

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF HASKETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON 2nd July 2026**

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

### **DRAFT Final Minutes**

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

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

1. **Welcome & Introduction:** WL welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. **New Councillor selection selection/ Finance:**

There was general discussion about candidates proposed by the council. None of these candidates were present but SL was given contact details for one agreed in principle for SL to approach before the next meeting. The Clerk (SL) indicated he had approached Ann TURNER [recent resignation] about the vacant Finance Role, and she had agreed in principle to continue the work. It was proposed to accept the offer.

There were no objections and AT was duly elected in the role subject to changes made in policy by the Clerk/RFO.

Proposed – WL

Seconded – RB

**ACTION: CLERK**

WL then reminded everyone that we still need to find a Councillor and there was an expression that one could be found from Tymmes Place. Further candidates to be approached before the next meeting and advised to the Clerk.

3. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Councillor William HELM (BH).
4. **Declaration of Interests:** None.
5. **Minutes of Previous Meetings:**  
Minutes of meeting - Annual HPC and Parish Mtg 08/5/2026, EO PC Mtg 03/06/2026, previously circulated, were accepted, and approved as a true record and initialled by the Chairman (WL).
6. **Matters Arising from Previous:** Produced as a table attached.
7. **Invitation for Members of the Public to Speak:** None present.
8. **Report from District Councillors:** DC admitted he had not submitted his monthly report but gave an overview of the recent issues regarding refuse disposal and took questions. DC stated it was the same provider but there appears to have been too much change in a short period of time. More shifts are planned and more agency staff.
9. **Report from County Councillors:** Nothing received by Clerk – to be followed up.

## 10. Planning:

### i. Local Plan Scoping Consultation.

Clerk explained this was to involve people in planning (2026) It explains how East Suffolk Council will involve residents and other stakeholders in planning matters, including planning applications and Neighbourhood Plans. It also sets out principles that will follow engaging on a new local plan, which will set out where homes, jobs and infrastructure will go.

A Consultation Statement which includes a summary of the comments received during the consultation on the draft "How we Involve you in planning", held between 13 January and 24 February 2026, and the Council's response.

[How we involve you in planning | East Suffolk Council](#)

### ii. Mickleton Against Inappropriate Development

Clerk stated it was a Campaign Against Inappropriate Development and that there was a Petition which has already gathered over 8000 and which seeks to ask the Government to rethink the huge numbers of houses it is trying to force onto rural communities without the infrastructure to go with them.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/762214>

## 11. Finance:

### i. Summary of Accounts since 08/05/26 (attached)

**Clerk reported an overall balance of £21599.48 being £16507.30 Savings account and £5092.18 current account.**

Online invoices SINCE 01/05/26 amounted to **£3287.91**  
**YEAR TO DATE £4173.91**

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

Proposed WL  
Seconded IW

### Accounts

**Clerk stated the accounts had not been checked or approved but they would be sent to Ann Turner as a result of earlier decision and prepared prior to next meeting.**

### ii. Approval of Invoices and Transfer of Funds.

#### **Admin Costs:**

Admin/Clerk Expenses (period 080526 to 020726) £85.80 which covers mileage.

MICROSOFT ANNUAL FEE £84.99

HMRC P30 QUARTER1 - £178.40 [due 050726]

KINDLEWOOD £528.00 [2 CUTS]

TREE GP £960

It was resolved to approve the invoices for payment.

iii AGAR had been completed as previously indicated by SL and IW placed on website.

Notification made of exemption status. SALC FEE £226.80 – under budget

#### iv) Clerk Matters

a) ICO – Fee to be paid by direct debit £52 with discount of £5 on 03/08/26

- b) Mileage rates  
Clerk gave advice received from SALC –  
HMRC guidelines not revised since 2011 indicates car mileage raised from 44 to 55p per mile.  
It was resolved to approve the rates for payment.

Proposed MS  
Seconded IW

- c) Microsoft fee – Annual Subscription for package as already noted above.

## 12. Suffolk County Council - Call for sites, Minerals and Waste Plan:

Clerk drew attention to an email which covered the Suffolk County Council commencing its Call for Sites consultation for the new Suffolk Minerals and Waste Plan. The consultation opened on the **15th of June 2026** and will run for six weeks until **27th July 2026**.

The County Council is preparing a new Minerals and Waste Plan in line with the Government's reformed local plan-making system. The Create or Update a Local Plan (CULP) guidance recommends a target as wide an audience as possible with a call for sites.

The County Council requests submissions through an online survey, which is available at: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MineralsandWaste/> A separate submission must be completed for each site, and a shape file will need to be e-mailed to [mineralsandwasteplan@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:mineralsandwasteplan@suffolk.gov.uk) clearly referencing the corresponding site submitted through the online form.

