

**HIGH HALDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on Monday 13 October 2025 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall**

**123/25 ADMINISTRATION:**

Fire Exits, Fire Meeting Point, Mobile Phones. The Clerk confirmed that there have been no requests to record the meeting.

**124/25 CO-OPTION**

Cllr. Hoath explained that two members of the public were interested in the vacancy on the Parish Council and that each candidate would be invited to attend a virtual meeting to discuss the role.

**125/25 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

**Present:** Cllr. Hoath (Chairman), Ms. J. Morgan, Mr. J. Pearson, Mr. J. Sargent and Mrs. L. Wheeler.

**In Attendance:** Mrs L Goldsmith (Clerk), Ward Member Alan Pickering, 11 members of the public.

**Apologies:** An apology for absence was received from County Councillor Wayne Chapman and Cllr. Drury and the reasons for absence were accepted.

**126/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**127/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8 September 2025 be approved and confirmed as a true record.

**128/25 CLERKS REPORT/PAST MATTERS**

Community Champion Award: The Clerk reported that David Ball as the winner of the Ashford Community Champion Award 2025 attended the award ceremony which take place at The Ashford Cinema, Elwick Place on Monday 6 October 2025. David Ball was nominated by the Parish Council in recognition of his huge contribution to the local community.

**129/25 COUNTY COUNCILLOR/WARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Ward Member Report:**

Ward Member Alan Pickering advised the members of the public present that he has requested that if the Planning Officer is minded to approve planning proposal PA/2025/1572 that it is determined by the Planning Committee. Ward Member Alan Pickering expressed his frustration with his recent communications with Kent Police regarding the process of training Special Constables and obtaining information on anti-social behaviour incidents. Ward Member Alan Pickering advised Members that he is thinking of proposing a vote of no confidence in Kent Police.

**County Councillor Report**

Wayne Chapman, County Councillor had sent a report. The Clerk will place a copy of the report on the website.

**130/25 OPEN SESSION**

A member of the public advised that the link for signing up for alerts on the website is not working.

A member of the public suggested that the Ordinance Survey map near to the public house needs to be replaced and suggested that the Parish Council considers replacing it with a more descriptive and engaging display providing details of the highlights of the parish.

A member of the public suggested that the old High Halden station building, which is now on privately owned land, is deteriorating and asked if the Parish Council could investigate what could be done.

A member of the public expressed their concerns about planning proposal PA/2025/1654 and in particular the narrowness of the lane in the vicinity of the site.

Several members of the public raised objections to the planning proposal PA/2025/1572: Land southeast of Hatchentan, Plurenden Road, High Halden.

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## 131/25 PLANNING

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### **PA/2025/1572: Land southeast of Hatchentan, Plurenden Road, High Halden**

Material change of use of land for the stationing of two residential caravans (mobile homes) and two touring caravans for Gypsy / Travellers; the erection of a building and the creation of an access (part retrospective).

**Recommend: Object:** Historically the Parish Council has objected to the activities on the site. We have asked for a copy of the injunction, (which has not been received), which was in place to prevent this particular form of harm to the site and are astounded that the planning process should now be used to cause the harm the injunction was in place to prevent. The site is outside the settlement boundary and the village confines and is an agricultural site. We are concerned about the impact on our local residents. We would like to highlight that High Halden already has 25% of the total gypsy and traveller sites in Ashford. There has been a number of applications for this site in the last twenty years. We are concerned about the access to the site from a point of sightlines and it being near to a dangerous junction. The creation of a bigger access has resulted in damage to a historic hedgerow. If the Planning Officer is minded to approve this proposal we would request that the Ward Member calls the application in.

#### **PA/2025/1580: Land to the west of 1 Durrant Green, Ashford Road, High Halden**

Two storey self-build detached dwelling with associated parking area.

