

HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
(Draft until approved and signed)

Time and Date: Thursday 23rd July 2026 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Hinderclay Village Hall

PRESENT:

Councillor Paul Rose (Chair) (PR)
Councillor Jessica Holligan-Hollingsworth (Vice Chair) (JH)
Councillor Michael Bishop (MB)
Councillor John Davie-Thornhill (JDT)
Councillor Christopher Ward (CW)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Lindsey Aves (LA)
Councillor Rob McGuire (RM)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring (Parish Clerk) (NS)

Five members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence: LA and RM and also County Councillor Paul Bains (PB)
2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations if any: -
3. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor

A report from PB had been circulated.

4. Council to consider any matters relating to highways, pavements, footpaths and trees not already considered

Footpath issues were discussed, particularly nettles making paths difficult to pass.

5. Public participation session

The possible moving of the telephone box was discussed. It was thought a survey would be needed, including what was required regarding a base.

A question was asked about the proposal which had been previously put forward to build planters between the poles where the noticeboards had been. JH reported this was in hand.

The hedge behind the bus shelter was raised. It was felt that 3' to 4' needed cutting back. PR to look into this and report back.

6. Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2026
7. Planning: Council to consider the Parish Council's responses to any planning application consultations: none
8. Finances
 - a. Council received the monthly Budget Report
 - b. Council approved the Payments Schedule

An offer to clean and maintain the bus shelter had been received. This would be done on a contractor basis. The Council agreed that this would be a good idea with details to be agreed.

The Parish Council had been asked to contribute to the purchase by the Village Hall of a steel bench in memory of Patrick Aves at a cost of £1800. The Council agreed in principle to fund 50% of the balance after individual contributions had been received.

9. Appointment of Fen Trustees

It was agreed to readvertise in the Village Newsletter to make clear that existing trustees were invited to reapply. The deadline to be 31st August with appointments made at the Council's September meeting.

10. To consider correspondence received regarding a) land at Wattisfield Road and b) the possibility of a Multi-functional Community Hub in the District

It was agreed that the Council did not have the resources to purchase the land in question with its associated liabilities.

The Council agreed to be a co-signatory with Botesdale and Rickingham Parish Councils, and potentially Redgrave, to a letter to the County and District Councils regarding the possibility of a Multi-functional Community Hub in the District

11. Information updates from Councillors and the Clerk

An update from District Councillor Richard Winch regarding the mobile home site in Town House Lane was discussed.

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

13. Date of the next meeting: Thursday 10th September 2026