

Haslingfield Parish Council (“HPC”) Minutes - Draft

Monday 13 October 2025

Attendees: Parish Cllrs Liz Hales (LH) - Chairman; Diana Offord (DO) – Vice Chairman; Andrew Gillies (AG); William Harrold (WH); Ruth Hatfield (RH); Steve Jones (SJ); Ann O'Brien (AO'B); James Roberts (JR); Lise Jackson – Parish Clerk (LJ); 6 members of the public attended.

Members: 8

Quorum: 4

Meeting commenced 7.30pm

25-218 Apologies: Apologies received from Cllr Tipler.

25-219 Declarations of interest: None

25-220 Public Forum: The planning application for 44 Broad Lane was discussed.

25-221 Minutes: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meetings of 08/09/25.
Proposed (JR) Seconded (RH) All supported

25-222 External Reports:

- a. The County Councillor report was received in advance of the meeting and is available on the website. Items discussed included digital hubs and the County Councillor attending EWR meetings.
- b. The District Councillor report was received in advance of the meeting and is available on the website. Items discussed included the Local Plan and Climate and Nature Strategy consultations, as well as the Climate Action Conference on 17 October.

25-223 Planning Applications and Decisions:

- a. Notification of the outcome of Planning Decision by GCP:
25/02690/HFUL – 31 Badcock Road, Haslingfield - Granted
25/02714/HFUL – 29 Badcock Road, Haslingfield – Granted
25/03168/HFUL - 28 New Road, Haslingfield - Granted
- b. Notification of new Planning Applications:
25/03440/HFUL - Grove Farm Barns 1, Church Street, Haslingfield - Erection of open cart lodge and secure bin and bike store – Majority supported
25/03441/HFUL - Grove Farm Barns 2, Church Street, Haslingfield - Erection of open cart lodge and secure bin and bike store – Majority Supported
25/03390/FUL – 44 Broad Lane, Haslingfield - Demolition of existing chalet bungalow and erection of 5no. dwellings with new access – All objected due to concerns about parking both during construction and once occupied, as well as concerns about overcrowding of the site
25/03267/HFUL and 25/03268/LBC - River Farm, River Farm House, Harston Road, Haslingfield - Installation of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic array comprising 18 PV modules in rear garden and installation of a power cable from the shed to the dwelling – All supported
25/0925/TTPO - Leigh Cottage, 6 Church Way, Haslingfield - Felled to ground level as this tree is too large too close to the existing property, Reason - This tree is dominating the front of the property and as a risk of causing root damage to the existing property – Majority objected due to lack of evidence that the tree is causing damage to the property
25/03768/HFUL - 19 Church Street, Haslingfield - Changes to external wall materials including render and timber boarding – Majority supported

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25/1060/TTCA – 29 High Street, Haslingfield – T1: Walnut - Crown reduce by 3 metres to clear neighbouring boundary and balance crown; T2: Hazel - Crown reduce by 2 metres to reduce weight bias and balance crown; G1: (2no. Holly) - Fell to ground level, dead trees; T3: Elder - Fell to ground level to clear adjacent Hazel; T4: Ash - Fell to ground level, self set tree growing close to boundary; T5: Silver Birch - Fell to ground level, tree is dead; T6: Plum - Fell to ground level, tree is dead; T7: Plum - Fell to ground level, tree is dead – No comments