**Resolved: Object** on the grounds that the egress is already dangerous to accommodate even more vehicles and that the proposed house is too big and does not fit in with the existing dwellings in the vicinity. We would like to request that the Ward Member calls the application in if the Planning Officer is minded to approve it.

#### **PA/2025/1702: Storage Land at Homestall Farm, Ashford Road, High Halden**

Change of use of land to a commercial vehicle depot and storage yard (Retrospective). Proposed new building for vehicle and material storage and associated landscaping.

**Resolved: Object.** The Parish Council does not want to see another infill building and we object to the height. Otherwise, we have no objections.

#### **PA/2025/1715: Potkiln Farm, High Halden**

Listed Building Consent to remove window and brick infill below and to the right of and insert timber double glazed french doors to North East elevation.

**Resolved: Refer to the Listed Buildings Officer**

#### **PA/2025/1595: Coach House, Hookstead, High Halden**

Proposed single-storey side extension.

**Resolved: Support.** We would like to support the objection of the neighbouring property regarding concerns about privacy.

#### **NOT/2025/1614: Certified Location at Potteries Farm, Pot Kiln Lane, High Halden**

Prior Approval for the change of use of an agricultural building and land within its curtilage to a two-storey dwelling and associated operational development.

**Resolved: Support.**

#### **PA/2025/1545: The Granary, 1 Beulah Cottages, Harris Lane, High Halden**

Change of use of land to residential plus construction of proposed single storey side extension.

**Resolved: Support.**

#### **NOT/2025/1710: 1 Little Robhurst, High Halden**

T1, 2 & 3 Ash trees – Fell due to Ash dieback.

T7 Apple tree: Fell damaged tree. T4 Northern White Cedar, T5 Paperbark Maple, T6 Japanese Maple: Fell smaller trees growing in the middle of the garden.

**Resolved: Defer to the Tree Officer.**

#### **PA/2025/1654: Wrens Nest, Wrens Nest Lane, High Halden**

Proposed detached dwelling, together with landscape enhancements including the provision of a woodland copse, new pond, hedgerows, tree line and replacement of existing manege with grassland.

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**Resolved: Object.** We believe this is an overdevelopment of the site and we have concerns about the access on this dangerous stretch of road. The site is also outside the village confines. We also do not believe that there is a demand for any more large dwellings in the parish.

**NOT/2025/1648: Church House, Church Hill, High Halden**

A, B, C - Cupressus Leylandii- Remove a clump of 3 trees on the boundary between Church House and Greenside. These will be replaced with a hedge of native English species.

D - Cupressus Leylandii – Fell

E - Conifer – Fell

F - Oak - remove the lower limbs back to between 1m and 2m from the trunk to allow more light to pond. Furthermore, the higher branches will need to be trimmed to protect the BT cable that runs through the tree canopy - clear around utility cable by 500mm all smaller diameter branches (<50mm diameter) that may damage it.

**Resolved: Defer to the Tree Officer but noting that is a conservation area.**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE AGENDA:** None received.

**DECISIONS:** *Response from HHPC in italics where applicable.*

**Approvals:**

**PA/2025/1323: Moat Farm House, Oak Grove Lane, High Halden**

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PA/2024/1942 for Proposed self - build dwelling following demolition of existing garage to allow for re-location of position of dwelling. *Support.*

**NOT/2025/1433: High Halden Primary School, High Halden**

Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area.

**Refusals:**

None to consider.

