

Haslingfield Parish Council (“HPC”) Minutes

Monday 9 February 2026

Attendees: Parish Cllrs Liz Hales (LH) - Chairman; Diana Offord (DO) – Vice Chairman; Andrew Gillies (AG); Ann O’Brien (AO’B); Robin Perry (RP); David Revell (DR); James Roberts (JR); Lise Jackson – Parish Clerk (LJ); 5 members of the public attended.

Members: 7

Quorum: 4

Meeting commenced 7.30pm

26-25 Apologies: Apologies received from Cllrs Harrold, Jones and Tipler.

26-26 Declarations of interest: None

26-27 Public Forum: None

26-28 Co-option: It was **resolved** to co-opt Richard Ellis to the Parish Council.
Proposed (LH) Seconded (AO’B) All supported

Newly appointed Cllr Ellis joined the table.

26-29 Minutes: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meetings of 12/01/26.
Proposed (LH) Seconded (JR) All supported

26-30 External Reports:

- a. The County Councillor report was received in advance of the meeting and is available on the website. The condition of the roads was discussed. Cllr Damary-Homan asked the Council to inform him if issues reported on the Report It website are marked for completion but the work not carried out. He also said Harlton Road, Church Street and Barton Road will be inspected after the work is complete and asked that any issues are passed to him. He is meeting with Highways soon to discuss potholes throughout the ward.
- b. The District Councillor report was received in advance of the meeting and is available on the website. Cllr Redrup confirmed that food caddies (which will be delivered later this year to households in the village) will not require liners.

26-31 Planning Applications and Decisions:

- a. Notification of the outcome of Planning Decision by GCP:
25/04293/HFUL and 25/04294/LBC – 2 Chapel Hill - Withdrawn
- b. Notification of new Planning Applications: None

26-32 Consultations: It was agreed to complete the following consultations:

- a. SCDC’s Civil Parking Enforcement Survey – LH agreed to complete.

26-33 EWR: Working group: 15 local parish councils were approached about setting up a working group, chaired and administered by Haslingfield PC. Eleven councils to date have agreed to join the group and make a contribution of £50 towards Haslingfield PC costs. Two councils agreed to join and asked to pay a reduced amount, as they are not part of Pippa Heylings’ constituency, which was agreed. One council declined, and one has not yet responded. The next meeting of the working group is with SCDC on 19 February. There was a positive response to a request for a meeting from the Mayor. The clerk is chasing the Rail Minister for a meeting. The agenda for the next meeting with SCDC will include responses to the Local Plan, the Cambridge Growth Company, EWR’s plans to speed up construction, EWR enabling works in advance of the DCO and a construction ombudsman.

EWR will be holding design update sessions in the next few months. These

updates have been previously announced, so no new information is expected.

Expected timeline: 2026 - Non-statutory consultation; 2027 - DCO application; 2029 – Construction to begin. Chapel Hill would be one of the first sites, and construction works are expected by EWR to take five years.

- 26-34 Cambridge Growth Company Presentation:** LH and DR attended the event on 4 February 2026 at SCDC’s offices. The main points from the meeting were that the Development Corporation’s powers would be extensive and statutory. Growth and overcoming barriers are its priority, with consultation and engagement described as ‘necessary’. It was stated that transport and water would need to be looked into.

There is a consultation about the Development Corporation open until 1 April, which the clerk will advertise on Facebook. Cllr Damary-Homan encouraged as many responses as possible.

LH, DO and DR will look at the consultation and bring comments to the March meeting.

- 26-35 Housing Needs Survey:** The Housing Needs Survey will be posted out to residents this week. It has been advertised around the village, in the noticeboards, on the village website and on Facebook. All residents are urged to complete the survey, as well as people with a connection to the village or who may have left the village and would like to return but cannot afford a property.

