

## Haslingfield Parish Council (“HPC”) Minutes

### Monday 14 July 2025

**Attendees:** Parish Cllrs Liz Hales (LH) - Chairman; Clive Blower (CB) – Vice Chairman; Andrew Gillies (AG); William Harrold (WH); Ruth Hatfield (RH); Steve Jones (SJ); Ann O'Brien (AO'B); Diana Offord (DO); David Revell (DR); James Roberts (JR); Lise Jackson – Parish Clerk (LJ); 11 members of the public attended.

**Members:** 10

**Quorum:** 4

**Meeting commenced 7.30pm**

**25-150 Apologies:** Apologies received from Cllr Tipler.

**25-151 Declarations of interest:** None

**25-152 Public Forum:** None

**25-153 Minutes:** It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meetings of 09/06/25. Proposed (CB) Seconded (DO) All supported

**25-154 External Reports:**

- a. The County Councillor report was received in advance of the meeting and is available on the website.
- b. The District Councillor report was received in advance of the meeting and is available on the website. Items discussed included the new postal vote system, the local nature recovery strategy consultation, grants for businesses and community projects and the local government reorganisation.

**25-155 Planning Applications and Decisions:**

- a. Notification of the outcome of Planning Decision by GCP:  
25/01561/S73 – 76 New Road, Haslingfield - Granted
- b. Notification of new Planning Applications:  
[25/02287/HFUL](#) - 24 Church Street Haslingfield - Garage conversion, front porch extension and construction of detached double garage – It was agreed to comment on concerns about the proposed garage being situated in front of and therefore visible from 26 Church Street – Majority support

**25-156 Grant Applications:**

- a. It was **resolved** to grant Haslingfield Little Owls £2,991.35 for a storage shed and shelving, a laptop, furniture and outdoor resources. Proposed (AO'B) Seconded (JR) All supported
- b. It was **resolved** to grant All Saints Church, Haslingfield £2,508 for tree work in the churchyard. Proposed (LH) Seconded (SJ) All supported

**25-157 EWR:** Money Hill has six Bronze Age barrows around the summit, and an application has been sent to Historic England to make it a scheduled monument. Historic England is waiting for geophysical surveys to be completed by EWRCo (which can only be done after the harvest) before submitting their application to the DCMS Secretary of State. EWRCo wanted to dig bore holes and 3.5m deep trial pits on Money Hill without waiting for the ground-based geophysical surveys to be completed. A drone survey has been carried out, but the PC has not had the results. A local archaeologist from the CAFG advised us that there may be currently undiscovered archaeology behind Penn Farm and elsewhere on the site. EWRCo. approach would put any such undiscovered archaeology at risk. Due to the short timeframes, the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the PC, wrote to EWRCo twice, asking them to delay the bore hole digs until after the ground-based

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geophysical surveys have been carried out and to provide early visibility of what had been found. Despite initial refusal, we learnt that EWRCo. did agree to wait until after the harvest, which has just taken place. The Proper Officer wrote again last week, asking them again to delay the bore holes and to provide survey results. EWRCo has yet to reply to the most recent letter.

It was **resolved** that any two of the EWR working group, as well as the Chairman, may agree a letter to be sent by the Proper Officer on behalf of the PC where the issues raised in the letter are aligned with previous PC policy and views on EWR as defined by previous PC correspondence on the matter such as consultation responses and letters. Proposed (DR) Seconded (AO'B) All supported

The next meeting between Bridget Smith, Stephen Kelly and affected Parish Councils will take place on 15 July.

### 25-158 Consultations:

- a. Public Rights of Way (PROW) Hierarchy consultation - it was agreed that DR would complete this consultation, with input from CB.
- b. Local Area Energy Plan – it was agreed not to complete this consultation.
- c. Local Government Reorganisation survey – it was agreed the Clerk would complete this consultation on behalf of the PC.

**25-159 Neighbourhood Plan:** The Government announced it will no longer be providing Locality grants to support Neighbourhood Plans. AO'B will keep in touch with ACRE about the future of Neighbourhood Plans, as the PC would need help to progress the NP.

**25-160 Youthwork:** The results of the Connections Bus youth survey were received. The Bus is well attended and the results of the survey were positive.

### 25-161 Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group:

- a. An update was received in advance of the meeting including eDNA results from watercourse survey.
- b. SCDC has granted the PC a Community Chest grant of £1,016 for the watercourse survey. The cost of the survey will be £116 higher than originally thought, as the VAT is paid by the ecologist and therefore cannot be claimed as refund by the PC.

**25-162 Playground and Skatepark repair:** It was **resolved** that the PC would accept an amended quote from HAGS up to £25K for the repair of the playground. Proposed (LH) Seconded (CB) Majority supported

**25-163 20mph survey:** The draft survey was agreed and will be sent out with the August newsletter. It was **resolved** that should a minimum of 100 votes be received with more than half in favour, the PC would apply for the 20mph limit throughout the village. It was mentioned that not all applications are successful. Proposed (LH) Seconded (CB) All supported

**25-164 Little Stars:** It was **resolved** to allow Little Stars to use chalks in the playground for outdoor sessions. Proposed (DR) Seconded (RH) Majority supported

**25-165 Public toilet on Recreation Ground:** A report was received about public toilets. Including the toilet in the hall as a separate part of the changing rooms and a water fountain were discussed.

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#### 25-166 Trees

- a. A plum tree in The Elms needs a broken branch removed. Clerk obtained three quotes and agreed the lowest quote from Shelford Tree Service.  
There are many saplings in the Wellhouse Meadow around the tree that died, and it was agreed that seven would be left for now, with a view to keeping the two strongest.
- b. LH stepped down as tree warden. A new tree warden has not yet been appointed. The Parish Council thanked her for her work.

**25-167 Cambridgeshire ACRE membership:** It was **resolved** to continue membership with Cambridgeshire ACRE. Proposed (LH) Seconded (AO'B) All supported

**25-168 Local Council Award Scheme:** It was **resolved** to registering for NALC's Local Council Award Scheme for the Bronze Award. Proposed (LH) Seconded (DO) All supported

**25-169 Policies:** It was **resolved** to approve the following policy. Proposed (DO) Seconded (LH) All supported

- a. Emergency Plan

*Cllr Hatfield left the meeting.*

**25-170 Clerk's Hours:** It was **resolved** to increase the clerk's contracted hours to 20 hours per week, starting on 1 August 2025. Proposed (AO'B) Seconded (LH) All supported

**25-171 Clerk's Report:** A report was received in advance of the meeting. It was agreed to seek quotes for painting the Barton Road bus shelter.

#### 25-172 Finance:

- a. The quarterly financial update was received.
- b. It was **resolved** to pay the following outstanding accounts. Proposed (AO'B) Seconded (AG) All supported

Payee	Description	Amount
HMRC	Tax and NI	£515.06
Staff	Salaries and home expenses	£2,649.32
Lise Jackson	Mileage	£63.90
William Harrold	Subscription for village website expenses	£7.86
Ann Sherwood	Biodiversity survey	£1,045.35
Badcock Trust	Venue hire	£126.00
CAPALC	Councillor training	£75.00
The Connections Bus	Youthwork	£1,782.00

**25-173 Admission to Meetings:** 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 (CB) All supported

**25-174 Land matters:** It was agreed to meet with residents regarding the land.

**25-175 Admission to Meetings:** With the confidential business having been concluded and there being no press and public wanting to be re-admitted, the Chairman closed the meeting.

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Meeting ended 10:06 pm

Date of next meeting: **Monday 11 August 2025** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Issued by the Parish Clerk: Lise Jackson

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