

HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THE VILLAGE HALL, HINDERCLAY
9th JANUARY 2025 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)
Councillor Andrew Goodall (AG)
Councillor Suzie Vincent (SV)

ABSENT:

Councillor Jessica Holligan-Hollingsworth (JH)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring (Parish Clerk) (NS)

Four members of the public were present.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

1. Apologies for absence were received from JH.
2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations – none.
3. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor had been emailed and were noted.
4. The Council discussed the replacement of directional road signs in the village which would be funded by locality grants. Five had been identified for costing but MB suggested that the sign where Hinderclay Road meets Wattisfield Road should be prioritised due to its state of disrepair. It was suggested that this was at least partly attributable to vandalism. RM would contact JF to see if it could be added to the list.

Flooding issues were also discussed, including in Chapel Lane and at the bottom of Thorpe Street.

LA presented initial ideas for the positioning of poles for a portable VAS. The Clerk to contact MSDC to see when CIL monies might be received which could be used to fund the project.

5. Public participation session

A MoP drew attention to the state of the water butt by the bus shelter. MB offered to look at it with the idea of placing a slab beneath it.

A MoP informed the meeting that he had cleared up where the telephone wires had recently come down in Rickinghall Road and was thanked for doing so.

6. The Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2024

7. Planning

The Council considered an email which had been received on the day of the meeting from Thelnetham Parish Council regarding the application to build a poultry farm at Cross Green Farm. It was felt that the Council could not comment without studying in detail the proposals and any implications for Hinderclay.

8. Finances

- a. The Council received the latest Budget Report and bank reconciliation.
- b. The Council received an update on the bus shelter cleaning contract. No-one had been found to take on the proposed contract. It was suggested that perhaps a window cleaner might undertake regular cleaning. The Clerk would contact MSDC again to try to ascertain more information about how the cleansing grant could be used and would also contact MSDC to ask if planning permission would be needed to move the telephone kiosk.
- c. The Council considered an application from the Village Hall for a grant to assist with the upkeep of the playing field during 2024. It was agreed that a fixed sum would be appropriate, and the Council awarded £600 towards the costs of £695.
- d. The Council approved the Payments Schedule.
- e. The Council agreed to appoint Heelis & Lodge as Internal Auditors for 2024/2025.
- f. The Council considered and approved the Budget for 2025/2026, based on a Precept of £6500 which would amount to an increase of 36 pence a year (0.78%) for a Council Tax Band D property.
- g. The Chair & Clerk signed the Precept Application 2025/2026

9. Council discussed the species of tree to plant on Coronation Green. It was agreed, with five councillors in favour, that a cherry tree should be planted, and it was hoped that this could be done by late February. AG would look for a suitable date when village children could be invited.

10. Information updates from Councillors

There was nothing to add to earlier discussions.

11. The Council reviewed any action points raised at previous meetings and not already considered. It was agreed that the freestanding noticeboards on Coronation Green should be re-positioned on the back wall of the bus shelter, with the doors removed in the first instance. LA and RM to action.

12. Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th March 2025