

Hooe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 8th June 2026 7pm
Hooe Village Hall.

Attendees: Cllrs Carey (DC), Manlow (JM) chair, Siddall-Ward (NSW), Crittall (KC)

In attendance: Jackie Scarff – Clerk (Proper Officer/RFO)

Approx 5 members of the public (MOP)

Public Questions - The chair reminded MOP's that questions were welcomed for items on the agenda.

There was a question about providing water for dogs on the recreation ground.

There was a question regarding an unmade access on to the recreation ground.

End of Public Participation.

Business Transacted.

1. The Chairs welcome to the meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. To receive reports to note from:

- a. **Parish Councillor's** -no reports.
- b. **County Councillor**- no reports.
District Councillor – no report.
- c. **Saint Oswalds Church** – No report

3. To receive apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 S85 (1)

Apologies received from Cllrs Loyd and Fuller for personal reasons.

- I. To consider accepting apologies
Resolved: Apologies were accepted.
- II. Other absences to note.
None

4. Disclosure of Interests.

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council Code of Conduct to receive disclosures by members of personal interests in matters on agenda, the nature of the interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the revised code of members conduct.

- I. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

II. Other Interests (non-pecuniary)

To consider granting dispensations if requested – not required.

Nb. Any changes to a member's register of interests should be notified to the clerk immediately.

5. To receive the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Full Council held on [11th May 2026](#) to be considered for approval as a true record and signed by the chair.

Motion proposed and seconded, all agreed.

Resolved: The minutes of the full council meeting of 11th May 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record.

6. Public Exclusion: in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

7. To discuss land management for parish council land and agree any actions required.

- i. **Dunks Field** – this item was moved to the end of meeting.
- ii. **Allotment Gardens:** JM explained that the item was on the agenda to discuss if the council would be interested in inviting expressions of interest to rent the land. The clerk explained what the land had been classified as when it had been reviewed in 2022. DC explained that previously the land was 3 allotments. KC commented that as the allotments are fully utilised the land could be turned into more allotments.
Resolved: the Cllrs agreed to advertise the land to seek expressions of interest.
- iii. **Fences, gates and footpaths** – NSW explained that she had concerns about a footpath Hooe 21/1 that runs through parish council land that is rented out. There is a stream that now covers the footpath, and the footpath needs to be re-established. The stream needs to be dug out. There was a discussion about reinstating bridges, a new gate and a fence.
Resolved: The clerk was asked to get quotes to dig out the gully, reinstate the bridges, replace the gate and fence off the stream. 3 in favour, 1 against.
- iv. **The Bogs**- the clerk reported that the report has not been received yet.
- v. **The recreation ground**- there was a discussion about an entrance that had been opened up by a third party. The access crosses through a ditch which is not on parish council land.
Resolved: the clerk was asked to contact the landowner (WDC) and ask if they would consider making a crossing into the recreation ground.

Grounds Maintenance - The clerk explained the current situation with the ground's maintenance contract and how the current contract is difficult to manage to achieve the desired outcome. The grounds maintenance company have said that the current contract is not efficient for them, and they get comments from members of the public asking for different outcomes. It was agreed for the grounds maintenance to continue cutting the rec as they did and showed Cllrs. The contract price would stay the same.

Resolved: the Cllrs agreed that the contract could be managed as presented for the rest of this year and it would be reviewed in the autumn.

The clerk explained that she had had an email from a ladies football team in Hastings. They would like to use the recreation ground and toilets for training.

Resolved: The Cllrs agreed that the ladies team could use the ground for training and the fee would be £20 per session.

Rugby – The clerk explained she had received an enquiry as to whether the recreation ground could be rented for rugby training and matches for adults and children. There was a discussion as to whether a pitch could be fitted on to the recreation ground without disturbing the football pitch.

Resolved: The Cllrs agreed that they would be interested in principle but would need further details.

JM explained that RC had made new doors for the toilets at the pavilion. They are now ready to be hung.

Resolved: the clerk was asked a handy man to hang the doors.

8. To consider whether the parish council would be prepared to allow a horse & carriage driving event on the recreation ground and agree any actions required.

Resolved: The clerk was asked to contact the club and let them know that it would be willing to consider allowing the ground to be rented for an event. The club would be required to have adequate insurance policy.

9. To consider whether the parish council should ask the clerk to write an events policy and application form that can be used by anyone wishing to hold an event on Parish Council land to ensure all requirements are met.