26-36 Tree Management

- a. RP has been in contact with All Saints church. They declined the offer.
- b. It was **resolved** to plant the Covid memorial tree next to the bench on the village green and to take photos of the planting to put in C&V. Proposed (DO) Seconded (AO’B) Majority supported. It was agreed to let the churches know. RP to explore costs of bowser to facilitate watering of this and future new trees.

- 26-37 Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group:** The successful energy event took place on 8 February in the Village Hall.

The Scouts, with the help of the Eco Group, would like to plant wildflower seeds on the corner of River Lane and Porkers Lane, by the pumping station. MG purchased seeds. It was **resolved** to reimburse MG for the cost of the seeds. Proposed (LH) Seconded (AO’B) All supported.

There is a From the Ground Up meeting on 2 March, which will include a talk about how to use Parish Online in a nature recovery plan.

It was agreed that more scything events can take place on the Wellhouse Meadow.

There will be a South Cambs Climate and Nature group meeting with Pippa Heylings MP on 28 February.

It was mentioned that there is room at the skatepark for more trees.

Geoff Clarke at SCDC has agreed that work at Wisbey’s Yard needs to be done, but there is no plan to carry it out as yet.

The verge on the corner with the High Street into Wisbey’s Yard will not be mown until July. It was discussed if this verge could be registered as a protected verge.

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- 26-38 Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS):** Three quotes for solar MVASs have been received. It was discussed whether the signs should be purchased by the PC or applied for through the Local Highways Improvement (LHI) scheme. It was agreed to find out more information about the poles for the sign and discuss at a future meeting.
- 26-39 Benches:** It was agreed College Crescent would be a suitable place for an additional bench in the village, if the residents agree. It was agreed to contact the Residents’ Association.
- 26-40 Annual Parish Meeting:** It was agreed to invite local groups to the APM to provide a brief report about their activities this year.
- 26-41 Personnel Issues:**
- a. DSE reimbursement: It was agreed to ask other local councils how much they offer towards the cost of glasses.
 - b. Mobile phone: It was **resolved** that the Clerk can purchase a new mobile phone up to £150. Proposed (AO’B) Seconded (DO) All supported
- 26-42 Policies:** It was **resolved** to adopt the following policy. Proposed (DO) Seconded (LH) All supported
- a. Social Media policy
- 26-43 Elections:** The Clerk gave an update on the May 2026 elections.
- 26-44 Clerk’s Report:** The Clerk’s Report was received in advance of the meeting.
- 26-45 Finance:**
- a. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council would close the Cambridge Building Society and Nationwide accounts due to low interest rates. The PC will open a 35 day notice account with the Redwood Bank and a 30 day notice account with the Cambridge and Counties bank and transfer the balances from the closed accounts to these accounts. Proposed (LH) Seconded (AO’B) All supported
 - b. The insurance company recommends revaluing the village hall every three years. The last review took place in 2023. After review of three quotes, it was **resolved** to ask BCH to carry out a desktop revaluation of the village hall. Proposed (DO) Seconded (AG) All supported
 - c. Revaluation of the war memorial was discussed. It was agreed to seek quotes for both revaluation and for maintenance of the war memorial.
 - d. It was **resolved** to pay outstanding accounts. Proposed (LH) Seconded (AG) All supported

| Payee | Description | Amount |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| HMRC | Tax and NI | £600.73 |
| Staff | Salaries and home expenses | £2,851.36 |
| Lise Jackson | Mileage | £16.20 |
| HAGS | Playground repair | £3,275.37 |
| SLCC | Membership | £313.00 |

- 26-46 Admission to Meetings:** It was **resolved** that that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the

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confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting. Proposed (LH) Seconded (JR)

26-47 Land matters: It was **resolved** that the PC will reply to the land owner regarding the ACV. Proposed (LH) Seconded (DO) Majority supported

26-48 Admissions 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.

Meeting ended 9:38 pm

Date of next meeting: **Monday 9 March 2026** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Issued by the Parish Clerk: Lise Jackson
12 February 2026