

Hatfield & District Group Parish Council

Minutes of the one hundred and ninety fourth Ordinary meeting of the Hatfield & District Group Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2026 at 7.00pm

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

Also present: Bruce Baker (HCWM) and SD Hanson Clerk

The Chairman Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies All present

2. Declaration of interest and written applications for dispensation None Received

3. A motion to adopt and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2025 was proposed. The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman **Resolved**

4. Open sessions: To receive a brief verbal Report from

4.1 Ward Councillor Bruce Baker

i) 100 miles of roads had been resurfaced in Herefordshire this year, HC were hoping to continue this in 2026.

ii) The New School for Special Needs and Disabilities planned for Herefordshire has had the funding “pulled” by the Government. There are no plans for re-establishing it, in the near future.

iii) There will be a Full Council meeting to discuss the Budget on February 13th 2026. There is expected to be a 4.9% rise on Council Tax. It will be ratified and published the following week.

iv) A new Public Realm Contract had been awarded to M group they would be replacing Balfour Beatty some of the existing Balfour Beatty staff would be employed by them and some highways work taken back “in house” by HC. The contract was due to start on the 1st June 2026.

v) Trail Hunting ban by the Government, BB said the Government had no idea how many horses and dogs would have been put down and how many people would lose jobs and income from the ban. Nor the effect it would have on rural areas. He was intending to bring a motion urging the Govt to reconsider.

vi) Roger Phillips a former Leader of Herefordshire Council, had been awarded an OBE in the New Years Honour lists. He has campaigned tirelessly on Local matters for many years, giving indefatigable long service to the Community of Herefordshire.

vii) Herefordshire Council’s Children’s services had been rated “Good” overall by Ofsted.

BB was thanked for his informative report

4.2 To Note: to receive views of Local resident on Parish Matters (10 Minutes) No members of public present

5. Finance

5.1 Treasurer’s Account Balance Reconciliation at Bank Statement £13,887.93

5.2 Cheques passed for payment Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) Clerk’s subs £110.00 (675) Clerks Wages £**** (676) Expenses £ 39.24 (677) Pudleston Village Hall Hire £12.50 to incl. 25% winter rate (678)

5.3 DD Lloyds Bank 10/10/25 – 09/11/25 **£4.25** 10/11/25 – 09/12/25 **£6.25**

Signed.....Chairman Dated 11th March 2026

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6. Planning

6.1 Consider comments on the following planning applications for **determination by** Herefordshire
None Received

6.2 To Note Planning Applications Approval/Refusal by Herefordshire Council

243219 Field parcel to west of St Bartholomew's church Docklow Proposed erection of 2-bedroom bungalow self-build dwelling and ass. works. Together with a replacement septic system at Stone House.
Approved with Conditions

203956 Land adjacent to Tan House Cottages Pudleston Reserved matters following outline approval (181117) for 3 dwellings with detached garages (2018) **Approved with Conditions**

Pudleston Court Grant of Premises licence (Correspondence)

The Clerk had contacted the Manager of Pudleston Court who had sent a reply stating there were definitely no fireworks planned or anything noise related. They were hoping to have a restful, relaxing, and peaceful ambience. As several residents' complaints had been excluded on comments to the Licence dept, she also sent a copy of the letter to Pudleston Community Facebook page (Letter attached)

7. Highways

7.1 The clerk would resend info to BB to see what updates were available on water leak in Pudleston near Stone House Cottage

7.2 Several trees had fallen on the road from Pudleston to Grafton (some not in Group area or County) After contacting the Locality Steward, he said it had been reported previously. He confirmed The Landowner is responsible. If work is completed on privately owned trees the Highways Dept. reserve the right to charge the Landowner

7.3 Mike Bufton reported a culvert had collapsed outside Old Hall Hatfield. He would send further details to the clerk and BB, (incl. *what three words*) and they would contact the Locality Steward.

8. To Note:

8.1 National Planning Policy framework Consultation until 10/03/26

8.2 Herefordshire Council BID shine light on your village (p/c)

8.3 Scam Report Police January (p/c)

Risk Assessment & Asset Register

The Risk Assessment was completed at the meeting. Approved, Signed and Dated by the Chairman

Resolved

Asset Register The members noted and approved the Asset Register, Signed & dated by the Chairman

Resolved

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

9.1 Appointment Internal Auditor

9.2 Preparation of End of year accounts (31.03/26) including claim VAT

The PC computer uses Windows 10 and wasn't functioning correctly, nor were any of the safety updates available. It was proposed that the Clerk should replace the PC equipment. **Resolved**

10. Date of Next Ordinary Meeting (proposed) Wednesday March 11th 2026

Their being no further business the meeting closed at 7.49pm

Signed.....Chairman Dated 11th March 2026