Resolved: The clerk was asked to write the policy.

10. To discuss outstanding resolution and agree any actions required.

The clerk reported that she had not been able to get 3 quotes for the cleaning of the village hall and the

pavilion having had meeting cancelled.

The accessible access on to The Green, the clerk is waiting for ESCC to confirm details and whether they would fund it through a grant.

Horsewalk – parking bays made without permission. The clerk confirmed that the matter has been handed to ESCC enforcement and she was awaiting details of the outcome.

11. To consider moving the next Full Council meeting to 6th or 20th July 2026

Resolved: It was agreed that the meeting would be moved to 20th July 2026.

12. To discuss the idea of fundraising for the parish council and agree any actions required.

There was a discussion about ideas for events and not competing with a group in the village who are holding fund raising events. Examples of how other villages had raised money were heard. It was suggested that there could be an informal meeting to find out what residents want. JM explained that it's important to find ways to use the VH and recreation ground more.

Resolved: It should be discussed at the next meeting.

13. To consider the following financial matters.

i. To receive the statement of accounts to 31 May 2026 for noting

The Accounts to 31 May 2026 were published in advance and were noted showing £131,424.30 in all accounts.

ii. The bank reconciliation and corresponding bank statement to 31 May 2026 for noting.

The bank reconciliations were published in advance and were noted.

iii. To note the payments made during May 2026.

The payments were noted and signed by the chair and appended to the minutes.

iv. To agree payments to be made for invoices received in April.

Resolved: the payments were agreed as presented appended to the minutes.

14. To note the date of the next Full Council meeting was agreed for 20th July 2026, 7pm at Hooe Village Hall.

Bank Reconciliation up to 31/05/2026 for Cashbook No 5 - Unity Trust Bank Current

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cheque/Ref</u>	<u>Amnt Paid</u>	<u>Amnt Banked</u>	<u>Stat Amnt</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Cleared</u>	<u>Payee Name or Description</u>
01/05/2026	DDR	8.20		8.20		R ☐	UNITY TRUST BANK
05/05/2026	BACS	252.00		252.00		R ☐	RIALTAS
05/05/2026	BACS	956.10		956.10		R ☐	Locum Clerk
11/05/2026	DD	16.20		16.20		R ☐	LLOYDS BANK
11/05/2026	DDR	-8.20		-8.20		R ☐	UNITY TRUST BANK
12/05/2026	BACS	54.00		54.00		R ☐	GEOXPERE LTD
12/05/2026	BACS	175.50		175.50		R ☐	MULBERRY LAS
12/05/2026	BACS	180.32		180.32		R ☐	Hannington Gilbert & co ltd
12/05/2026	BACS	420.00		420.00		R ☐	Hannington Gilbert & co ltd
12/05/2026	BACS	94.00		94.00		R ☐	Flowers Green Plants
12/05/2026	BACS	944.40		944.40		R ☐	Locum Clerk
12/05/2026	SO	65.52		65.52		R ☐	UNISERVE LTD
12/05/2026	BACS	0.20		0.20		R ☐	Flowers Green Plants
14/05/2026			180.00	180.00		R ☐	Receipt(s) Banked
27/05/2026	DD	27.98		27.98		R ☐	BRITISH GAS
27/05/2026			80.47	80.47		R ☐	Receipt(s) Banked
28/05/2026	DD	35.36		35.36		R ☐	EVERFLOW
29/05/2026	DD	44.67		44.67		R ☐	VALDA ENERGY
		<u>3,266.25</u>	<u>260.47</u>				

Signatory 1:

NameSignedDate

Signatory 2:

NameSignedDate

Nominal Ledger Analysis									
Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Details
09/06/2026	ESALC	BACS	161.04			4090	200	161.04	Annual Subs NALC ESALC
09/06/2026	UNISERVE LTD	BACS	-33.60		-5.60	4089	200	-28.00	credit re mobile phone
09/06/2026	UNISERVE LTD	BACS	138.02		23.00	4105	200	115.02	Domain Renewal
09/06/2026	ORCHARD LANDSCAPES	BACS	2,952.00		492.00	4300	330	960.00	Allotments
						4300	320	1,500.00	Grounds Maintenance
09/06/2026	Locum Clerk	BACS	882.00			4110	200	882.00	Clerks services
Total Payments:			4,099.46	0.00	509.40			3,590.06	