HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2026 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.45pm after public consultation.

Present: - Councillor Browne, Councillor Brown, Councillor French, Councillor Levine, Councillor Pakenham, Councillor Price, District Councillor Barnes and County Councillor Ashdown.
The Clerk and RFO Anita Maxwell were in attendance along with one member of the public.

The Chair announced the sad news of Councillor Johnson-Cloves father's death and noted how he had assisted Paul in many council projects and that he would be missed. Condolences to be sent to the family.
The Chair also thanked Councillor Johnson-Cloves for his work in getting remembrance poppies up in the village and how much they are appreciated.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - Councillor Johnson-Cloves, Councillor Ralph and District Councillor Killeen.

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2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS: -
To sign as a correct record the minutes of the council meeting held on Friday 9h October 2026.
Proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by Councillor French
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
The RFO, Anita Maxwell gave the report..
4.1 To approve bank reconciliation and corresponding bank statements
Proposed by Councillor French and seconded by Councillor Levine.
Unanimously resolved to approve.

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4.2 To approve expenses and payments for September as itemized on the schedule
The Chair, Councillor Browne asked the council if it wanted to continue the tradition of purchasing a wreath for the service of remembrance which would cost in the region of £50-£75.
This was supported and proposed by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Price.
Unanimously supported and added to the list of payments to be approved.
Resolution to approve payments proposed by Councillor French and seconded by Councillor Price. **Unanimously supported.**

4.3 To note year to date accounts
Noted. .

4.4 To note current earmarked reserves and approve any transfers
Noted.

4.5 To allocate outstanding CiL money

CiL money totalling £976 needs to be allocated by the end of the month and the current allocation for a new water supply to Lodge Field is not now practicable therefore it was agreed that the outstanding money should be used towards the purchase of new noticeboards for parish spaces, Lodge Field, Drewetts Field and the Stage. **Unanimously supported**

4.6 To approve costs for water supply quote to Lodge Field

The Clerk has been looking at the cost of a water supply for Lodge Field however an accurate quote can only be obtained after a full application has been submitted and there is a charge for this of £101. Councillor French proposed that this should be approved and was seconded by Councillor Pakenham. **It was Unanimously resolved to approve this.**

4.7 To set date for finance committee precept meeting

It was formally proposed that the finance committee will meet in the hall on the 17th November 2026 at 7.00pm

The RFO left the meeting.

5.0 COMMUNITY Activities and reports.

5.1 District and County Councillors reports

District Councillor Barnes gave her report and noted the Government's new National Scheme of Delegation on planning matters which comes into force on the 31st October.

County Councillor Ashdown gave his report and noted his special interest in transport issues.

District Councillor Killeen emailed her report to the Council which Councillor Levine photographed and will circulate.

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

The Clerk gave her report and noted resident issues.
ESALC's AGM to be held at the Amex on the 4th November which Councilor Price will attend provided transport is available.

5.3 Urgent issues requiring attention

No additional items to those on the agenda.

The Chair moved agenda item 8.2 up the agenda to be discussed next.

8.2 Council's response to Rother's Local Plan

(*Councillor Price declared that she did not think she needed to declare an interest although the main reasons for the Council's objection to the Local Plan was the proposed large housing development on the site where she lived with her family. Councillor Price did not take part in the debate or vote.*)

Councillor Levine left the meeting.

The Chair asked the Clerk to draft the initial response to be circulated to councillors for their input before submission before the 24th November deadline in particular noting that the strategic value of HG4 was in its position in relation to its potential for a bypass.

6.0 TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS, report

The Clerk brought to Councillor Ashdown's attention the condition issues with Fysie Lane.
The Chair arranged to take Councillor Ashdown to visit the lane and explain the issues involved.

6.1 Highways meeting -*update*
The Clerk has emailed Frances McKenna and our MP re a meeting and is waiting for a response.

7.0 PLAYING & STAGE FIELDS
7.1 Lodge field – Risk Assessment and actions required, *update*.
Postponed to the next meeting.

7.2 Notice boards for Lodge, Drewetts and Stage Fields, *update*
Postponed to the next meeting.

8.0 PARISH COUNCIL ISSUES
8.1 Planning Committee report
Councillor French gave the report.

8.2 Moved up the agenda after 5.3.

8.3 Village Maintenance report and requests
No updates.

8.4 Assertion 10 compliance update
Clerk requested that a wireless printer was needed for the council. This was agreed.

Due to the confidential nature of the agenda item below public and press are excluded for this item

8.5 Councillor vacancy – *applications and appointment*
One application has been rec'd for this vacancy and after reviewing the application councillors **unanimously agreed to invite Archie Freed** to join the Council.

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 24th November 2026 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 7.45pm with public consultation from 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.22pm.

Distribution of Minutes: - Signed
All Parish Councillors
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Parish Council Website
ESCC Councillor Mark Ashdown
RDC Councillor Barnes.
RDC Councillor Killeen Dated