

MINUTES OF THE HURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Hursley Parish Council meeting
Parish Hall, Hursley
6:30 12th October 2026
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Present	In attendance	Apologies
Cllr Guest	Cllr Warwick	Cllr Killeen
Cllr Chik		Cllr Hanna
Cllr Bell	Elizabeth Billingham (Clerk	
Cllr Edgoose	4 members of the public	
Cllr Waldron		
Cllr Gregoy		

	Meeting of the Hursley Parish Council	ACTIONS
26/40	Welcome and apologies	
	Apologies were sent from Cllr Hanna and Cllr Killeen Ideas for biodiversity, as with any ideas or discussion points, can be brought to the council – biodiversity plan to be discussed on next agenda subject to further ideas being brought forward. Bonfire – on Rec – RESOLVED to allow following clarification on insurance. Take into account the new equipment positioning.	
26/41	Public Participation A member of the public spoke about the personal impact of the fire in the summer. They expressed concern about it happening again. They noted they felt that the fire brigade did not know about the gate on Poles Lane nor were they familiar with fire hydrants in that area. It was suggested by another member of the public – who had written in as well – that a fire committee be set up and that they liaise with landowners about fire breaks – a fire break had been made by the landowner prior to the fire – early detection systems and liaise with the fire brigade. A member of the public noted the same. They also wanted clarity on biodiversity projects and if proposals could be brought the council. The Chair welcomed any proposals and reports should be in with enough time before a meeting to be included in the agenda and distributed to all. The request for the annual HVCA fireworks was made and the Council noted that they were satisfied with the insurance and risk assessment and were happy for it to go ahead.	
26/42	Meeting resumed:	
	Cllr Gregory spoke and noted that he would be resigning from the Council at the end of the meeting. The whole Parish Council thanked him for his work while on the Council. ACTION Clerk to advertise vacancy	Clerk
26/43	To approve the minutes of the last meeting – July plus Ext meeting August and September	
	RESOLVED to be approved.	
26/44	Community applause – thanks & appreciation for parishioners who have contributed locally notably since last meeting	

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	Thanks were made again to Martin at the Kings Head for all his support of the contractors. Thanks, were also made to the team from SSE who worked on the repairs and for the politeness and communication through the process.	
26/45	District Councillor report	X
	Report was sent ahead of the meeting. Cllr Warwick noted that the elections would now be carrying on with possible Mayoral elections as well. Awaiting statement from Central Govt. SHEELA sites would now be published this autumn as plan for new Neighbourhood Plan carries on. New Policy framework was now in place with more of a presumption to build. It would be less likely that applications would now be called into committee.	
26/46	County Councillor report	
	Cllr Batho sent report earlier and sent apologies for absence.	
26/47	Finance and Council matters	
26/47.1	Matters arising. - Item 26/28 - Councillor would be available to all residents on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Starbucks Badger Farm – ACTION Clerk to put on the website. Footpath warden – ACTION Clerk to send contact details	
	Complete	
26/47.2	To approve payments – payments are on the website	
	RESOLVED to approve	
26/47.3	To note bank balances and update on budget report. Conclusion of audit – The Clerk noted that the conclusion of audit notice had been posted. The Clerk noted that there had been one box ticked that was incorrect and had been amended – this was the only note on the audit. . Bank balances – Lloyds £27155.71 Lloyds Instant £5.28 Unity - £23569.09 Noted that the dog bin at the cemetery had not been emptied and might need replacing – ACTION Clerk to explore placement of a dual use bin	Clerk
26/47/4	Update on the HPC response to fly-tipping – Cllr Hanna Communicated on village socials – signs in some places. Question – signs up – is anyone measuring impact – landowners have given permission. Alex noted where they had been placed. – two more to be placed. Suggest – Cllr Edgoose and Cllr Lowe to send location (now Complete)	
	Cllr Hanna was not present. It was noted that Cllr Hanna had had help from a resident and that permission had been sought to place the notices. ACTION Cllr Lowe to suggest some more options – would contact Cllr Hanna with W3W.	Cllr Lowe
26/47.5	To note auditors advice relating to a possible working group CAG.	
	Noted that the Council had written to CAG and explained that a working party would not be set up but would be open to any proposal's village groups wish to bring to the Council.	

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26/47.6	Emergency plan – To note that the Emergency Plan is being updated and if there are any new areas that need to be covered including fire risk or further actions needed	
	The Chair read out an email sent from a resident echoing the previous concerns about fire risk and setting up a Fire committee. Cllr Guest – Noted that he felt the concern of residents. Cllr Lowe and others noted that landowners did have policies in place and would happily talk to concerned residents. It was stated that landowners could not leave gates unlocked due to various risks, and that Fire services had equipment on board to cut through any lock to enter an area if they needed. ACTION Cllr Lowe and Cllr Waldron would communicate with landowners and ask what emergency plans they had in place and ask for a statement from landowners to be included in an updated Emergency Plan. They would request that two contact details per landowner/tenant farmer could be held within the emergency plan. ACTION Mr Baker offered to create/update a landowner map and would work with the Clerk to get this to the public and it would be part of the Emergency Plan and on the website. Clerk would add contact details as above. ACTION – Clerk to find out from the Fire Service if they had a map of all fire hydrants in the parish – not just those in the village. Clerk to add these to the map for the Emergency Plan. It was felt that early warning schemes would be impractical to implement with private landowners, especially given the amount of land across the parish and also with it being outside of the remit of HPC. Furthermore, HPC rejected the request to advise residents on their use of BBQs, and so on, being that we have no remit to private land, and that common sense should prevail. Course of action would therefore be updating the Emergency Plan with a fire section with the above actions added to it. The Chair felt that HPC should not add further responsibility nor accountability, and therefore potentially liability, onto the Councillors to form a Council-led Fire Committee as the current HPC is lacking time and resource to do so, and it would be wrong to agree responsibility in advance on behalf of the next HPC in place from May 2027. Therefore, this will be instead added to the agenda for after the elections in May – actions completed by then will be reviewed and any further actions believed to be required may be discussed amongst the new HPC at that point in time for the summer. There is no opposition to the creation of a Fire Committee in principle, and it was recommended that if residents want to form a committee themselves to work on any proposals other than the above, they are at liberty to do so, and that Cllr Waldron would happily work with them as informal support/liaison from the Council, limited to advice and guidance only. Further ideas can always be brought to Council. May – AGENDA – Fire Committee	Cllr Lowe Cllr Waldron Clerk Mr Baker Clerk AGENDA May
26/47.7	Remembrance Day – to discuss arrangements	

