

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HASKETON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 4th September 2025

At 6.30 pm in the Victory Hall, Tymmes Place, Hasketon, Suffolk
Final Minutes

Present: Will Longe (WL) (Chair), Parish Councillors (PCllrs), William HELM (BH) Ann Turner (AT), Niki Field (NF) and Steve LECKIE (SL), (Hasketon Parish Clerk).

Also present was District Councillor (DCllr) Dan Clery (DC).

There was 1 member of the public (MOTP) in attendance.

1. **Welcome and Housekeeping:** Chair WL welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from Councillors Iain Whyte (IW) (Vice Chairman), and Beccy Batley (RB), which were accepted.

3. **Declaration of Interests:** None

4. **Co-option of Parish Councillor:**

SL explained that the vacancy was available as co-option by the Council and stated he had requested Councillors to give thought to suitable candidates before the meeting.

WL gave an overview of a potential candidate which was discussed by the Council.

Proposed - WL

Seconded – NF

There was full agreement on the proposal

As a result, it was resolved to co-opt Mr Martin Smith to the Parish Council.

Clerk SL to be passed full details by WL and prepare the candidate for the next meeting.

5. **Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Minutes of meeting - Parish Mtg 25/07/25, previously circulated, were accepted, and approved as a true record and initialled by the Chair (WL).

6. **Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes:**

OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS

MATTERS ARISING

211124

Item 12 Village Amenities and Events:

xi. Wildflowers in the local churchyard were sought as a source of possible seeds. A further flower bed is to be planned near the Victory Hall.

ACTION – NF

RESULT: NF to obtain and distribute seeds

MATTERS ARISING

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13. **Highways:**

i) Speeding – BH addressed EB concerning progression of the speeding issues both in Hasketon and in particular on the B1079. EB again agreed to support and an application and together with BH to organise a meeting with Highways to progress the issue.

ACTION EB/BH

RESULT: BH and Clerk to follow up with EB via email.

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10. Planning:

To Consider Planning Application: DC/25/2083/FUL

Proposal: Extension of existing porch, extension of parking area, erection of single storey side extension with link to existing, and erection of 1.8m hit and miss fence between house and garage.

Site address: Grange Farmhouse, Grundisburgh Road, Hasketon, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6HN

ACTION – Clerk

RESULT: SEE BELOW

After careful consideration it was resolved to offer no objections to the proposal.

ii. **To Consider Planning Application:** DC/25/1849/FUL.

Proposal: Replace two existing Velux roof lights with conservation roof lights and insert two new conservation roof light.

Site address Hasketon Grange, Grundisburgh Road, Hasketon, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6HN

ACTION – Clerk

RESULT: SEE BELOW

After careful consideration it was resolved to offer no objections to the proposal.

iii. **To Consider Planning Application:** DC/25/1850/FUL

Proposal: Listed Building Consent - Replace two existing Velux roof lights with conservation roof lights and insert two new conservation roof light.

Site address Hasketon Grange, Grundisburgh Road, Hasketon, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6HN.

ACTION – Clerk

RESULT: SEE BELOW

After careful consideration it was resolved to offer no objections to the proposal.

13. Village Amenities and Events:

xi) Grass cutting/Hedge trimming – SL indicated there had been very positive comments about the service by Kindewood. They had asked if the corner was to be cut and SL indicated NF wanted a metre off the corner till next month.

ACTION – Clerk

RESULT: Clerk emailed contractor and area cut accordingly

7. Invitation to Members of the Public to speak:

A MOP expressed concerns that Public Transport was still an issue from the village to Woodbridge. It was emphasised by the recent new Women’s Institute meetings to be held there between 10 and 12 am.

DC gave an overview of the difficulties and stated the 'Connecting Communities' incentive didn't cater for this. The District Council were supporting the Catch initiative. The current support was a Town-to-Town initiative. AT spoke about Taxi vouchers for £100 a year but this would involve relinquishing a bus pass.

The MOP asked who was responsible for hedges as brambles were now overhanging in many places. SL indicated the extent of the Hasketon Councils responsibility, but the other areas were East Suffolk Council and issues should be reported on the online tool.

8 Report from District Councillor:

Reports received and circulated. DC gave an overview of his report and took questions. He highlighted the Westerfield quarry action group, where it was anticipated 100 lorries would be travelling to and from the quarry. He stated there were other sites available for the commodity in Essex and that the Council had a plan for the next 20 years which catered for our needs. Therefore, the materials would need to be sold elsewhere. Routes have been fixed into Ipswich (A1214) then to Martlesham. Other routes are also possible. The quarry would operate between 7.30 and 5 Pm. It was agreed that WL (Chair) would draft a letter of support for the stop the quarry campaign.

ACTION:WL

-DC then spoke about the Northern Bypass issue. He stated the new mayor would have to be involved in a large infrastructure project. The MP for Ipswich asked for this issue to be investigated. It is believed currently there are insufficient plans for the project. The Election of the new Mayor would be next year.

8 Report from County Councillor: County Councillor (Cllr) Elaine Bryce (EB) was expected at the meeting; however, her report had been circulated for consideration.

9 Finance:

Summary of Accounts since 08/05/25 (attached)

Clerk reported an overall balance of £15500.59 being £13526.26 Savings account and £1974.33 current account.

Online invoices SINCE 100725 amounted to £1265.76

It was resolved to approve and adopt the accounts as presented.

**Proposed WL
Seconded NF**

Accounts

Clerk confirmed the accounts had been checked and approved by AT

ii Approval of Invoices and Transfer of Funds.

Admin/Clerk Expenses (period 10/07/25 to 040925) £35.10 which covers mileage.

KINDLEWOOD INV: £252

It was resolved to approve the invoices for payment.

**Proposed WL
Seconded NF**

SL -CLERK requested transfer of funds £2000.

**Proposed WL
Seconded NF**

iii - Internal Audit Report /AGAR 2024-25

Clerk reported POSTED - SF0183: Receipt of documents – notification of exempt status, 2025.

iv - Clerk matters – a) PAY AWARD and review.

SL advised the pay awards had been agreed for the financial year but required approval before payment could be applied to his salary.

It was resolved to approve Local government pay award for the Clerk

**Proposed BH
Seconded AT**

11. Planning:

i. **To Consider Planning Application:** DC/25/3067/FUL

Proposal: Installation of a Portakabin

Site address: Premises, Grundisburgh Road, Hasketon, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6HJ

At a meeting of the Hasketon Parish Council on Thursday 4th September 2025 it was resolved to offer no objections to the proposal.

The Council would like to seek reassurance that the following conditions are adhered to

2.0 Amount and Layout

2.06 The existing trees and hedges which surround the existing site provide a substantial screen to the premises when viewed from Grundisburgh Road. Previous applications have failed to accurately comply with this aspect.

3.0 Scale and Appearance

3.03 The walls are to be decorated grey with the windows and doors being white. In order to limit the impact on the skyline.

ACTION - Clerk

ii. **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Appeal Under Section 78**

To Consider Application: DC/25/1756/PIP

Appeal by: Mr Matt Tack

Site address: Land to North of Lowood Lodge, Hasketon Road, Burgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6JL.

Clerk SL reminded the Council of the application and stated this was now subject to an appeal as indicated by email.

iii. Update on previous applications - nothing further to add to summary already given. All approved.

iv. Bredfield update: BH had indicated that some recognition be forwarded to members of the Bredfield team who had successfully opposed the planning application which was now resolved.

ACTION - Clerk

12. Village Amenities and Events:

Allotments- Clerk SL spoke about a possible grant for water on the allotments- East Suffolk Field to Fork scheme.

AIMS: Increasing the number of people engaging with new or existing local allotments, community gardens, green spaces or equivalents that offer the ability to grow produce.

Increasing the amount of locally grown food within the East Suffolk food system by producing it in your growing space and distributing it.

Broadening people's understanding of how to use fresh produce in their day-to-day cooking.

He considered the water supply issue, but opinion was that there were alternatives to a direct supply and NF produced a self-help option idea.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate this option.