- 25-224 Consultations:** It was agreed that Cllr RH would complete the consultations:
- a. SCDC Council Tax Support Scheme consultation
 - b. SCDC Corporate Action Plan 2026/27 consultation
- 25-225 Bakehouse:** The request that a scythe be hung in the Bakehouse was refused due to concerns about safety.
- 25-226 EWR:** An update was received on the meeting with Pippa Heylings MP and the Local Representatives meeting.
- 25-227 Neighbourhood Plan:** It was agreed to consider this item at the next meeting.
- 25-228 Housing Needs Survey:** SCDC has agreed to fund the Housing Needs Survey. Cambridgeshire ACRE will work on the survey and will contact the PC regarding any support needed.
- 25-229 Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group:** No update received.
- 25-230 CCC Nature Recovery from the Ground Up:** It was agreed to register interest in the project.
- 25-231 20mph limit:**
- a. The results of the consultation showed majority support for the 20mph limit throughout the village. A total of 225 replies were received, of which 136 were in favour, 83 were against and 6 were invalid. Following the decision in September to apply for the 20mph speed limit if 100 or more replies were received with at least 51% in favour, it was **resolved** to apply for the scheme. Proposed (LH) Seconded (WH) All supported
 - b. It was agreed to ask GCP for a map of the area in question.
- 25-232 MVAS:** Cllr AO'B has agreed to be responsible for placing and maintaining the MVAS equipment.
- 25-233 Policing:** Cllr JR gave an update from the most recent Police meeting. There has been a huge increase in police demand and all crime has gone up. There have been speed checks in some villages, with one due in Haslingfield soon. There has been a crackdown on illegal scooters. Anyone can complete the Community Policing survey.
- 25-234 Toilets:** A public toilet in the shower area of the village hall was discussed. The Clerk will seek quotes.
- 25-235 Energy Audit:** Cambridgeshire ACRE carried out a free energy audit of the village hall with the Badcock Trust. The report will be made available to the Parish Council.

It was **resolved** to move forward items 245-248. Proposed (LH) Seconded (RH) All supported.

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- 25-245 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 (JR) All supported
- 25-246 Planning:** It was agreed to ask Planning to investigate a planning issue.
- 25-247 Land Matters:** Land matters were discussed.
- 25-248 Admission to Meetings:** It was resolved that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be readmitted to the meeting. Proposed (LH) Seconded (JR) All supported
- 25-236 Remembrance Day:**
- a. It was agreed in September to make a donation to the Royal British Legion but not purchase a wreath, as it contains single-use plastic. After reconsideration, it was **resolved** to purchase a wreath from the RBL this year, due to lack of time to find a plastic-free alternative. It was agreed to look into plastic-free alternatives in advance of next year’s Remembrance Day. Proposed (LH) Seconded (DO) Majority supported
 - b. Cllrs DO and SJ agreed to lay the wreath.
- 25-237 Free Trees:** It was agreed to approach the school to ask if they would like the PC to request a free tree for them.
- 25-238 Christmas Tree:** It was **resolved** to purchase a Christmas Tree for the village green, with a maximum budget of £200. Proposed (JR) Seconded (SJ) All supported
- 25-239 Flu clinic:** It was **resolved** to pay for the cost of the hall hire for the flu clinic. Proposed (LH) Seconded (AO'B) All supported
- 25-240 CPRE:** It was agreed to not renew membership with the CPRE.
- 25-241 Playground repair:** A report was received from the clerk about quotes for the playground repair. It was agreed the clerk would ask for one of the quotes to be amended to include a like for like replacement for one of the items of equipment.
- 25-242 Skatepark bin:** The criminal damage of the skatepark bin has been reported to the police. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would purchase a new bin claim the cost of the new bin from the insurance company. Proposed (DO) Seconded (LH) All supported
- 25-243 Clerk’s Report:** The Clerk’s Report was received in advance of the meeting.
- 25-244 Finance:**
- a. It was agreed that Cllrs LH, DO and AG would be the signatories on all bank accounts.
 - b. It was agreed that WH would become a signatory for bank reconciliations.
 - c. The quarterly financial update was received.
 - d. A list of the earmarked reserves was received.
 - e. It was **resolved** to pay outstanding accounts.

Payee	Description	Amount
HMRC	Tax and NI	£798.20

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Payee	Description	Amount
Staff	Salaries, back pay and home expenses	£3,369.73
CAPALC	Conference	£75.00
CAPALC	Councillor training	£25.00
Haslingfield & Harlton Eco Group	Grant for water testing	£438.25
Nurture Landscapes	Grass and hedge cutting	£1,279.55 (inc VAT)
Viking	Stationery	£148.46 (inc VAT)

Meeting ended 9:49 pm

Date of next meeting: **Monday 10 November 2025** at 7:30pm in the Methodist Church

Issued by the Parish Clerk: Lise Jackson
24 October 2025