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	Cllr Bell – TRO has been applied for – will ask marshals – Signage/ mgmt. agreed. Kit – Would be arranged by Cllr Bell with Mr Quigley. Wreath ACTION Cllr Waldron – to check wreaths had been ordered. Should the required actions not be completed in time, or volunteers not be available, the contingency will be to not close the A3090 and instead approach the war memorial from the Rec and conduct the ceremony away from the road.	Cllr Bell Cllr Waldron
26/47.8	To discuss and agree budget for 2027 2028	
	The Council – with Clerks guidance explained the budget and noted that keeping the precept at the same level they would not be increasing the reserves, and that due to improvements in the Recreation Ground the current reserves had gone down.	
26/47.9	To discuss and agree the Precept for 2027 2028	
	AGREED to set the Precept at £42,000 – no increase in order to support those facing increasing bills elsewhere.	
26/48	Planning and Planning matters	
26/48.1	Planning report – To be sent ahead of the meeting. Chair noted that there were none to report	
26/48.2	Enforcement report – Clerk Ongoing	
26/48.3	Winchester Local Plan report NA	
26/48.4	Neighbourhood Plan report NA	
26/49	Regular Reports of Council Representatives	
26/49.1	Flood report – Cllr Hanna was absent from the meeting. Report was sent ahead of the meeting. Matter arising – Item 26.30.5 Cllr Hanna noted that in September the Flood Group would review Poles lane and gullies. IBM North - Ask Highways to dig out. ACTION – Cllr Hanna – COMPLETE It was reported that near Stroudens Wood there was a water leak – ACTION Cllr Edgoose	
	It was note that Merton Castle gullies not done – ACTION Cllr Lowe to contact Cllr Hanna and note Ladwell and IBM North not clear – Would copy the Clerk in on emails.	Cllr Lowe
26/50	Highways	
26/50.1	Matters arising – Item 26/31.2 – Poles Lane junction Suggest a stop line. RESOLVED to Cllr Edgoose – to raise with highways and safety engineering.	
	Cllr Edgoose had written to Highways and had had an acknowledgement and will follow up ACTION Traffic light warnings sign Poles Lane turn left sign needs replacing – ACTION Cllr Edgoose would take a photo and send to HCC Port Lane lines Worn – Contractors to be asked if they might paint them – Cllr Edgoose/Cllr Gregory	Cllr Edgoose
26/50.2	SLR – Data Report –Cllr Edgoose Report sent out. Recorded some high speeds – particularly up Enmill Lane IBM North Pitt 2a worse two places. Continue to monitor – ask for vans once established more data.	
26/50.3	SLR – To agree to the new position suggested by Traffic East and agree purchase of removable post of £1500.	
	Postpone decision until more data	

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26/50.4	SLR – To discuss using the Pitt development CIL money for a speed ramp near the entrance to the 30 limits at the west end of Enmill Lane. If in agreement this would be subject to HCC agreement.	
	RESOLVED to approve that Cllr Edgoose to request a speed hump in Enmill Lane Near paddock and Sunbeams. ACTION Cllr Edgoose Agreed to follow on and see if HCC agreed.	Cllr Edgoose
26/51	Recreation Ground & Environment	
26/51.1	Recreation Ground report and actions needed:	
	Cllr Chik noted the new equipment would be installed from 13 th October. The SSE clean up and repairs to gate would also take place during the week. Bird Nest swing has been closed off until repairs can be arranged.	
26/51.2	Update on the emergency contact sign and agree new signage in relation to the new equipment	
	There was some discussion about possible signage to show the recommended age range of the equipment but it was agreed that a sign was not needed and that it would not be enforceable – ACTION Cllr Chik to put recommendations on village social groups once equipment installed as a reminder to all users.	Cllr Chik
26/51.3	Update on new equipment	
	See above	
26/51.4	Lengthsman Scheme	
	The Clerk noted that they would be visiting soon and asked for any recommendations. It was noted that they could cut back foliage away from signs especially at Standon A3090 railings near school needed clean – brush them off	
26/51.5	Footpaths – <i>nothing to report</i>	
26/52	Cemetery report – Cllr Waldron – An ashes interment would be happening in October.	
26/53	Allotment report – Cllr Waldron	
	Payments were coming in for the year.	
26/54	Next meeting (due to this meeting being postponed to later date and therefore amalgamation of Oct & Nov into one) 18 th January	

Elizabeth Billingham - Clerk Hursley Parish Council