Hildersham Parish Council
Clerk: Mrs. PM Harper
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A meeting of Hildersham Parish Council will meet in Hildersham village hall on Tuesday 10th November 2026.

45. Apologies

46. Councillors to declare any interests in the items to be discussed during the meeting? Has the Clerk granted any dispensations under section 33 (1) of the Localism Act and the basis is set out under section 33(2)? No interests were declared.

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

48. Approval of the minutes from the last meetings on Parish Council Meeting on 8th September.

49. Report from County & District Councillor, Henry Batchelor

50. Report form District Councillors John Batchelor

51. Feedback on actions from the last meetings

a) Update on revised quote for tree worked to be formally agreed by councillors. SCDC have approved the tree work applications.
b) Has there been an opportunity to ask for a valuation of village hall by Mr Arkwright's for insurance purposes.
c) Realignment of three recreation ground gates.

52. Matter raised by councillors and residents

a) Has there been an update from Pampisford Estate about whether there was a water leak responsible for the big water bill to assist councillors decide whether a water metre is required?
b) Feedback from electricians about using lamp posts for electric supply for Christmas tree lights.
c) Back Road improvements, any updates?
d) A reply had been sent on from HPC concerning the last consultation concerning the Local Plan including a new town called Grange Farm opposite Little Abington, along the A1307.
e) Updates on Stop Abington Village Environment action group.

53. Draft Budget to be reviewed /amended and adopted with the Precept for 2027-28

a) Councillors view / revised draft budget for 2027-28, in light of a requirement for the council's general reserves to be reduced to £9,000-17,000(12 month expenditure). Considering adopting earmarked funds for future projects.
b) Precept amount to be agreed, possibly reducing the amount requested.

54. Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

a) Questionnaires distributed and collected to be included in the NP
b) A Climate Emergency and Nature Recovery Plan had been created by Jean Kelly and had been circulated to all councillors, as this now is required as part of the NP. Can councillors agreed to adopt this as part of the NP?
c) Linton Parish Council has requested that HPC contribute 5% of the future costs of the NP, with total costs estimated to be £10,000.

55 Planning application to consider:

26/03993/HFUL - Oakfield House, High Street - Rebuild existing outbuilding on its existing footprint to create a workshop/store and reconstruct framework to create open store aligned with outbuilding including solar panels on roof.

56. Finance

a) Authorisation of all payments on the financial statement dated 10/11/2026.
b) Hopefully Sarah Tunnicliffe has full authorisation access to the Lloyds account.
c) National pay increase agreement reached for Clerks & has been backdated to April 2026.
d) Councillors to authorise the new pay increase for the Clerk backdated to April 2026, in line the National agreement.
e) Clerk's new tax code and tax credit to reclaimed by reduced tax paid.

57. Internal Auditors recommendation actions

a) Councillors to agree adopt the new 2025 version of the **Financial Regulations** circulated.
b) Adopt **IT policy** – to be considered, updated and adopted, which includes how to protect against personal data form data breeches.
c) Reserve levels should be no more than 12 months and would be considered at November meeting when the budget was set.
d) Internal control and monitoring- handling access requests has been added to the is
e) GDPR-**Publication information** has been revised to include guidance on handling data access requests.

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

59. Items for the next meeting's agenda on 12th January 2027

Agenda for the Hildersham Field Garden & Land Trust Management

1. Maintenance of the new plantation.

2. Allotments
a) Water supply to allotment plots currently unmetered and shared with (Pampisford Hall owned) bungalow and horse trough.
b) Do councillors wish to increase the allotment charge for 2026-27. Allotment charge for 2026-27 to be agreed.
c) Insurance

3. South Holding
a) Any actions required.

4. Recreation Ground
a) Do the Trustees want to consider replacing any play equipment or updating fencing?
b) Actions required in play area?

5. Finance
a) Income and payments made since start of new financial year.
b) Do we need a budget for the Trust?