

# HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hadlow Parish Council duly convened and held on**  
Monday 12 January 2026 at 7.30pm

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**Committee Members Present:** Councillors N Collins (Chairperson), O Baldock, T Burrows, E Bright, D Carey, M Harvey, J Massy,

**Also in Attendance:** Clerk - Minute Taker), KCC Cllr S Hudson, TMBC Cllr's J Lark, S Crisp, Hadlow Park Residents Association representative & one member of the public

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**4956 To receive apologies, reason, and approval of absences.**

Approved Council absences: Cllr J Newman. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Massy and carried unanimously.

**4957 To receive declarations of interests**

None.

**4958 To resolve HPC Minutes of the meeting held on 08 December 2025 are a correct record**

**Resolved** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 08 December 2025. Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr Carey and carried unanimously.

**4959 To receive an update of progress of resolutions & matters from the last meeting not on current agenda**

Minute 4046 Dandara Development & public concerns over blocked drains plus 4964 Court Lane & Lorry Issues

Kent County Council had responded and confirmed that the matter had been passed to the relevant officer for investigation.

With regards to heavy duty lorries entering the Dandara site via the A26 Court Lane access, destruction of the streetlight and damage to the Court Lane name sign had been reported to Dandara and the construction company Build Bloc whose vehicle had caused the damage by a local resident. Build Bloc had investigated the matter and looked at the lorry CCTV and confirmed their lorry contacted the lamp post and would notify their insurers who would liaise directly with KCC.

Minute 4049 Lime Tree East Corner of St Mary's Churchyard

The Diocese of Rochester had responded to Council enquiry as to whether it should be the PCC (Parochial Church Council) or the Parish Council that submitted the faculty for tree removal and remedial works to repair the wall in the future. It was confirmed that either offices could submit the faculty and therefore it was agreed that the PCC would submit it with HPC co-operation.

**4960 To resolve P&E (Planning & Environment Committee) Minutes of 16 December 2025 as a correct record**

**Resolved** to approve the P&E Minutes of 16 December 2025 as a correct record.  
Proposed Cllr Baldock, seconded Cllr Bright and carried unanimously.

**4961 To receive reports from TMBC & KCC**

KCC Cllr Hudson reported as follows and provided the information for the Minutes.

Cllr Hudson reported that the KCC 2026/27 draft budget was still be reviewed before approval. Concerns had been raised as to whether the draft proposed uplift was sufficient taking into account provision for bad debt, increased costs in areas such as adult services etc.

TMBC Cllr Lark confirmed that the Local Plan consultation Regulation 18 was now closed.

TMBC Cllr Crisp confirmed that his recent blog on living plastic free had been provided to Kent Association of Local Councils and a copy to be provided to Parish Council for their website.

The Two Brewers – he also brought the meetings attention to a resident’s enquiry as to the future of the pub. The Clerk confirmed this would be addressed at the February HPC meeting.

**4962 To receive report from PC/PCSO & Community Warden**

No reports received from the Police, PCSO or Community Warden.

**4963 To receive Chairman and Clerk’s report**

Kent County Council had received an application for directional signage for The Heathers development on Court Lane (Dandara). Parish Council permission for signs A1-A11 to be erected within the Parish was requested. This included additional signage to meet strict planning requirements to avoid the use of Cemetery Lane. The chairman agreed to accept this late item for discussion under Clerk’s Report. The members unanimously resolved to agree the request.

**4964 Public Time & Parish Matters**

After a general conversation about the water issues within the County, Cllr Carey confirmed that Southeast Water had selected his home for water samples for bacteria testing.

Flooding – with the amount of rainfall recently Cllr Baldock had noted that the field below the cemetery extension had been severely flooded.

Cemetery Headstones – the Clerk confirmed that the reason some headstones were laid down was due to health and safety concerns. A regular pull push test of memorials by the Caretaker identifies unstable stones which are laid down and where possible owners notified in order that they can organise repairs. Those where ownership is not identifiable due to age or no Exclusive Right of Burial remain flat.

KALC Highways Survey – Cllr Bright would complete the survey on Councils behalf and requested members to provide him with any details or areas of concern they would like input.

#### **4965 Correspondence**

- a) The Parish Council Seniors Christmas Lunch had been a success once more and several letters of gratitude received thanking all the volunteers for their hard work. Noted
- b) Letter had been received thanking the Council staff for their professionalism and helpful manner in administering a family's burial. Noted

#### **4966 To receive reports from representatives of committees and pass such resolutions thereon as may be necessary:**

F&GP (Finance & General Purposes Committee) – Cllr Harvey to report

- a) **To resolve payments to date** (appendix a)

**Resolved** to approve payments to date FP1838 to 1868 Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr Collins and carried unanimously.

- b) **To resolve December accounts (bank reconciliation, income & expenditure, cost centre report, bank statement & trial balance)**

**Resolved** to approve December accounts in their entirety. Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr Massy and carried unanimously.

- c) **To resolve the 2026-27 Budget and Precept Request**

**Resolved** to approve the annual budget for 2026-27. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Bright and carried unanimously.

**Resolved** to approve the Precept request in the sum of £190,486.00. Proposed Cllr Harvey, seconded Cllr Bright and carried unanimously.

