

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF HASKETON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 10th July 2025**

At 6.20 pm in the Victory Hall, Tymmes Place, Hasketon, Suffolk  
**Final Minutes**

**Present:** Iain Whyte (IW) (Vice Chairman), Parish Councillors (PCllrs), William HELM (BH) Beccy Batley (RB), Will Longe (WL) and Steve LECKIE (SL), (Hasketon Parish Clerk).

Also present were County Councillor (CCllr) Elaine Bryce (EB) and District Councillor (DCllr) Dan Clery (DC).

There were 3 members of the public (MOTP) in attendance.

1. **Welcome & Introduction:** IW welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. **New Chairman selection:** The Clerk indicated the vacancy had been offered to WL. WL was then proposed by BH and seconded by RB. There were no objections and WL was duly elected.

IW then reminded everyone that there was still a Councillor vacancy and SL explained that the vacancy was available as co-option by the Council and requested thoughts be given to suitable candidates before the next meeting.

3. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Ann Turner (AT), and Councillor Niki Field (NF)
4. **Declaration of Interests:** None.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meetings:**  
Minutes of meeting - Annual HPC and Parish Mtg 08/5/2025, EO PC Mtg 16/06/2025, previously circulated, were accepted, and approved as a true record and initialled by the Chairman (WL).

6. **Matters Arising from Previous:**

**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: OUTSTANDING**

130325

**13. Highways:**

- i) Speeding – BH to source with assistance a device to provide statistics of speed at the agreed location on the Grundisburgh Road. He would liaise with EB who had agreed to pursue the work with Highways and would provide the necessary funds for the assessment.

**ACTION – Clerk/BH**

**RESULT: Matters to be addressed at meeting.**

**MATTERS ARISING**

080525

**13. Planning:**

- i. **To Consider Planning Application:** DC/25/0645/FUL

**Proposal:** Installation of 14 ground mounted solar panels

**Site address:** Brook Cottage, Mill Lane, Hasketon, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6HE.

**ACTION – Clerk**

**RESULT: The council had no objections to the application after careful consideration.**

**17. Annual Insurance renewal:**

It was proposed to stay with Clear Councils.

**ACTION – Clerk**

**RESULT: See Item 14**

160625

**7. To Consider the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2024/25**

The Vice Chairman and Clerk duly signed the relevant sections. AGAR to be submitted to external auditors.

To Approve and Adopt the Certificate of Exemption.

**ACTION - Clerk**

**RESULT: Posted**

**7. Approval of Transfer of Funds.**

It was resolved to approve the transfer of funds.

**ACTION – Clerk**

**RESULT: completed the electronic transfer.**

**5. Planning:**

- i. **To Consider Planning Application:** DC/25/1545/FUL

**Proposal:** Change of use from Holiday let to residential

**Site address** Red Lodge, Boulge Road, Hasketon, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6JS

**ACTION - Clerk**

**RESULT: SEE BELOW and Item 10 iv.**

**At a meeting of the Hasketon Parish Council on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 consideration was given to the application.**

**At this time there appears to be no clarity with regard to the application, which stems from historical applications dating back to 2018. Therefore, after consultation it was resolved to object to the proposal unless further planning details are provided.**

- ii. **To Consider Planning Application:** DC/25/1756/PIP

**Proposal:** Permission in Principle - Erection of 1no. detached dwelling and garage (self-build), creation of new access on to Hasketon Road/Mill Lane and stopping up of existing access

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

**ACTION - Clerk**

**RESULT: SEE BELOW and Item 10 iv.**

**At this time the Parish Council have declined to comment on this application.**

**7. Invitation for Members of the Public to Speak:**

2 MOPs attended and spoke about the possibility of purchasing Shimmens Lot (Subject of a previous planning application). They presented ideas about possible proposals and summarised the previous applications for use of the plot back from 2018. They were interested in the thoughts of the Parish Council with regard to developing the plot as a single-family residence supporting elderly family members.