**Withdrawn:**

**PA/2025/1427: Kippington, Redbrook Street, High Halden**

Lawful Development Certificate: Proposed – Addition of balustrade to flat roof for safety purposes. *Support.*

**OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

**ENFORCEMENT CASES:**

**ENF/2025/0309: Hatchentan, Plurenden Lane, High Halden: Alleged creation of new access; laying of hardsurfacing; erection of a fence; stationing of mobile homes for residential occupation.**

Simon Cole, Assistant Director Planning and Development at ABC, has advised that the planning application that was submitted at the time of the initial incursion at the end of August 2025 has now been made valid and that ABC can start the formal process of considering the development. Unfortunately, validation was delayed due to the need for the correct ownership certification to be provided and amendments to the description of the development and the associated plans to reflect what has been placed on the site. ABC has advised that the application process will now move forward at some pace so that a formal decision can be made. At that stage, and depending on the outcome, ABC will be in a clearer position as to the options for any enforcement action it may wish to pursue. Simon Cole has received queries about the 2018 injunction and land ownership and thereby the legal context by which ABC would need to decide what form of action may be appropriate and legally robust. Simon Cole has reconfirmed that the current site owners were not parties to the 2018 Injunction and had no interest or involvement in the application site (or the wider Hatchentan site) at that point. Simon Cole has advised that legal advice clearly indicated that the burden on ABC to be able to prove that the new site owners were aware of the Injunction and thus wilfully breached it would be at a level where it is highly unlikely that ABC would have been successful.

In response to a query from the Parish Council Simon Cole has advised that ABC have looked at the points made but have advised that it transpires that the plot on the wider Hatchentan site the Parish Council thought was in question is actually a different parcel of land and so the original advice and consequent position in respect of the applicability of the 2018 Injunction still stands (i.e. no unauthorised activity has occurred on the parcel of land). Simon had stated that as matters stand now, with a live planning application in place and the

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site occupied, including children, the prospect of any successful injunctive action against 'persons unknown' in respect of the 2018 Injunction is very remote indeed.

It was noted that the Clerk has submitted a formal complaint to ABC about the fact that there was no Duty Officer working on the August Bank Holiday. The Clerk was asked to get an update on what action Enforcement is taking to clear the site of rubbish.

**ENF/2025/0310: Field West of Old Place Cottage known as Oak Tree Field, Woodchurch Road, High Halden, alleged stationing of mobile homes for residential purposes.**

The Clerk reported that Enforcement visited the site and have identified a breach of planning and have contacted the interested parties. Further updates will be provided in due course.

**ENF/2025/0286: Coombewood Fishery, Redbrook Street High Halden, alleged erection of tepee.**

The Clerk reported that Enforcement has carried out an initial investigation and concluded that it appears that the development, while temporary, would result in a change of use of land which requires the benefit of planning permission. As no such permission has been given, there is a breach of planning control.

Enforcement Officers are in contact with interested parties.

**ENF/2025/0107: Old Place Farm, Woodchurch Road, High Halden, alleged erection of building; erection of front boundary fencing**

It was noted that Enforcement has previously advised that the extension to the barn and the front boundary fencing are a breach. The Clerk will find out when a planning application is expected to regularise the breaches.

*Ward Member Alan Pickering and 5 members of the public left the meeting.*

## **132/25 PARISH MATTERS**

### **1. Community Warden/Kent Police/Anti-Social Behaviour**

#### **a) To discuss the recent ASB issues**

Cllr. Hoath reported that sadly panes of glass have been broken on the school greenhouse but unfortunately there was no evidence. Another resident has reported to Kent Police experiences of abusive behaviour including racist comments and intimidation. The equipment has been removed from the BT Box on the village green and this continues to be a target for ASB. Young people were seen throwing cones used for the roadworks outside Bourne Farm into moving traffic. The Parish Council has reported to the Beat Officer that e-scooters continue to be used in the village. Cllr. Hoath advised that Inspector Simon Johnson recently attended the KALC Ashford Area Committee and advised that Kent Police need firm evidence of them being used to be able to take any action.

### **2. Review of provision/facilities for young people**

#### **a) To consider the purchase of ramps/jumps for young people**

The Clerk reported that Tenterden Town Council no longer have any ramps that they the Parish Council could purchase. The Community Warden, who is in regular contact with some of the young people in the parish, has suggested that they attend the pavilion on the afternoon of Thursday 23 October 2025 to consider some possible options for ramps and jumps for the recreation ground. The Community Warden is hopeful that Kent Police might be willing to assist with funding. It was noted that the jumps and ramps will not be static so that they can be moved about. It was suggested that a container is installed on the recreation ground to store the jumps and ramps. It was noted that the Community Warden has offered to security mark any ramps purchased and clearly mark them as the property of the Parish Council.

