

Haslingfield Parish Council (“HPC”) Minutes

Monday 11 August 2025

Attendees: Parish Cllrs Liz Hales (LH) - Chairman; Andrew Gillies (AG); Ruth Hatfield (RH); Diana Offord (DO); David Revell (DR); James Roberts (JR); Andrew Tipler (AT); Lise Jackson – Parish Clerk (LJ); 3 members of the public attended.

Members: 7

Quorum: 4

Meeting commenced 7.30pm

25-176 Apologies: Apologies received from Cllrs Harrold, Jones and O’Brien.

25-177 Election: Diana Offord was **elected** as Vice-Chairman. Proposed (LH) Seconded (JR) All supported

25-178 Declarations of interest: None

25-179 Public Forum: Residents asked about using the Community Centre at Wisbey’s Yard for a darts and social club. This will be added to the September agenda.

25-180 Minutes: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meetings of 14/07/25. Proposed (AG) Seconded (DO) All supported

25-181 External Reports:

- a. The County Councillor report was received in advance of the meeting and is available on the website. Items discussed included underfunding of Highways, adult and child social care and the new Unitary Authority.
- b. The District Councillor report was received in advance of the meeting and is available on the website.

25-182 Planning Applications and Decisions:

- a. Notification of the outcome of Planning Decision by GCP:
- b. Notification of new Planning Applications:

25/02690/HFUL - 31 Badcock Road Haslingfield - Side/rear extension to garage to create garden room – Majority supported

25/02714/HFUL - 29 Badcock Road Haslingfield - Demolition of garage. Part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension. Alterations to front porch and installation of replacement windows – Majority objected due to size and design

25/02177/FUL - Land North Of A505 South Of Thriplow Village - Construction of an anaerobic Digestion Plant with carbon capture including an improved access from the A505, an ecological enhancement scheme and associated infrastructure (change of use of arable land to a renewable energy facility) – No comment

25-183 EWR: A meeting was held between PCs and EWR Co, in which the following were discussed: bat surveys, freight, the statutory consultation (delayed but normal DCO process would be followed), tunnel from Highfields Caldecote to Great Shelford, MRAO, archaeology of Money Hill (surveys completed), Money Hill tunnel, construction compounds and a new footpath considered between Harlton and Haslingfield. Another meeting will be held in the autumn.

Money Hill surveys are anticipated to be complete by the end of August.

There will be a meeting with Pippa Heylings MP and PCs on 11 September. The EWR Co CEO will attend and possibly Historic England.

There may be a benefit to the PC to have a meeting with the mayor in future.

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- 25-184 Grounds Maintenance:** A meeting was held with the contractor about performance, and they were given notice that the PC would decide at this meeting whether to cancel the contract. Initial indications are that things have improved somewhat, so it was agreed that the contract would continue and be considered again in September.
- 25-185 Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group:**
- a. None
 - b. It was agreed that RH would complete the Local Nature Strategy consultation, if possible, with help from the Eco Group.
- 25-186 Trees:** It was agreed to approach the Badcock Trust to ask if water butts could be installed next to the village hall to facilitate watering.
- 25-187 Housing Needs Survey:** It was **resolved** to ask Cambridgeshire ACRE to carry out a Housing Needs Survey. Proposed (DO) Seconded (DR) Majority supported
- 25-188 AV equipment for Village Hall:** It was **resolved** to ask the Village Society if it has a working projector that the Parish Council can use. If the answer is no or there is no answer quickly, the PC will purchase a projector for PC use only. Proposed (LH) Seconded (RH) All supported
- 25-189 Playground repair:** The small repairs will be carried out later this month. A new quote from the contractor approved in August has not been received and is likely to be higher than £25K. Clerk will continue seeking quotes.
- 25-190 Water testing:** The water testing is going well and reports will be discussed at the September meeting.
- 25-191 Youthwork:** A report was received from The Connections Bus. The numbers are good and the attendees are enthusiastic.
- 25-192 Water utility works:** Water utility works will be carried out from January 2026, and at least two exits from the village will be open throughout. Clerk has passed information about schools to Cambridge Water in order for them to discuss school bus routes. It was agreed to ask Cambridge Water what time pedestrians and cyclists will have access.
- 25-193 ACV on Land adj 28 Badcock Road:** Progress is being made about a bid. It was **resolved** to close the meeting to the public and press. Proposed (LH) Seconded (DR) All supported
- Issues regarding the bid were discussed.
- It was **resolved** to open the meeting to the public and press. Proposed (LH) Seconded (JR) All supported
- 25-194 MVAS:** It was agreed to ask residents in the next newsletter if someone would like to be responsible for moving the MVAS sign and charging the batteries.
- 25-195 Policies:** It was **resolved** to adopt the following policy. Proposed (DO) Seconded (RH) All supported
- a. Tree Management Plan
- 25-196 Clerk’s Report:** The Clerk’s Report was received.
- 25-197 Finance:**
- a. The national pay increase for staff was noted.

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- b. LH agreed to be an additional signatory on the bank accounts
- c. It was **resolved** to pay the outstanding accounts. Proposed (JR) Seconded (AT) All supported

Payee	Description	Amount
HMRC	Tax and NI	£704.30
Staff	Salaries and home expenses	£3,070.87
Lise Jackson	Mileage	£16.02
All Saints Church	Grant (agreed at July meeting)	£2,508.00
Badcock Trust	Venue hire	£126.00
Cambridgeshire ACRE	Annual Membership	£86.40 (inc VAT)
Haslingfield Little Owls	Grant (agreed at July meeting)	£2,991.35
Nurture	Grass cutting	£2,655.19 (inc VAT)
Red Graphic	Newsletter and survey	£900.00 (inc VAT)
SCRIBE	SCRIBE Accounts renewal	£816.48 (inc VAT)
Shelford Tree Service	Tree work	£264.00 (inc VAT)
The Connections Bus	Youthwork	£2,170.00
Viking	Stationery	£81.70 (inc VAT)

Meeting ended 9:12 pm

Date of next meeting: **Monday 8 September 2025** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Issued by the Parish Clerk: Lise Jackson

14 August 2025