

Hales and Heckingham Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting of
Hales and Heckingham Parish Council (HNPC)
At 7.30pm on Monday 5th of January 2026
Held at Hales Assembly Hall, Briar Lane, Hales

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

1 Attendee

1. Welcome by the Chairman

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

2. Apologies & Approval of Absences from Council Members

Apologies received from Sheila Beckett

3. Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Ratification of Minutes of the meeting held on 8th of December 2025

Ratification of minutes for above date was agreed.

5. County and District Councillors Updates

Monthly reports received from Cllr Jeremy Rowe, copies emailed to Parish Councillors and report was read out at the Parish Meeting.

6. Updates from Individual Councillors

GB advised that she would be enquiring regarding purchasing more dog bins. One is needed either side of the permissive path. GB will be getting the SAMS sign moved so that we can monitor the speeding through the village. The building site had another fence, resulting in the fence in the permissive field being cut, this has been dealt with by the builders. GB to send a email to Perter Cargill regarding this.

7. Budget 2026/2027

Budget for the above, has been finalised and agreed by all Parish Councillors present at the meeting.

8. Precept for 2026/2027

The precept has been finalised and agreed at the meeting. The increase is 3.8% which is in line with inflation.

9. 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 January 26
HMRC	£49.40	£49.40	£0.00	PAYE –January 26
				FOR APPROVAL
Total	£385.92	£385.92	£0.00	

All invoices for ratification were agreed.

9. Agreed Date of Next Meeting – Monday the 2nd of February 2026 at 7.30pm

10. Any other Business

PC contacted South Norfolk District Council, the next Parish Council election are not until May 2027. It was agreed that the implications on the Parish Council when Parish Councillors step down from Hales and Heckingham Council in May to be an agenda item on the 2nd of February 2026. There is plenty on salt in the binds, this needs to be used so that fresh salt can be put in the bins. GB has advised that she will be putting a personal not on social media to advise that she will be stepping down in May.

11. Close of Meeting – 8.00pm