



THE PARISH COUNCIL OF HELLINGLY

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Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on Wednesday 11th March 2026
At 7.30pm at Hellingly Community Hub

PCH 096.03.26 to PCH 105.03.26

Present: Councillors: D White (in the Chair), C Jackets, D Lewin, F Lulham, D Miles, P Young, L Bowman, S Pilkington, R Brann.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs G Hesselgrave, W Hesselgrave, J Castle, S Davis, A Gander, P Milne and County Cllr N Bennett

Official Clerk/Officer: Jenny Hoodless, Clerk

Members of the Public: None

Declarations of Interest: None

PCH 096.03.26 Council approved the **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on Wednesday 11th March 2026 were signed by the Chair.

PCH 097.03.26 County Councillors Questions:

1. Station Road – recent installation of speed signs, thank you to Highways. There is one speed limit sign of 40mph on the same post as ‘school children’ by the School opposite the Village Hall, this should be a 20mph sign.
2. Please confirm when the gully’s on Station Road were last cleared out.
3. Is the bollard outside Gill Ritches house being installed at the same time (25-27 Mar) as the white lines are being painted on the road please?
4. Potholes – are cyclists needs taken into consideration as well as cars when being repaired etc?
5. What has happened to the slip road on Boship roundabout A22 towards Eastbourne?

PCH 098.03.26 Matters arising (not covered elsewhere on the Agenda):

PCH 092.02.26 The following documents were approved:

- Recording Meetings Policy, the Clerk to add a recording note to the Council agendas.
- Complaints Procedures, the Clerk to remove duplicate wording in point 8.
- Standing Orders, amend any he/she to them/they etc.
- Transparency Code
- Code of Conduct

They will now be uploaded to the website.

Cllrs C Jackets proposed, D Lewin seconded and all in favour.

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Councillor David White – Chair

PCH 099.03.26

Councillors Register of Interests

Council requested that the Clerk speak to the Monitoring Officer to request Special dispensation (if needed) to redact all Councillor signatures and personal addresses.

PCH 100.03.26

District Councillor’s Report

Cllr D White advised that the period of Purdah (pre-election period) has commenced and therefore, activities would be reduced.
DC Ward allowance now spent except for £50, this was gratefully received by many sports & social groups within Hellingly. The next round of Ward grants would commence 1st April 2026, clubs to apply.
The Clerk to promote on social media and the HPC website.
WDC Local Plan consultation was due to end on 20th March 2026 but due to website issues, this had now been extended to 5pm on 27th March 2026.

PCH 101.03.26

Council approved the Financial Matters for 01 – 28th February 2026 listed below:

- Noted Bank reconciliation summaries
- Noted List of payments & receipts
- Noted the following February net payments above £1,000:

£1,289.00	Planning Application Fee	Wealden District Council
£2,014.00	CIL Projects	GTA Civils & Transport
£5,827.77	Salaries	HMRC
£17,937.60	Salaries	Staff

PCH 102.03.26

Council approved the appointment of Mulberry LAS Ltd for a 3 year contract to carry out the Internal Audits and 2025/26 Year End.
Cllrs D Lewin proposed, R Brann seconded and all in favour.

PCH 103.03.26

Noted the unadopted minutes from the **Planning & Environment Committee** meeting which took place on 11th February 2026.
Developer Steve Neilly attended the earlier Planning Meeting raising objections to The planning application for a MUGA on Lower Horsebridge Rec. The Clerk advised that it had been agreed to revise the plans to reflect the correct height of the MUGA fencing and lighting, and to include the bungalows located to the right.

PCH 104.03.26

Clerk’s Report:

- Council agreed to set up a small project group to organise an event to celebrate 10 years of the Country Park, Cllrs P Milne, P Young & D Miles along with a member of the Clerking team.
- APM is now Tuesday 21st April all Councillors required to attend and the presentation to be regarding Estate Management Fees & Residence Associations. Cllrs D Lewin and R Brann agreed to present.
- Sussex Police Meeting was well attended by 30 residents of which 8 were councillors. Feedback for the next meeting to promote as Hellingly.

PCH 105.03.26

Chairman’s Report :

- NDP Review consultation period to be Monday 13th April for four weeks through to Sunday 10th May and will be displayed at the APM.

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- Office Extension, the project group met with the Architect to discuss options directly with Councillors. It was decided to have plans drafted for a loft extension to see if feasible and costs.
- Hub Overflow car park (concrete squares) the project team met and reduced to 3 contractors who will hold an on-site meeting to review the underneath and then revise their quotes.
- The electricity supply from the lamppost to the storage container and the men's shed needs to be reviewed to ensure sufficient power for both buildings.
- Grass overflow car park area, Cllrs D Lewin and C Jackets to review the specifications as it is still too boggy to open for use.

Next Meetings:

Finance Committee
 Grounds Committee
 Flood Working Group

Wednesday 18th March
 Wednesday 25th March
 Friday 27th March

7pm
 7pm
 11.30am

MC 9.15pm

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