

# Harescombe Parish Council

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## Minutes of Harescombe Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Harescombe Village Hall.

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present, Councillors. T. Leeper, P. Richards, C. Ractliffe, District Cllr. Turner-Wilkes, Clerk Mr. S. Hale, 2 members of the public.

- 26.34 Public participation. An update was given by 2 of the new charity trustees following their meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Rev. SH is the chairperson. Clerking responsibilities are to be split between KP and LP. KP responsible for minutes and general administration, and LP will be undertaking the finance role. Discussions took place regarding some potential changes. Advised to contact The Charity Commission in the first instance for advice. The trustees left the meeting.
- 26.35 Apologies for absence accepted from Cllr. Perkins, Williams and County Cllr. Patient.
- 26.36 No member's declaration of interest to items on the agenda.
- 26.37 Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.
- 26.38 Council received a report from the District Councillor. A lengthy discussion took place regarding agenda item 26.58.
- 26.39 Council noted reports received from the County Councillor.

### Finance

- 26.40 Council noted the precept demand was submitted to SDC in good time.
- 26.41 Council noted the budget for 2026 / 2027 has been published on the PC website.
- 26.42 Council noted that a GAPTC refund for 10% of annual subscriptions has been received due to the clerk being CiLCA qualified.
- 26.43 Council noted that a thorough internal audit has been undertaken by the internal auditor and the clerk. No recommendations for change were received. Full details will be circulated and published once received.
- 26.44 Council noted that annual donations have been made to the Air Ambulance and Volunteer Wardens of £150 and £50 respectively.
- 26.45 Council noted that the 3-year LTA for insurance is due renewal in May. Council resolved to delegate a review of cover and renewal responsibility to the clerk.
- 26.46 Council considered provision of refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting and resolved a budget of £35. Cllr. Ractliffe to arrange.
- 26.47 Council noted that all receipts have been received for the defibrillator training, and the invoice for Passion First Aid has been settled. Attendance certificates have been sent to all attendees.

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Council noted and resolved to ratify the following receipts and payments.

Date	Detail	Receipt
09/01/2026	Gross interest	£5.67
02/02/2026	GAPTC subs refund for CILCA	£5.60
09/02/2026	Gross interest	£5.04
20/02/2026	Defib training Haresfield Parish Council chq	£180.00

Date	Payment	Net	VAT	Gross
07/01/2026	HMRC PAYE Q3			
	HugoFox email hosting	£2.49	£0.50	£2.99
	Village Hall Hire	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00
19/01/2026	Great Western Air Ambulance Donation	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
	National Landscape Volunteer Wardens Donation	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
	Bank charges	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25
17/02/2026	Bank charges	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25
18/02/2026	HugoFox email hosting	£2.49	£0.50	£2.99
03/03/2026	Passion First Aid	£437.00	£87.40	£524.40

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Council noted the internal controls, and bank reconciliation although Cllr. Williams was not in attendance. Councillors had sight of all documentation prior to the meeting.

## Bank Reconciliation

OPENING BALANCE: 01/04/2025 £17,026.96

INCOME TO DATE £6,169.26

LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE £9,531.86

FUND BALANCE: 03/03/2026 £13,664.36

REPRESENTED BY:

LLOYDS TREASURERS ACCOUNT BALANCE £2,520.05

LLOYDS SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE £11,144.31

BALANCE £13,664.36

## Planning Matters – council considered and resolved as necessary

26.50

Reference S.26/0089/HHOLD

Application Validated Tue 27 Jan 2026

Randalls Farm, Stockend, Edge. GL6 6PL

Erection of a single-storey porch to the south-facing elevation, replacement of existing windows.

Status Awaiting decision

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Reference S.25/2408/HHOLD

Application Validated Tue 13 Jan 2026

Hill House Farm, Edge, Stroud. GL6 6PH

Installation of an outdoor swimming pool and landscaping.

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Status Awaiting decision

- 26.52 Reference S.23/2428/OUT  
A full objection to this application has been submitted by the parish council.  
Land At Whaddon, Gloucester.  
Outline application for up to 2,550 new dwellings, etc ...  
Status Awaiting decision. May be delayed until 2031 but nothing confirmed.
- 26.53 Reference S.25/1506/FUL  
Application Validated Fri 08 Aug 2025  
Hilles Cottage, Sevenleaze Lane, Edge. GL6 6NN  
Change of use to wedding venue with the associated conversion & repair of existing buildings to provide ancillary facilities and landscaping enhancements.  
Status Awaiting decision (applicant revisions have been made).
- 26.54 Reference S.25/2066/HHOLD  
Application Validated Fri 31 Oct 2025  
Duckworth Cottage, Harescombe. GL4 0XD  
Erection of a two storey and single storey rear extension.  
Status Permitted
- 26.55 Reference S.25/2174/FUL  
Application Validated Tue 18 Nov 2025  
Land Belonging to Hayes Farm, Haresfield, Stonehouse.  
Conversion of Dutch barn to ancillary use in support of holiday lets.  
Status Permitted
- 26.56 Reference S.25/2276/HHOLD  
Application Validated Thu 04 Dec 2025  
Greensleeves, Harescombe. GL4 0XD  
Erection of garden cabin.  
Status Permitted
- 26.57 Reference S.25/2205/FUL  
Application Validated Tue 16 Dec 2025  
Land At Stroud Road, Brookthorpe, Gloucester.  
Erection of 5 Single Storey Dwellings with Associated Works  
Status Awaiting decision
- 26.58 Brookthorpe Springs Farm / Kolisko Farm. Council to note that as resolved, a formal complaint regarding SDC inaction and poor communications has been submitted to District Councillor Turner-Wilkes, who has submitted a complaint on behalf of the parish council. Delegated to the clerk to escalate a complaint to CDC Chief Executive if necessary and research potential of a judicial review if required.
- 26.59 Council noted there were no additional planning matters received between issuing the agenda, and the time of the meeting.

## **Policies and Procedures**

- 26.60 Council reviewed and resolved to adopt the draft Privacy Policy in accordance with assertion 10 of audit requirements.

## **Highways**

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- 26.61 **Haresfield Lane** – council noted that resurfacing has concluded.
- 26.62 **Gruntas Lane roadworks** – council noted these have concluded.
- 26.63 **Street-clean** - requested at the end of September was finally undertaken in late December. However, the following areas were not done and have been reported by the clerk to SDC through FixMyStreet, and by email.
- Threshold Farm to Haresfield Lane junction - FixMyStreet ref: 8623343
  - Threshold Farm to Hayes Farm - FixMyStreet ref: 8623378
  - Threshold Farm to Hollock House - FixMyStreet ref: 8623413
  - Hollock House to The Chase - FixMyStreet ref: 8623430
- Update – Council to note that a specialist road sweeper needs to be hired by SDC to undertake this clean and this is being arranged. Once delivered, Harescombe will be cleaned as a priority. Should be by the end of the month.
- Other Matters**
- 26.64 Village charities – council noted that the new trustees are in post, and that the clerk facilitated all charity records to be transferred to the new trustees. Clerk incurred 4 hours overtime and 35 miles in facilitating and taking part in the handover to its conclusion.
- 26.65 Following publication and circulation of the Local Government Review consultation, council resolved to support the option of the whole of Gloucestershire as one unitary authority. Clerk to contact the consultation process with the decision.
- 26.66 **Matters arising (no decisions can be made on such matters).**
- No matters arising.
- 26.67 **Next Meeting**
- 7.00pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May for a combined Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM). Harescombe Village Hall.

Meeting concluded at 8.41.



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