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Monday the 27th of April 2026 at 7.15
Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Declaration of Interests**
- 3 To agree the minutes of the 23rd of March**
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes**

10 minutes public speaking time

- 5 Report from County Councillor**
- 6 Report from District Councillor**
- 7 Litter/Fly Tipping (Michelle)**
- 8 Communications**
- 9 Planning**
- 10 AGAR exemption (Mike)**
- 11 Risk Assessment (Mike)**
- 12 Footpaths**
- 13 Allotment/Chickens**
- 14 Parish Council Land**
- 15 Any Other Matters**
- 16 Date of next meetings**

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Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th of April 2026

The meeting opened at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Chair, Mr M Edwards, Miss M Lanchester, Mrs H Farstad McKeown, Mrs S Barton, Mr M Blee and Mrs K Le Gry. Also present were District Councillor, Mr James Easter, two members of the public and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

1 Apologies

Dr C Rowett

2 Declaration of Interests

None

3 To agree the minutes of the 23rd of March

The minutes were agreed and signed.

4 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

Public Speaking Time

There was a request that the PC make a donation to the Stop The Pylons campaign to which it agreed with a figure of £250

5 Report from County Councillor

Dr Rowett had sent her apologies.

6 Report from District Councillor

Mr Easter provided a number of leaflets aimed at protection from a variety of scams which the PC agreed to pass on. He also offered to forward an SNDC publication for emergency planning.

7 Litter

Miss Lanchester reported on the successful Litter Pick and wondered if it might make sense for the PC to have its own equipment to make things more flexible. It was agreed that she should buy equipment. Mr Easter suggested applying for a "Go For It" grant. She explained that the No Tipping signs would be going up shortly.

8 Communications

None not already circulated

9 Planning

Approval was recommended for 2025/3940 Hill fFarm though Mr Easter felt it might be outside the development boundary. With regard to 2025/0915 there was concern about a lack of height measurement in the application and the clerk was asked to approach planning.

10 AGAR

The exemption form for smaller authorities was signed by the Chair.



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11 Risk Assessment

The proposed 2026/27 risk assessment which had been distributed was adopted.

12 Footpaths

Mr Edwards proposed a new approach to footpath management by enlisting wardens from outside of the PC who would identify problems for the PC to pursue. Given the difficulty in identifying landowners and getting NCC to accept its responsibilities he felt that the action required would fall to the PC and that once the major outstanding problems were resolved maintenance would be easier. He showed copies of a recruiting poster for footpath wardens he had made which were well received. With regard to footpath 33 it was agreed to leave cutting for a while. Concern was raised over contact between a tree and a power line. Mrs Farstad McKeown agreed to contact Power Networks. The possibility of footpath re-routing was discussed and Miss Lanchester agreed to pursue the possibility with the relevant authorities.

13 Allotments/Chickens

Miss Lanchester had pointed out that chickens would have to be registered. The request to keep chickens on the AA site was refused.

14 Parish Council Land

The proposal by a parishioner to rent the lower allotment land for a number of activities and therapies was discussed. A number of issues and questions were raised including on rent and type of lease. It was decided that the person concerned should be invited to the next meeting to explain her proposal.

15 Any Other Matters

The plan by the AA to have a celebration with a bonfire on the site was discussed. There were strong views expressed against it though it was agreed that it was not illegal. Extreme caution was urged and the informing of the neighbours beforehand essential. Mrs Farstad McKeown raised the possibility of an event on the green area of Common Road which lead to a discussion about an expanded event at the Village Hall.

16 Date of Next Meeting

11th of May at 7.15 in the Village Hall