The Parish Council offered advice concerning change of use of the land and their negative concerns over the previous applications. Indications were sympathetic in general terms. The MOP stated they would approach ESC for advice and develop plans accordingly.

A further MOP asked if the Emergency Plans were completed as they had not received a copy. SL indicated this was a living document and it had not yet been published. It was asked if mobile phone issues had been considered with the change to digital technology. SL indicated this was not on plan at this time, and that this was seen as the first response till full back up could be obtained. IW gave advice about the National Warning system that would be supported on all networks.

The MOP expressed new concerns about the hedge at junction of Top Road with Boulge Road stating that it was a danger to road users. BH felt that the hedge slowed the traffic. The MOP asked if the concerns could be published in the Parish magazine.

EB then spoke about proposals of the Green Group to change the 20mph Application process. The criteria is to be simplified for 20mph but it has not been agreed and there will be a Paper to Cabinet in the near future. Current road signs are not enforceable

**8. Report: District Councillors: Reports received and circulated.**

DC gave an overview of his report and took questions. He discussed the Local Government reorganisation and the work towards a single tier. The County Council were working towards one Council but at district level a unitary unit was proposed. IW asked if there had been a survey on the issue. A decision will be made in September. The issue is economy of scale and there will be a single Mayor for Norfolk/Suffolk.

SL indicated he had circulated an email regarding Suffolk County Council Briefings on Local Government Reorganisation and further briefings were to be held online on 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

DC Queried who owned fields near Riverside. Basic details were provided. There was further discussion and Public Rights of Way (PROW) in that area and BH indicated that there was Blackthorn on the footpath. Consideration was given as to whether it was best to leave the area overgrown IW indicated if the path was unused, it would lose its status. This was emphasised by EB. This was footpath 38.

**9. Report: County Councillor: Reports received and circulated.**

EB gave an overview of her report and took questions. She spoke about the Local Government Reorganisation. The 4<sup>th</sup> August was a significant date for a report on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). She also spoke about Sizewell C, plug in Suffolk cars starting in Woodbridge, the Quarry at Westerfield and the aggregate journeys to Sizewell. Also, a proposal for a huge solar farm. At a meeting prior to this she stated she had opposed suggestions of a new Northern Bypass, but Labour wanted to Force a formal position. There would be 15,000 homes built because of the proposal. This would cause damage to the Finn

Valley. IW suggested a swing bridge on the Orwell may be an option. EB indicated that the Ely junction had been shelved despite providing a cheaper option for freight.

There was general discussion about the Northern bypass proposals and an overall dissent towards it.

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**

#### **10. Planning:**

- i. 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  
After careful consideration it was resolved to offer no objections to the proposal.  
**ACTION – Clerk**
- 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  
After careful consideration it was resolved to offer no objections to the proposal.  
**ACTION – Clerk**
- 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  
After careful consideration it was resolved to offer no objections to the proposal.  
**ACTION – Clerk**
- iv.** Updates were given by SL DC/25/1545/FUL – Rejected and Withdrawn / DC/25/1756/PIP – Refused.
- v.** Shimmens Lot – Proposal – as discussed at item 7.
- vi.** Planning forum/ newsletter (previously Circulated)/ Neighbourhood plans  
SL indicated there were to be 2 Planning Forums held on 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July as indicated by an email sent. He advised WL it would be useful for him who then stated he had put it in his diary.  
SL drew attention to an email the ESC newsletter and then indicated that Government funding had been withdrawn to support Neighbourhood Planning. It was felt at this time it was a long and expensive programme that was not required at this time for Hasketon.

**11. Finances:**

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

**Clerk reported an overall balance of £16766.35 being £13526.26 Savings account and £3240.09 current account.**

Online invoices SINCE 08/05/25 amounted to £3576.05 at the start of this year years accounts

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

Proposed WL  
Seconded IW

Accounts

**Clerk confirmed the accounts had been checked and approved by AT**

ii Approval of Invoices and Transfer of Funds.

Admin/Clerk Expenses (period 08/05/25 TO 10/07/25) £155.19 which covers mileage and yearly online Microsoft software.