#### **b) To consider a proposal to explore the provision of youth services**

It was noted that Cllr. Hoath has been back in touch with an organisation called Vibe UK who deliver youth programmes. Cllr. Hoath advised Members that representatives from Vibe UK would be willing to meet with the Parish Council to discuss what services they could offer if funding is available. It was noted that Vibe UK has advised that their costs are approximately £25.00 per hour per support worker. The Clerk expressed concern that there is no allocation in the current budget to provide this service this financial year but that an allocation could be considered for the next financial year and that quotes from alternative providers should be sought in line with the financial regulations. The Clerk also suggested that the cost of providing the service

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could be prohibitive given the level of precept the Parish Council receives. It was agreed for Cllr. Hoath to arrange a virtual meeting with representatives from Vibe UK.

### 3. Highways:

#### a) Outstanding Faults

Enquiry 900823: Broken inspection cover on pavement near to Halden Close has been reported.

#### b) New Faults to be reported

Missing drain cover on Biddenden Road opposite London Beach Cottage.

*Standing Orders were lowered to allow a member of the public to speak. The meeting resumed.*

#### c) Highways Transportation Seminar

It was noted that the Clerk attended the virtual Highways Transportation Seminar held on the 2 October 2025. An in-person seminar is being held on Wednesday 22 October 2025. The Clerk will circulate a copy of the presentations when received.

### 4. Highways Improvement Plan

The Clerk reported that the Community Engagement Officer has been in touch to say that KCC Highways has been considering signage improvements on the A28. The Community Engagement Officer has advised that although there are no recorded injury collisions involving pedestrians crossing the zebra crossing on the A28, KCC do have data of injury collisions occurring whereby pedestrians are crossing on the bend to the east of the bus stop. The Community Engagement Officer has suggested that it is difficult to stop pedestrians crossing at this point as it is the desire line for pedestrians accessing the shop. As the crossing itself is not the location in which the injury collisions are being reported, KCC do not support additions to the signage for this particular hazard. Instead KCC is proposing to remove the pedestrian crossing warning sign as the visibility of the zebra is good and the hazard of pedestrians crossing on the bend is not only more prevalent and evidenced, but it is also before the crossing and therefore drivers may not be looking for pedestrians crossing before the zebra. KCC propose to install an exclamation mark warning sign with a "Pedestrians Crossing" plate below in its place to highlight the hazard of pedestrians on the bend which in turn should have a positive effect on the zebra crossing. This would be installed for traffic approaching from the east as the visibility of the place in which pedestrians are crossing is poor from this direction. KCC do not believe that the visibility from the west is an issue so do not believe a sign from this direction is necessary.

The Community Engagement Officer has advised that KCC consider the signage on the A28 in this area to be a little cluttered which is possibly why there is evidence of sign blindness on the approaches to this area. Therefore, KCC propose to rationalise this to further highlight the hazards of pedestrians and the presence of the school. KCC propose removing the double bend warning sign on the western approach which is currently obscured by the lit pedestrian crossing warning. KCC consider that the bends are within a 30mph limit and not so severe that they cannot be driven at 30mph, therefore the sign is not necessary. KCC also propose removing the illuminated junction warning sign for traffic from the east as there is no available collision evidence to suggest this junction is a particular hazard that requires highlighting. KCC has also advised that the school warning signs should also have a "School" plate below them. KCC propose to add these and at the same time will cut back the vegetation to make these clearer.

