

HINDERCLAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Time and Date: Thursday 10th September 2026 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Hinderclay Village Hall

(Draft until approved and signed)

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)

ABSENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nicholas Spring (Parish Clerk) (NS)
County Councillor Paul Bains (PB)

Eight members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence were received from LA and RM
2. Members' declarations of interests & requests for dispensations if any – PR regarding item 10
3. Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2026
4. Reports from the County and/or District Councillor

Further to his written report, PB noted that Local Government Reorganisation had been withdrawn. Also, that the County Council was exploring the possibility of leasing a number of machines which could fill a pothole in eight minutes. Issues relating to "Road Closed" signage were raised and discussed.

5. Council considered matters relating to highways, pavements, footpaths and trees not already considered. PB encouraged the use of the Highways reporting tool.

6. Public participation session regarding items on the agenda:

The local representative of the Royal British Legion addressed the meeting and said that the branch was looking to recruit new members. Service in the Armed Forces was not a requirement.

Planning enforcement matters relating to the Townhouse Lane mobile home site were on-going.

7. Council received a presentation regarding the proposal to set-up a Men's Shed for local villages including Hinderclay. The public meeting in May to discuss this had been attended by 30+ and the focus was now on identifying a site. It was hoped to have the Shed open by mid-2027. The Council expressed its support.
8. Planning: Council to consider the Parish Council's responses to any planning application consultations - none
9. Council discussed options for the telephone kiosk. A resolution to re-locate the box would be on the November Agenda for the Council to consider.
10. Appointment of Hinderclay Fen Trustees

It was agreed to set up an Advisory Appointments Panel. All applicants will be given the same person specifications and questions, and their responses will then be considered by the Panel who will then make their recommendations to the full Council in November. JH, MB, JDT and CW would serve on the Panel.

11. Finances
- a. Council received the monthly Budget Report
 - b. Council received the mid-year bank reconciliation
 - c. Council agreed the renewal of its insurance with Zurich for 2026-27 at a cost of £241
 - d. Council had agreed previously to make a contribution to the purchase of a steel bench in memory of Patrick Aves for the village recreation field. The exact amount would be agreed at the November meeting.
 - e. Council approved the Payments Schedule
12. Information updates from Councillors and the Clerk - none
13. To review any action points raised at previous meetings and not already considered - none
14. Date of the next meeting: Thursday 12th November 2026