

Haslingfield Parish Council (“HPC”) Minutes

Monday 8 June 2026

Attendees: Parish Cllrs Liz Hales (LH); Richard Ellis (RE); Andrew Gillies (AG); William Harrold (WH); Ann O'Brien (AOB); Diana Offord (DO); Robin Perry (RP); James Roberts (JR); Andrew Tipler (AT); Lise Jackson – Parish Clerk (LJ); 8 members of the public attended.

Members: 9

Quorum: 4

Meeting commenced 7.30pm

26-115 Apologies: Apologies from Cllrs Jones and Revell.

26-116 Declarations of interest: Cllr Tipler declared an interest in Chapel Hill due to the proximity of his property (item 26-128). It was **resolved** to grant Cllr Tipler a dispensation to remain in the meeting and take part in any discussion and vote on the issue. Proposed (LH) Seconded (JR) All supported

26-117 Public Forum: Residents spoke about the effect of EWR on their properties and the village.

It was decided by the Chairman to bring forward agenda item 26-123.

26-123 EWR – The Parish Council takes EWR seriously and considers it top of its agenda.

It was **resolved** to send an invitation to Pippa Heylings MP to meet with residents and see the area. Proposed (LH) Seconded (WH) All supported

The PC is asking for the tunnel to be extended by 1km at the western end and also lengthened at the eastern/Harston end.

The South Cambridgeshire Rail Group met with Lord Hendy, Lord Vallance, Pippa Heylings MP and EWR Co. last week in London. According to EWR Co., the DCO application will be ready in the second half of 2027, with approval expected in the second half of 2028.

Councillors are working on the PC's consultation response.

Councillors will be meeting with EWR Co. in the village in September.

The District Council will have an important role in enforcement.

The Chairman returned to agenda item 26-117.

26-117 Public Forum (cont.) – A resident spoke about the National Emergency Briefing and the film being screened on 5 July in Haslingfield.

26-118 Minutes: It was **resolved** to confirm as correct the minutes of the meetings of 12/05/26. Proposed (LH) Seconded (AT) All supported

26-119 External Reports:

- a. The County Councillor's report was received. Potholes, closed roads, the Development Corporation and the Combined Authority's approach to the climate emergency were discussed.
- b. The District Councillor's report was received. The DC is assessing its options regarding the Development Corporation. Cllr Redrup will ask about the enforcement powers of the DC regarding EWR. The District Councillors will be completing the EWR consultation. Zero Carbon Communities grants were discussed.

It was decided by the Chairman to bring forward agenda item 26-121.

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- 26-121 Housing Needs Survey:** The Housing Needs Survey report has been received, showing 82% support for affordable housing in the village. It was **resolved** to invite Cambridgeshire ACRE and SCDC to a Council meeting to discuss the results and possible next steps. Proposed (AO'B) Seconded (AT) All supported

Cllr O'Brien left the meeting.

26-120 Planning Applications and Decisions:

- a. Notification of the outcome of Planning Decision by SCDC: None
- b. Notification of new Planning Applications:

[26/01612/HFUL](#) - 6 Fountain Lane - Single storey side and rear extensions. Replacement of rear window with French doors – Majority supported

- 26-122 Grant application:** The applicant decided not to apply at this stage.

- 26-124 Trees:** The Covid tree has survived with help from a resident watering the tree. The tree survey will be carried out on 16 July. There are two trees in the Wellhouse Meadow that need trimming – RE will have a look.

- 26-125 Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group:** A report was received. There will be a resilience discussion at Wisbey's Yard on 19 July.

- 26-126 The Connections Bus:** The figures were received, and councillors commented that the attendance is good.

- 26-127 Accessibility of PC meetings:** Accessibility of meetings was discussed. It was agreed to advise participants of PC meetings in the Red Room about the step access. RP will look into the hearing loop system in the hall.

- 26-128 Chapel Hill:** An update from CCC was received, stating they will dig out the verge and look at the signs that have been hit by vehicles. LH investigated Chapel Hill on SCDC freight mapping. There are no preferred or secondary HGV routes through the village. Residents could gather information and pass it to trading standards, but it is not enforceable by law. LH and Clerk have set up a meeting with highways on June 22nd primarily to discuss speed cushions. However they will use the opportunity to also discuss problems traffic is causing for residents of Chapel Hill.

- 26-129 Landline telephone switch-off:** Landlines will be switched off during 2026. The Clerk will advertise this information online, in noticeboards and through C&V.

- 26-130 Legionella works at village hall:** It was **resolved** to accept the quote from Nutcombe for legionella works at the hall. Proposed (LH) Seconded (AG) Majority supported

Cllr Ellis left the meeting.

- 26-131 Toilets:** Due to the costs involved, it was **resolved** that the PC will not install a public toilet in this financial year but may consider it in the future. Proposed (LH) Seconded (WH) All supported

- 26-132 Playground inspection:** The operational inspection report was received. The Clerk is seeking quotes for repair.

- 26-133 Barton Road bus shelter:** It was **resolved** to survey the bus shelter and ask if concrete could be overlaid on the pillar. Proposed (DO) Seconded (AG) All supported

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- 26-134 Tennis Club lease:** It was decided to defer this item to a future meeting.
- 26-135 MVAS:** It was decided to defer this item to a future meeting.
- 26-136 Grant to PTFA:** Following the decision at the May meeting to provide a grant to the PTFA up to £2,500, it is confirmed that, due to other donations received, the PTFA only required £1,000 from the PC towards the new pool liner. This grant has been paid.
- 26-137 Annual Parish Meeting**
- The Annual Parish Meeting was a success, with 22 people attending and 19 group representatives presenting. It was agreed to continue with this format.
 - It was **resolved** to donate £100 to Little Owls for providing refreshments at the Annual Parish Meeting. Proposed (LH) Seconded (AT) All supported
- 26-138 Policies:**
- It was **resolved** to approve the Complaints policy. Proposed (DO) Seconded (WH) All supported
 - It was agreed to defer consideration of the Climate Emergency Plan to a future meeting.
- 26-139 Human Resources and Health and Safety support:** The Council is interested in the support but concerned about the costs. Clerk to look into options.
- 26-140 Clerk’s Report:** The report was received.
- 26-141 Mileage:** The Council noted the new HMRC mileage rate of 55p per mile.
- 26-142 Finance:** It was **resolved** to pay the outstanding accounts as noted below. Proposed (AT) Seconded (DO) All supported

Payee	Description	Amount
HMRC	Tax and NI	£723.93
Staff	Salaries and home expenses	£3,045.92
Lise Jackson	Mileage, including backdated increase in rate	£24.25
Cllr Liz Hales	Travel expenses to Rail Minister meeting	£24.80
Badcock Trust	Venue hire April	£39.00
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Dor-2-Dor	Newsletter delivery	£120.00 (inc VAT)
Haslingfield Methodist Church	Venue hire for May PC meeting	£35.00
NALC	Councillor training	£42.00 (inc VAT)
Nurture	Grass cutting	£1,166.78 (inc VAT)
Online Playgrounds	Inspection of playground	£360.00 (inc VAT)
Red Graphic	Newsletter design and printing	£669.60 (inc VAT)
Red Shoes	Payroll provision	£270.00 (inc VAT)

Meeting ended 9:45 pm

Date of next meeting: **Monday 13 July 2026** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Issued by the Parish Clerk: Lise Jackson

16 June 2026