

HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday 18th November 2025

Present: Cllrs, Creed, Doyle, Goodrum, Huckle, Sharp, South, Sparks, Turnbull,

Clerk: A Holt (Clerk),

November Full Council Meeting																																																				
	Opening comments from Chair and feedback from the Ncalc Conference: Cllr South thanked everyone for their efforts with the decorating the village and the War Memorial Garden for the Remembrance Service. It was a lovely service, HPC were truly honoured to have Mrs Alexandra Williams attend on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant. Few minor issues and lessons to be learned but overall a wonderful turnout and great to see all the groups participate.																																																			
1398/2025	To receive and approve apologies for absence which have been notified directly to the Clerk directly Cllrs Weston and Williams																																																			
	Declarations of Interest																																																			
1399/2025	Declaration of any Disclosable Pecuniary or other interest. None																																																			
1400/2025	Dispensations – To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI None																																																			
1401/2025	Minutes - To agree and sign the minutes of Tuesday 21st October 2025 Agreed and signed																																																			
1402/2025	Public participation session 3 minutes max per person 15 minutes total. None present																																																			
1403/2025	Reports received from outside bodies: including WNC Cllr 5 mins max per person. None received. None received																																																			
1404/2025	Update re Police Liaison Meetings (Cllr Huckle) – Cllr Huckle has been sharing the police community updates on FB. Clerk was in contact with PC Kate Rideout, she has assigned a PSCO to liaise and help with the school, they are keeping an eye on the concerning issue at the Forest, we hope to follow up on the actions raised in August meeting.																																																			
1405/2025	Account																																																			
a)	Council's financial position as at 31/10/2025 £59,343.27 Unity Bank Current Account and £45,285.38 Unity Bank Instant Access Savings Account Inclusive of reserves + receipts																																																			
b)	Received: £136.00 Cemetery Fees Note receipt of £255.38 interest of Instant Access account 30.09.2025																																																			
c)	To Approve Payments																																																			
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	Note re Npower Electricity – as discussed at October meeting, Clerk used Ncalc's recommended company to carry out comparisons for pricing (Utility Aid). Previous rates with Npower very high, agreed a new 2 year contract with Valda Energy, this should reduce the payments considerably.																																																			
1406/2025	Community Grants 2025/26 No new applications																																																			

1407/2025	<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>a) Christmas – Clerk has arranged for replacement tree stand to be installed after Cadent removed, we hope to recoup the costs from Cadent (the information has been sent to them) larger 20ft tree ordered, to be installed 28th. decorate on 29th. All arrangements for refreshments have been sorted, Cllr Goodrum asked if we can have as many volunteers as possible.</p> <p>b) Newsletter – Cllr South raised concerns, should we be continuing to print the newsletters for the whole community, costs of printing are £750.00 (approximately) each year, pro's and con's discussed All agreed to continue printing.</p>																																			
1408/2025	<p>Environment Committee –</p> <p>a) Litter (arrangements for next 12 months) – Tove have been doing the litter picking and bin emptying since mid-July this has been going extremely well, the rec/HCC is a problem area, replaced several of the bins. Clerk recommended formalising this arrangement until November 2026 and then review again All agreed.</p> <p>b) Speeding (new concerns from resident) and discuss SIDS and course of action – Resident very concerned about the speed of car's entering the village. There is a fixed SID here and the mobile police van attends adhoc. Community Speed Watch caught 5 cars going over the speed at this location. Clerk to ask for up to date data from Northants Police. Possible social media posts will help. Need to make arrangements for the larger SID's to be installed, agreed for a budget of £1000, for Clerk to arrange for the sign to be moved up to 6 times.</p> <p>c) Make an addendum to Grass Cutting Contract -that moving forward additional groundworks in Hartwell will be offered to the current contractor first (up to set value) All agreed and value set at £2500.00</p>																																			
1409/2025	<p>Cemetery – New Applications – None</p> <p>Correspondence from a lady who's parents are buried in the cemetery regarding concerns of some of the ornaments etc - agreed for Clerk to reply appropriately, taste of ornaments is subjective and individual and we should respect that everyone has the right to remember their loved ones.</p> <p>Clerk reported an issue with a new grave (less than 6 weeks old) that occurred due to the rainfall over the weekend (rained consistently for around 72 hours), Clerk arranged for this to be resolved immediately (thanks to Tove for sorting) these costs should be able to be recouped from Funeral Director. As a result it is felt a review of Cemetery Regulations is needed. Clerk to put on agenda.</p>																																			
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	2025/1669/FULL	Ashdown Bungalow Lower End Hartwell	Attic conversion, extension, dormer windows, porch and associated alterations	28/04/2025	Pending
<p>Clerk has circulated proposed response to 2025/4168/LDP – All agreed this was the correct response to send. Council agreed to delegate to Cllr Huckle and Clerk to respond to 2025/4627/S73.</p> <p>Several condition change applications can be viewed at https://snc.planning-register.co.uk under Hartwell Parish Council</p>					
1411/2025	<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>b) Street Lighting – discuss additional lighting, possible locations Clerk to arrange appropriate training and log in for Cllr Doyle</p> <p>2 locations suggested, Meadslade Corner and opposite school for new lights.</p>				
1412/2025	<p>Correspondence/communication: - Thank you email received from Mrs Alexandra Williams for Remembrance.</p>				
1413/2025	<p>Update/New Policies</p> <p>IT Policy – All agreed the new IT Policy</p>				
1414/2025	<p>Community Centre Update (Cllr Williams) Panto on 20th December. Rodeo's now coming weekly.</p>				
1415/2025	<p>Youth Club – Banned member has been causing some issues. Police have been notified. The council and CYPN will operate zero tolerance for poor behaviour. The new younger children are enjoying a great deal.</p>				
1416/2025	<p>Date of next meeting Tuesday 16th December 2025.</p>				
	<p>Meeting Closed at 21.10pm</p>				

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.