

Minutes of Hawton Parish Council held in the All Saints Church, Hawton on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 6pm

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

**HPC25-093** Apologies for absence

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

**HPC25-094** Declarations of Interest

There were none made.

**HPC25-095** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**HPC25-096** To consider applications received for Co-Option onto the Parish Council

Members noted the application received for co-option onto the Parish Council following the resignation of Councillor Brownhill.

After consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs K Adams, seconded by Councillor D Adams, that the application from Ben Pykett-Combes be accepted. This was unanimously AGREED.

The Chair confirmed Councillor Pykett-Combes co-option onto the Parish Council. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was then signed, counter-signed by the Clerk, and Councillor Pykett-Combes then joined Members for the remainder of the meeting.

**HPC25-097** **Public 10 Minute Session**

There were no members of the public present.

**HPC25-098** **County Councillor Session**

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

**HPC25-099** **Nottinghamshire County Council**

(a) To note information received in relation to the Boots & Berets Awards

Members noted information received in relation to the Boots & Berets Awards.

**HPC25-100** **District Councillor Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.04pm for the District Councillor Session.

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Councillor Kellas advised that Council Tax at Newark & Sherwood District Council had been frozen for the financial year 2026-27.

Consideration was being given to introducing Councillor Grants that could be used by District Members to assist their communities.

The Local Government Re-organisation consultation was still live should Members wish to complete it.

Councillor Kellas noted that the new litter bins had been installed and asked Members to consider if there was a need for one anywhere else in the village.

The Chair extended his thanks to the District Council for their assistance with providing equipment and collecting rubbish following the recent litter pick. Thanks were also extended to the local resident who had co-ordinated the event and provided refreshments for everyone who had participated.

Councillor D Adams referred to the amount of alcohol bottles that had been found near the bridge. The Clerk was asked to highlight this with the local Police Team.

**HPC25-101 Newark & Sherwood District Council**

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

The Clerk updated Members on matters currently with planning enforcement.

(b) To receive correspondence in relation to a consultation on Local Government Re-Organisation

Members noted the correspondence in relation to the LGR consultation. The Clerk advised that at the recent briefings held, questions had been asked about devolution of services and how reserves would be managed.

**HPC25-102 Parish Council Matters**

(a) To receive details of the H2East Pipeline

Members received the details of Cadent's H2East Pipeline from Immingham to British Sugar. The Clerk advised that briefing sessions had been arranged. Any information pertinent to Members from that session would be fed back for consideration.

**HPC25-103 Planning**

(a) 26/00354/LDCE – Willow Farm, Newark Road, Hawton - Certificate of Lawful for existing Use or Development Relating to the Erection of Buildings in the Form of Containers for Self-Storage

The Clerk advised Members that since the agenda had been set, a further three applications had been received for Willow Farm. The Planning Officer dealing with all applications had advised that a response to all applications would be required by 9<sup>th</sup> April.

After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Pykett that consideration of this application be deferred and an Extraordinary Council Meeting be arranged where all applications could be reviewed. This was AGREED. The Clerk would liaise with Members on a mutually convenient date.

(b) Decision Notice – 24/02090/HOUSE – 5 Sycamore Close, Hawton – Rear Extension & Front Porch

Members received the decision notice outlining permission for the development as outlined had been granted.

(c) Decision Notice - 25/02050/LDCE – Willow Farm, Newark Road, Hawton - Application for a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development Relating to the Erection of Buildings in the Form of 91 Containers for Self-Storage

Members received the decision notice issuing the Certificate of Lawful Existing Use.

#### **HPC25-104 Financial Matters**

(a) Members noted and AGREED the following payments:

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

(b) To note any receipts

Members noted receipt of:

- NatWest – Interest - £96.14
- NatWest – Interest - £89.93

(c) To note the Council's financial position as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

The Clerk confirmed that the Council's financial position as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 was £3,089.08 in the current account and £43,004.71 in the deposit account.

(d) To note a requirement to appoint a new Internal Auditor for the 2026-27 financial year

The Clerk advised that the Council's Internal Auditor was retiring and would not be able to undertake the 2026-27 audit. The Clerk would investigate options and report back to Council on the availability of alternative auditors.

#### **HPC25-105 Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

(a) To note the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer

Members noted that a new Chief Executive Officer had now been appointed to the Association.

(b) March Newsletter

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

**HPC25-106 To receive any correspondence**

There was none to receive.

**HPC25-107 To receive items for notification**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm