

Minutes of Hawton Parish Council held in the All Saints Church, Hawton on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 6pm

**Present:**        **Councillor T Pykett (Chair)**  
                      **Councillor D Adams**  
                      **Councillor Mrs K Adams**

**HPC25-079** Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Sutton and County Councillor Mrs Saddington.

**HPC25-080** Declarations of Interest

There were none made.

**HPC25-081** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Subject to a change to the header date to read '18<sup>th</sup> December 2025' the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**HPC25-082** **Public 10 Minute Session**

There were no members of the public present.

Councillor Mrs Adams referred to fly-grazing horses that had appeared on land belonging to Urban & Civic. It was AGREED that the Chair raise this at the meeting arranged for Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**HPC25-083** **County Councillor Session**

No report was presented as Councillor Mrs Saddington had given her apologies.

**HPC25-084** **Nottinghamshire County Council**

(a) To note information received in relation to Avian Influenza

Members noted information received from Trading Standards in relation to an outbreak of Avian Influenza in the area.

**HPC25-085** **District Councillor Session**

**HPC25-086** The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.05pm for the District Councillor Session.

Councillor Allen advised that Members had recently undergone training with Women's Aid to enable them to better support their constituents who may require advice and help.

Councillor Haynes advised that the District Council were currently looking at budgets. This consisted of two parts, the general fund and Housing Revenue.

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The Community Grants scheme at the District Council was currently being reviewed, particularly the regulations that governed what organisations can apply for assistance.

### **Newark & Sherwood District Council**

There are no matters to consider

#### **HPC25-087 Parish Council Matters**

(a) To note arrangements for the filling of a Casual Vacancy

The Clerk advised that no request had been made for an election so the Parish Council could fill the vacancy by co-option.

A notice had been placed in the noticeboard and would be highlighted on the Hawton Residents WhatsApp group. A closing date of Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March had been given for receipt of applications. This would enable applications to be considered at the 19<sup>th</sup> March meeting of the Parish Council.

#### **HPC25-088 Planning**

(a) Decision Notice – 25/01461/HOUSE – The Elms, Cotham Road – Partial demolition, conversion and extension of office/workshop to 1 no dwelling including the erection of a detached garage

Members received the decision notice outlining that permission had been refused for the development as outlined on flooding grounds.

#### **HPC25-089 Financial Matters**

(a) Members noted and AGREED the following payments:

- Clerk's Wages – December-January - £83.52
- HMRC PAYE – December-January – £20.88
- IONOS – November-December - £20.40
- Radium Lamps - £72

(b) To note any receipts

Members noted receipt of:

- NatWest – Interest - £105.04
- NatWest – Interest - £108.87

(c) To note the Council's financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

The Clerk confirmed that the Council's financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 was £3,089.08 in the current account and £43,004.71 in the deposit account.

(d) To consider budget priorities for the 2026-27 financial year and set a Precept

The Clerk advised Members that the Parish Council was required to set a Precept and consider a budget for the 2026-27 financial year.

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Members noted that the draft budget for 2026-27 outlined expenditure of £2,122, against income through the precept of £1,300. This would mean a requirement of £822 from reserves to cover running costs.

After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor D Adams, seconded by Councillor Mrs K Adams that an increase of 3.5% be applied to the current Precept of £1,300. This would give a Precept of £1,345.50, which would be a Band D rate of £41.99 using the Tax Base of £32.04 This was AGREED.

The Clerk referred to a quotation from Newark & Sherwood District Council which Councillor Sutton had asked to be considered as part of the budget process. In terms of the two litter bins, and the potential charge to be made for emptying those, the Clerk advised Members that the Parish Council had access to an alternative supplier that could provide bins for £85 plus VAT. These could then be installed by the District Council, however, this normally applied to dog bins. The litter bins were a service provided by the District Council and, in the Clerk's opinion, there should be no charge levied, neither should there be a charge to replace the bins.

The District Councillors present agreed with this and it was AGREED that Councillor Kellas would raise the matter with Officers with a view to the bins being replaced without charge.

In relation to the seats outlined in the quotation, the Clerk reminded Members that Urban & Civic were responsible for the land as owners. After discussion, it was AGREED that the replacement of the seats be discussed at the meeting with Urban & Civic on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January.

12. **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

(a) November Newsletter

A copy of the Newsletter had been circulated to Members for information.

13. **To receive any correspondence**

The Clerk advised that notification of a planning application at The Elms had been received. The response date would be reviewed and an Extraordinary meeting called if required.

The Clerk advised that further briefing sessions had been arranged in relation to Local Government Re-Organisation.

14. **To receive items for notification**

The Clerk was asked to contact the Rights of Way team in relation to the diversion of the public footpath. The Chair confirmed this would also be raised at the meeting with Urban & Civic on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January.

Discussion took place around matters that needed to be raised with Urban & Civic. These were AGREED as:

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- Urban & Civic land holding in Hawton and plans for future use
- Replacement seats on Church car park
- Diversion of the footpath
- Overgrown and unmaintained footpaths to the rear of the Willows

Further, the Clerk was asked to investigate the revisions to the Environment Agency flood maps and whether the building of the Southern Link Road had any bearing on their decision.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

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