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Minutes of the meeting of HAMSEY PARISH COUNCIL

held at Beechwood Hall & Rural Park on Thursday 9th July 2026, 7.15pm

Present:

Cllr M Cadwallader

Cllr L McKenzie

Cllr T Gaydon

Cllr K McBrown

Cllr D Bush

Cllr C Henry

Cllr N Osborne

Apologies:

District Cllr J Saunders

In Attendance:

Marie Owen (Parish Clerk) Minutes

County Cllr Charlotte Keenan

District Cllr Mark Slater

One member of the public – left after Questions from the Public.

The meeting started at 7.15pm

09.07.01 Apologies for absence

District Cllr Saunders sent her apologies.

09.07.02 Questions from the Public

Ms Louise Halpern of Action in Rural Sussex (AiRS) gave a presentation on affordable housing, outlining how AiRS could assist the Parish Council in identifying affordable housing needs within the parish.

District Cllr Slater reminded members that the Government's decision on Local Government Reorganisation was expected to be announced in the coming week.

09.07.03 Declarations of interest from any Councillor regarding items on the agenda.

No declarations of interest were made.

09.07.04 The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th May 2026 were agreed and signed.

09.07.05 Update on any matters arising from the last meeting.

All actions on the action log are in progress or completed.

09.07.06 Financial Matters

a) To approve the Invoice payments made since the last meeting (including VAT).

All payments were approved. **Proposed: Cllr Henry. Seconded: Cllr Osborne.**

b) To note the Council's current financial position

The current financial position was noted and agreed. Bank balances as at 30th June 2026 for the current account was £10,711.26 and the balance on the savings account was £79,274.42.

Proposed: Cllr Cadwallader. Seconded: Cllr McBrown.

09.07.07 Policies

There were none.

09.07.08 Planning matters

All planning applications in progress, refused and determined since the last meeting were noted.

New Developments.

Cllr Cadwallader raised concerns that a new house was being erected in Bevernbridge, noting that she had no record of a planning application having been submitted for this property. It was agreed that this would be investigated further.

Action: Cllr McKenzie to investigate.

09.07.09 Grant Applications.

There were none.

09.07.10 Beechwood Hall working group – update.

Cllr Henry reported that the running of the hall was going well, with 6 weddings currently booked for 2027. It was agreed that a team of additional cleaners would work alongside the main cleaner to cover occasions when she was unavailable, or for late-night cleans.

The Hall Manager reported that one table needed to be replaced, as it was a children's-size table. It was agreed that this purchase would be made.

The Hall Manager stated that the website "Bridebook" was no longer viable to use, as it was charging too much, and that she would continue to advertise via local Facebook pages instead. She noted that she had produced a wedding brochure.

Cllr Henry reported that she had been in contact with Sussex Police and that the grant of £2,000 should be received shortly. She further stated that the Hall was still one of the charities in the Tesco Blue Token scheme and would receive a minimum of £500.

The AGM for Beechwood Hall is booked for the **8th October 2026.**

Action: PC to advertise for a team of cleaners.

Action: PC to arrange purchase of a new table.

Action: Cllr Cadwallader to review wedding Brochure.

Action: Cllr Gaydon to look at the Beechwood Hall website.

09.07.11 Environment

Cllr Cadwallader reminded members of the filmed meeting regarding the Sussex Trout, to be held on Tuesday 14th July, and requested that members attend where possible. She also asked whether any member would be available to represent the Council at a Love My Ouse meeting on 21st July. Cllr McKenzie offered to attend.

09.07.12 Highway and traffic issues

Issues concerning potholes and road safety remained ongoing, with no resolution yet reached. Cllr Osborne offered to assist Cllr McBrown with highways-related matters.

<https://live.eastsussexhighways.com/report-problem> - to report highways issues.

09.07.13 Rail and bus issues.

County Cllr Keenan stated that she had been in contact with the local bus company regarding concerns over bus drivers speeding in the village.

Cllr Bush reported that the rail company had not provided any further useful information regarding the removal of the public bins at the station. Cllr McBrown stated that she was attending a meeting with GTR (Govia Thameslink Railway) in a couple of weeks' time and would raise the issue.