Play Area

Annual Safety Inspection – Clerk SL indicated the ROSPA inspection was imminent although the exact date was not known and stated it was £50 to be present at the time of inspection.

Village Hall – Nothing to report as IW was not present.

Tree Management – Clerk SL indicated the new trees adjacent to the Victory Hall were growing well and the Queens Oak was now also growing well.

Car Park/Amenities area – The hedgerow was discussed. SL indicated there was only one cut planned, and it was not due yet. He indicated the cut back near Top Road was a priority. Further cuts could be requested at a cost.

Footpaths [PROW in Suffolk -SALC] BH made reference to the previous minutes of the description and the encroachment issue. He stated that the PROW was being lost as into the field as a result of the overgrowth.[Footpath 38]

Benches – One bench still be situated on the corner which may bring criticism when the play area is inspected.

Bus Shelter – SL indicated that there is work required on the bus shelter even though there are no buses! IW has indicated he will resolve this issue. Previous Chair kindly put a fixing in the front to keep the fascia from falling this week.:-

SL indicated that there was money set aside for repairs although the estimated costs by IW seemed to exceed this amount.

It was proposed to allocate £300 initially.

**Proposed AT
Seconded NF**

Re wilding – NF requested the border on car park to be left next year for rewilding as it had been cut this year. NF also stated she would like to plant more bulbs. This was agreed and SL indicated there was funds allocated for works this year.

13. Highways and Transport:

- i. Traffic Issues: As previously discussed – BH to follow up concerns with EB (County Councillor)
- ii. EVENTS - Suffolk Highways Forums 2025: [SALC Bulletin]

14. CADENT Road Closure:

Clerk SL indicated a meeting was now planned with Cadent and Highways on Wednesday 17th September 2025 on site where future plans would be discussed. It appeared to concern a defect near the Top Road adjacent to the car park. WL indicated he would like to be present at that meeting.

ACTION – Clerk/WL

15. Suffolk Cloud email changes:

SL indicated he had sent an email regarding a news bulletin from Suffolk Cloud which really did not affect the current service. He also stated the Chair would now have a new email address and old material should be transferred to this account. This would be sorted very shortly.

16. Action with Communities in Rural England ACRE/NALC flooding survey:

SL explained NALC has partnered with Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) to launch a new survey designed to help parish and town councils enhance their flood resilience. The short survey will capture what information and support parish and town councils need to better plan for flooding. He stated he had completed a questionnaire which encompassed some of the issues within the New Emergency Plan and the need for further help with local Flooding.

17. ESC - Support for Tenants - Free Resources from Safe Suffolk Renters:

SL stated he had circulated an email and forwarded it to the Parish magazine. A leaflet had been prepared by East Suffolk Council to support Tenants with potential issues [posted on noticeboard].

- Help with damp and mould
- Healthy home checks
- Guidance on tenant rights and responsibilities, including updates related to the Renters Rights Bill

The aim was to empower Tenants renting from private landlords by providing clear, accessible advice and support.

18. Westerfield Quarry: Stop the Quarry

Item Covered in DC report. No Money to be granted at this time by Hasketon.

19. Meeting with Patrick Spencer MP:

WL covered an email received by the Clerk concerning a visit to the Parish to meet parishioners. He gave an overview of the current discipline issues hanging over Mr Spencer. However, it was felt that he should be offered an opportunity to give a presentation and an offer to visit the Parish. WL stated he was aware other areas were also providing opportunities, and the specific request did not prevent the offer.

ACTION:WL

20. DONATION:

- i. SARS – Clerk SL indicated an email had been received and distributed about the work of the team and that any support would be welcome. He indicated that previously we had

donated previously. WL gave a personal example of their work. Amounts were given consideration, and it was unanimously agreed to donate £150.

**Proposed NF
Seconded WL
ACTION - Clerk**

21. Date of Next Meeting 13/11/2025 – meeting closed at 8.50pm

Steve LECKIE Hasketon Parish Clerk.

Signed:Chairman. Date.....