

Minutes of the Meeting of Hawton Parish Council held in the All Saints Church, Hawton on Thursday, 17th July 2025

Present: **Councillor T Pykett**
 Councillor I Brownhill
 Councillor D Adams
 Councillor Mrs K Adams
 Councillor K Sutton

Also present Councillor Mrs Saddington and District Councillors Kellas, Haynes and Allen and two Planning Enforcement Officers from Newark & Sherwood District Council

HPC25-019 Apologies for absence
There were none.

HPC25-020 Declarations of Interest
It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

HPC25-021 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th May 2025
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th May 2025 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

With the permission of Members, the Chair brought forward Agenda Item 8(a)

HPC25-022 To receive an update on matters with Planning Enforcement
The Planning Enforcement Officers present updated Members in relation to matters in relation to Planning Enforcement.

The Chair thanked the Officers for attending and their thorough briefing.

HPC25-023 **Public 10 Minute Session**
There were no members of the public present.

HPC25-024 **County Councillor Session**
The Chair suspended the meeting for Councillor Mrs Saddington's report.

Councillor Mrs Saddington referred to the issues experienced by residents from smells emanating from Quarry Farm. The Chair confirmed that a site visit had been made in relation to the smell and Members AGREED that the Clerk submit a further comment on the application in this regard.

Councillor Mrs Saddington referred to recent issues with Network Rail and the failure

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of the barriers at Newark Castle Level Crossing, and others on the line.

Councillor Mrs Saddington referred to a motion put before Council to request funds from the East Midlands Mayoral Authority to retain the discounted bus fare at £2, but this motion had failed.

The Chair thanked Councillor Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 7.22pm.

HPC25-025 Nottinghamshire County Council

(a) To receive an update on the Newark SLR meeting held on 14th July 2025

The Clerk advised that the County Council had confirmed that the temporary traffic lights on Hawton Lane would remain until September 2026 providing there were no significant issues with traffic.

After discussion it had been agreed that more signage in relation to the HGV weight limit would be installed.

There was no date set for the opening of the Hawton to Middlebeck link as yet. The Section 138 was currently with the County Council's Legal Team for sign off.

The Parish Council would be advised when the date was confirmed.

HPC25-026 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting to allow the District Councillor's to present their report.

Councillor Haynes referred to the request from Councillor Sutton in relation to reserves. It was confirmed that £35.614m was held in General Reserves, and £7.6m in the Housing Revenue Account.

The District Council had recently agreed their position in respect of Local Government Reform (LGR) was to join with Ashfield, Mansfield & Bassetlaw. This had not been supported by the Conservative Group as it would see Rushcliffe join the City.

HPC25-027 Newark & Sherwood District Council

(a) To receive an update on matters with Planning Enforcement

This item had been considered earlier on the agenda.

(b) To note the Call for Sites 2025

The Clerk referred to the 'Call for Sites' recently made by Newark & Sherwood District Council to landowners and organisations to put forward sites for development.

(c) To note the adoption of the Solar Energy Supplementary Planning Document

Members noted the adoption of the Solar Energy Supplementary Planning Document.

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- (d) To note a consultation on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
Members noted the consultation on the Community Infrastructure Levy and gave delegated authority to the Clerk to respond.

HPC25-028 Parish Council Matters

- (a) To receive an update on progress of the Village Gateway Signs
The Clerk advised that the verge adjacent to The Willows had now been cleared and the installation of the signs could now be arranged, subject to the verge at The Elms being cut back.

In relation to the financial position, the Clerk advised that once the signs were in place the balance of the Local Communities Fund grant could be released.

- (b) To consider an event to commemorate Remembrance Sunday
After discussion, it was AGREED that an event to commemorate Remembrance Sunday be arranged to take place on Saturday, 8th November 2025. The Clerk would liaise with Reverend Murray.

HPC25-029 Planning

There were no matters to consider at the time of setting the agenda

HPC25-030 Financial Matters

- (a) To consider accounts for payments:
Members noted and AGREED the following payments:
- Clerk's Wages – April to July - £167.69
 - HMRC PAYE – April to July - £41.27
 - IONOS – May to July - £30.60

- (b) To note any receipts:
Members noted receipt of:
- NatWest – Interest - £118.65 & £123.30

- (c) To note the Council's financial position as at 30th June 2025
The Clerk confirmed that the Council's financial position as at 30th June 2025 was £2,127.37 in the current account and £42,325.80 in the deposit account.

HPC25-031 Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils

- (a) **July Newsletter**
A copy of the July Newsletter had been circulated to Members for information.

HPC25-032 Correspondence

- (a) There were no items to consider.

HPC25-033 To Receive Items for Notification
There were none.

HPC25-034 Date of Next Meeting
Thursday, 18th September 2025 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.56pm

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