

HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THE VILLAGE HALL, HINDERCLAY
THURSDAY 12th MARCH AT 7.30 PM
(Draft until approved and signed)

PRESENT:

Councillor Paul Rose (Chair) (PR)
Councillor Rob McGuire (Vice Chair) (RM)
Councillor Lindsey Aves (LA)
Councillor Michael Bishop (MB)
John Davie-Thornhill (JDT)
Christopher Ward (CW)

ABSENT:

Councillor Jessica Holligan-Hollingsworth (JH)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring (Parish Clerk) (NS)

Seven members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence from JH and also County Councillor Jessica Fleming (JF)
2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations, if any - none
3. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor – JF had emailed her report
4. Council to consider any matters relating to highways, pavements, footpaths and trees not already considered

The list of highways issues was reviewed following comments received from the Highways Officer. Quotes for hardcore for the passing places would be obtained and considered at the May meeting. JF had indicated she might be able to help.

5. Public participation session

A number of issues were raised and discussed including: litter and rubbish dumped in ditches; the desirability of a flagpole; moving the telephone kiosk and speeding. A request for volunteers for a speed watch team would be put forward for the next village newsletter.

6. Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2026

7. Council considered a draft Flag Flying Policy for potential adoption should the Council, at a future meeting, resolve to purchase and install a flagpole at Coronation Green.

8. Planning

Council to consider the Parish Council's responses to any planning application consultations notified by the District Council - none

9. Finances

a. Council reviewed formally the effectiveness of the Internal Audit for the year 2024/25 to inform the Internal Audit for 2025/26

b. Council agreed the accuracy of the Asset Register, disposing of the old printer. The Clerk would check insurance cover for the assets.

c. Council considered whether earmarked reserves need to be established but decided that at this stage there were not needed. There were sufficient reserves for emergencies and also potentially for the purchase of a speed indicator device and other small projects. The reserves had increased over the last two years to circa £12,000 in the context of a precept of £6,500

d. Council received the latest Budget Report

e. Council approved the Payments Schedule

10. Council agreed to a website accessibility scan by One Suffolk for £108. (As part of the new AGAR Assertion 10 it is a mandatory requirement that all local government organisation websites meet a certain "accessibility" standard to allow people with visual impairment to easily access your website. This standard is the international WCAG 2.2 AA accessibility standard.)

11. Information updates from Councillors and the Clerk - none

12. Council to review any action points raised at previous meetings and not already considered - none

13. To approve the date of the next meeting: Thursday 14th May 2026