## 13. Village Amenities and Events: Updates only

WL stated in future he would like prepared updates on these issues to track progress. he requested a review of the responsibilities. [see below] WL also stated he had attended a recent meeting on Emergency Planning and wanted this added as a responsibility. WL agreed to take on the role and SL suggested support from a new Councillor.

|                                     |  | 25-26             | 26-27               |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| Play area and Amenity/Car Park area |  | NF/SL/RB/WL       | SL/RB/WL            |
| Tree Warden                         |  | SL/BH/DV          | SL/BH/DV            |
| Website                             |  | IW/SL             | IW/SL               |
| <b>Allotments</b>                   |  | SB/SL             | <b>** SL</b>        |
| Victory Hall Liaison                |  | IW                | IW                  |
| Footpaths                           |  | BH                | BH                  |
| <b>Finance</b>                      |  | AT                | <b>AT appointed</b> |
| Planning                            |  | WL/Full Committee | WL/Full Committee   |
| <b>Re-Wilding Project</b>           |  | NF                | <b>AWAITED</b>      |
| <b>HIGHWAYS</b>                     |  |                   | BH/WL               |
| Emergency Planning                  |  |                   | <b>WL</b>           |

**\*\*it was felt another councillor should be appointed as independent over the allotments to support decision making as SB is a user. To be reviewed upon new Councillor selection.**

i) Allotment Matters –

As stated, water project to be progressed. SL stated trees had been cut back on allotments. Further work to be carried out regarding size of allotments and consideration for cutting them into more manageable sections.

ii) Play Area –

Meeting planned for site development as already stated. SL emphasised grant monies need to be spent.

iii) Victory Hall (Village Hall) –

IW gave details of current users of the Hall. Some users had been lost but they were considering new activity such as Table Tennis. Staffing on the committee was now low.

iv) Tree Management –

BH not present but SL gave details of an email received regarding a possible tree and plaque from the family of a deceased resident. It was agreed to a blossom tree, but the plaque need to be provided by the family and initial upkeep by them. Clerk to respond.

**ACTION - CLERK**

v) Amenity/Car Park area - pending

vi) Bus Shelter –

IW to complete work.

vii) Benches –

IW aware one new bench still to be installed on the corner and removed from the Play area.

**ACTION - IW**

viii) Footpaths – pending

xi) Grass cutting/Hedge trimming –

It was agreed to trim rewilding on corner. Clerk to update provider

**ACTION - Clerk**

x) Rewilding – pending

**14. Army Engagement Event in Colchester - Building Partnerships for the Future:**

Clerk indicated that the Council had recently received an invitation to attend an event on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at the JobServe Community Stadium, Colchester for a unique opportunity to Meet Your Army: The Army Engagement Team with Colonel Jim Heardman, Commander of the Army in the region. **SL offered the opportunity to attend.**

**15. New LGR website Future Suffolk:**

Clerk stated an email had been sent concerning the Implementation Board charged with delivering Local Government Reorganisation in Suffolk, to share with the first details of a new website - jointly created by Suffolk's county, district and borough councils - providing simple and clear information and updates about Local Government Reorganisation in Suffolk.

It is part of the commitment to ensuring residents and communities are aware of LGR, why it is happening, and what it means for them in the transition to three new unitary councils.

The *Future Suffolk* website [www.suffolklgrhub.gov.uk](http://www.suffolklgrhub.gov.uk), developed in-house by our communications teams, will evolve as plans progress. But it already includes:

- explainers about LGR
- a timeline of the LGR process and key milestones
- maps showing the new council boundaries
- details about the 2027 shadow authority elections

There was general discussion about the recent appeal against this process which is yet to be resolved.

**16. Highways:**

i) Road safety in Suffolk - A national month-long road safety initiative launched 1<sup>st</sup> July. Led by the National Police Chiefs' Council, roads policing teams nationwide will be working to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured by those who choose to commit these incredibly dangerous offences.

ii) Suffolk Highways Forums –

Clerk indicated that the recordings of previous information briefing sessions including the slide presentations were now available to view on the dedicated Suffolk Highways Forum webpage. [email already circulated]

**17. Hasketon Fete:**

IW confirmed there will be no Fete this year. He gave an overview of his thoughts on the matter and there was general discussion about other similar local events. Further consideration with some new ideas next year.

**18. Register of Interests:**

Clerk had been advised to raise awareness that **from 29 June 2026**; Councillors were no longer legally required to show their usual residential address (home address) on the publicly accessible Register of Interests pursuant to Section 65 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 and Section 32A of the Localism Act 2011. However, Councillors can request to continue to display their home address on their publicly accessible Register of Interests if they so wish. Councillors need to check the details sent on email to them and revisited the ROI site.

**19. PSTN landline switch-off guide:**

SL gave an overview of a circulated email regarding advice offered about the PSTN switch off. WL gave concerns that it maybe a commercial pitch. The company offer a guide on the internet at: [www.phonely.co.uk/uk-digital-landline-switchover](http://www.phonely.co.uk/uk-digital-landline-switchover)

**20. Closed: 20.25 hrs.**

**Date of Next Meeting 10/09/26 18.30 hrs**

Steve LECKIE Hasketon Parish Clerk.

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