# **Minutes of Hardingham Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2025 at 7.00pm in Hardingham Village Hall**

**Present**: Cllrs George (Chair), Duthie, Edwards, Hickman, Potter, Hawkshaw, 6 members of the public and the Parish Clerk

## **OPEN FORUM**

Members of the public expressed an interest in items 6 and 10.2 which Cllrs considered when discussing those items.

## 1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Chapman-Wright gave belated apologies due to confusion over the date of the meeting.

2.   **To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation and declarations of interest** Cllr Edwards declared an interest in item 6 and advised he would leave the meeting for this item.

3. **To confirm the minutes of meeting on 12th May 2025 as a true and accurate record**

RESOLVED Minutes approved and signed by Chair.

3.1 Cllr Edwards to confirm Trustees of Fuel Charity RESOLVED Bill Garnett to become Trustee

3.2 Cllr Hickman to liaise with NCC regarding corrections to footpath map ONGOING

3.3 Clerk to advise PC Austin Clark July and September are busiest time for agricultural traffic COMPLETE

3.4 Cllr Hawkshaw to attend Local Plan Update Meeting COMPLETE

3.5 Clerk to report potholes as per Cllrs Edwards’ and Hawkshaw’s instruction COMPLETE

3.6 Clerk to introduce rules on Facebook page to limit and monitor advertising COMPLETE

3.7 Defibrillator training to take place on 23/6/25 COMPLETE training was well attended. Thank you to Village Hall for not charging hall hire for the training and Cllr Duthie for arranging.

4. **To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**

4.1 **Driving of agricultural vehicles around the parish**

RECEIVED Clerk advised PC Austin Clark traffic is increasing; waiting for update.

4.2 **Local Plan Update**

RECEIVED Cllr Hawkshaw provided update from meeting. No further action at this stage.

4.3 **Local Government Reorganisation**

RECEIVED Parish Council submitted views supporting BDC proposal. Public encouraged to submit their views via the link.

5. **Financial Matters**

5.1 RECEIVED Current bank balance as at 30th June 2025 is £3,973.36

5.2 RECEIVED bank reconciliation and budget comparison to 30th June 2025

5.3 RESOLVED to pay the following accounts for payment:

5.3.1 Hardingham Memorial Hall (hire – July 14th) £25.00

5.3.2 Cllr Duthie reimbursements for refreshments for APM

5.4 RECEIVED the following payments previously authorised:

5.4.1 Clerks Salary (1.11.24 - 31.12.24) £366.90

5.4.2 HMRC £ 91.80

5.4.3 Information Commissioners Office £ 47.00

6. **To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:**

* PL/2025/0933/FMIN - Land Off Beeches Lane, NR9 4AE

RESOLVED Clerk to comment on behalf of PC that application is overall supported however concerns have been raised by councillors and parishioners concerning access, the adequacy of the car parking proposed, the arrangements for drainage and the potential for flooding (bearing in mind in particular that much of the site will be rendered impermeable) and the potential impact on the Memorial Hall and the mature trees along the boundary with the Memorial Hall.

Councillors were unhappy about the fact that the proposed mechanism for achieving nutrient neutrality will involve the loss of productive agricultural land.

7. **To receive and note the following planning decision/information:**

None

8. **To receive information on the following new correspondence and decide further action where necessary**:

8.1 RESOLVED Cllr George to try and attend Local Government Reorganisation Town and Parish briefing on 21/7/25.

9. **Village Issues.**

9.1 RECEIVED Low Road resurfaced and silt trap work completed. Thanks to CCllr Connolly for his support with Partnership Bid that funded this.

9.2 RESOLVED Clerk to report FP4 sign is in hedge and has been gnawed so needs replacing.

9.3 RECEIVED Cllr Duthie has exposed Post-box on Hackford Rd.

10. **Matters Requested by Councillors:**

10.1 RESOLVED Cllrs wanted to congratulate Nigel Ford on his much deserved British Empire Medal. Nigel has worked hard providing great public service in his restoration of mile markers in the local area, and leading litter picks in Hardingham among his work.

10.2 RESOLVED Cllr George to write to BDC on behalf of Hardingham parishioners affected by noise from the Solar Park following discussion during the open forum, and emails received regarding this matter.

11. **To review and agree the following policies which are due review (emailed prior to meeting)**

* **Emergency Plan**

RESOLVED Cllrs to make sure they have contact details of residents in their patches for emergencies.

RESOLVED Clerk to amend date on volunteer group page of plan.

13. **To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting**

NONE

14. **Date of Next Meetings:** 8th September and 10th November 2025 at 7pm in Hardingham Village Hall

15. **Feedback from Councillors**

Cllr Hawkshaw advised that a bat survey has been conducted around Danemoor and that there are rare and potentially very rare species of bats living in the area which needs to be considered for any future developments. Survey to be sent to Clerk.

Cllr Hawkshaw concerned that Danemoor Farm is not being preserved as it should be with its listed building status and suggested enquiries are made to BDC.