WL queried the type of Microsoft Licence currently in use and stated that there may be cheaper options.

It was resolved to approve the invoices for payment.

Proposed WL  
Seconded IW

iii - Internal Audit Report /AGAR 2024-25

**POSTED**

iv - VAT Return 2024-25

SL indicated it was COMPLETED AND RECEIVED

v - Clerk matters – a) ICO – Fee £52.

SL stated a direct Debit was to be paid on or before 03/08/25 and a discount of £5 would be received for using the DD service. SL gave an overview of the details of the service to WL.

**12. Suffolk County Council Briefing on Local Government Reorganisation: - See Item 8 and 9.**

**13. Village Amenities and Events: Updates only**

i) Allotment Matters –

SL stated there no issues but expressed concerns about the lack of water. He suggested he may be possible to create a supply and make a charge for it as the rent was so low.

ii) Play Area - IW stated some posts needed to be replaced. There was discussion about the need to consult the village about plans. RB suggested a leaflet drop and a possible note in the newsletter. Equipment was expensive to purchase or replace and budget this year was limited. SL indicated maybe some general items could be removed.

iii) Victory Hall (Village Hall) – no updates

iv) Tree Management – New Trees growing well but Hedgerow still slow to take hold IW suggested a possible watering system going forward.

v) Amenity/Car Park area - pending

vi) Bus Shelter – pending IW will review.

vii) Benches – IW aware one new bench still to be installed on the corner and removed from the Play area before Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) inspection.

**ACTION - IW**

viii) Footpaths – SL indicated he had received an email regarding work carried out to trim footpath 27 and the reporting of sign down by AT. Enquiries were in hand to thank who had completed the work. See also item 8.

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**

x) Rewilding – NF not present.

**14. ANNUAL Insurance renewal:**

SL indicated the premium had been paid and the Council had received a new Policy.

**15. Affordable Housing:**

SL indicated he had circulated an email with attached reports. He stated with the establishment of the East Suffolk Rural Exception Site Workgroup the group aims to help promote the delivery of affordable housing within communities that are aware of or have identified a housing need within their region.

They are taking this opportunity to approach Parish Councils to ascertain whether they would like the opportunity to discuss a potential Rural Exception Site or the formation of a Community Led Housing Group, if land has been identified that may be suitable for a smaller development.

There was general discussion about the Hasketon Community and questions about local possibilities.

**16. Highways:**

i) Northern Bypass – Discussed at Item 9. SL stated he also forwarded email from Mid Suffolk Councillor Andrew Mellen.

ii) Highways forum.

SL indicated this would be taking place on Tuesday 12th August - 3 pm to 4 pm. It aimed to provide improved information relating to activities undertaken by the highway service.

To support town and parish councils' knowledge of what we do and do not do.

To enable town and parish councils with sharing information with the wider Suffolk Community.

iii) Speeding – Discussed at Item 9.

iv) Transport East survey

SL indicated he had circulated the report which was heavily based on statistics. It seemed to still fail to address the simple issues of local transport.

**17. Sizewell C Funding:**

SL stated two emails had been forwarded and in particular the May and June Project newsletter updates.

**18. Operation Camouflage:**

Operation Camouflage begins at Sutton Heath, near Woodbridge on Tuesday 23 July. Organised by the Army Welfare Service and East Suffolk Council, the activity programme is open to children and young people aged between 8 and 16 years old who live in or go to school in East Suffolk.

Designed to bring young people together and help them develop new skills, Operation Camouflage runs every Tuesday to Thursday from Wednesday 23 July until Thursday 14 August. There will be a mix of physical, creative, educational and adventurous activities on offer including touch rugby, dance workshops, circus skills, bushcraft, 'It's a knockout' and much more. Snacks and lunch will also be provided.

**19. Date of Next Meeting and close: 04/09/24 \* A week early – meeting closed 21.00hrs**

Steve LECKIE Hasketon Parish Clerk.

**Signed:** .....**Chairman. Date**.....