decision by GCP:
25/01021/HFUL – 7 Trinity Close, Haslingfield – Granted
25/01125/HFUL – 2 Dodds Mead, Haslingfield – Granted
25/01487/HFUL - 1 River Lane, Haslingfield - Granted
- b. Notification of new Planning Applications:
25/0498/TTCA - 39 Church Street Haslingfield - Lime - Re-pollard by 2.5m down to previous pollard points at 6m high – no comments
24/04869/HFUL (Appeal) - 19 Church Street, Haslingfield - Construction of a new carport and external material changes to the existing dwelling – no new comments

*It was **resolved** to bring forward item 25-138. Proposed (AO'B) Seconded (DO) All supported*

25-138 Toilet facilities at the Recreation Ground: A resident requested public toilets be made available at the Recreation Ground. It was agreed to investigate the possibility, as well as to speak to the Badcock Trust.

*It was **resolved** to bring forward item 25-137. Proposed (DO) Seconded (JR) All supported*
Cllr AT left the meeting.

25-137 ACV for Mohak Café building: The owner of the Mohak Café building understands from SCDC that it is not possible to put an ACV on a mixed property. Clerk to confirm with SCDC.

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Cllr AT rejoined the meeting.

25-131 Annual Governance and Accounting Report:

- a. The PC received internal audit report and the AGAR Annual Internal Audit Report 2024-25 from the internal auditor, LGS Services.
- b. It was **resolved** to approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the AGAR) . Proposed (LH), Seconded (CB) All supported
- c. It was **resolved** to approve the Parish Accounts and the Accounting Statement (Section 2 of the AGAR) . Proposed (LH), Seconded (CB) All supported

25-132 Scarecrow Festival: It was **resolved** that the Parish Council would run the accounting and programme printing of the Scarecrow Festival. Proposed (CB) Seconded (AT) Majority supported

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council would put £500 in the 2026/27 budget for Scarecrow Festival expenses. Proposed (CB) Seconded (LH) Majority supported

25-133 EWR: LH attended the Local Representatives Group meeting in Comberton on 3 June. There have been some changes to the plans, some resultant on requests from David Revell – inclines have been reduced, the length of the tunnel has been extended (but not as far as David suggests), archaeological tests will be carried out at entrance and exit points, maintenance access roads have been simplified and storage has been moved away from Wells Close. EWRCo. state independent arbitration ‘should not be needed’. They will carry out full noise assessments on trains and construction. The 12 week statutory consultation is the next step.

25-134 Housing Needs Survey: AO'B, MG and Clerk met with ACRE about carrying out a Housing Needs Survey. More information is needed before a proposal is made.

25-135 Tree management: It was **resolved** to add £700 to the 2026/27 budget for tree replacement. Proposed (LH) Seconded (DO) All supported

25-136 Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group:

- a. A report was received in advance of the meeting. Aspen suckers are growing in the Wellhouse Meadow; LH to walk through the Meadow with MG to determine which ones could be kept. The Eco Group is looking to apply for grants for funding for five more pond testing kits.
- b. The watercourse survey started on 9 June. A revised (reduced) quote was received. Clerk applied for SCDC Community Chest Biodiversity grant based on the revised quote; awaiting outcome.

25-139 Playground and Skatepark repair: Clerk is seeking quotes for the playground repair. Clerk has requested Betongpark make repairs to the skatepark under the warranty.

25-140 20mph survey: A draft survey to be sent out with the August newsletter regarding a 20mph speed limit in the village was discussed. A few changes were discussed, and a new draft will be considered at the July meeting.

25-141 Haslingfield United Charities: It was **resolved** that DO would be the representative from the Parish Council to Haslingfield United Charities. Proposed (AG) Seconded (AO'B) All supported

25-142 Donation to Little Owls: It was **resolved** to donate £200 to Little Owls as a thank

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you for providing refreshments to the Annual Parish Meetings in 2024 and 2025.
Proposed (LH) Seconded (DO) All supported

25-143 Presentations: It was agreed to try to arrange a defibrillator presentation in September, to be advertised in the August newsletter.

25-144 Policies: It was **resolved** to approve the following policies. Proposed (DO) Seconded (AO'B) All supported

a. Publication Scheme

b. Investment policy

25-145 Insurance: Hirer's Liability for the Village Hall was purchased for £56 as an addition to the annual insurance policy. It was **resolved** to inform hirers that, should the PC have to make an insurance claim because of their actions, they will be liable to pay the insurance excess of £250. Proposed (AG) Seconded (JR) All supported

25-146 Clerk's Report: A report was received in advance of the meeting.

25-147 Finance: It was **resolved** to pay the following outstanding accounts. Proposed (CB) Seconded (JR) All supported

Payee	Description	Amount
HMRC	Tax and NI	£644.84
Staff	Salaries and home expenses	£2,982.52
Lise Jackson	Mileage	£27.00
Cllr O'Brien	Expenses	£6.10
Badcock Recreation Ground Trust	Venue hire	£48.00
Dor-2-Dor	Newsletter delivery	£120.00 (inc VAT)
Haslingfield Little Owls	Donation	£200.00
Haslingfield Methodist Church	Venue hire	£30.00
LGS Services	Internal Audit	£282.00 (inc VAT)
Red Graphic	Newsletter design and print	£624.00 (inc VAT)
Red Shoes	Payroll services	£261.00 (inc VAT)

25-148 Co-option: It was **resolved** to co-opt William Harrold to the Parish Council.
Proposed (LH) Seconded (JR) Majority supported

*It was **resolved** that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting. Proposed (LH) Seconded (JR) All supported*

25-149 Land Matters: It was **resolved** to apply to trigger the six-month moratorium for the Asset of Community Value on the land adj 28 Badcock Road. Proposed (LH) Seconded (JR) All supported

It was **resolved** to set aside a budget of £10K for legal support. Proposed (CB) Seconded (AO'B) All supported

Meeting ended 9:54 pm

Date of next meeting: **Monday 14 July 2025** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Issued by the Parish Clerk: Lise Jackson, 11 June 2025