

Haselbury Plucknett Parish Council Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 14th April 2025, 7.00pm at
The Beaumont Room in the Church, Haselbury Plucknett

Present: Cllrs W Hunt (Vice-Chair), J Farrant, L Deer, R Bourne, A Scott, M Bryant,
C.Cllr M Hewitson and L Gibbons (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: None

Open Session:

- 1. Apologies for absence:** S. CLLR. O Patrick, Cllrs H Williams, M Wroe and M Rendall
- 2. Record of business of last Month 10/03/2025:** Approved and were signed as a true and proper record.
- 3. Matters Arising:** None
- 4. Declaration of Interest:** None
- 5. Police Update:** No-one was available to attend.
- 6. a) County/District Councillors Report:** As circulated.

b) LCN: The details of the last meeting have been circulated.

c) Items for escalation to our District/County Councillors: Further concerns we raised about the lack of reinstatement of the hedge and trees that were removed from the property in Church Lane. MH will look into this again.
- 7. Planning:**
 - a) Planning Applications:** None
 - b) Planning Applications received after publication of agenda:** 25/00802/HOU - Dragonwood, North Street - Erection of a single storey rear extension. A resolution was passed, unanimously, to support this application.
 - c) Planning applications considered prior to this meeting:** None
 - d) Decisions received:** 23/02093/FUL – Brook Farmhouse, North Street – Conversion of an existing Cart Shed and part of Stable Building with Link Extension to form a new two bed dwelling house and change use of land to the rear from agricultural to domestic garden – Application permitted with conditions.
- 8. Finance:**
 - a) Invoices for payment:** All payments were agreed:

L Gibbons	Clerk Salary/Expenses	£336.70
Inland Revenue	Payroll Tax	£1.00
SALC	Annual Membership Fee	£351.49
L Gibbons	Printer Ink, Amazon	£65.13
 - b) Reporting of Invoices paid prior to meeting:** None.
 - c) Bank Reconciliation:** Was agreed and signed.
 - d) Clerks Salary Review:** A resolution was passed to increase the clerk's salary by 10%.

9. The Park:

Safety checks: Five inspection reports for the previous period have been disseminated to councillors. There are no known issues.

10. Road and Footpaths:

a) Roads and Highways: Nothing new to report. We have not been given a new date for the postponed jetting work at Brook Farmhouse.

b) Footpath Working Group Update: Nothing new to report. We are still waiting for updates from the Diocese regarding the permissive route through the Churchyard, to avoid the standing stones.

11. Village Matters:

a) Village Maintenance: We are still waiting for a response from Halcyon regarding Ranger service costings. We will use the scope of work drawn up by WH to enquire about other local options for employing someone to carry out this work.

b) SID and Speed watch: WH advised that the SID is currently located on the NP road and is intermittently operational.

Speed watch Stats for March 2025. Number of watches – 9, Vehicles monitored – 1066, Speeders Reported – 65, Highest speeder – 34, Percentage of drivers exceeding the reportable limit – 6.1%.

ASP SEU are not known to have conducted any speed checks in the village during February.

c) Wildlife and Habitat Group Report: A session was conducted at Haselbury Firs to clear the inappropriate vegetation growing in the new hedgerow.

Some of the Group helped with the planting of cowslips in Chris's field on the 13th March.

A program of bat surveys is planned for the spring and summer.

It has been suggested that Lower Glebe field is returned to a meadow, as it was originally. MB will discuss this with the Church.

d) VE Day Celebrations: Will take place on the 8th May. It is planned to include a visiting fish and chip van, live music, craft activities and the lighting of a beacon. Money raised will be split between the Community Orchard and the Royal British Legion.

e) Flood plans: Nothing new to report.

12. Matters to report: Somerset Council have confirmed that the cost of emptying our bins will be £1690 + vat. (Litter bin - Village Green and 2x Recreation Park + Dog bin x2 Recreation Park, once a week, @ £6.50 each)

AS advised us that she has a new volunteer willing to undertake regular water quality testing. The results will be reported to the Council. We need to purchase more testing strips. AS will arrange this.

13. Notices for Village News:

14. Items for next meeting: Updating of the Village plan. Adoption of Frog Lane

15. Next Meeting Date: 12/05/2025 at the Beaumont Room in the Church at 7:00pm. This will be our Annual Parish Meeting and our Annual Parish Council Meeting.