

HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday 20th January 2026

Present: Cllrs, Creed, Goodrum, Huckle, Joyce, Sharp, Sparks, Weston and Williams

Clerk: A Holt (Clerk), L Lavender (RFO)

January Full Council Meeting																																																													
	Opening comments from Chair: Cllr Williams wished everybody a Happy New Year, we note the resignations of Cllrs South and Doyle and Thank them for the contributions to the Parish Council.																																																												
1435/2026	To receive and approve apologies for absence which have been notified directly to the Clerk directly Cllrs Huckle (slightly late), Cllr Turnbull, WNC Cllr Cole																																																												
	Declarations of Interest																																																												
1436/2026	Declaration of any Disclosable Pecuniary or other interest. None																																																												
1437/2026	Dispensations – To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI None																																																												
1438/2026	Minutes - To agree and sign the minutes of Tuesday 16th December 2025 Agreed and signed																																																												
1439/2026	Public participation session 3 minutes max per person 15 minutes total. None present																																																												
1440/2026	Reports received from outside bodies: including WNC Cllr 5 mins max per person. None received. Information received from Cllr Cole circulated																																																												
1441/2026	Update re Police Liaison Meetings (Cllr Huckle) – Cllr Huckle shared information re Knife Amnesty, Local Drop In's, PLR Meeting coming up in March.																																																												
1442/2026	Account																																																												
a)	Council's financial position as at 31/12/2025 £37,571.52 Unity Bank Current Account and £45,535.46 Unity Bank Instant Access Savings Account Inclusive of reserves + receipts																																																												
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d)	To Agree and Set Budget Financial Year 2026/27 – Budget of £113,572.00 Agreed																																																												
e)	To Agree and set the Precept Financial Year 2026/27 – Precept of £95,500 Agreed Chair and Clerk signed PR1 Form to send to WNC																																																												
1443/2026	Community Grants 2025/26 a) Community Grants for 2026/2027 – New applications released, sent to all previous applicants, shared on social media.																																																												
1444/2026	Parish Plan/Timeline Discuss 2–3-year plan of events/projects to include review of street lighting and possible public consultation of the wider community's needs/want Agreed for smaller group to form, meet, review previous 5-year plan Cllrs Goodrum, Huckle and Williams volunteered. Clerk to circulate previous plan and arrange a meeting.																																																												

1445/2026	<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>a) Book Library –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch Event – all agreed it would be a lovely idea, World Book Day falls on Thursday 5th agreed to do on Friday 6th and include coffee morning group and the school. • Regs, councils view on day to day running – various suggestions, concerns discussed, clerk to produce rules/regs and email the volunteers. <p>b) Coffee Morning – request from WNC Partners for event, policy on cancellation (bad weather, club unable to open up etc) – Agreed for Clerk's Hartell telephone number to be circulated to the regular users, the decision will be made by all cllrs the evening before, in the event of bad weather Clerk should be contacted to advise if coffee morning will go ahead. In the event (very unlikely) that there is nobody available to open up etc a notice will be posted on social media and the door of the club.</p>																																			
1446/2026	<p>Environment Committee</p> <p>a) Updates from meeting – Cllr Sharp gave a verbal update one the meeting, great attendance by community groups, L Barber from Hartwell 1st Rainbows sends thanks for community grant. Proposal to purchase litter picking equipment to store in the cemetery or pocket park for use in whole of Hartwell – Agreed.</p>																																			
1447/2026	<p>Cemetery – New Applications – None</p> <p>a) New Application from non-Hartwell resident (links to Hartwell and relatives in the cemetery) details circulated prior to meeting – Agreed</p>																																			
1448/2026	<p>Planning applications –</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 797 1331 1697"> <tr> <td colspan="5">Planning</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">New</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025/5154/FULL</td> <td>18 Blacksmiths Way Hartell NN& 2HY</td> <td>Single storey front extension</td> <td>03/12/25</td> <td>Pending</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Updates</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025/4627/S73</td> <td>Stone Pit Farm Hanslope Road Hartwell NN7 2EU</td> <td>Removal of Condition 3 Bird and Bat Box Scheme to 2025/0486/FULL Proposed container and office building for the pet crematorium business</td> <td>16/10/2025</td> <td>Pending</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025/3671/FULL</td> <td>52 Park Road Hartwell Northants</td> <td>Remove existing out building and replace with single storey garage</td> <td>11/08/2025</td> <td>Pending</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025/183/MAO</td> <td>Land South of M1 Junction 15 Northamptonshire</td> <td>Outline applications for up to 149,476 sqm of mixed use employment space</td> <td>15/05/2025</td> <td>Pending</td> </tr> </table> <p>Several condition change applications can be viewed at https://snc.planning-register.co.uk under Hartwell Parish Council</p> <p>Clerk tabled suggested comments for 2025/5154/FULL of Planning Working Group, all Agreed comments, Clerk to submit</p>	Planning					New					2025/5154/FULL	18 Blacksmiths Way Hartell NN& 2HY	Single storey front extension	03/12/25	Pending	Updates					2025/4627/S73	Stone Pit Farm Hanslope Road Hartwell NN7 2EU	Removal of Condition 3 Bird and Bat Box Scheme to 2025/0486/FULL Proposed container and office building for the pet crematorium business	16/10/2025	Pending	2025/3671/FULL	52 Park Road Hartwell Northants	Remove existing out building and replace with single storey garage	11/08/2025	Pending	2025/183/MAO	Land South of M1 Junction 15 Northamptonshire	Outline applications for up to 149,476 sqm of mixed use employment space	15/05/2025	Pending
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1449/2026	<p>Updates – Discussion of matters not otherwise on the agenda for information sharing only.</p> <p>a) Highways (including Street Lighting) and footpaths around the village (Clerk)</p> <p>Cllr Weston had request re rights of way entrances, they are on private land so landowner should be approached. Rush Close/Rose Close Alley Cllr Weston to investigate and update Clerk.</p>																																			
1450/2026	<p>Correspondence/communication: - None received</p>																																			

1451/2026	Community Centre Update (Cllr Williams) Panto booked for 2026 (19 th) and summer fete in progress.
1452/2026	Youth Club – Cllr Joyce reported that it continues to improve and new and more engaging activities being shared on social media, Clerk meeting with CYPN in February
1453/2026	Date of next meeting Tuesday 17th February 2026. Dates agreed for next 12 months
	Meeting Closed at 20.58pm

Copies of all council papers are available on request. Requests should be made to the clerk at least 48 hours prior to when they are required.