

HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
THE VILLAGE HALL, HINDERCLAY  
THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY AT 7 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 Jessica Holligan-Hollingsworth (JH)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring (Parish Clerk) (NS)  
County Councillor Jessica Fleming (JF)

Four members of the public were present.

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- a) Council elected Paul Rose as Chair
- b) Council elected Rob McGuire as Vice Chair
- c) Declarations of Office signed

2. Apologies for absence

The Clerk informed the Council of the resignation of Cllr Suzie Vincent. The District Council had been informed and would issue a notice of vacancy.

3. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations - none

4. Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 with one change regarding item 5: "The Parish Council agreed in principle to provide funding of £50-100 for this" [the VE Day 80 village barbecue] to read "The Parish Council agreed in principle to provide funding of circa £50 for this" [the VE Day 80 village barbecue].

5. Policies and Procedures

Council re-adopted the following:

- Code of Conduct
- Financial Regulations
- Standing Orders

6. Planning

To consider the Parish Council's responses to any planning applications notified by Mid Suffolk District Council - none

7. Finances

- a. Council received the monthly Budget Report
- b. Council considered and approved a grant of £34.77 to cover some of the costs of the VE Day 80 village barbecue. It was agreed to discuss a VJ Day event at the next meeting.
- c. Council approved the Payments Schedule

8. Information updates from Councillors

The cleansing grant and the upkeep of the bus shelter and telephone kiosk were raised. The Clerk would check with the Council's insurers what would be covered if the upkeep was contracted out rather than undertaken by an employee.

9. To confirm a date for an additional ordinary meeting in June to consider the Annual Governance and Accountability Review - Council to meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

*The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting follow on the next page.*

## MINUTES OF THE HINDERCLAY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Reports were received from local organisations including the Parish Council, the LOPHP (Little Ouse Headwaters Project) and the Parish Church. A report from the Village Hall was circulated subsequently.

County Councillor Jessica Fleming reported on a variety of topics including:

- The appointment of Andy Moore as the new Community Liaison Highways Officer. She hoped to visit Hinderclay with him shortly to brief him on village issues.
- Road signs: The replacement of the five signs requested by the Parish Council was in hand but funding from the District Councillor was not admissible. JF was looking now to cover two of the signs for which she had not budgeted.
- The replacement of the Blo Norton footbridge by Norfolk County Council: This had been delayed due to a funding shortfall. JF hoped that Suffolk CC would contribute, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to JS to support this.
- Devolution: elections were due next May for new unitary authorities and regional mayors and would be followed by a transition period.
- Simpler roadside recycling was due by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. General waste would be collected every three weeks and food waste every week. There would be one recycling bin for glass and plastic and another for paper and cardboard. There would also be a garden waste collection.
- The County Council was progressing a Local Nature Recovery Strategy.
- There was also a consultation being undertaken on local buses.

### Open Forum

A number of topics were raised including a village emergency plan. An item would be submitted to the village newsletter on this subject.