



HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held.
At 7.00pm on Thursday 5 February 2026.

Present:

Chairman Anthony Barry, Councilors Veronica Hattersley, and Mark Wilson and Mick Lyons
R Elliss (Clerk)

Absent: Conrad Hauntlett

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

15 Minute Public Forum

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Apologies

Cllr Conrad Gauntlett received.

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Declarations of interest

Members confirmed existing declarations of interest as recorded.

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Minutes

Resolved: Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 January 2026 be taken as read, approved, and signed as a true record of the meeting.

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Correspondence Received

The Clerk outlined the benefits of the Parish Council supporting local primary schools through a contribution of £850 towards the National Year of Reading 2026 initiative. The funding would provide book bags for pupils as part of the “National Reading 2026 – Supporting Local Primary Schools” program and residents children.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk is to identify the number of children from Havenstreet and Ashey

attending both Binstead Primary School and Newchurch Primary school and the associated costs to support local primary schools through the provision of book bags as part of the National Year of Reading 2026 initiative. The Clerk will report back to members in the March Meeting.

98/25/26 To Receive Reports from Councilors and Outside Bodies

No Cllr Mosdell report received.

99/25/26 Other Reports

Havenstreet Community Association

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

Cllr V Hattersley raised concerns regarding traffic congestion on roads outside the village, with traffic frequently coming to a standstill. It was noted that recent adverse weather conditions have resulted in flooding in many parts of the Island, and that ongoing roadworks being undertaken by Island Roads have further exacerbated traffic issues affecting residents across the Island.

IWALC

Cllr A Barry, provided an update on Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC). It was noted that all correspondence received from IWALC will be forwarded to Members by Cllr Barry.

The Clerk advised that the annual subscription invoice has been received and paid, confirming that the Council's IWALC membership subscription is fully up to date.

LAF

Cllr M Lyons gave an update on the LAF – meeting held 28 January 2026.

Cllr Lyons reported incidents of illegal use of quad bikes causing road rage in and around the village. The matter will be reported to the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).

100/25/26 Planning

The Clerk advised that planning applications are circulated weekly and that there were no comments to report.

It was agreed that, in the Clerk's absence, planning and traffic correspondence will be sent to Cllr Barry from a member of staff at Sandown Town Council. Cllr Barry will review the information and circulate it to Members where necessary.

101/25/26 Chairmans Report

IW Bus User Group:

Cllr Barry attended the Isle of Wight Bus User Group meeting in January 2026 and addressed the meeting, raising questions with representatives from Southern Vectis and the Isle of Wight Council. As a positive outcome, Cllr Barry met with Richard Tyldsley, General Manager of Southern Vectis, who confirmed receipt of correspondence regarding the survey and suggested a meeting to discuss potential options. Cllr Barry is awaiting a response to questions relating to initiatives undertaken elsewhere on the Island and to identify practical solutions to meet the needs of Havenstreet residents.

102/25/26 Clerk's Report

- **Internal Auditor:**

The appointment of Gareth Hughes as Internal Auditor was accepted.

- **Elections – Change of Meeting Date:**

It was agreed to amend the meeting date scheduled for 7 May, and the new date is to be 14 May 2026.

- **Annual Parish Meeting and AGM:**

Members are to advise on the proposed venue and a list of invitees.

- **Council Vacancy:**

A date for advertising the council vacancy is to be confirmed following the March meeting due to clerk Annual leave.

- **Website / Email Update:**

An update was provided by the Clerk for Cllr V Hatteresley is to contact PC Consultants to encourage her transition over to .gov email to ensure compliance with data protection regulations.

The Clerk provided an update on the website will go live in March following Clerks return from annual leave.

The Clerk made members aware of her annual leave 7 February 2026 returning Monday March 2 2026. In her absence members can speak with their Chair Cllr A Barry.

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Finance

To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for January 2026

RESOLVED:

THAT the Payments and Receipts for January 2026 be approved.

Budget Discussion Summary:

The Clerk presented the proposed budget for the financial year 2026/2027 together with the tax base and proposed precept of £20, 878. The Clerk outlined the increase in costs and the proposed budget rise of 1.7%, which equates to £0.86 per year (approximately £0.07 per week) for a Band D property.

Resolution:

It was resolved that the Parish Council approve the budget for the financial year 2026/2027 as presented, and that the precept of £20,878 be submitted to the Isle of Wight Council by 9 February in accordance with their request.

Proposed by: Cllr A Barry

Seconded by: Cllr V Hattersley

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Date of Next Meeting

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

Thursday 12 March 2026

The meeting closed at 20:10pm