

Hildersham Parish Council
Clerk: Mrs. PM Harper
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**A Meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 11TH November 2025,
at the Hildersham Village Hall from 7.30pm**

37. Open Forum - Parishioners can raise any matters of concern.

38. Apologies

39. Councillors to declare any interests in the items to be discussed during the meeting?

40. Councillors to consider approving the minutes of the last meeting on 9th September 2025.

41. Report from District Councillor John Batchelor – a monthly report had been circulated to councillors

42. Report from County Councillor and District Councillor Henry Batchelor – a monthly report had been circulated to councillors

43. Feedback on actions from the last meeting

a) Update on getting a new Blench Lane Road sign with ‘no through road’ symbol. **Action :** **Clerk** to forward images of the existing signs to the council officer.

b) The verges were cut in August and the next cut has been arranged for November to be done by Borderforce. **Action:** **Clerk** to obtain grass quotes from other contractors.

c) Update from Sarah Sanderson (Chalk rivers project) on contacting the Environment Agency (EA) to establish whether the river levels have increase. The EA stated that there would be no need to dredge the river as it would achieve a natural balance without this. The council was not keen on Sarah Sanderson suggestion that gravel be introduced to the river, due to concerns about further flooding and would consider the other suggestions.

d) Update on the Highway Initiative Scheme application. Councillor Henry Batchelor contacted the LHI team to ask them to meet with the council to discuss the Back Road and to make suggestions to help improve it.

e) Update on grass cutting. **Action:** **Clerk** to obtain grass quotes from other contractors.

f) Getting a gov.uk email address. **Action:** **Clerk** to contact Nextnorth to find out if they think that there would be any problems for the council to move to a gov.uk website.

g) Members interest form to SCDC. **Action:** **Clerk** to forward Rob Clays interest form to SCDC.

h) Does the noticeboard and do all the village benches need revarnishing? **Action:** **Clerk** to get a quote to have the benches revarnished.

44. Neighbourhood Plan.

a) Update - awaiting a report from a company to include a lot of changes. Concern has been expressed about the time it is taking to complete the NP, although Hildersham’s part is completed.

Review draft budget and agree the precept for 2026-27

45. Correspondences

a) Received a message concerning a reportable plant (Indian Balsam) being on the allotment side of the bridge (ML to remove these plants), and clumps are also on land owned by Hildersham Hall to the left of the footbridge. Action: Clerk to contact the owner of Hildersham Hall to alert them of the plant and request that they be removed and Clerk to establish whether their presence should be reported.

b) Requested quotes for a new electricity contract. **Councillors retrospectively unanimously agreed to the council entering into a new annual contract for the supply of lighting electricity with SSE, as per the emails circulated to them by the Clerk.**

c) Request from the business Flourish for the council to support their application to Rural England Prosperity Fund. The Clerk had contacted Flourish for further details but had received no response.

46. Finance

a) Councillors unanimously agreed to authorise all the payments on the financial statement dated 08.09.2025, as well as a new request to pay CCAN £100 for the archiving Hildersham village records.

47. Open Forum for Parishioners to make comments or raise items

48. Items for the next meeting's agenda on 11th November 2025

Budget and grass quotes

The light opposite the village hall is on all day, and needs reporting.

Meeting ended at 8.15pm

Agenda for the Hildersham Land Management

Present: Mark Logan, Tom Barton-Owen, Rob Clay, Davd Mercer, and the Clerk.

Started at 8.16pm

Agree allotment charge for 20-27

Request for a second plot/half plot – Amy Smith

This meeting followed the Parish Council meeting

1.Maintenance of the new plantation

a) Maintenance of the plantation grass cutting. The area was by Borderforce cut using trimmers.

2. Allotments

a) Update on the next Inspection of the allotment - David and Darren had inspected the allotments and found the plot owners did not correspond with the last they were given. **Action: Clerk** to check which plan they were sent. There was a cupboard on a neglected looking plot. Shrubs are growing from the bungalow garden into the plot neighbouring it and they are 2 metres wide. 3 or 4 of the plots need tidying up. David and Dareen were thanked for doing the inspections.

Action Clerk to send Mark Logan the latest version of the allotment agreement. There was funding for allotment offered until 31 August which we missed out on.

Action Clerk to ask Henry Batchlor if there are other funds offered for allotment plot improvements.

3.South Holding

a) No one was sure whether the pile of soil on the Floursh boundary with the South Holding had been removed.

4. Recreation Ground

a) Any news on play area or work required elsewhere. **Action Clerk** to ask Ian Blackman for a quote to repair the two splats in the play area.

5.Finance

a) Update on payments made from the account and the balances
Balances on the main Parish Council agenda above.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.