HIGHER HURDSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HIGHER HURDSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday August 27th 2026 at 6pm
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 received from Cllr McArthur, Cllr Morris and Cllr Forshaw – unanimously accepted.
   - In attendance Cllrs Owens, Broadhurst, Keepy, Toor, Grindrod and Clerk Owens.
2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members
   - None received.
3. Public Forum
   - No members of the public attended.
4. Chairperson's Announcements
   - None received.
5. Minutes of the last meeting held on 30th July 2026 to be approved and signed
   - Proposed by Cllr Keep and seconded by Vice Chair Broadhurst.
6. To review and approve the following policies and procedures:-
   - Standing Orders – carry forward until online banking in place – carry forward/
7. Audit 2025 2026 follow up for Publication Scheme Policy
   - Policy reviewed by all Councillors and approved for publication.
8. Clerk provided update on the following: -
   - Current bank balance £5,682.78 / Cash Book £5,026.98
   - Update to online banking & signatories – carry forward
9. Authorisation and payment of accounts: -
   - Clerk salary 001066 £320.00 & HMRC August 001067 £80.00
10. To consider and comment on any planning applications
    - 20/962743M George and Dragon – letter submitted to CEC to follow up S215 enforcement
    - Virgin Media Box Installation Rainow Road – Conservation officer visited site and could request a duller green finish to reduce its visual prominence. The Conservation Officer feels that the harm is de minimus to the wider Conservation Area and would not harm the character or appearance of the area as a whole.

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11. Review and distribute correspondence
    - Solar panel installation enquiry received by local resident.
12. PCSO Lucan Crime Report August
    - No crime to 21 August 2026 reported for the month.
13. Cheshire Resiliance Forum
    - No further feedback received. Agreed to remove from Agenda until further details received.
14. Cheshire East Local Plan
    - Awaiting feedback when announcements are made later in 2026
15. Cliff Lane & Well Lane Update
    - Signage erected on Swanscoe Lane 'Unsuitable for HGV's' which should assist hopefully with the traffic problems encountered within the Swanscoe and Well Lane areas.
16. Defibrillator update
    - Permission from Peaks and Plains to install defib at Hillside Court pending approval of installation and maintenance.
    - Unsuccessful in application to the British Heart Foundation for defib funding but offer discounted rates on new machines.
    - Cost options to be reviewed at next meeting for approval.
    - Cllr Grindrod to make enquires also re costings.
17. Landscaping Swanscoe Gate Area
    - Cllr Toor to source annual maintenance quote for Swanscoe Gate Area for next meeting.
18. Storage (cloud) of HHPC data and hard copies with CEC
    - Record Office at CEC confirmed that they will accept next tranche of HHPC paperwork for archiving 1981 onwards but not until early 2027 when they move to two new archive areas.
19. Matters Arising
    - Speed of vehicles on Rainow Road – Clerk to follow up enquires with local PCSO and local CEC Councillor Edwards
    - Parking on the bridge on Rainow Road – Clerk to follow up enquires with local PCSO and local CEC Councillor Edwards
    - Landscaping / ragwort on Rainow Road – traCE submitted and local CEC Councillor Edwards to follow up
    - Cheshire Policing Survey to be distributed to Cllrs and posted on website for Parishioners

Date of next meeting 24 September 2026 6pm Trinity Church, Hurdsfield Road

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