



HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held.
At 7.00pm on Thursday 12 March 2026.

Present:

Chairman Anthony Barry, Councilors Veronica Hattersley, and Mark Wilson, C Gauntlett and Mick Lyons
R Elliss (Clerk) and 1 members of the Public.

Absent: Claire Mosdell

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

15 Minute Public Forum

A resident attended the meeting to raise concerns about road safety and the positioning of speed-limit signage on Combley Road, Havenstreet. The Parish Council has received several reports of vehicles entering the village at excessive speeds, particularly on the western approach where a narrow section of road serves nearby residential and commercial properties. Residents consider the current signage inadequate for encouraging early speed reduction, creating daily risks for pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, and other road users. Members requested that the Clerk write to Island Roads to outline these concerns and seek a meeting to discuss the issues further. The Parish Council supports these concerns and considers a review of the signage layout both necessary and urgent.

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Apologies

Clare Mosdell.

106/25/26

Declarations of interest

Members confirmed existing declarations of interest as recorded.

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Minutes

Resolved: Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 February 2026 be taken as read, approved, and signed as a true record of the meeting.

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Correspondence Received

All Correspondence sent to members by Clerk

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To Receive Reports from Councilors and Outside Bodies

No report from Cllr Mosdell received.

Cllr A. Barry provided a brief update on the Isle of Wight Council's recent budget meeting and on matters relating to the upcoming elections.

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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 Update on Local Access Forum. No LAF meetings scheduled.

No Report Received from Police

Cllr A Barry confirmed report from Environment Officer S Whally and highlighted residents concerns that have been actioned by this report.

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Planning

The clerk advised all circulation of planning is sent weekly and no comments to report

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Chairmans Report

- The Chair reported that on 3 March 2026 he met with Mr Richard Tyldsley, General Manager of Southern Vectis, and noted that it was a positive meeting. Discussions covered the findings of the 2025 Havenstreet Bus Survey, the financial and operational challenges of providing a peak-time or regular service, progress within the BSIP that may enable funding for a trial service, and the practical constraints posed by the low railway bridge and the need for a suitable turning point. Southern Vectis will now begin developing a proposal for a limited trial service during 2026, which would utilise existing resources

and help inform future provision. The full report of the meeting will be added to the Council's website.

- An update was provided by the Chair regarding Cllr Ian Dore's request that Havenstreet and Ashey Parish Council share information about our recent communications with Island Roads concerning Firestone Copse Road. The Chair reported that an emergency road closure had been implemented the previous day, resulting in significant disruption for residents. As the matter falls within Cllr Dore's Ward, he followed up accordingly, and he eventually received some feedback from Island Roads a few days before the road re opened. The Parish Council confirmed that it is happy to support and assist Cllr Dore with any future enquiries or actions related to this matter.
- Cllr A. Barry asked members to progress with obtaining football goals for the recreation ground. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Public Realm Open Spaces and obtain a second quote.

113/25/26 Clerk's Report

- The Clerk reported that the councillor vacancy notice will remain posted until 24 March. If no request for an election is received from ten electors by that date, the Parish Council will then proceed to advertise the vacancy for co-option.
- The Clerk advised that the financial year-end processes are due and will be her priority during April, alongside preparation for the internal audit and completion of the AGAR.
- Members noted that the Council's website updates and the transition to .gov.uk email accounts must be completed by May 2026. It was agreed that Cllrs V. Hattersley and C. Gauntlett would contact PC Consultants as a matter of urgency to progress the conversion of councillor email addresses to.gov.uk accounts.
- Councillors requested that the Clerk arrange a guest speaker for the Annual Town Meeting on 14 May, suggesting potential invitees including a representative from Island Roads, the Lord-Lieutenancy, the High Sheriff's Office, or Jeanne Joanes, National Reading Volunteer Award Winner 2026.

114/25/26 Finance

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

RESOLVED:

THAT the Payments and Receipts for February 2026 be approved.

National Reading Grant funding:

Members voted to award funding of £900 each to Binstead Primary School and Newchurch Primary School to support their participation in the Parish Council's National Reading Year 2026 project. The initiative will provide all Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils with dedicated reading bags and will include an art competition, with winning designs to be printed on a product for all children to take home.

1. Resolution:

It was resolved that Havenstreet & Ashey Parish Council award funding of £900 each to Binstead Primary School and Newchurch Primary School to support their involvement in the National Reading Year 2026 project.

Proposed by: C Gauntlett

Seconded by: V Hattersley

115/25/26 Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman confirmed, the schedule of meetings as at the Community Centre at 6.00pm Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General meeting at 7:00pm:

Thursday 14 May 2026

The meeting closed at 20:35pm