



HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held.
At 7.00pm on Thursday 4 December.

Present:

Chairman Anthony Barry, Councilors Veronica Hattersley, and Mark Wilson.
R Elliss (Clerk) and 2 members of the Public.

Absent: Deputy Chairman Karen Hull, Mick Lyons

There were no questions, as matters of concern covered by Agenda.

15 Minute Public Forum

71/25/26 Apologies
Cllr Conrad Gauntlett, Cllr Clare Mosdell

72/25/26 Declarations of interest
Members confirmed existing declarations of interest as recorded.

73/25/26 Minutes

Resolved: Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 November 2025 be taken as read, approved, and signed as a true record of the meeting.

74/25/26 Correspondence Received
The clerk introduced Thomas Cowley from Wight Nature Fund who gave a presentation on how WNF are working to preserve land of environmental significance on the Isle of Wight since 1989. Recently trying to secure fruit trees at The Isle of Wight Steam Railway. They hope to educate the public and residents of Havenstreet and Ashey as to why there is a need for conservation of this land, on the Isle of Wight. Mr Cowley is looking to receive support from the Parish. The Clerk will arrange to send a grant application form to Mr Cowley to complete.

75/25/26 To Receive Reports from Councilors and Outside Bodies

No Cllr Mosdell report received.

76/25/26 Other Reports

Cllr Hattersley gave an update to for members on Community Centre.

Chair A Barry updated members on IWAC Training dates and confirmed with members they are receiving minutes from IWALC meetings.

No Report received from Cllr M Lyons on Local Access Forum

77/25/26 Planning

The clerk advised all circulation of planning is sent weekly and no new planning received.

78/25/26 Chairmans Report

1. Cllr A. Barry provided a comprehensive update on the meeting held with Island Roads in November. Members noted the report presented at this meeting, which outlined the discussions, and confirmed that a copy had been circulated via email.

2. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

A motion was moved, without notice under Standing Order 21.1(vi) to move the agenda item relating to HR Matters to after Finance on the agenda. This is due to it being confidential matters. Councillors' votes, were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements; the results of which were as follows and it

was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Agenda Item 78/25/26 (HR Matters) be moved to after Finances on the Agenda Item

79/25/26 Clerk's Report

- The Clerk confirmed that all councillors had been issued new .gov email addresses and requested that members begin using them. It was noted that Cllrs V. Hattersley and M. Lyons had not yet activated their accounts and required assistance. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the PC Consultant to arrange support for this.

- Clerk advised members of her to work on further policies and procedures GDPR, IT Policy and Health and Safety
- Bus Survey consultation results have been sent to Vectis, IOW Council and Island Roads. Once a response is received, Clerk are still awaiting a response from all three on the results from.
- Recommended Parish Meeting dates for 2026 were sent to all members prior to tonight's meeting. Members confirmed verbally and agreed.

RESOLVED:

That the 2026 Parish meeting dates are as follows:

Thursday 8 January 2026 – (Precept and Budget Setting - in response to IWC timetable)

Thursday 5 February 2026

Thursday 11 March 2026 – Meeting a week later due to Clerk Annual Leave

Thursday 2 April 2026 (Pre Election Period) No Meeting

Thursday 7 May 2026 – (AGM and Annual Parish Meeting)

Thursday 4 June 2026

Thursday 2 July 2026

No August Meeting in Council

Thursday 3 September 2026

Thursday 1 October 2026

Thursday 5 November 2026 (Budget Briefing)

No December Meeting

- The Clerk informed members that a quotation of £3,264 had been received from Public Realm for the installation of two new football goals at the Recreation Ground. The Clerk will arrange a meeting in the New Year with the Chair and Commercial Services to review this quotation and discuss ongoing playground maintenance.

80/25/26

Finance

To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for October 2025

RESOLVED:

THAT the Payments and Receipts for October 2025 be approved.

2026-2027 BUDGET PROCESS

Members received a draft budget from The Clerk and discussed the budget process and basis on which the 2026-2027 Budget will be drafted. It was agreed the draft budget would be agreed in the next council meeting when all members can be present on January 8 2026.

78/25/26 HR Matters – Confidential session

The Council resolved to exclude the public and press under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, it was noted that Cllr Karen Hull has not attended any meetings for a period exceeding six consecutive months without prior approval or a valid reason. Chair and Clerk advised members that various contact to Cllr Hull by email and leaving telephone messages and have had no reply to any contact made written or verbal.

A motion to this effect was moved and seconded. Following a verbal vote, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk write formally to Cllr Hull advising that Council records indicate non-attendance at meetings for a period exceeding six months. Under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, a councillor who fails to attend meetings for six consecutive months without prior approval or a valid reason may be disqualified from office. Cllr Hull is requested to notify the Council in writing of any exceptional circumstances preventing attendance. If no response is received, the Clerk and Chair will take the necessary steps in accordance with legislation.

81/25/26 Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman confirmed, the schedule of meetings as at the Community Centre at 7.00pm on:

Thursday 8 January 2026

The meeting closed at 20:40pm

