

**Minutes of Halam Parish Council meeting held in the village hall on
Wednesday 12th August 2026 at 7.30pm**

Aug 26/31	Andrew Paris was nominated as minute taker for the meeting	Action
Aug 26/32	To consider any apologies for absence Chris Bevans Catherine Blackburn District Cllr Peter Harris Apologies accepted Present: Chair – Chris Denyer, Simon Bust, Andrew Paris, Ganesh Subramanian and Charlie Wright No members of public present	
Aug 26/33	To receive declarations of Councillors interests and dispensations None	
Aug 26/34	To approve the minutes of the Ordinary meeting 9th July 2026 & Extraordinary meeting 22nd July 2026 Proposed – Simon Bust; seconded Ganesh Subramanian Both approved unanimously. To receive updates from the meetings held on:- 9th July 2026 – Ordinary Meeting 26/5.3 Guard rails, The Turnpike & Holme Lane – VIA have confirmed that they will not paint the railings. 26/7.3 Village hall letting policy – a draft will be circulated to councillors when written 26/10.2 Stile on footpath11 – the landowner has been supplied with replacement stiles by the County Council footpaths officer. Cows in field footpath 10 – the footpath officer has visited and found the young cows inquisitive but no threat. Information about walking in fields with cattle to be put in Halam News. 22nd July 2026 – Extraordinary Meeting 26/28 Appointment of Volunteer RFO a) Mr Paul Rawson was welcomed as the new RFO – he will liaise with Mandy Rickett, the previous RFO, for handover. b) An advertisement for a new Clerk will be posted on the NALC website, and circulated in the village – on noticeboards, website, Facebook and WhatsApp.	26/7.3 CD to write and circulate AP to circulate info AP to circulate on WhatsApp & Facebook CB to post website
Aug 26/36	To receive reports from County and District Councillors No district councillors present	

Aug 26/37	Public Participation No members of public present	
Aug 26/38	Finance a) Approve Payment of Clerks Wages owed to Mr P Rickett. Proposed Simon Bust; seconded Ganesh Subramanian Agreed unanimously. b) Approve payment of VH cleaner's invoice. To be formally agreed at next meeting. c) Agreed that Ganesh Subramanian to be added to the bank mandate to authorise payments d) Agreed that Paul Rawson, as Finance Officer, be added as administrator and on the bank mandate for Unity Bank e) Agreed that a finance@hagam-pc.gov.uk email address be set up for the Finance Officer.	PR PR MR/PR
Aug 26/39	To receive a progress report on replacing the finger post Further questions from VIA are being dealt with. Agreed that Chris Denyer should progress.	CD
Aug 26/40	To receive a progress report on the installation of roller shutter and decide on next action Chris Denyer to liaise with Pat (previous clerk) and report back – if shutter has not been ordered, the project will be put on hold for discussion at December meeting.	CD
Aug 26/41	To receive a progress report on organising a Harvest Supper event and decide on next action The Waggon is happy to host. This will be a joint effort between the Waggon, the Parish Council and the Halam Events Team. A quiz and auction are proposed with proceeds to go to Young Farmers to restore their trailer as a tribute to Ethan Pickering. Volunteers will be asked for apple pies for dessert and the auction, and ticket priority will be given to those living in Halam parish.	
Aug 26/42	To receive information about NALC AGM The AGM is on 21 st October, parish council to nominate one attendee with voting rights; Chris Denyer – proposed Simon Bust; seconded Andrew Paris. Other councillors may also attend – Chris Denyer to circulate information. One councillor to be proposed for a position on the Executive Committee. Chris Denyer – proposed Simon Bust; seconded Ganesh Subramanian. Long Service nominations – Chris Denyer to circulate nomination form and asked councillors for submissions.	CD

Aug 26/43	To consider depositing the Old Minute books at the Nottingham Archive Proposed Ganesh Subramanian; seconded Charlie Wright. Agreed unanimously. Andrew Paris to arrange deposit of old minute books with Nottingham Archives.	AP
Aug 26/44	To consider the purchase of 'Storage' for Parish Council documents: It was agreed to purchase a fire protected storage bag at a cost of £42.00 for current files that still need to be retained by the council. Proposed Simon Bust; seconded Ganesh Subramanian – agreed unanimously.	CD
Aug 26/45	To consider changing the day of Parish Council Meetings up until the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2027 Proposed Ganesh Subramanian; seconded Chris Denyer – agreed unanimously.	CD to inform District and County Councillors
Aug 26/46	To receive information relating to the Lancaster Memorial Site a) Andrew Paris reported that there has been an ongoing litter problem at the memorial site. An article about it was published in the Nottingham Post. Andrew Paris will monitor the problem and report back. b) The parish council has a 199-year lease (starting 2011) on the site. A copy of the lease will be held with other parish council documents. The original lease is held by Chatterton's solicitors in Newark.	AP AP
Aug 26/47	To consider how to manage the Lengths man Scheme County Cllr Bruce Laughton has offered to help with the cost of repairing and repainting the railings on the Turnpike alongside Halam Beck with a grant of £300. This was agreed to be a priority, and suitable contractors will be sought.	CD
Aug 26/48	To decide the Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 9th September at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall. Items for next agenda Harvest Supper Finger post update Lengths man scheme Switch on of Christmas lights & tractor run Planning Finance – village hall cleaners The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.	CD to check planning consultation dates