

HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THE VILLAGE HALL, HINDERCLAY

14th MAY 2026 AT 7.45 PM

(Draft until approved and signed)

PRESENT:

Councillor Paul Rose (Chair) (PR)

Councillor Jessica Holligan-Hollingsworth (Vice Chair) (JH)

Councillor Lindsey Aves (LA)

Councillor Michael Bishop (MB)

Councillor John Davie-Thornhill (JDT)

Councillor Rob McGuire (Vice Chair) (RM)

NOT PRESENT:

Councillor Christopher Ward (CW)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring (Parish Clerk) (NS)

County Councillor Paul Bains (PB)

32 members of the public were present

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - a) Council elected PR as Chair
 - b) Council elected JH as Vice Chair
 - c) Declarations of Office were signed
2. Apologies for absence - none
3. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations if any - none
4. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor
PB introduced himself as the new County Councillor.
5. Council to consider any matters relating to highways, pavements, footpaths and trees not already considered

A number of matters were discussed including:

- The fly-tipping of asbestos in Wattisfield Road
 - The Gressingham hedging
 - The soil barrier at the bottom of Bells Land and the drop into the ditch
 - Speeding in the village – requests for interest in a Community Speed Watch to be put in the June newsletter
6. Public participation session – no matters raised

7. Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2026

8. Policies and Procedures

Council reviewed and re-adopted the following policies and procedures:

- a) Standing Orders
- b) Financial Regulations
- c) Risk Assessment
- d) Grant Awarding Policy
- e) Data Protection Policy

9. Planning

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

10. Appointment of Fen Trustees

Item to be put in the June newsletter

11. Finances

- a. Council received the monthly Budget Report
- b. Council approved the Payments Schedule
- c. Council considered an application from the Parochial Church Council for a grant towards their grass-cutting budget. This related to the cost of the 2025 season. The Council agreed that in addition to the usual grant of £600, it would make a one-off additional grant of £520 for the year in question.

12. Information updates from Councillors and the Clerk

Issues relating to activities at Two Ways Caravan Park in Townhouse Lane were discussed. On 12th May Planning Enforcement at Mid Suffolk District Council had issued temporary stop notices on 3 plots, directing all work to stop. These would remain in force for 56 days during which Planning Enforcement would be making further enquiries.

13. To review any action points raised at previous meetings and not already considered.

JH would circulate an email from District Councillor Gilly Morrgan regarding funding for a flagpole.

14. Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 17th June to approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Review