

**Hales and Heckingham Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting of**

Hales and Heckingham Parish Council (HHPC)

At 7.30pm on Monday 8th of December 2025

Held at Hales Assembly Hall, Briar Lane, Hales

Present: George Buckle (Chairman) (GB)
Keith Beevor (KB)
Akhil Pramanik (AP)
Sheila Beckett (SB)
Martine Rebbeck (Parish Clerk)

1. Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed and thanked everyone present for attending the meeting.

2. Apologies & Approval of Absences from Council Members

Cllr Jeremy Rowe

3. Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Ratification of Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd of November 2025

Ratification of minutes for above date was agreed.

5. County and District Councillors Updates

No Monthly reports received from District Councillors at time of meeting.

6. Updates from Individual Councillors

SB advised that she would be following up on Legal Advice regarding the Village Hall. GB to follow up on dog bins. GB announced at the Parish Meeting that she would be standing down in May as a Parish Councillor. PC to advise South North District Council of her decision.

7. Playground Inspection Report

PC has looked through the above report and there are some maintenance that needs to be carried out. It was agreed that PC would look at report and send a list of issues to the Parish Councillors for this to be discussed at meeting to be held on the 5th of January 2026

8. Budget 26/27

Budget was discussed and increase was agreed. PC to update increase and send copies to Parish Councillors for approval at next meeting.

9. Precept 26/27

An increase of 3.8% has been agreed for the above Precept.

10. Invoices for approval and ratification

Invoices were ratified or agreed for approval for payment as follows:

Payee	Gross Amount	Net Amount	VAT to reclaim	Purpose
				FOR RATIFICATION:
Martine Rebbeck	£336.52	£336.92	£0.00	s/o December 25
HMRC	£49.40	£49.40	£0.00	PAYE –December 25
				FOR APPROVAL
G. Buckle	£8.00	£0.00	£8.00	Batteries – for Xmas Tree
G. Buckle	£79.00	£0.00	£79.00	Christmas Tree
Total	£472.92	£472.92	£472.92	

10. Agreed Date of Next Meeting – Monday the 5th of January 2026 at 7.30pm

11. Any other Business

PC to send email to South Norfolk District Council to see when next Parish Council elections are being held

12. Close of Meeting – 8.00pm