- d) **To acknowledge donations to the Hadlow Community Minibus Transport Scheme**

The following donations had been received and or committed:

- £212 received from HPC Seniors Christmas Lunch
- £145 promised from the Knit & Natter and Café Plus groups

a) **Planning Applications for consideration:**

- **TM/25/02001/TPOC** - Red on map (Applicants ref) Horse chestnut-crown lift to 4m. Blue on map (Applicants ref) Yew Tree – crown lift to 3m. Black on map (Applicants ref) Horse chestnut – Fell. Standing in group G5 of Tree Preservation Order.  
**HPC No objection subject to further evidence supporting:**
  - the decline of the Horse chestnut tree,
  - confirmation of which variety of tree will replace it and when
  - if no replacement the reason for this decision.
  - There is also a question as to which of the two Horse chestnuts is under TPO and referred to within the application .
  
- **TM/25/02032/RD** – Details of condition 23 (Travel Plan) pursuant to planning permission TM/22/01474/FL Full planning application for the erection of 57 residential dwellings (USE Class C3) including affordable housing provision, a new children’s day nursery and pre-school (Use Class E) alongside hard and soft landscaping including access, car parking, public open space, SuDS, and associated infrastructure. Land formerly West Part of Court Lane Nurseries, Court Lane, Hadlow  
**HPC has No comment with regards to this application**
  
- **TM/25/02054/FL** – Garage extension. Mulberry Barn, Three Elm Lane, Golden Green, TN11 0LD  
**HPC No Objection**
  
- **TM/25/02061/FL** – Single storey side and rear extensions. 18 Great Elms, Hadlow, TN11 0HT  
**HPC has No objection but there is a potential light take from #20 that may need further consideration**
  
- **TM/25/02084/AGN** – Prior approval notification under Schedule 2, Part 6 for the erection, extension or alteration of a building/road for agricultural or forestry use. Style Place Farm , Court Lane, Hadlow.  
**HPC has noted the application and has no comment**
  
- **TM/25/02093/TPOC** - 1 x Oak bordering field rear of Hayward (land Registry title no. K244259). Prune lower branch hanging close to ground as indicated by yellow mark on annotated photo. Standing in Area A1 of Tree Preservation Order. Land rear of Hayward, Maidstone Road, Hadlow  
**HPC No objection to application TM/25/02093/TPOC**
  
- **TM/25/02149/AGN** – Prior approval notification under schedule 2, part 6 for the erection, extension or alteration of a building/road for agricultural of forestry use. Park Farm, Matthews Lane, Hadlow, TN11 0JG  
**HPC No objection to application TM/25/02149/AGN**

**4967 To receive reports from representatives of external committees and pass such resolutions thereon as may be necessary**

- Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) – Cllr Bright confirmed next meeting on 15 January.
- TMBC Parish Partnership Panel (PPP) – Cllr Bright confirmed next meeting on 5 February.
- TMBC Joint Transportation Board (JTB) – Cllr Baldock was unable to attend but no matters relating to Hadlow Parish were raised.
- TMBC Standards Committee – Cllr Baldock confirmed next meeting on 19 January.

**4968 Motion to Exclude the Press & Public (to enable Council to consider any items on the agenda in which significant aspects will be of a confidential and financial nature).**

No motion required.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.19**

**Date of next meeting: Monday 09 February 2026, 7.30pm at Old School Hall**

**Signed**

**Date**

Appendix a

FP	Description	£
1838.....	I840 4th Platform underpaid vat	6.00
1839.....	Clerk Wages Wk36	3,066.99
1840.....	Admin Wages - Moss Wk36	448.30
1841.....	Caretaker Wages Wk36	1,901.02
1842.....	HMRC PAYE Wk36	1,970.35
1843.....	CPRE - Annl Subscription (Db Cd)	60.00
1844.....	Lloyds Bnk Sv Chg	15.40
1845.....	MFG Thee Elm - Fuel HV24 Minibus (Db Cd)	60.80
1846.....	MFG Three Elm - Fuel DK19 Minibus (Db Cd)	66.09
1847.....	Assured Air & Water - invs295&296 Legionella	840.00
1848.....	K&M Equipment- Inv33995 Dishwasher Call Out	115.20
1849.....	Online Playgrounds - I371 Swing Shackles SP/F	42.24
1850.....	Robert Dyas - HOS Kettles (Db Cd)	48.99
1851.....	Halfords - Halogen Bulbs (Db Cd)	41.18
1852.....	MFG - Three Elm Lane Fuel Truck (Db Cd)	83.98
1853.....	Screwfix - Black Sacks (Db Cd)	44.97
1854.....	SMB - I4460 Paper Console	45.60
1855.....	Zest - I962 Hall Clean HOS & HY Dec	708.00
1856.....	R M Electrical - I174 EICR 5 Yr Insp & Water Heater Spur	455.00
1857.....	Spy Alarms - I2N8 Annl Maint Contr & Monitor Chg HOS	775.20
1858.....	KCS Education - I321 Stationery & Cleaning Products	38.08
1859.....	Landall - I512 Photocopier Usage 26/11-25/12	43.56
1860.....	Gala Lights - I644&643 Installation Xmas Lights HOS+GG	5,871.60
1861.....	AK Plumbing - I1705 Replace Water Heater Mens HOS	443.93
1862.....	Giallo - I353 10 Wk Minibus Insp DK19 (Db Cd)	126.00
1863.....	Icore Security & Solar Ltd - I7595 Annl Agreement CCTV	2,068.80
1864.....	Caretaker Wages Wk40	1,883.34
1865.....	Admin Wages Wk40	134.92
1866.....	Clerks Wages Wk40	3,067.39
1867.....	HMRC - PAYE Wk40	2,053.44
1868.....	EA Waste Exemptions - Bonfire Permit (3 Yrs) (Db Cd)	86.00