

Hatfield & District group Parish Council

Minutes of the of the hundredth and ninety seventh Meeting of Hatfield & District Group Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7.00 pm at Pudleston Village Hall.

Present: Chairman Robert Hanson
 Clare Hadley Mary Morris

Also present: Bruce Baker (Hampton Court Ward Member) SD Hanson (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate and business could be ratified

1. Apologies for absence: Adam Lewis (work commitments) Mike Bufton (work commitments) Ryan Price (Work commitments)

2. Declaration of interest and written applications for Dispensations None received

3. Minutes. A motion to adopt the minutes of the APCM meeting held on 6th May 2026 was proposed. The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The APM minutes were also signed. **Resolved**

4. Open Session To receive a brief verbal report from.

4.1 Ward Councillor Bruce Baker

i) Armed Forces Day had taken place in Hereford. HC were keen to support this and had “adopted” the Rifle Regiment.

iii) Paul Satoor had been appointed Chief Executive of HC

iv) A crisis and resolution Fund had been established for needy Parishioners by HC

v) A new Dr’s surgery had recently been built and opened in Leominster (at the back of Dales, access through a small lane.) It had a large car park and was a definite improvement on the previous site.

vi) Work was underway at the Transport Hub Hereford (in front of Station) to connect the community.

vii) Political Group Consultation Domestic Abuse in Herefordshire was higher than average.

viii) On the 4th July the Hereford Crematorium had held an open Day, for interested parties

BB had been attending several meetings at Plough Lane. The Chairman thanked him for his report, there being no further business for BB he left the meeting at 8.20 pm.

4.2 To NOTE To receive views of local residents on Parish Matter (10minutes) No members of public present.

5. Finance

5.1.1 Treasurer’s Account Balance Reconciliation at Bank Statement £12,963.59

5.1.2 Cheques/DD’s passed for payment

10.03.26 – 09.04.26 (19/5/26) **£6.75** Bank Charges

10.04.26 – 09.05.26 (19/6/26) **£5.25** Bank Charges

10/05/26 -09/06/26 (19/7/26) **£5.75** Bank Charges Notice received on 8/7/2026

Clerks Wages £**** (690) SD Hanson PC expenses £ 41.75 (691) Pudleston Village Hall Room Hire £10.00 (692)

SignedChairman Dated 9th September 2026

5.1.3 Receipts HMRC Annual VAT Received 01.04.25 – 31.03.26 £158.56

5.1.4 Audit Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2025 -26 Exemption Certificate received

The Exempt Parish Council Accountability Return (AGAR) was approved.

5.2 Clerk's mileage expenses: HMRC has agreed an increase in mileage from .45p per mile to .55p per mile. (Advertising meetings, expenses relating to PC work NOT for attending meetings) All members were in favour The increase was dated from 9th July 2026 Resolved.

6. Planning

6.1 Consider comments on the following planning applications for **determination by** Herefordshire Council

261229 Ford Abbey Docklow **RETROSPECTIVE** Biomass Building (R)

261257 Ford Abbey Docklow **RETROSPECTIVE** Single storey garden room balcony to south west elevation and insertion of new fenestration (r)

261230 Ford Abbey Docklow **RETROSPECTIVE** LISTED Biomass building

261258 Ford Abbey Docklow **RETROSPECTIVE LISTED** Single storey garden room, balcony to SW elevation and insertion of new fenestration

261223 Ford Abbey Docklow **RETROSPECTIVE** Ground mounted PV Panels

The Pc commented " *The Parish Council does not usually approve retrospective planning, as members feel that all planning should be applied for when the process is initially thought about, not several years later. However as there have been no problems or disturbances to the local area the members have no objections.*

261428 2 & 3 Rectory Farn Cottages Pudleston Removal of condition 2 of planning permission

32637 (Erection of two agricultural workers dwellinghouses) condition relates to agricultural occupancy.

No Objections

261906 Application for Prior notification of ag. Or forestry development proposed road Land at Lower Buckland Docklow

6.2 **To Note:** Planning Applications Approval/Refusal by Herefordshire Council

Land at Uphampton Farm Docklow Application for variation of a condition 1 following grant of planning permission 204051 (Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 171806 (Proposed residential development of 6 dwellings improvements to existing agricultural access, provision of orchard strip, foul drainage treatment plant and other associated works}changes to approval plan.

Granted

P214539 Land north East of Curate Cottage Hatfield variation of condition

Granted

261223 Ford Abbey Docklow **RETROSPECTIVE** Ground mounted PV Panels

Granted

6.3 Planning Enforcement policy Ref 429454 Pudleston Court Pudleston. BB said he would chase this. The Clerk had emailed the officer concerned and would pass on his comments.

7. Highways Roads were still not in a stable condition; however, some work had been carried out.

8. Appointment of Trustee to the Edmund Godson Charity (3 yearly/Triennial) Revd Mike Kneen was the current trustee, he was willing to remain in post. All members were in favour of him continuing
Resolved

9. To Note

9.1 Alterations to the Code of Conduct

9.2 Alterations to the Register of Interests Addresses no longer should be displayed.

SignedChairman Dated 9th September 2026

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9.3 Invitation to Parish Summit 14th July 2026 6.30 – 8.30 pm at Plough Lane or virtual attendance

9.4 Newsletter Paul Satoor New Chief Executive of Herefordshire Council (previously circulated)

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

11. Date of Next Ordinary Meeting (proposed) Wednesday 9th September 2026

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

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SignedChairman Dated 9th September 2026