

# HASLINGTON

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Meeting held at Yoxall Village Hall

**Attendance:** Cllr Samantha Green - Chair, Cllr Graham Sawyer, Cllr Howard Blake (until item 11), Cllr Mike Blakeman, Cllr Yvonne Bushill, Cllr Andrea Lofkin, Cllr Anthony Peake, Cllr James Smith (from item 4), Cllr Rob Welch, Cllr Stephen Welch

**Apologies:**, Cllr Janet Griffith, Cllr Phil Hanson, Cllr Rob Stevenson, Cllr Mark Trigger

**Not in attendance:** None

**Also in attendance:** Wayne Salisbury – Clerk

**Public:** 1 (until item 4).

**Meeting started at 7:00 pm**

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Janet Griffith, Cllr Phil Hanson, Cllr Rob Stevenson, and Cllr Mark Trigger

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Green declared an interest in item 8 - Schedule of Payments.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 4. Co-Option

A statement from a candidate interested to be co-opted to the Council was shared with members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: that James Smith is co-opted to a vacant seat in the Haslington Village ward of Haslington Parish Council.

***Cllr James Smith signed the acceptance of office and joined the meeting.***

#### 5. Policing Matters

a) To receive a report from the local PCSO and policing team.

The PCSO was not in attendance but sent the below report which the chair read to members.

*Please see the Beat Report for March 2025.*

*The incidents of note are below -  
Anti-social behaviour and suspicious activity.*

- There has been a nuisance motorbike riding every Saturday and Sunday on a field near to Nursery Road.*
- A male has been sighted looking into windows in Oakhanger.*

*Violence incidents - X 12 (Sensitive details) over the Haslington Ward area.*

*Please take the time to each complete our Residents Voice survey.  
<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoicecrewe> - Survey link.*

#### 6. Public Participation.

No members of the public were in attendance.

#### 7. Cheshire East Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr Heler sent apologies that they would not be able to attend the meeting. The Chair shared the below report with members which Cllr Heler sent prior to the meeting.

- The Devolution Consultation is live and closes on 13th April at 23.59*
- Highways improvements are planned for the Crewe Road Haslington exact dates have yet to be confirmed.*
- LV cables are being installed from the site entrance on The Dingle to its junction with Repton Drive from 7- 16 April. There will be muti way traffic control.*
- The gullies on the Dingle are due to be jetted on 17/4/2025 9.30 -15.30.*
- There will be excavation outside 187 Crewe Road to replace old lead pipe 14 – 16 April. There will be 2-way traffic control.*
- The gullies have been jetted in Winterley and since then there has been no flooding outside 426. I know there has been little or no rain but when we had the heavy downpour on the evening of Saturday 22nd the drain flowed freely.*
- Steve and I both reported the state of the surface of Slaughter Hill, and it was inspected by Highways last week. They are putting it on their programme of works.*

Cllr Peake commented on the issues of the condition with Slaughter Hill and Butterson Lane and how that it has been reported numerous times via Fix My Street.

## **8. Authorisation of Payments**

RESOLVED: The schedule of payments correctly states the invoices presented and that the following are authorised to be paid or accepted as paid. £5425.39 to be paid, £2169.46 as paid under 6.6, £21770.98 as paid under 6.9 iii. (As detailed on page 266)

## **9. Clerks Report**

The Clerk summarised their written report highlighting.

- Primary actions since the last meeting and to the May meeting are focused on end of year process and preparation for the internal and external audits.
- Gutterscroft Playing Field
  - The basket swing and zip line have been repaired. It has been noted though that the zip line is not functioning well since the repair and that a further report will be made to the manufacturer.
  - There was an incident on the 10<sup>th</sup> March of a fire being started in the new seating shelter. This has been reported to the Police and CCTV footage has been formally submitted.
  - A resident reported their dog being attacked by another dog on the 14<sup>th</sup> March. The resident has been informed to report this incident to the Police and that CCTV footage is available if requested by the Police.
- Progress is being made on the introduction of 2 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) in Oakhanger. The devices have now been received and the fee for the installation of the poles has been made to Cheshire East Highways. We are now waiting for the work to be scheduled.
- The application for the new noticeboards in Oakhanger and Winterley has been accepted, and we are now waiting for that to progress to the next stage.
- Correspondence received regarding children playing on the war memorial, a dog incident on the Gutterscroft Playing Field and an enquiry regarding street lighting and SIDS in Oakhanger.

Cllr S Welch raised that the Gutterscroft Playing Field is looking great with the new equipment and is being well received but that there was insufficient seating available on the outside of the fenced playground area.

It was also suggested that the goal posts need to be replaced as the current ones are letting the space down. The Clerk stated that replacing the goal posts can be completed during the anticipated playground refurbishment. Cllr Blake and Cllr S Welch agreed to complete initial research on suitable replacement goal posts.

