

**MEETING OF HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7:30PM in the Village Hall**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Caukill (Chair), Cllr Buckle, Cllr Butcher, Cllr Fisher, Cllr Humphrey, Cllr Wallace, Cllr Large and Cllr Sinclair

Also attending: County Cllr Drew, 7 members of the public and K Horton (Clerk).

- 1) Welcome.** Cllr Caukill opened the meeting and advised on public participation
- 2) Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were accepted for Cllr Louisson.
- 3) Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Buckle declared an interest in item 11.

- 4) Approval of Minutes -** Parish Council Meeting held on 20th May 2026. No comments raised. Proposed by Cllr Wallace, seconded Cllr Sinclair and duly signed as a record.
 - a)** Appointment of Vice Chair and verbal declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr Buckle had provided written acceptance ahead of March meeting but was not in attendance. Cllr Buckle confirmed she would take on role of Vice Chair.

- 5) Public Participation** To allow attending electors of the parish to ask questions of or make representations to the Council.
 - ? Highways have approved latest proposal for Empshott Grange. Will Applicant pay for roadworks or will Highways? Resident was advised that S106 works will be financed by applicant.
 - ? Subject to final approval can residents have notification of works starting and length of roadworks.
 - ? Residents wrote to Cllr Louisson and wondered whether he had response. Planning Authority will take comments into account.
 - ? Resident wrote to Cllr Louisson re a point in planning process. There was inaccurate paperwork submitted and tenant has not been correctly notified. In respect of application – tree report and agricultural report omitted details and the BNG calculation needs to be recalculated. At the appeal hearing the Transport Agency said they were not looking at Church Lane as not safe to use but resident is concerned that local residents and taxi drivers will use Church Lane so it should be referenced.
 - ? Resident pleased to see item 8 on the agenda. Proposed plan did not take account of rural residents such as in Hawkley. Resident believes the District Council has been effective and would prefer not to change things.

- 6) Report from County Councillor Drew.**
 - Planning. In Cllr Louisson's absence, offered to share residents email with Planning re procedural question. Will also ask Highways on timing of roadworks at Grange.
 - EHDC Community Climate Action fund and Cllr Grant have monies available.
 - EHDC Planning Officers will work over bank holidays to help with illegal development works that often take place over the periods the office has historically been shut.
 - LG Reorganisaton. Four decisions have been withdrawn by central government following judicial process. Elections in May will not be Unitary elections but there will be District

Council and Parish Council elections. Not clear of what alternative will be or how HCC will fund statutory services.

- Power cuts in Hangers. SSEN made aware of issue. Residents asked to escalate concerns to the company and cc Cllr Drew.
- Highways. Residents asked to report any form of accident to help feed reporting tool used by Constabulary and Highways for making decision
- BOATS. Seasonal closures.

7) Report from District Councillor Louisson. Apologies noted

8) Local Government Reorganisation. To receive a verbal update from Cllr Caukill following the HALC Local Government reorganisation seminar, EHAPTC Annual General Meeting and recent Government statements and to note the current position. Item covered by County Cllr Drew.

9) Planning

a) To note responses submitted by the Clerk, under clause 21e of the Standing Orders, since the last meeting.

- i) SDNP/26/00703/HOUS. Willow Bank, Vicarage Lane, Hawkley, Liss, GU33 6NF. No Objection. The Parish Council acknowledges the applicants' willingness to amend their plans in the light of comments received on the original application.

Additional comment: Officer to consider requirement for an arboriculture report

b) To consider a response to the following planning application(s):

- i) SDNP/25/03084/FUL. Location: Empshott Grange, GU33.

Further Information on the Proposal: Change of use of the principal redlined land parcel at empshott grange from a dwelling house (class c3) to an independent specialist school (class f1(a)), including the stopping up of the mill lane entrance, associated operational development comprising external play space, staff and visitor parking, access and landscaping within that principal area; together with highway access works requiring land within the two separate redlined parcels comprising: (i) widening of mill lane to a minimum of 4.8m on the approach to B3006 and the provision of displaced car parking, and (ii) visibility improvements at the church lane junction with Mill Lane, as shown on drawing No. 1790-096H (location Plan)

- Cllrs worked through detail to understand whether new commentary needed to be submitted
- Cllrs concerned about inconsistencies in the information submitted by the applicant. It was noted that this is having an impact on residents' relationship with applicant and comfort with their reliability.
- Mill Lane and oak tree. No detail in the paperwork of a tree survey or design statement of work intended. Cllrs unable to confirm how tree will be incorporated into proposed Highways works and no clarity on how hedgerows will be maintained. what is being included in the BNG offset – very ambiguous. No clarity on how work will be carried out on hedgerows and maintenance. How tree will be protected
- Discussion on why only part of Mill Lane is included in marked area of application paper rather than all of it.

- Discussion on whether the PC should apply for a TPO to ensure that a commitment to protect the tree is delivered. Cllr Buckle propose and Cllr Fisher second that PC apply for TPO. All in agreement. Clerk to action.
- It was proposed that HPC write to the Planning Dept to highlight these points and the concerns raised by Empshott residents. Cllrs in agreement with Planning Committee writing on behalf of PC.

10) Parish Council Finances/Administration

a) Clerk's Report inc

i) Updates post May meeting

- Audit requirements completed. No requests to see accounts.
- Coryton Annual Report received and new Trustee appointed
- Cheesecombe Lane. Request has been assessed and unlikely to receive further action. Cllr Drew to be updated on history of request.
- Pond – Ranger to give advice re filling
- Upper Green kerb installed and paid for. Temporary fence has been put in place to allow placement of grass seed. Temporary concrete blocks suggested to stop parking while grass establishes – to be considered.

ii) Correspondence. None received

b) Financial summary for May-August 2026 and in addition:

- Notification of Payments made under Item 14 of the Financial Regulations since the last meeting
- Notification/authorisation of other payments

No questions raised and duly signed

11) To consider a request from St Peter & St Paul's Church, Hawkley for a grant towards the conservation of the Apostle Stained Glass Windows.

Details circulated ahead of meeting and these were discussed. Cllr Caukill proposed £500, Cllr Sinclair seconded. All Cllrs in agreement.

12) Date of next meeting – Wednesday 2nd December 2026.

Meeting closed 8:40pm

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Signed, Councillor Caukill, Chair HPC

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Date