

Hersden Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Hersden Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 7.00 pm. At Hersden Neighbourhood Centre

Present: Councillors, J Brabham, E Berceanu, P Glover, P Hatton, R Llewellyn, C Warman,
KCC Cllr Mark Mulvihill
HPC's Clerk Lisamarie Foster, Caretaker David Hards

48/26 **Apologies for Absence and reason for absence**
CCC Cllr Harry McKenzie on holiday, Cllr Almond has had surgery, Cllr A Brabham is unwell, Cllr Todd work hours have changed.

49/26 **Declarations of Councillor's interests regarding items on the Agenda**
None

50/26 **To approve the minutes of the following Meeting**
10th March 2026

Cllr Warman proposed and Cllr Berceanu seconded and all councillors agreed they were a true record of the meeting, and the Chairman duly signed them.

51/26 **Matters arising not agenda items**
Email circulated from Canterbury City Council regarding some planning that has been revoked, circulated to Cllrs.
A late planning application CA/26/00563 to be discussed under planning
Road safety and active travel newsletter circulated.

52/26 **Public discussion on items on the agenda**
No public

53/26 **KCC & CCC Cllr Reports; Police & Community Warden Reports**

KCC Cllr Mark Mulvihill – We've had a cabinet reshuffle, I'm still on the cabinet, its changed to environment, coastal regeneration and public health.

Larch close has been reported and is awaiting an officer visit, this is regarding the fence.

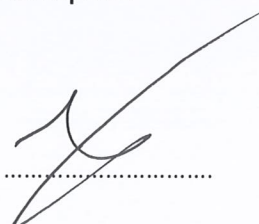
The HASU (Hyper acute stroke unit) at Kent and Canterbury, came up at HOSC. A motion was put forward and it was passed unanimously, Canterbury should be retained as the permanent East Kent HASU, NHS Kent and Medway and NHS England should publish clear evidence justifying any alternative model, a full equality impact assessment should be completed with specific focus on Thanet coastal east Kent deprivation and transport access, a side by side modelling should be published comparing Canterbury retention with the proposed alternative including the impact on Ashford and Thanet, independent assessment should be provided on travel time ambulances and access to family support rehabilitation and discharge and the ICB should explain why the existing walk in clinic cannot be retained as a permanent east Kent HASU.

Community Warden – report received and circulated.

CCC Councillor report – received and circulated to Cllrs

54/26 **Chair, Cllrs, Clerk and Caretakers reports**

Signed



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Cllr Glover – Westbere parish will be putting in our challenge for regulation 19, Westbere has lots of planning issues, the Bread and Cheese field being of significant interest. The huge impact on the A28 is a problem.

Chair – I emailed Cllr McKenzie regarding the yellow lining outside the shop on the Avenue, these were incorrectly placed, Harry and Keji have met with the shop owner and we've been told that they can be revised at the next JTB next year. Cllr Mulvihill will look into this.

Cllr McKenzie met with the Bowls club regarding extending the club, I happened to be there (Not as a Councillor), Alan Baldock was in attendance, they have been advised to get planning permission and CCC will consider.

Alan Baldock will look into the legalities of the ownership of the recreational ground, we need to provide the old paperwork.

Alan Baldock has also requested the Parish Council gatherings start up again, could we get the ball rolling and find out which local parish Council should hold the next one.

The Vintage show will not be going ahead due to licensing rules and complaints etc.

Clerk – We have received the AGAR from Mazars, the accounts need finalising and I've requested an internal audit appointment with Lionel.

Caretaker – Lots of sunny days, been busy at the park, lots of broken glass, a few of these are burnt out bottles, possibly from a fire near the play park at a resident's property where the fencing isn't great.

Lost property is being hooked up on the fence for approximately 1 week then disposed of.

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Correspondence received:

Road closures in Kent.

KALC/NALC training schedules and newsletters circulated to Councillors.

Email from Chief Inspector Paul Stoner regarding the Community Safety Partnership Conference.

Email regarding the Draft Biodiversity Strategy, a survey to complete, circulated to Cllrs 31.03.26.

Email from resident, regarding the Defibrillator training course.

Email from CCC regarding the Canterbury District Local Plan circulated to Cllrs 24.03.26.

Email from Giles Seaford at CCC regarding the Pavilion, the recreational ground and a survey. The procurement for the pavilion and the open space improvements is expected to go out to tender before the end of March. Groundworks are currently taking place. We will be told once a time frame is in place.

The netting on the recreational ground has been replaced.

Email from Democratic services KCC requesting the completion of a Water supply survey.

Email from the RSPCA regarding issues with the un-adopted road access. KCC Cllr Mark Mulvihill will look into this.

AGAR forms received from Forvis Mazars.

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Parish Council Noticeboards – 2 quotes received, awaiting a 3rd quote, it is suggested the clerk contacts Hoath Parish council, as the son of a Cllr makes them. The 3rd quote could be obtained and approved either via email or at the next council meeting.

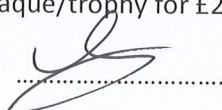
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Poo Bags – quotes received, decision made to purchase 250 poo bags with dispensers costing no more than £1 per item. Proposed by Cllr J Brabham seconded by Cllr Berceanu all agreed.

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APM and AGM – The APM will take place at 6pm and will include the presentation of the community award on the 12th May 2026 followed by the AGM and ordinary meeting at 7pm. The purchase of the award is discussed, quotes are circulated, proposed by Cllr J Brabham, seconded by Cllr E Berceanu all agreed that we purchase a plaque/trophy for £20.00, clerk to order.

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Planning & Enforcement Matters

CA/26/00492 Two Storey side extension, first floor extension to existing attached garage together with use of garage as ancillary accommodation, 57 Blackthorn Road, Hersden, Kent CT3 4GA, No comment.

CA/26/00563 Retrospective application for a single-storey detached outbuilding. 32 Blengate Close, Sturry, Kent CT2 0FE, No comment.

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Financial Matters

Community Centre Grant – to note, The community Centre will provide the information requested for the approval of next year's grant according to the agreement at next month's meeting.

Accounts for payment (Finance Appendix 1)

x2 Cllrs checked the list of payments against the invoices/pay slips/statements/receipts and signed the papers as they corresponded with the Appendix. Payments Proposed by Cllr J Brabham and Seconded by Cllr Hatton, All agreed.

Banking sign-off (monthly rotation) Cllr Llewellyn and Cllr Berceanu

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Working Group updates

Staffing:

Playground:

Youth:

BMX Track: Measurements still needed for fencing.

Finance:

Events

Beautification: Clerk to get prices for Tulips

Community Safety:

Training:

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Any other business

Cllr Berceanu asks about the installation of the bins, Cllr J Brabham responds stating we no longer have the community service workers so the bin installation will take place as soon as we have either a volunteer or the time to install ourselves.

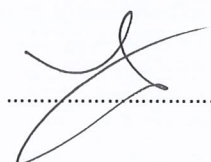
David Hards – Caretaker mentions the possibility of grants if we take the responsibility of the land.

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Date of the next meeting: 12th May 2026 at 6pm APM and AGM

There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 8.21pm.

Signed



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