## **10. Cheshire and Warrington Devolution Consultation**

To consider a response to the Cheshire and Warrington Devolution Consultation on the proposed introduction of a Mayoral Combined Authority.

Councillor Blake informed members that they attended a presentation, which was held to provide information on the proposal and the central government's requirements.

Cllr R Welch questioned the impact on our tier of government and noted potential transport improvements across the local authority.

Cllr Lofkin asked what it will change on a local level and if it will affect Parish Councils.

Councillor Sawyer expressed their belief that lower levels of government remain unaffected.

RESOLVED: to not submit a response to the devolution consultation.

## **11. Asset Management**

The clerk updated members on the Council's asset management and presented the work completed on the register and the migration of information to sector specific asset management software.

It was noted that an inspection of assets has been undertaken in the past month.

***Cllr Blake left the meeting at 8:12pm.***

RESOLVED: to accept the asset value which is determined on an insurance value basis of £858,781.31 at the end of 2024-25. Further assets with a value of £7,643.93 have been purchased and added to the register and will be reported to our insurers. The total updated value on the asset register is £866,425.24.

## **12. Picnic Benches**

RESOLVED: To offer 5 x unused picnic benches to Zoo2U Homes Chapel Zoo for a charge of £50.00. The picnic benches are offered on a sold as seen basis and to be collected by the zoo.

## **13. Grant Applications**

- a) To consider a grant application received from Alsager Music Festival.

Members reviewed the application form provided and considered the amount requested.

RESOLVED: to reject the application to provide a grant to Alsager Music Festival due to the beneficiary not being based within the parish.

- b) To consider a grant application received from St Matthews Church.

Members reviewed the application form received along with supporting documents and quotes. The clerk provided members with a briefing document which provided information and rationale on funding via the S137 power.

Cllr Peake mentioned that St Matthews requires some work and noted that the venue is valuable to the village. They expressed their support for a substantial donation.

RESOLVED: that the sum of £7000.00 be awarded to St Matthews Church for the purpose of enhancing their hall facilities.

Members agreed that this amount could be donated via S137 as the hall represents a proportionate benefit to the community.

## **14. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

RESOLVED: to receive and approve the report on the income and expenditure of CIL funds which details the current balance of £30,456.79. (As detailed on page 267)

## **15. May Fun Day**

To receive an update on the May Fun Day scheduled for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

The clerk provided the following update.

- 17 organisations have requested to attend.
- 6 members will assist on the day to ensure the smooth running of the event.
- Dog show is confirmed.

- Ice Cream van and face painting will be available.
- An events committee meeting will take place in April to accept the risk assessments and to make any further decisions.
- Items such as high vis vests and traffic cones will need to be sourced.

The Chair raised the possibility of having a bouncy castle available, which the clerk will investigate further.

**Meeting closed at 8:56 pm.**

## Authorisation of Payments – As resolved under item 8

### Haslington Parish Council Schedule of Payments 7th April 2025

	Date of Debit	Recipient	Purpose	£	£	Payment	Power of expenditure	Scribe
1	08/04/2025	ChALC	Subscription for services 2024-2025	1592.00		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S143	Yes
2	08/04/2025	Kompan	Playground Equipment Inspection - March 2025	152.12		BT - Unity Trust	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 12	Yes
3	08/04/2025	Caloo	Basketball Pad Line Markings	1800.00		BT - Unity Trust	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 12	Yes
4	08/04/2025	John Greenhall & Co	Payroll Services to year ending 5th April 2025	264.00		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S111	Yes
5	08/04/2025	Defib Store	Defibrillator Consumables	554.40		BT - Unity Trust	Public Health Act 1936, s.234	Yes
6	08/04/2025	Wayne Salisbury (Clerk) Reimburse	Co-Op - Gutterscroft Consumables	17.50		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S133	Yes
7	08/04/2025	Wayne Salisbury (Clerk) Reimburse	Alibaba.com - Custom Flag x 2 (Village Green)	14.61	121.37	BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S111	Yes
8	08/04/2025	Wayne Salisbury (Clerk) Reimburse	Alibaba.com - Union Flag x 2 (Village Green)	11.26		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S111	Yes
9	08/04/2025	Wayne Salisbury (Clerk)	Home Working Allowance (January to March 2025)	78.00		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S111	Yes
10	08/04/2025	911 Cleaning	Gutterscroft Centre Cleaning - March 6th 13th 20th 27th	160.00		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S133	Yes
11	08/04/2025	JD Services	Odd Jobs - Jobs as per tender - Odd Jobs - March	300.00		BT - Unity Trust	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 12	Yes
12	08/04/2025	JD Services	Floriculture Maintenance	85.00	666.00	BT - Unity Trust	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 12	Yes
13	08/04/2025	JD Services	Gutterscroft Centre - Tap Repair	106.00		BT - Unity Trust	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 12	Yes
14	08/04/2025	JD Services	Litterbin Emptying Haslington/Winterley - Marc	175.00		BT - Unity Trust	Litter Act 1983 S5	Yes
15	08/04/2025	Yoxall Village Hall	Meetings Room Hire - 22nd Jan / 3rd 24th Feb / 3rd 12th March	115.50		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S111	Yes
<b>Total</b>				<b>5425.39</b>				

