

Hatfield & District Group Parish Council

14/25

Minutes of the one hundred and ninety second Ordinary meeting of the Hatfield & District Group Parish Council meeting held on 10th September 2025 at 7.00pm

Present: Robert Hanson Chairman
Mary Morris Ryan Price
Adam Lewis Mike Bufton

Also in attendance were Bruce Baker (Ward Member) SD Hanson (Clerk) 6 members of public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council Meeting.

1. Receive Apologies or Absence Clare Hadley (Work Commitments)
2. Declaration of Interest and written Applications for Dispensations: None Declared
3. A motion to adopt and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th July was proposed. The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman **Resolved**
4. Open Session to receive a brief verbal report from
 - 4.1 Ward Councillor Bruce Baker
 - The company whom provided sports equipment to over 12,000 Disabled people in Herefordshire (Adults and Children) had recently closed. A new company was taking over their role.
 - The Ofsted Report of Children's Services confirmed they were "doing better."
 - A.49 Bypass was on track. The Southern Road needed to be built first.
 - Rural Services Network were lobbying the Government on Rural affairs.
 - The Fire Station in Hereford was being knocked down and rebuilt, so that the larger Fire Engines could access the buildings. (Fire service funded)
 - A Care Quality Committee were implementing a 3 Day Assessment in Adult Social Care.
 - 4.2 To Note(10 minutes) Receive views of Local residents on Parish matters
A member of public brought the members attention to water running down Whye Lane to Golderfield (U94224). The leak was seeping out of the tarmac just by Stone House Cottage. The Chairman had been to inspect the leak and agreed, as did MM. WW had been out to investigate. It was felt by all members that the forthcoming Winter conditions would make the road hazardous. BB said he would contact the authorities and inform the Clerk of the outcome.
5. Finance
 - 5.1 Treasurer Account Balance Reconciliation at Bank Statement £13,298.11
 - 5.2 Clerk's Pay Rise NALC/HALC 6 hours per week Band 24 All members voted in favour and approved the increase. (RH abstained from comment and vote)
 - 5.3 Cheques and DD passed for Payment Lloyds Bank Charges Monthly £4.25 DD Lloyds Bank Charges Monthly £4.25 DD (£8.50 total) Clerk's wages £**** (667) Clerk's Expenses £37.54 (668) Eyelid Productions Ltd Website support £100 (669) Pudleston Village Hall Hire £10.00 (670)
6. Planning
 - 6.1 To consider comments on the following planning application for **DETERMINATION** by Herefordshire Council

Signed.....Chairman Dated: 12th November 2025

251904 Erection of 4 glamping pods, The King's Head **Docklow**. The PC assessed this application and held a site meeting for 4 glamping pods at a thriving public house. The members have no objection to the application and fully support it.

521130 (part 3) Class R – Prior Approval: Prior Approval for proposed conversion of a former agricultural building for use as a small car repair workshop, to be rented out to another business user. Bilfield Farm, **Hatfield** **No Objections**

Reference Planning Application: 243219/F Proposed erection of two-bedroom self-build and ass. works. Together with a septic system at the applicants dwelling Stone House (to achieve nutrient neutrality) The clerk had received the application on 25/01/25 and determination should have been at the end of February. Bat surveys and Newt Surveys had been undertaken, as requested. Historic Buildings HC had initially been agreeable to the application, but recently appeared to have concerns. BB said he had contacted Andrew Banks and was awaiting his reply. He had been told there were no/not enough letters of support to have the application redirected to committee. He said he would update the Clerk who would inform the applicant. In the meantime, it was suggested that if the planning website tolerated it, emails of support could be sent.

6.2 **To Note** Planning Applications Approved/Refused Herefordshire Council **None received**

7. Highways

8. To Note:

8.1 Natural flood management plan (previously circulated)

8.2 Herefordshire Council Charter (previously circulated)

8.3 Parish Summit 7th October 2025 Plough Lane

8.4 Greenways BB had attended a meeting at Plough Lane He'd requested that the Local Transport Plan and the LCWIP included the words 'subject to Landowners consent' He had spoken to the Consultant and was attending another meeting shortly.

8.5 Baton of Hope (previously circulated) coming to Hereford 02/10/25 making more people aware of suicide

8.6 Herefordshire Council's Position of flags Paul Walker Chief Executive The Clerk read out the letter giving HC's stance on flags and roundabouts and Zebra crossings (removal immediately) which had been painted.

8.7 Herefordshire Tree Warden Anniversary Event & AGM 18/09/25

8.8 Presentation on Children's Services (HC) 02/10/25 Marden Village Hall 7.30 pm BB said this would be an informative talk.

8.9 Ellie Chowns Surgeries Autumn The clerk had circulated this and the poster (for information) was on the website

9. HALC Nomination Form Annual Casual Vacancy Appointment to Executive Committee At this present time, no members felt able to stand.

10. To consider matters as Agenda items for next meeting

10.1 Budget & Precept

10.2 Dates for 2026 meeting

11 Date of next Ordinary meeting (proposed) Wednesday 12th November 2025

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm