# HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th August 2026 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.52pm after extended public consultation.

**Present: -** Councillor Browne, Councillor French, Councillor Levine, Councillor Pakenham, Councillor Price, Councillor Ralph and District Councillor Barnes.
The Clerk was in attendance. No members of the public attended.

**1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -** Councillor Brown, Councillor Johnson-Cloves, District Councillor Killeen, County Councillor Ashdown and the RFO Anita Maxwell.

**2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS: -**
To sign as a correct record the minutes of the full council meeting held on Tuesday 28h July 2026.
Proposed by Councillor French and seconded by Councillor Price.
**Unanimously approved.**

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Planning committee meeting held on Tuesday 28h July 2026
Proposed by Councillor French and seconded by Councillor Pakenham.
**Unanimously approved.**

**3.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS***, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct: to receive any disclosure by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.*
None declared.

**3.1 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION** – *to consider written requests from Members for Dispensation and to consider the length of time the dispensation should be granted for i.e. as a one-off relating to a matter on this agenda, or ongoing for a set period and relating to any agenda within that period.*
None received.

**4.0 FINANCE Report**
In the RFO's, absence the Clerk drew the Council's attention to the information emailed out by the RFO prior to the meeting.
4.1 <u>To approve bank reconciliation and corresponding bank statements</u>
Deferred to the next meeting in the RFO's absence.

4.2 <u>To approve expenses and payments for August as itemized on the schedule</u>
Resolution to approve payments proposed by Councillor French and seconded by Councillor Levine. **Unanimously supported.**

There was a query re Grant request for a contribution to the 100th centenary of the Village Hall but the clerk reported that no grant request has been formally submitted as yet.

4.3 <u>To note year to date accounts</u>
Deferred to the next meeting in the RFO's absence.

4.4 <u>To note current earmarked reserves and approve any transfers</u>
Deferred to the next meeting in the RFO's absence.

4.5 <u>To approve the fixed asset register</u>
To be postponed to the next meeting.

**5.0 COMMUNITY Activities and reports**.

5.1 District and County Councillors reports

District Councillor Barnes gave her report.

5.2 Clerk's report including Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

The Clerk gave her report and noted any resident issues that had not already been circulated.

i) Request for the Council to install a mirror on the Burgh Hill junction.

Request rec'd by the clerk from a concerned resident.

Discussed but concern that a mirror may add to the problem and that cutting back the overgrown vegetation would help with sightlines,

5.3 Urgent issues requiring attention

No additional items to those on the agenda.

**6.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS, report**

6.1 Speedwatch

Little enthusiasm has been shown for this project and without willing volunteers it is not possible to proceed with this.

**7.0 PLAYING & STAGE FIELDS**

7.1 Lodge field – Risk Assessment and actions required

Maintenance worker to be asked what work he can carry out towards the items needing attention.
Councillor Browne will check to see if the 'T' bar can be re-instated on the zip wire.
Clerk has contacted Hallmark signs re condition of the sign for the Community Orchard and was told that this was part of the natural ageing progress which the council had been told about on ordering this type of board.
Councillor Pakenham suggested that a water supply for Lodge Field should be investigated. Clerk to look into this..

7.2 Notice boards for Lodge, Drewetts and Stage Fields

Councillor French is looking into this.

*District Councillor Barnes left the meeting.*

**8.0 PARISH COUNCIL ISSUES**

8.1 Report from the Planning Committee and updates

Councillor French gave the report.

8.2 Any comments re application RR/2026/1874/FULL, Trough Wood, Salehurst Parish

No comment to be made.

8.3 Village Maintenance report and requests

Clerk to contact maintenance worker re small works to be carried out in Lodge Field as identified in the Risk Assessment..

8.4 Assets of Community Value, update

Application now send in to Rother for the Royal George to be considered.

8.5 Assertion 10 compliance update

Councillor Ralph is working on this with steady progress now being made.

8.6 Councillor Vacancy

Clerk will look at advertising this position.

**9.0 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**
Items to be emailed to the Clerk.

**10.0 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**
The next Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 29th September 2026 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.45pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Distribution of Minutes: - Signed
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ESCC Councillor Mark Ashdown
RDC Councillor Barnes.
RDC Councillor Killeen Dated