09.07.14 Police/Neighbourhood watch issues

PCSO Rose to arrange a further "meet and greet" event. It was noted that this should be shared on the community Facebook page and the village WhatsApp group.

Cllr McBrown reported that she had been in contact with PCSO Rose regarding vehicles and motorbikes using the stretch of road north of Cooksbridge as a racetrack. PCSO Rose had advised that this fell outside her area of responsibility.

Please report any issues of fly tipping using the address below:

<https://lovecleanstreets.info>

09.07.15 General Improvements to the Parish

Cllr Gaydon expressed the need for a yellow box junction to be installed at the end of Chatfield Close.

Action: Cllr McBrown to request to East Sussex Highways.

Cllr Cadwallader suggested that it would be beneficial if Covers could place planted troughs on their land, adjoining the pathway. She also enquired whether funds were available for bulbs for the phone books area.

Action: Cllr Cadwallader to approach Covers.

Action: Cllr Cadwallader to purchase bulbs.

09.07.16 Reports from meetings attended

Cllr Henry stated that she was attending the LDALC meeting tomorrow and would report back.

09.07.17 Events

17th July New Starters meet up with Little City.

5th September Community Day
31st October Children's Halloween Event.
15th November 2026 Theatre
Weekend 4th -6th December 2026 Christmas Events

09.07.18 Footpaths and rights of way

It was noted that the Council had received an email from the Ramblers' Footpath Warden stating that misleading signs had been displayed along the footpath running parallel to the River Ouse. It was further noted that, as these signs were situated on private land, the LDC Rights of Way Officer had no power to remove them.

Cllr Henry stated that she had been in further communication with the Rights of Way Officer regarding a gate unsuitable for wheelchair access. It was noted that no further action would be taken by the Rights of Way Officer at this time, as the gate was currently being left open.

09.07.19 Neighbourhood Plan and Rural Design Code

Nothing to add.

09.07.20 Communication

The Parish Clerk noted that the Council had lost a number of volunteers for delivering the Hamsey News. It was agreed that a more direct approach would be taken, asking individuals personally if they could assist.

Action: Cllr McKenzie and PC to ask.

09.07.21 Correspondence

Nothing to add.

09.07.22 Future agenda items

Nothing to add.

09.07.23 Date for next meeting

Thursday 10th September 2026. 7:15pm.

The Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting ended at 10:00pm

SignedChair

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Minutes taken and prepared by Marie Owen, Parish Clerk/RFO

Appendix 1 – Action Log

Number	Regarding	Responsibility	Action
1	Bike racks	LMcK	Awaiting to hear from LDC planning. Ongoing
2	Children crossing signs for Bevernbridge	CH	To find out price for sign from Highways. Awaiting. Send to Cllr Keenan
3	Rural Design Code & Neighbourhood Plan	MC	Meeting with LMcK, TG & DB in September
4	Mood board for village sign	MC/TG	School to give ideas.
5	Cycleway	TG	Link with Barcombe, Chris Bibb, land owners, Wealden.
6	Inform Highways to go ahead with dropped kerb	CH	Awaiting reply from Senior Transport Officer.
7	Investigate cost and process of vehicle activated sign	CH	Awaiting info. Email Cllr Keenan
8	Prepare speech for Cala Homes application to committee	LMcK	Ongoing.
9	Planning response to Barcombe new development	LMcK	
10	Instruct solicitor regarding Bevernbridge	LMcK	
11	Ask Monday Club to repair Meridan Sign	MC	Awaiting response.
12	Enquire re grass cutting by phone books	MC	Report on new Glendale Portal
13	Investigate new house in Bevernbridge	LMcK	
14	Advertise for a team of cleaners for Beechwood Hall	PC	
15	Purchase new table	PC	
16	Review wedding brochure	MC	
17	Review Beechwood Hall website	TG	
18	Chatfield Close yellow box	KMcB	
19	Covers flower planters	MC	
20	Purchase bulbs	MC	
21	Approach people to deliver Hamsey News	ALL	
22	Report to Mark Slater on new Waste Laws	DB	