

HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday 17th March 2026

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

Clerk: A Holt (Clerk), L Lavender (RFO) Cllr F Cole (WNC)

March Full Council Meeting																																		
	Opening comments from Chair:																																	
1475/2026	To receive and approve apologies for absence which have been notified directly to the Clerk directly Cllr Sparks																																	
	Declarations of Interest																																	
1476/2026	Declaration of any Disclosable Pecuniary or other interest. None																																	
1477/2026	Dispensations – To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI None																																	
1478/2026	Minutes - To agree and sign the minutes of Tuesday 17th February 2026 Agreed and signed																																	
1479/2026	Public participation session 3 minutes max per person 15 minutes total. None present																																	
1480/2026	Reports received from outside bodies: including WNC Cllr 5 mins max per person. None received. Cllr Cole updated on local issues, planning issues and the Local Plan Consultation and discussed the devastating loss of the Ability Bus. Council agreed for Clerk to make representation when appropriate.																																	
1481/2026	Councillor Vacancies (x2) and Co-Option – to consider candidates and co-opt There was a member of the public interested however they withdrew their interest last week.																																	
1482/2026	Election of Member of Environment Committee. There is a vacancy on the committee, the Clerk asked for volunteers, Cllr Turnbull agreed and was successfully voted on to the committee.																																	
1483/2026	Update re Police Liaison Meetings (Cllr Huckle) – Cllr Huckle shared update on the local policing team, we hope to make contact with the new Police Officer for our area soon. Police Fire and Crime Commissioner holding public meeting on 31 st March.																																	
1484/2026	Account																																	
a)	Council's financial position as at 28/02/2026 £22,039.33 Unity Bank Current Account and £45,535.46 Unity Bank Instant Access Savings Account Inclusive of reserves + receipts																																	
b)	Received: £481.00 Cemetery related.																																	
c)	To Approve Payments																																	
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d)	Confirm Asset Register Amount – tabled by the Clerk Asset Value is £181,325.00																																	
d)	Delegate Authority for Clerk and RFO to move money to CLCA Account (this will need two councillors to authorise as per banking arrangements) – All Agreed.																																	
1485/2026	Parish Council Registered Address – to agree to use a Royal Mail Po Box as HPC registered address moving forward at a cost of £45.00 per month – All agreed																																	
1486/2026	Community Grants 2025/26 a) Community Grants for 2026/2027 – New applications released, sent to all previous applicants, shared on social media. (no update)																																	
1487/2026	Parish Plan/Timeline Clerk has circulated previous plan, Clerk to arrange a meeting in April																																	
1488/2026	Community Engagement																																	

	a) Newsletter – topics agreed and delegated to various councillors, Clerk to send email with this out and a deadline for submission.																													
1489/2026	Environment Committee a) Updates tabled by Cllr Sharp – The flower boxes are now in place and full of compost, Cllr Sharp would like a budget of £250.00 to fill them, they have volunteers who can help fill and water – All agreed £250.00 budget. b) Cadent Gas Works – Clerk has received correspondence from members of the public (read to the meeting) regarding the disruptions All Agreed Clerk should write a letter of complaint.																													
1490/2026	Cemetery – New Applications – None a) New Applications – none																													
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1492/2026	Updates – Discussion of matters not otherwise on the agenda for information sharing only. a) Highways (including Street Lighting) and footpaths around the village (Clerk) Clerk to send Cllr Weston map for Rose Close/Rush Close. There still needs a councillor to take on Street Lighting, suggested we ask Cllr Turnbull to do.																													
1493/2026	Correspondence/communication: - Email from resident regarding overgrown brambles from school site, Clerk to write to school and ask them to action.																													
1494/2026	Community Centre Update (Cllr Williams) - Panto company have gone bankrupt, after the deposit was paid. HCC looking in to how they can recoup the monies.																													
1495/2026	Youth Club (Cllr Joyce) – SLA tabled and All Agreed for Clerk to sign.																													
1496/2026	Date of next meeting Tuesday 21st April 2026.																													
	Meeting Closed at 20.05pm																													

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.