

HIGHER HURDSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES

A MEETING OF HIGHER HURDSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 27 February 2025, 6pm. at the Holy Trinity Church, Hurdsfield Road, Macclesfield

All members of the Council were summoned to attend.

Members of the public & press were cordially invited to attend.

1) To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Neil McArthur and James Morris, unanimously accepted by resolution of the Council.

2) To receive any Declaration of Interest from Members

None received.

3) Public Forum

No members of the public attended.

4) Chairperson's announcements

Chairman Broadhurst announced the sad news of the passing of Maureen Street who served on HHPC for a considerable number of years. HHPC thoughts are with the family at this time.

5) Minutes of the last meeting held on 5 December 2024, to approve and sign

Councillor Torr approved and seconded by Councillor A Owens.

6) Council vacancy update

No applications to date – agreed to carry forward to next meeting.

7) Clerk to give an update on the following:-

- Current bank balance £6,193.83 / cash book £5,720.63
- Update re online banking – ongoing with registration / forms – cf to March meeting
- VAT reclaim August to Jan 2025 – only £13.80 VAT to be reclaimed currently c/f
 - o Agreed to c/f to next meeting and review position then
- HMRC correspondence – letter sent 1 January 2025
 - o Clerk to re send letter with reminder to HMRC

8) Authorisation and payment of Accounts

- Clerk & HMRC
 - o December & January 2025 (Paid December & January outside of meetings)
 - Cheques 000995 £320.00 000997 £320.00 – S Owens
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 - Cheques 000996 £80.00 000998 £80.00 HMRC
 - o February 2025
 - Cheque 000999 £320.00 S Owens / 001001 £80.00 HMRC
 - (Cheque 001000 VOID)
- Higher Hurdsfield Trinity Church
 - o 000994 £190.00 Invoice 220
- Possible computer replacement – expenditure approved
- Hosting – Fast Hosts to be contacted by Clerk re termination and handover to new provider Cloudy IT (sourced from gov.uk approved list).

9) To consider and comment on planning applications, decisions, enforcements & appeals

- 20/2743M The George and Dragon Public House – ongoing and note now on market to be sold as development opportunity
- 24/2/857M Nursery, Swanscoe Lane – Change of use from Agricultural to Flexible Business Use - ongoing

10) Review & distribute correspondence

- VE Day 8 May 2025** – discussed as no relevance to HHPC
- Recharges re 2027 elections for Parish and Town Councils** –discussed
- Any Other Business** – Cheshire Association of Local Councils contacted by Clerk to review use of AOB on Agenda. Matters Arising to be used moving forward to enable Clerk to bring to the attention of HHPC & Chairman items arising such as potholes, blocked drains with a view to then enable the Clerk to take up such matters with the appropriate authorities in between meeting dates.
- Strengthening Standards Document** – discussed the new standards regime

11) PCSO Lorcan Cannard Report December 2024, January 2025 and February 2025

07/12: Suspicious vehicle / activity: Vehicle found unattended on CLIFF LANE in the middle of the road with its windows down in heavy rain. No keys for the vehicle and not showing as stolen. Vehicle blocking road. Vehicle has been recovered.

21/01 – Road related Offence: Cyclist reporting a close pass by vehicle travelling at speed. Driver spoken to in relation to his driving. Rainow Road.

28/01 – Highway Disruption: Caller reporting a van parked near a junction. Roewood Lane.

29/01 – Highway Disruption: Caller reporting van parked near junction. Driver spoken to and has apologised for his parking and moved the vehicle. Roewood Lane.

18/02 – Road Related Offence: vehicle parking opposite junction on Roewood Lane.

19/02 – Road Related Offence: vehicle parking opposite junction on Roewood Lane. Fixed Penalty Notice issued.

12) Cliff Lane – Cheshire East Council Freedom of Information request – ongoing

13) Roewood Lane – vehicle collision damage to wall & signage – ongoing

14) Well Lane – vehicle sizes (Ref 3452223) / size restrictions - Cheshire East Council Freedom of Information Request including Caryfold Lane – ongoing

15) Changing Parish boundaries – ongoing/Cheshire East, West and Warrington amalgamation

16) CEC Reports

- Footpath clearance – CEC 6277999 & works approved for clearing on behalf of HHPC**
Works approved by Wilcox Landscapes – cost of £680.00 for HHPC approved
- Cliff Lane signage - CEC 6545434 + 6918710**
- Cliff Lane lamp post – CEC 6918710**
- Rainow Road wall bulging – CEC 3470448**

17) Bus shelter notice board

Update regarding replacement – carry forward to next meeting

Agreement made on format of text for the new board

Cleaning to be arranged on existing notice boards

18) Date of next meeting

27th March 2025 6pm Holy Trinity Church, Hurdsfield

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