

HARTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Present: Cllrs Williams, Creed, Goodrum, Huckle, Joyce, Rodgers

A Holt (Clerk) L Lavender (RFO)

Cllr Fiona Cole (WNC)

July Full Council Meeting				
1564/2026	To receive and approve apologies for absence which have been notified to the Clerk directly Cllrs Sparks, Cllr Sharp and WNC Cllr Laura Weston			
	Declarations of Interest			
1565/2026	Declaration of any Disclosable Pecuniary or other interest Cllr Huckle (family that live on Park Road) Cllr Rodgers (resident of Park Road)			
1566/2026	Dispensations – To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI None			
1567/2026	Minutes - To agree and sign the minutes of Tuesday 15th June 2026 Agreed and signed			
1568/2026	Public participation session 3 minutes max per person 15 minutes total None present			
1569/2026	Reports received from outside bodies: including WNC Cllr 5 mins max per person Cllr Cole had several meetings to get to so asked what the most important issues were, Land Off Park Road proposals discussed. Cllr Cole to raise two things with WNC, the “positive feedback” given to the developer from the Planning Department and housing needs in Hartwell, is there evidence? Should a housing needs survey be completed.			
1570/2026	Co-option To consider candidates for co-option and co-opt (1 vacancy) – Having successfully filled one vacancy there is now only one vacancy.			
1571/2026	Council and Councillor Communication Nothing to report.			
1572/2026	Update re Police liaison meetings (Cllr Huckle) Northants Police are holding an open day on 16 th August. Cllr Huckle is pleased to report that the local policing team have listened to the concerns regarding the Forest pull in and possible drug issues being taken seriously. There has been a strong police presence here. Recently.			
1573/2026	Accounts			
a)	Council's financial position as at 30/06/2026 £23,443.05 Unity Bank Current, £46,006.72, £20,000 in CCLA Investment Fund in Instant Access Savings. Inclusive of reserves + receipts Noted			
b)	Received: £236.41(Interest) £18,495.31 (VAT) Noted			
c)	To approve payments			
		<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount (inc vat)</u>
	July	Staff	Salaries, Expenses, pension, HMRC	£2394.52
		B Osborne	Payroll Services	£130.00
	DD	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£7.00
		Tove Landscapes	Mowing	£816.00 (£136.00)
		Tove Landscapes	Litter and Cemetery	£576.00 (£96.00)
		Tove Landscapes	Plants	£382.80 (£63.80)
		Ford and McHugh	Clock Repair	£384.00 (£64.00)
		Cake Fairy	Bloom Cake	£30.00
		Robert Passmore	Bloom Catering	£45.00
	DD	Flotek Group	Monthly Bill	£19.30 (£3.22)
	DD	Post Office	PO Box Services	£50.40
	DD	Valda Energy	Street Light Electricity	£635.94 (£107.23)
	DD	Credit Card	Payments	£42.28
	Agreed			
d)	To delegate Authority to Cler and RFO to make the appropriate payments in August (no meeting) to be minuted in September – All Agreed			

1574/2026	Community Grants 2026/2027 An individual has approached the council regarding a grant for a book, RFO noted that this breaches the council's policy on grants – Agreed to reply to this affect.				
1575/2026	Community Engagement Nothing to report				
1576/2026	Environment Committee Bloom – Cllr Sharp reported all went well. Cllr Goodrum added value to the discussions with the history of Hartwell. Note of thanks to Cllr Sharp for his efforts, we will receive a written report shortly and there is an award ceremony in September. Remembrance – We need to begin planning this years' service, Clerk to organise a road closure. Cllr Goodrum to investigate a bugler. Community Speed Watch – Clerk to liaise with Cllr Sharp and put some poll's on the group.				
1577/2026	Cemetery - New applications (Clerk) – Clerk granted permission for a burial with delegated authority, this has taken place and all went smoothly - Discuss Data Base and Cemetery Records Cllr Creed has emailed questions to Clerk and Cllr Sparks, Cllr Sparks to review – discuss again in September.				
1578/2026 a)	Planning				
	New - None				
	2026/2531/HH	Hartwell End House Hanslope Road Hartwell	Installation of photovoltaic solar panels mounted on the rear slope of pitched roof over an existing carport and installation of photovoltaic solar panels mounted on the ground to the rear of the carport	11/06/2026	Pending
	Updates				
	<u>2025/1883/MAO</u>	Land South of M1 Junction 15 Northamptonshire	Outline application for up to 149476 sqm of mixed use employment site	15/05/2026	Pending
Several condition change applications can be viewed at https://snc.planning-register.co.uk under Hartwell Parish Land of Park Road – next steps. Cllr Huckle and the Clerk tabled communications from residents. Discussion had on the best way to handle communications, councillors to try where possible to refer to the Clerk or cc the Clerk in on replies to residents. The Clerk proposed that the council ask the Planning Consultant to respond to the initial consultation from Marrons and copy WNC Planning in on the council's concerns regarding the prematurity of this application in relation to the emerging Local Plan and the lack of evidence in other policies for the need of the 84 houses, All Agreed. The Clerk then proposed that once the application is submitted formally to WNC Planning the council will hold a special meeting for all residents to discuss the plan with Planning Consultant present (this has been done previously for the two other major applications in Hartwell) the council can then decide at its next council meeting after this the best way to represent the whole community and what will be submitted in response to the Planning Application, All Agreed. The Chair informed the council that a special Facebook page has been set up by two residents called Hartwell Voices, this group is to discuss the proposals, objections etc. The Clerk reminded all councillors about the HPC Social Media Policy and urged caution when engaging on social media and commenting.					
1579/2026	Updates Discussion of matters not otherwise on the agenda for information sharing only highways (including Street Lighting) and footpaths around the village (Clerk) Nothing to report at present Grounds Maintenance Contractor has raised concerns regarding the bin on Forest Road outside the shop, Clerk has been keeping an eye on this issue for few weeks and agrees that it is a				

	problem, it is always full or overflowing. Clerk recommended getting a larger dual bin – All Agreed. Clerk to order and Cllr Goodrum to visit shop and discuss.
1580/2026	Correspondence/communication: To consider any received – Email received from resident concerned regarding the opening to the field off Park Road and the recent traveller issues neighbouring parishes have had, Clerk has emailed landowner.
1581/2026	Youth Club (Cllr Joyce) now on 6-week break.
1582/2026	Resolve that the press and public be excluded from the following item of the meeting on the grounds that is likely to disclose confidential information. HCC – AGM set for 1st September 2026
1563/2026	Date of next Full Council Meeting Tuesday 15th September 2026 7.30pm
	Meeting Closed at 8.39pm.

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.