# Hersden Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Hersden Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th September 26 at 7.00 pm. At Hersden Neighbourhood Centre**

**Present:** Councillors, D Almond, E Berceanu (late), J Brabham, P Glover, P Hatton, R Llewellyn, A Todd, C Warman, KCC Cllr Mark Mulvihill, HPC's Clerk Lisamarie Foster, Caretaker David Hards,

**121/26** **Apologies for absence and reason for absence**, CCC Cllr Harry McKenzie, CCC Cllr Keji Moses, Cllr E Berceanu will be arriving late.

**122/26** **Declarations of Councillor's interests regarding items on the Agenda and any changes to the DPI Register held at CCC.**
Cllr Jack Brabham declares an interest in any decision making for item 129/26 Tree.

**123/26** **To approve the minutes of the following meeting**
Extraordinary meeting 30th June 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.

14th July 2026
Cllr R Llewellyn proposed and Cllr D Almond seconded and all councillors agreed they were a true record of the meeting, and the Chairman duly signed them.

**124/26** **Matter arising not agenda items**
Wildfire Consultation – Circulated 3rd September 2026
Public Space consultation – Circulated 3rd September 2026
KALC Area Committee meeting - has been circulated if anyone is interested in attending.
AGAR – email from Mazaars, the AGAR return will be sent shortly, they are just a little behind.

**125/26** **Public discussion on items on the agenda**
Item 130/26 to be discussed now - David Hards asks on behalf of the residents, what is happening with the Pavilion now that we have been told the money available isn't enough to rebuild.
Cllr J Brabham states the concrete will be poured to start the process but this is just to start the timer, as planning has been granted, alternative solutions, extra funding and other options are being looked into because the current tenders are too high. It is decided that we will try to get the money ring-fenced and arrange a meeting with Canterbury City Council to discuss our options.

**126/26** **KCC & CCC Cllr Reports; Police & Community Warden Reports**

**KCC Cllr Mark Mulvihill –** Cllr Mulvihill reads his report

**CCC Councillor report –** received and circulated to Cllrs 3rd September 2026

**Community Warden –** received and circulated to Cllrs 3rd September 2026, Cllr J Brabham would like to contact KCC regarding the lack of support for our village, no mention of Hersden in the report.

Cllr Jack Brabham mentions the police have been busy, in other areas and a bike marking event was recently held in Sturry.

**127/26** **Chair, Cllrs, Clerk and Caretakers reports**

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**Chair –** Alleyway behind St Albans is overgrown, the housing officer is looking at finding out who is responsible for it, possibly CCC or the residents.
Meeting regarding the Skate park, previously discussed.
Attended the Emergency Services day.

**Cllr Llewellyn –** Wound up the 3 month exhibition at the Mining Museum, had good feedback, next 3 months, Tilmanstone will be setting up.

**Cllr Almond –** Going to KALC on Friday, reported some fly tipping in the village, also the path by spires is bad again, bushes and litter needs clearing. Passionate about the community getting what has been promised regarding the Pavilion. Some information seen on social media regarding the new shops.

**Clerks report –** Tulips ordered, should be delivered in the next few days. Defibrillators have been checked and updated on the Circuit online. Written to a resident in the village regarding overgrown hedges, these have been cut back now. I have informed Canterbury City Council of the new bins we have installed, they have been added to the rounds for emptying. Attended the online skate park evaluation with Cllr Brabham. I had a week off annual leave. I sent an email to our local police officers supervisor regarding the possibility of a restructure meaning the loss of our local police officers, this was in the hope we wouldn't lose them, Cllr Brabham informs us this will not happen, it has been sorted. Attempted to report a leak in St Albans but it has already been done. Rubbish in St Albans. Lots of weeds along the curbs and on the footpaths in St Albans but also lots all along the Avenue.

**Caretaker –** Busy at the park, due to the good weather, no graffiti, I have cleared rubbish from the main road up to Spires, lots of litter in the bushes but it isn't reachable due to the thickness of the hedge. Bins have been full near the School. Cllr Almond mentions the dog poo bin in Hazel Court being replaced with a normal bin, this was discussed at our last meeting.

**128/26** **Correspondence received:**
Road closures in Kent.
KALC/NALC training schedules and newsletters circulated to Councillors.
South East water updates
Electoral Services DPI home address details – Cllr Glover, Cllr Hatton and Cllr Almond wish to have their addresses removed.
Parish Council Briefing – Planning Enforcement online meeting 5.30-7pm 12th October 2026
Overgrown Hedges – discussed previously
Casualty Reduction Scheme email from KCC Highways – circulated to Cllrs 11th August 2026. A few areas along the A28.

**129/26** **Tree:** Some research and prices have been gathered for the purchase of a Christmas tree to be planted at the front of the Community Centre, all are pot grown with a stronger chance of survival. Christmas trees direct £7ft £169.99. Real Christmas Trees 6ft £105 free delivery. Paramount plants 5-6 ft £515 including delivery. Gardeners dream 7ft £169.99 with discount £153 delivery first week in November. Cllr Warman proposed we purchase the 7ft Tree from Gardeners dream for £169.99 seconded by Cllr Llewellyn, All Agreed (with the exception of Cllr Brabham) Clerk to purchase.

**130/26** **Pavilion:** Previously discussed.

**131/26** **Payroll Contract:** The payroll contract cost is increasing by £30 a year, this hasn't increased for many years. A new contract needs to be signed. All agreed.

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**132/26** **Noticeboards:** This was previously agreed however the postage was not agreed to so an additional amount of £78.63 meaning a total of £554.52 Proposed Cllr J Brabham Seconded Cllr D Almond, All agreed.

**133/26** **Sponsorship of Bins:** Deferred as we haven't received information.

**134/26** **IT Policy:** Information sought and questions answered by KALC regarding the policy. Cllr Brabham proposed, Cllr Hatton Seconded and All agreed to adopt the IT policy.

**135/26** **Planning and Enforcement Matters:**
None

**136/26** **Financial Matters**
Unity Bank submission form – Authorisation to remove Cllr A Brabham from the banking. Forms to be signed by 3 Councillors. Signed by Cllr Almond, Cllr Hatton and Cllr Llewellyn. Clerk to submit online.

**Accounts of payments** (Appendix 1) including the August Payments made.
x2 Councillors checked the list of payments against the invoices/pay slips/statements and signed the papers as they correspond with the Appendix. Payments Proposed by Cllr Brabham, seconded by Cllr Warman, All agreed.
Banking Sign- off (monthly rotation) Cllr Hatton and Cllr Almond.

**137/26** **Working Group updates**
**Staffing:**
**Playground:** Inspection took place 16th July. Nothing urgent, fencing needed.
**Youth:**
**BMX Track:** noticed that electric bikes are using the BMX track, we have signage at the park.
**Finance:**
**Events:** We have been looking at holding a Christmas Pantomime, this will be on the Agenda for our next meeting.
**Beautification:** Tulips, a bulb digger is needed and David will plant them through The Avenue on the grass verges. Overtime agreed at 4 hours.
**Community Safety:**
**Training:**

**138/26** **Any Other business:** Cllr Llewellyn mentions the trees along Island Road, Clerk informs that planning permission was granted.

**139/26** **Date of next meeting:** 13th October 2026

There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 8.41pm.

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