



Helhoughton Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 14 July 2025.

Parish Councillors present: Tim Harris (Chairman), Sean Millard (Vice Chairman), Mel Lacey-Freeman, Tim Pinkstone and Kit Price-Moss. Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk). There were 4 members of the public present.

1. Welcome and receive apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present. Apologies received from Paul Flint. Apologies accepted.

2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations

There were none.

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 20 May

The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting

There were none.

5. To receive reports from NCC Cllr & NNDC Cllr, if attending.

Not present.

6. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public

A member of the public advised that there is a casual gathering of local people for a picnic on Sunday 27th July, all welcome.

Anyone attending the rounders match in September will do so at their own risk.

7. To receive updates from councillors & working group members

7.1 Update from the Friends of Helhoughton Playground

It was noted that none of the Friends Group will be able to attend the picnic on the day of the community picnic.

A issue was raised from the ROSPA report that could not be resolved – a full repair may required on the swing due to rust, following a visual inspection by Cllr Lacey-Freeman, however the Clerk will invite an engineer to investigate in the first instance. The swing will be taken out of action temporarily for safety reasons.

7.1.1 Playground expansion

The Chairman and Edit met with Tom Raynham to discuss this matter. An underground pipe is being laid under the road and garden adjacent to the play area. With a neglected cottage garden opposite. Tom Raynham suggested we could expand the play area by taking over this garden which is approx. a quarter of the size of the existing playground, with mature hedges along two sides. The Estate would clear any hedges that we want removing but then the PC would take on the responsibility of maintaining it.

Following discussion, it was suggested that it could be used as an area for younger children. The Estate may be able to apply for grants for play equipment, should the PC decide to go ahead with this. The Council RESOLVED to accept the proposal in principle, subject to agreement of the finer details at a later stage.

7.2 To receive SAM2 data report

Cllr Harris reported the following:-

Average speed 22.8 mph

85th percentile 29.5 mph

Maximum 75.0 mph

Count of over 40mph 299 events from 57,678 counts

7.3 Helhoughton Cemetery & Church yard report

See item below.

7.4 Village Hall Committee report

The Committee Chairman advised that three decorators have provided quotes for the interior work, which will be finalised soon.

7.5 Solar Fund Committee report

A cheque was handed to the Clerk for the deposit for the work for the church hall which is scheduled to start 8th September.

A community tea party was mentioned however the Committee was not formally approached for a grant.

The Airman's Arms kitchen refurbishment has received a grant for approx.. £4500.

Online banking is in the process of being set up.

Cllr Price-Moss asked whether funds can be awarded to the Church. The Committee Chairman advised that this would have to be looked into, but it is believed that no monies can be given to any religious organisations.

All account balance sheets have now been submitted to the management committee with accompanying photos, as they would like to see how the money is being spent.

The Chairman expressed that the Committee is keen to raise more awareness of the Solar Fund and would like to hear about future projects in advance that might help the village.

8. Open Spaces

8.1 Consider new litter bin outside cemetery

Following discussion, it was agreed to relocate an existing bin to the cemetery.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 To receive results of applications

PF/23/0628 | Raynham Estate , The Lake , Harlands Road

Erection of 9 boathouse/lodges for use as holiday accommodation, access routes and use of existing barn for parking and cycle storage; landscape, woodland and ecological management and landscaping. PC comment –SUPPORT | DC decision - PENDING

PF/25/0817 | 4 Wood Farm Barns, Broomsthorpe Road

Change of use from holiday accommodation to single dwelling with no occupancy restrictions

PC comment – NEUTRAL | DC decision - APPROVED

9.2 To receive and consider new applications

There were none.

10. To receive and consider any correspondence

SSE contract end date notification – Clerk has renewed for a further 3 months.

11. Financial matters

11.1 To approve the bank reconciliation and payment of accounts list

The Council RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and payments list (below)

Payments

Clerk	Salary (July)	138.59
EG Care	Grass Cutting	889.92
K&M Lighting	Street Lights Jun & Jul	22.18
NNDC	Bin Emptying	296.40
Bracken Pest Control	Annual Contract	710.00
Grocott & Murfitt	Deposit for Church Wall	2712.00
Raynham PC	Clerks Expenses	30.80

Receipts

Barclays	Interest	27.12
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12. To acknowledge Parish Clerk's resignation

The Chairman duly accepted the Clerk's letter of resignation and the Council agreed to publish a vacancy advert on the relevant platforms.

13. To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda and to note the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 7pm on Monday 8 September. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.03pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date: