



## HIGHER HURDSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HIGHER HURDSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2026  
at the Holy Trinity Church, Hurdsfield Road, Macclesfield.

All members of the Council were summoned to attend.

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

1. To receive apologies for absence  
Apologies from Vice Chairman Owens and Cllr Forshaw – unanimously accepted.
2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members  
None received.
3. Public Forum  
One member of the public attended.
4. Chairperson's Announcements  
None received.
5. Minutes of the last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December to be approved and signed  
Unanimously agreed and duly signed.
6. Council vacancy update  
Clerk to notify CEC of the vacancy and once prescribed two-week period has elapsed, display on the notice boards.
7. Clerk to provided update on the following: -
  - o Current bank balance £6,126.05 / cash book position £6,096.46 / budget update – in line with expectation
  - o Update to online banking – all documents now submitted to National Westminster Bank, documents have been scanned and sent to the Head Office for approval. Formal response awaited.
  - o Audit – standing orders – To be amended to engender changes to banking arrangements. Once agreed and minuted at a future meeting, with the intention of commencing Online Banking at the beginning of the next financial year (01.04.2025). Chair to circulate new policies and procedures template for proposed adoption following change to Online banking, for review by Councilor's.
  - o Councilors to report back at the next meeting for agreement and ratification prior to the commencement of the next financial year.
8. Authorisation and payment of accounts: -
  - o Clerk salary & HMRC payment January 2026
    - Cheque 001044 £320.00
    - Cheque 001045 £80.00

- HP Warranty Discussion
  - Agreed not to proceed given value against cost of replacement laptop
  - Further discussion with regards online storage of council documents – Clerk to action – Report back at next meeting.
- 9. To consider and comment on any planning applications
  - 20/2743M George and Dragon – ongoing
- 10. Review and distribute correspondence
  - Cheshire Resilience Forum update – awaiting feedback  
Discussion followed regarding recent interruption to HHP water supply following issues with power supply at the local reservoir – Now 80% capacity hoping to achieve 100% next few days. United Utilities response agreed as good.
  - Email from Kaye Fusey – Clerk following up
  - Noticeboard emergency document update – Draft document now in place on the notice boards – Improved version in progress, to be in place prior to next meeting. Action – Clerk.
- 11. PCSO Lucan Crime Report – December
  - No crime reported.
- 12. Cliff Lane Update
  - Discussion concerning the state of the carriageway, which is in a very poor state, with significant surface erosion. Caused in the main by water overflowing from a pond at the top of the lane with no defined path to a gully, continually flowing across the surface as the gullies are not carrying the water away.  
Action – Agreed to hold any further action in abeyance until the Macclesfield/ Kettleshulme road is opened, this seems to be influencing traffic flow.
- 13. Well Lane update
  - Ongoing and corner misuse of land junction – No further updates  
Clerk to monitor.
- 14. Defibrillator update – Costs, Siting, Charitable Options
  - Agreed in principle for the siting of the second device to be on a nearby building as opposed to stand alone. A potential building has been identified and the social landlord approached. Funding sources are being explored, as there is potential for financial assistance from charities – Clerk to progress.
  - Councillor Morris advised that there is no funding for existing Defib installations.
  - Chairman Broadhurst proposed that we should proceed with the replacement of the existing HHP defibrillator, this was agreed subject to agreement on costs - Clerk to circulate quotes from identified suppliers to HHPC councillors prior to the next meeting.
- 15. CEC Reports: -



- Rainow Road wall bulge – CEC3470448 Work proposed 10<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- 16. Changing Parish Boundaries – No update
- 17. Maintenance of Swanscoe Gate area – review landscaping charges
  - Cllr Torr advised works to date have been carried out free of charge by landscaper to date. Landscaper will consider if he has capacity to continue moving forward.
- 18. Matters Arising
  - Reduction in PCSO numbers – PCC circulate a survey to households in Cheshire on his proposal to lift the precept by additional £2 per households to safeguard the 87 posts. This process has now finished, and he share the results of the survey 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The results will inform how Cheshire Police proceed. Clerk will monitor and circulate to HHPC with formal updates.
  - Chairman Broadhurst – Highlighted that when performing an online search for HHP the details of the previous clerk are still displayed
    - Clerk will check contact names on Google search engines with regards HHPC contacts and report back.
- 19. Date of next meeting
  - 26 February 2026 6pm

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