#### Payments made as authorised on the approved payments list (6.6)

	Date of Debit	Recipient	Purpose	£	£		Power of expenditure	Scribe
16	02/04/2025	British Gas	Gutterscroft Gas Usage - Charges from 08/02/25 to 07/03/25	57.00		DD - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S133	Yes
17	11/03/2025	Scottish Power	Gutterscroft Electricity 27/12/24 to 06/03/25 - Final Bill	314.83		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S133	Yes
18	12/03/2025	Smarty	Phone Monthly Fee - March	8.00		DD - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S111	Yes
19	27/03/2025	Wayne Salisbury (Clerk)	Salary - March	1449.10		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S112	Yes
20	27/03/2025	HMRC	PAYE - TAX & NI - March	292.65		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S112	Yes
21	11/03/2025	British Telecom	Gutterscroft Broadband - Charges from 1st to 31st March 2025	47.88		DD - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S111	Yes
<b>Total</b>				<b>2169.46</b>				

#### Payments made as authorised and to avoid late payment (Financial Regulations 6.9 iii)

	Date of Debit	Recipient	Purpose	£	£		Power of expenditure	Scribe
22	05/03/2025	Zurich	Insurance Cover for 2025 - 2026 (resolved 3rd March 2025 meeting)	2955.41		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S111	Yes
23	05/03/2025	AJ Products	Gutterscroft Centre - Tables and Chairs (resolved 3rd March 2025 meeting)	1872.72		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S133	Yes
24	05/03/2025	Surf & Turf	Gazebo (resolved 3rd March 2025 meeting)	1300.00		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S145	Yes
25	21/03/2025	Wayne Salisbury (Clerk) Reimburse	Cheshire East - SIDS Pole Installation Oakhanger (resolved at December 2024 meeting)	3472.00		BT - Unity Trust	LG Rating Act 1997 S30	Yes
26	24/03/2025	Elancity	2 x Speed Indicator Devices (resolved at December 2024 meeting)	6000.00		BT - Unity Trust	LG Rating Act 1997 S30	Yes
27	21/03/2025	Daniel Matthias Architecture	Gutterscroft Centre - Architecture Fees (resolved at Sep 2024 meeting)	6000.00		BT - Unity Trust	LGA 1972 S133	Yes
28	19/03/2025	JD Services	Grasscutting - March 2025 (Previous Contract)	162.00		BT - Unity Trust	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 12	Yes
	31/03/2025	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	8.85		Unity Trust C T2	LGA 1972 S111	Yes
<b>Total</b>				<b>21770.98</b>				

Resolved to be paid at the meeting held on  
Minute Reference

7th April 2025

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Cllr - Proposer - Sign & Date

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Cllr - Seconder - Sign & Date

#### Receipts Mar-25

Date	Amount	From
03/03/2025	£120.00	Gutterscroft - Regular Hire
04/03/2025	£525.45	CCLA - Interest
17/03/2025	£17,813.48	Cheshire East - CIL
28/03/2025	£280.00	Gutterscroft - Regular Hire
31/03/2025	£807.41	Unity Trust - Interest
31/03/2025	£110.00	Gutterscroft - Regular Hire
	<b>£19,656.34</b>	

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Report – As resolved under item 14

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Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy				
2024 - 2025				
CIL Received		CIL Spent		
Date Received	Amount	Date Spent	Amount	Project
14/10/2021	£1,939.23	17/10/2024	£1,939.23	Playing Field Playground Fencing
09/06/2022	£3,162.03	17/10/2024	£3,162.03	Playing Field Playground Fencing
20/01/2023	£1,580.92	17/10/2024	£1,580.92	Playing Field Playground Fencing
25/05/2023	£1,233.68	17/10/2024	£1,233.68	Playing Field Playground Fencing
01/05/2024	£16,163.31	17/10/2024	£3,520.00	£12,643.31 not spent
		17/10/2024	£11,435.86	
13/03/2025	£17,813.48			
Received Total	£41,892.65	Spent Total	£11,435.86	
CIL Remaining	£30,456.79			