

Hersden Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Hersden Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 7.00 pm. At Hersden Neighbourhood Centre

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Council

- To Appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman of this Council for the council year 2026/27
It was agreed to appoint Cllr J Brabham as Chairman for the current Council year and Cllr Claire Warman as Vice Chair, All agreed.
- To complete acceptance of office forms and check if there are any changes to the register of interests forms. Circulated for acknowledgement, completion and signed and witnessed by the Clerk – Lisamarie Foster

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Present

Councillors, D Almond, J Brabham, E Berceanu, P Glover, P Hatton, R Llewellyn, A Todd, C Warman, KCC Cllr Mark Mulvihill
HPC's Clerk Lisamarie Foster, x1 Members of the public

Apologies for Absence and reason for absence

CCC Cllr Harry McKenzie, CCC Cllr Keji Moses, Cllr A Brabham is unwell, David Hards (Caretaker), Roger Lithgow (community Warden), Cllr E Berceanu will be late.

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To agree meeting dates for the Council Year

It is agreed to continue with the 2nd Tuesday of each month excluding August (no meeting held)

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To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and Other Significant Interests and Voluntary Announcements of other Interests on any items and a reminder to think of any changes to the DPI register held at CCC such as change of job or home.

Cllr J Brabham, Cllr P Hatton and Cllr R Llewellyn declare interests in agenda item 76/26 Community Centre Grant

Cllr P Glover and Cllr D Almond declare an interest in agenda item 74/26 Community Governance Review

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To approve the minutes of the following Meeting

14th April 2026

Cllr J Brabham proposed and Cllr P Hatton seconded and all councillors agreed they were a true record of the meeting, and the Chairman duly signed them.

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Matters arising not agenda items

Dog fouling survey – completed by the clerk and a response received to ask for locations for new signage, clerk to discuss with David Hards for locations.

Democratic Services would like to know what is preferred, online or in person meeting for the LGR, online is preferred. Clerk to respond.

Email circulated regarding the Canterbury District local plan consultation.

Email from a resident regarding an incident in the play park, CCC Cllr McKenzie was made aware and Cllr J Brabham, we have signage in the park, Clerk will email the Club regarding the incident and ask for them to make the rear garden secure to prevent people from leaving the grounds with an alcoholic drink. Additional signage could be placed in the park.

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Public discussion on items on the agenda

Member of the public wishes to speak at item 74/26

Signed

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KCC & CCC Cllr Reports; Police & Community Warden Reports

KCC Cllr Mark Mulvihill – report received.

Community Warden – report received and circulated.

CCC Councillor report – received and circulated to Cllrs

Police Report – every few months a survey is sent out via 'My community Voice' the top 3 priorities come to us and we find out what issues people are having, e scooters is one, highway obstruction is another but this is due to the roadworks. We are looking at having an engagement team for targeted engagements. Police will be in attendance this Friday at the Hersden Community Centre. Cllr asks what can be done about Cyclists riding through the village in a dangerous manner, police suggest this is reported. Could be an anti-social behaviour report. Could put a safety advert on Facebook and also have a campaign at the community Safety event, to be planned.

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Chair, Cllrs, Clerk and Caretakers reports

Chair – Communication with Cllr McKenzie regarding the incident in the play park.

Cllr Llewellyn – A new mining exhibition will run at the Betteshanger museum will run through from May to August, this can be advertised.

Cllr Almond – Resident on the Redrow estate has dementia and is often seen walking around the estate and along the main road. The care home is aware and will help her if necessary. Social Services are involved.

Clerks report – I attended the Road Safety and active travel group seminar at Betteshanger on the 30th April. Checked and updated both defibrillators and made them live on the circuit system. Purchased the trophy for the award. A stationery order has been placed. A meeting has been organised with the Internal Auditor for 22nd May 2026. The precept money has been received. We were made aware of an issue with caterpillars in the bushes near the play area, this has been resolved.

Caretaker – Cllr J Brabham noticed that the play park was very well attended and lots of rubbish was left, this was cleared quickly by David.

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Correspondence received:

Road closures in Kent.

KALC/NALC training schedules and newsletters circulated to Councillors.

Email from Democracy at CCC, invite to Parish Engagement meeting Tuesday 19th May (date incorrect on agenda) at 6pm, x3 councillors to attend, clerk to confirm.

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Community Governance Review: Cllr Paul Glover states Canterbury City Council have entered into a Community Governance review to predominantly look at un-parished areas but can be used to look at reviewing Parish Councils in general. Westbere Parish Council would like to find out how Hersden Parish Council feel about merging with Westbere. The 5th July is the deadline for review. After a long discussion, Cllr J Brabham proposes, Cllr Hatton seconds, those that can vote, agree that Hersden Parish Council will move to stage 1 of the consultation which means looking into the possibility of merging with Westbere.

Signed

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Planning & Enforcement Matters

CA/26/00665 Change of use of garage to habitable accommodation, 25 Blengate Close, Sturry, Kent, CT2 0FE – No comments

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Financial Matters

Vice-Chair Cllr Warman takes over the meeting, due to Cllr J Brabham declaring an interest.

Community Centre Grant – Cllr Warman proposed, Cllr Glover seconded, 2 other councillors agreed to the £10,000 grant and that quarterly reports will be needed.

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 E Berceanu and Seconded by Cllr Warman, All agreed.

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

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Working Group updates

Staffing:

Playground: Signage

Youth:

BMX Track: Measurements still needed for fencing and quotes..

Finance:

Events: Community safety event to be organised

Beautification: Clerk to get prices for Tulips

Community Safety: As above

Training:

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Any other business

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Date of the next meeting: 9th June 2026

There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

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