**Resolved: To approve all the of the above proposed changes to signage noting that KCC will be funding for all the proposed changes. It was also noted that the double bend warning sign has already been removed.**

### 5. Local Plan

The Clerk advised that the Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation closed today at 5pm. The Parish Council has submitted the following response to the sites listed in North St Michaels in the Regulation 18 consultation.

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The Local Plan aims to safeguard important community assets, including the distinctiveness of our landscapes, the integrity of our heritage, and open spaces that provide opportunities for leisure and support local nature. The protection of these valued assets underpins the commitment to maintaining the unique character and quality of life within the area.

It is High Halden Parish Councils considered view that the proposed developments to the north of St Michael's are inconsistent with long-standing policies designed to preserve the separation between Tenterden and High Halden. Specifically, Policy SP7 which serve to prevent incremental infill to prevent urban sprawl and maintain clear boundaries between settlements. The practice of setting housing estates back from the main road does not address the fundamental issue, as it merely results in a form of ribbon development that is less visible from the road but still present. Furthermore, any new development on parish land belonging to High Halden, particularly on the outskirts of St Michael's, remains disconnected from the village itself and places additional strain on the already limited infrastructure.

Jointly High Halden Parish Council and Tenterden Town Council strongly oppose the inclusion of the proposed developments situated between St Michael's and High Halden, specifically those referenced as Policy Intention 12 – Land North of St Michael's in the Local Plan. These sites, located on both sides of the A28, are of particular concern due to their potential to undermine the long-established planning objectives.

Due to:-

- The impact on Rural Landscape and Character
- The development of these sites, would, by virtue of its scale and density, be unsustainable. Such developments would intrude physically and visually into the countryside, compromising important natural features such as trees and hedgerows.
- The resulting encroachment would have a detrimental effect on the sensitive landscape character, eroding the rural, open qualities of the area and promoting the inappropriate merging of St Michael's with the outskirts of High Halden.
- The lack of Sustainable Access to Local Services, such as shops and schools
- Future residents would be unable to conveniently access essential amenities by sustainable modes of transport, further highlighting the unsuitability of the proposed location for such developments.

We would also like to refer to the recent planning application, known as Six Acres PA/2024/2330, which forms part of Policy Intention 12 and HELAA/LP42/108 - This was recently refused by the Planning Committee: "The proposal is contrary to Policies SP1, SP2, SP6, SP7, HOU5, ENV3a, ENV5, COM1, COM2 and IMP1 of the Ashford Local Plan 2030 and Policies TEN NP1, TEN NP4 and TEN NP17 of the adopted Tenterden Neighbourhood Plan 2013-2030, and Supplementary Planning Documents entitled 'Landscape Character SPD' and Central Government guidance contained in the NPPF"

Therefore, we would suggest that this would also apply to the remaining sites contained within Policy Intention 12.

The following sites fall under the Parish of High Halden and sit within the area known as Policy Intention 12. These will form part of our response in the next iteration of the Regulation 18 consultation known as "Villages", which will be out for consultation in the early part of 2026.

HELAA/LP42/234

HELAA/LP42/055

HELAA/LP42/172

Resolved: To ratify a decision between meeting to submit the above response to the Regulation 18 consultation.

*2 members of the public left the meeting*

## **6. High Halden Infrastructure Needs/S106 Considerations**

It was noted that the Clerk has prepared and circulated a draft Infrastructure Needs Report to include suggestions for S106 funding. It was agreed to send any comments to the Clerk.

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## **7. KALC Community Awards 2025**

Members discussed the scheme and noted that a parishioner merits an Award for having made a significant contribution to their local community. The nomination needs to be submitted to KALC by the 30 January 2026.

