

HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THE VILLAGE HALL, HINDERCLAY
THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER 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 Jessica Holligan-Hollingsworth (JH)
John Davie-Thornhill (JDT)
Christopher Ward (CW)

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Four members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence - none
2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations, if any - none
3. Council to consider applications received for co-option to the Council

John Thornhill-Davies & Christopher Ward were co-opted onto the Council and signed their Declarations of Office.

4. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor

JF updated the Council on a number of topics including: Local Government reorganisation; bird flu; Suffolk Trading Standards action on e-scooters & e-bikes; solar farms; and the Norwich to Tilbury Pylon Scheme. She also reported that the new signposts had been ordered and should be installed in January. Flooding in Bells Lane and the Wash Lane bridge were discussed. A visit would be arranged with the new Highways Engineer to local at issues on the village. Any fly-tipping/rubbish burning should be reported to the District Council.

5. Council to consider any matters relating to highways, pavements, footpaths and trees not already considered, including village signs and vehicle activated speed signs

Several footpath issues had been raised by a member of the public and these were discussed. MB noted that footpath 9 was a cross-field path and therefore its width should be a metre; reoccurring removal of signs on footpath 10x was noted; the unnumbered footpath mentioned was due to be cut. The idea of a leaflet with a map to make walkers aware of all the footpaths was suggested.

6. Public participation session

It was agreed that flags could be flown on the green for the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 29th November.

7. Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2025

8. Planning

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

9. Council reviewed and agreed a new IT Policy

10. Finances

- a. Council received the latest Budget Report
- b. Council approved the Payments Schedule

11. Council considered the draft budget for 2025-26 based on an unchanged precept

12. Information updates from Councillors

JH reported that the defib was back in place. She would liaise with NS regarding drafting a CEP. Options for a flagpole would be considered at a future meeting. CW raised the issue of fire hydrants, and it was thought that the Fire and Rescue Service should be consulted.

PR had been in touch with Gressingham. Surge breakers were in place for the solar farm.

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

14. Date of the next meeting: Thursday 8th January 2025