



HENSTEAD WITH HULVER STREET



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Hulver Village Hall on Wednesday 6th May 2026 commencing at 7.00pm

1/26/APM Present

HHPC Cllrs J Facer (Chair), R Tovell, I McKay, Angela Colbridge (Clerk),
Members of the public x 3

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2/26/APM Apologies for absence

SCC Cllr M Ladd, HHPC Cllr P Block, HHPC Cllr J Armstrong

3/26/APM Minutes of the APM Wednesday 14th May 2025

As only one councillor present had also attended the previous year's Annual Parish Meeting, the minutes could not be approved and were deferred to the next meeting.

4/26/APM Parish Council Accounts

The Clerk provided a short summary of the accounts for 2025/2026, with a balance of £15,960.02 as of 31st March 2026, £15,106.44 in the current account and £853.58 in the Business Saver Account.

5/26/APM Chair's Report

The Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Facer, presented the annual report, which is reproduced in full at the end of the minutes.

6/26/APM Village Hall Committee Report

Cllr Block provided the following report which was read out by the Clerk:
Hulver with Henstead Village Hall is ticking along nicely, we have a friendly committee. The buildings remain in good order. The village hall is regularly used by local clubs and is available to hire for parties and special occasions. The committee would like to say special thanks to David and Carol Moore for their assistance and support and we wish them well with their move. Funds remain stable with approximately £28k in the bank. We would like to welcome Gareth Carter, who is our new treasurer, onto the committee.

7/26/APM Harry Branden Gift - Henstead Parish Charity Trust

Lesley Spillings, Trustee, provided a report for the Trust.
The Trust today is a combination of two:

1. The Poores' Allotment dated 1799, which consists of 14 acres situated on the South side of Sotterley Rd, the rents of which were to pay for coals for the poor of Henstead as compensation for the loss of their common grazing and other rights, the land today is rented to Moat Farm, Wrentham.

And

2. The Henry Branden Gift which dates back to Henry Branden's will of 1599 when a parcel of land in Rushmere 1.5 acres, was left to the village, the rent of which was to go to the poor of Henstead and for repairs to the churches of Henstead and Rushmere, this land is today rented to the owners of Copper Beech House Rushmere.

Rents received today are distributed between the retired residents (over 66's), one per household of Henstead with Hulver and the Churches of Henstead and Rushmere.

This year we have received an additional payment of £250.00 from Essex and Suffolk

Water for signing a voluntary licence agreement to enable them to carry out non-intrusive surveys on the land adjacent to Sotterley Road, over 12 months.

Finance 2025-2026

Balance brought forward from 31st March 2025	
Bank	£182.91
Rents received	£1075.00
Essex and Suffolk Voluntary Licence Agreement	£250.00
	<u>£1507.91</u>
Distributions	
19 @ £ 65.00	£1235.00
Balance as at 31st March 2026	<u>£272.91</u>

8/26/APM Residents questions and comments

i) It was noted that a survey had been carried out on land in Toad Row and a discussion followed on the pieces of land put forward during the recent Call for Sites.

ii) The possibility of reducing the speed limit on Toad Row to 20mph was raised. The Clerk reported on recent discussions with Suffolk Highways, noting that such a reduction is considered unlikely. However, alternative traffic-calming measures for this section of road are being explored, which it is hoped will help improve the situation. It was noted that the Parish Council have actively requested visits from both the ANPR team and the police speed-detection radar team. The possibility of establishing a Community Speed Watch group was suggested. This will be added to a future agenda for further consideration.

iii) It was noted that lorries have been witnessed travelling through the villages in a manner which is not considered appropriate for the village roads. Residents were reminded that relevant information can be forwarded via the Lorry Watch website. Where specific companies are identified, details may also be passed to the Parish Council so that the companies concerned can be contacted directly.

Cllr Facer paid a heartfelt tribute to Cllr Jon Doran, recognising his unwavering dedication, tireless service, and deep commitment to the parish community he cared for so greatly. His loss will be deeply felt by all who worked alongside him. A minute's silence was held.

The meeting closed at 7.47 pm.

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CHAIR’S REPORT

1. HHPC have held 10 ordinary meetings during the 2025-2026 year, considered 14 planning applications and appeals, most which were successful.
2. We were successful in obtaining hundreds of daffodil bulbs via East Suffolk Council which were planted in both villages by councillors for all residents to enjoy the beautiful and colourful flowers this spring.
3. We organised and carried out 3 sessions of litter picking over two days, which councillors, with the help of some residents, carried out in both villages. Thank you to all those involved, it is very much appreciated.
4. We have reported various problems with highway signage and flooding and have been successful in obtaining replacement signs, instigating drainage clearance works and are in the process of repainting the road markings in Henstead and Hulver Street 30mph speed control zones. A total of 24 roundels and 8 slow signs. We hope to obtain agreement for the positioning of the posts to hold our solar powered speed indicator device shortly. This will enable us to proceed with the works required, using money from our allocated parish funds, in order to calm the increased traffic throughout the parish, due to Benacre and Kessingland Flood Management Project and Sizewell C construction works. I would also like to thank SC Cllr Michael Ladd and ES Cllr Paul Ashton for their contributions to funding for these projects.
5. We have reported many incidents of fly-tipping on the ESC reporting tool and have also been communicating with local stake holders on addressing the fly-tipping problem at Latymere Dam lay-by which is within our parish boundary.
6. HHPC are keen to improve our community engagement and update our administrative and digital presence. We have provided our Clerk, Angie Colbridge, with a new laptop during the year and Angie now uses a gov.uk domain and an updated email address. A Community Update Letter will be distributed to all residents shortly and a new website will be populated with parish council meeting agendas, minutes and financial records, together with other useful information for residents.
7. Finally, I would like to thank all the parish councillors for your support and for volunteering your time and expertise for the Henstead with Hulver Street Parish Council and the whole community, it is very much appreciated.