**Resolved: The Clerk to post a link to an online survey requesting nominations from parishioners on social media, the website and noticeboards. Members to consider and agree a nomination at the next meeting.**

## **8. Remembrance Service**

Members noted the results of the consultation on a proposal to change the arrangements for the Remembrance Service for the Benefice of Bethersden, High Halden and Woodchurch. The new arrangements are that the Church plan to hold an Act of Remembrance services at all three war memorials and that this year the church service for Remembrance will be in Bethersden at 9.30am on Remembrance Sunday and will rotate in future years. Cllr. Hoath will represent the Parish Council at the service and a wreath has been ordered. *Standing Orders were lowered to allow a member of the public to speak. The meeting resumed.*

## **9. Councillor Surgeries/Meet your Councillor Events**

It was agreed to defer this agenda item and hold surgeries in the New Year.

## **10. Ransley Field**

The Clerk has contacted Sage Homes to obtain an update on the landscaping of the site. Sage Homes have advised that they attended the site earlier in the year and carried out a site inspection with Southern Housing who agreed to draw up a remedial list of works required to the landscaping. Sage Homes have still not received the list of remedial works from Southern Homes and will continue to chase for some action. Sage Homes have advised that once the remedial list is agreed and Southern Housing have undertaken the landscaping works in line with the agreed planning landscaping drawings they will take over the maintenance of the whole site. Sage Homes have taken over the grass cutting but cannot take over the maintenance of the whole site until the reinstating of the planting has been done by Southern Homes. It was agreed that the Clerk should advise Enforcement that the planting/landscaping condition of the agreed planning permission for the site has still not been fulfilled and that they need to take some action. The Community Safety Officer at Sage Homes has suggested that she would be willing to assist with any concerns over anti-social behaviour on the site. It was agreed that the Clerk should request a virtual meeting with the Community Safety Officer at Sage Homes.

*2 members of the public left the meeting.*

*9pm: In accordance with the Standing Orders a resolution was passed to continue with the meeting.*

## **133/25 RESOLUTIONS**

### **1. Sports Pavilion**

#### **a) Fire Risk Assessment**

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the fire risk assessment report prepared by Morgan Fire Protection. The Clerk had recently met with one of the surveyors from Morgan Fire Protection to obtain a quote for the installation of fire extinguishers and a fire detection and alarm system.

*Standing Orders were lowered to allow a member of public to speak. The meeting resumed.*

Members agreed that the cost of the fire detection and alarm system at around £6,000.00 is prohibitive. It was noted that the Fire Risk Assessment report states that this system is not required for life safety and was only recommended for the protection of the building. Members considered a quote from Morgan Fire Protection for the supply and installation of fire extinguishers. Cllr. Hoath had found a cheaper quotes online for the supply and installation of fire extinguishers. The Clerk was asked to obtain some alternative quotes for the supply and installation of the fire extinguishers. The Clerk will arrange for the suggested signage to be installed in the car park.

*2 members of the public left the meeting*

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## **2. Policies/Administration**

### **a) Staff, Office and Administration Committee**

**Resolved: To discuss this as a Confidential item.**

## **3. Jubilee Park**

### **a) RoSPA Inspection Reports for Jubilee Park and Hookstead**

Members considered three quotes for the remedial works to the playground at Jubilee Park and Hookstead following the recent RoSPA inspection. Members raised a query about one of the quotes. The Clerk was asked to discuss this with the contractor and report back on at the next meeting.

## **4. Grounds Maintenance Contract 2026-2028**

Members noted that the current three contract for the grounds maintenance expires at the end of the year. The Clerk had circulated a copy of the current specification. It was agreed that Members should send any comments to the Clerk so that a specification can be agreed at the next meeting and quotes sought.

## **5. Finances**

### **a) Unity Corporate Purchasing Card for the Parish Council**

**Resolved: To set a limit of £500 per transaction for a Unity Trust Bank Corporate Purchasing Card for the Parish Council.**

### **b) To receive the updated accounts**

Members received the updated accounts for 2025/2026.

### **c) To receive a bank reconciliation as at the 30 September 2025**

Members had received a copy the bank reconciliation as at the 30 September 2025.

**Resolved: Cllr. Morgan to sign the bank reconciliations for both the 31 August 2025 and 30 September 2025 in accordance with the Financial Regulations.**

### **d) To agree payments in accordance with the Budget:**

The invoices against the payment schedule were checked.

**Resolved for Cllrs. Wheeler and Morgan to authorise the payments online. Cllr. Hoath as the Chair, initialled the payments list in accordance with the adopted Financial Regulations.**

### **Balances as at 30 September 2025**

**Unity Trust Current Account: £22,192.22**

**Unity Trust Savings Account: £40,392.99**

**Total: £62,585.21**

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## Payments

Reference	Payee	Invoice	Description of Transaction	Gross
81/25	Louise Goldsmith		Expenses	64.25
82/25	M I Payroll		Payroll Services	25.00
83/25	Mint Fresh	HHP190	Bus Stop Cleaning	55.32
84/25	KALC		Training courses x 2	120.00
85/25	Barrie Croucher		Caretaker services + Key cutting	71.55
86/25	Npower	32MQ2222	Electricity Pavilion	103.03
DD	Unity Trust		Monthly Charge	6.00
DD	Hugo Fox		Email account	20.99
DD	Hugo Fox		Website	2.99
DD	Google Cloud	5319135841	Gmail Account	19.05
SO	HMRC		Clerks Tax and NI	400.11
SO	Louise Goldsmith		Salary and backdated pay award	998.85
		<b>Total</b>		<b>1887.14</b>

## Receipts

Date		Amount
15/09/2025	Hornets Football Fee	320.00
30/09/2025	Interest Unity Trust	243.91
30/09/2025	Precept -2nd half	20000.00

## 135/25 REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS/TRAINING

### a) KALC Area Committee:

Cllr. Hoath attended the meeting held on Wednesday 24 September 2025. Cllr. Hoath advised that Kent ACRE is struggling to obtain funding to be in a position to offer a new service. A possible merger with other Counties was suggested as it was agreed that this was a vital service for village halls and Parish Councils. Inspector Simon Johnson attended the meeting and commented that footage is required for reporting e-scooters and acknowledged that catapulting is becoming a national problem. Operation Brock was activated on just six busy weekends over the summer and it now only takes two days to prepare and remove the equipment. All costs associated with Operation Brock are covered by the Department for Transport. KCC will be submitting comments on the High Speed Rail Bill and The Bus Services Bill.

### b) KALC AGM: It was noted that the KALC AGM is due to take place on Saturday 22 November 2025.

### c) KALC Local Plan Training: Cllr. Hoath recently attended a KALC training course on the Local Plan. Clarification had been sought and received by the Clerk from ABC that there will be a subsequent round of informal local consultation with parishes when ABC have progressed further with options for rural site allocations and before any firmer proposals are made.

### d) HHVEC: Cllr. Hoath reported that it is planned to erect the Christmas Tree on the village green on the 27 November 2025 with the 'switch on' taking place on Friday 28 November 2025. HHVEC has organised a steam engine and Father Christmas for the 'switch-on'. Carols on the Green will take place on the 18 December 2025. HHVEC plan to hold four boot fairs next year on Jubilee Park and have purchased a new marquee. The summer event held on the village green is likely to have a circus theme.

## 136/25 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

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### **137/25 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Budget 2026/2027 and replacement of the Ordinance Survey Map.

### **138/25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Parish Council Meeting: Monday 10 November 2025 at 7pm**

*Part 2 Exclusion of Public and Press – In accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings Act 1960), the public and press be excluded from the meeting by the reason of its confidential nature.*

*Noted: no members of the public or press present.*

*The meeting closed to the public at 9.55pm (no members of the public present).*

### **122/25 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

#### **Staff, Office and Administration Committee Membership:**

It was agreed to defer again appointing Members to the Staff, Office and Administration Committee. Cllr. Pearson offered to be a Member when the Committee is formed.

*With no further business to transact the meeting closed at 9.58pm*

Signed: .....

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