

Hatfield & District Group Parish Council

Minutes of the one hundred and ninety third Ordinary meeting of the Hatfield & District Group Parish Council meeting held on 12th November 2025 at 7.00pm

Present:	Robert Hanson	Chairman
	Mary Morris	Clare Hadley
	Adam Lewis	Mike Bufton

Also in attendance were Bruce Baker (Ward Member) SD Hanson (Clerk) 4 members of public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council Meeting.

1. Receive Apologies or Absence Ryan Price (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 10th September 2025 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
 - i) Open Reach are looking into Broadband for Rural areas
 - ii) New: Crown Court has opened in Bath Street Hereford
 - iii) Garden Waste online from next March, £60.00 per year with an initial charge of £10.00 (first year) for a bin. Register now.
 - iv) Principal Rights of Way : Training Officer Shoni Butta (sic)
16 bridges have been fixed on footpaths and bridleways, all over the County.
 - v) Sites for development a call for sites had been made again. Information required from Land Owners or their Agent only.
 - vii) Domestic Abuse 1-5 Males suffer from domestic abuse as well as others.
 - viii) Children Services are due for inspection 10 – 21 November
Adult Safeguarding week (Nationwide) Monday 17th – Friday 21st November inc.

The members thanked Bruce for his informative update.

4.2 To Note: To receive views of Local Residents on Parish Matters

Member of Public shared her concerns about the water leaks in the Whyle Lane going down towards Golderfield. She informed the meeting she had spoken to Welsh Water, whom had closed the roads but not completed any repairs. MM agreed, the water's route was marked on a map of Pudleston which the Clerk would forward to Bruce. Special concerns were raised as once the weather "turned" the road would become impassable, with black ice amongst other things causing hazardous conditions.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Treasurer's Account Balance Reconciliation at Bank Statement to be checked & signed
£15,185.37

5.2 Precept half yearly 2025-26 £3,000. Received 17/09/25

5.3 Cheques (& DD) to be passed for payment

DD Lloyds Bank 10/07/25 – 09/09/25 service charges £6.75

DD Lloyds Bank 10/08/25 – 09/09/25 service charges £4.25

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PVH Room Hire plus winter rate (25%) £18.75 (671) Clerks Wages £***** (672) Clerks Expenses £43.99 (673) HALC domain name hosting £270.00 (674)

SignedChairman Dated 14th January 2026

5.4 Budget (based on previous 3 years) The members considered and approved the Budget for 2026

5.5 Precept 2026 -27 Due to healthy reserves, it was confirmed that the previous year's precept would be raised by £500.00 only, In line with the 26 – 27 Budget Forecast. It was proposed to ask £6,500.00 Precept, all in favour **Resolved**

6. PLANNING

6.1 Consider comments on the following planning applications for determination by Herefordshire Council
Pudleston Court, Pudleston Grant of Premises Licence

Live music Indoors/Outdoors; Recorded music (indoors/outdoors) Late night Refreshments (indoors/outdoors)

Sale/Supply of alcohol (consumption on and off the premises)

Monday – Saturday 10am – Midnight

Sunday Midday – 8 pm

Comment Initially the PC had no objections to this application , however we have been made aware of several complaints about this application and to what it pertains. We don't know if it's an alcohol Licence regarding the wedding Venue or if it is a stand-alone application. More information would have helped the PC to make an informed decision.

The PC has suggested that concerned parishioners should comment to the Licencing Authority"

The Chairman invited the members of Public to speak. A member of Public was extremely concerned about Fireworks being set off. This would be disruptive to Horses, local livestock and domestic animals. This was also against the initial **Planning Approval given in 2022**. (222843) Members of public were also against late night music, being played 7 nights a week.

There were concerns from locals regarding the roads around the Court being extremely busy. Several people have commented on the Licence but had had their objections quashed, stating they were not relevant to a Licencing Application.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Manager at Pudleston Court and clarify the position on noise and fireworks for residents.

6.2 To Note Planning Applications Approval/Refusal by Herefordshire Council

251181 Fencote Station House Proposed change of use of land and the siting of three railway carriages to be used as holiday lets Change of use of waiting room to a tea room **Approved**
252130 Bilfield Farm Hatfield Part 3 Class R *Prior Approval* proposed conversion of former agricultural building for use as a small car repair workshop **Approved**

6.3 INFORMATION ONLY P253101/PA7 Application for Prior Approval Pudleston Court Agricultural machinery and implements storage building. The Planning Office are not taking comments on this application. **Approved**

253210 Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a wooden shed to store forestry management tools and equipment The Planning Office is not taking any comments.

243219 Field parcel to west of St Bartholomew's Church Docklow Proposed erection of two-bedroom dwelling and associate work together with a replacements septic system. **BB had recommended the application went to committee.**

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7. HIGHWAYS

7.1 Update on leak at Pudleston: Stone House Cottage This had been repaired, however there were further leaks in the nearby vicinity.

7.2 Junctions lines repainted in Pudleston Golderfield and Church These had been repainted.

8. To Note Information Sheet

8.1 Rural Services Network (previously circulated)

8.2 Message from Herefordshire Council Leader Jonathon Lester (previously circulated)

8.3 Shape the Future Herefordshire Council Tourism (previously circulated)

8.4 Public Participation at Meetings (previously circulated) , *To be placed on website*

8.5 Did you Know? Balfour Beatty (previously circulated)

9. Proposed Meeting dates for Ordinary Meetings at Pudleston Village Hall 2026 This did not include any Extra Ordinary Meetings which members would be summoned to in 2026.

10. To consider matters as Agenda items for next meeting (No Discussion)

11. Date of Next Meeting (proposed) Wednesday 14th January 2026

The Parish Council had received a framed portrait of King Charles III on his accession to the throne. Pudleston Village Hall agreed to display it, where it could be enjoyed by all Group Parishioners , as well as the PC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm