

Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday January 27th 2026

Present: Councillors Alan White, Nicky Ford, Ursula Jeakins, John Hunt, County councillor John Patient

Clerk: Madeleine King e-mail: haresfieldpc@gmail.com

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Appoint Chair: Councillor Ford took the chair

Public Participation: Charlotte Tilsley, Tina Holbrook

Apologies: none

Declaration of Interests /Dispensations: none

County Councillors and District Councillor's Reports:

CLlr Patient reported:

- A case of bird flu avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 has been recorded in Brockworth on 18 Dec 2025
- A new 3 year strategy has been introduced for tackling domestic abuse
- Fire and Rescue service have produced community risk management plan
- Grass roots neighbourhood fund – some grant funding is available for disadvantaged people or community events. This could include administering a scheme for volunteers to help children read. (Clerk to contact Haresfield Primary to ask if this could be of interest to them.) information about the new scheme is available on the dedicated [webpage](#).
- County Council budget has been released and the allocation from central government has decreased, which may affect provision of services. The budget is currently out for public consultation until 9th January. See: <https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/budget-consultation-2026-27>

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting dated December 2nd 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising:

Village maintenance: With Charlotte Tilsley as official flood warden for the village, any concerns regarding flooding, please contact Charlotte directly.
Any flood prevention and management equipment ordered to be kept at Village Hall.
Grant applications for this equipment to be considered when UBB applications for grant open again in April 2026.
An Emergency Plan for Haresfield village is being developed and is at the draft stage.
CLlr Hunt reported that fence around the Christmas Tree needs fixing – new posts are required. Clerk to follow up.

Clerk to follow up re use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for traffic management on traffic management outside school.

Village Hall: PC does not oppose a possible application for the Village Hall to have an alcohol license, but requests that PC is consulted regarding hall rentals where the alcohol license would be used. The Beacon Hotel to be asked if a children's party buffet / adult menu can be produced to give to any potential bookings.

Village Hall team is considering advertising more widely to encourage further hire of the hall. PC suggested an advert in school newsletter, eg for children's birthday parties. End of year bank statement requested from councillors from Village Hall committee.

Energy from Waste & CLG: Clerk attended the recent GLG meeting, no issues raised by the environment agency. There will be a new monitoring station in Green Lane, Hardwicke. EFW reported that several recent free events there had been well supported.

Highways, traffic and parking: Further requests for information have been made to Highways regarding the introduction of new traffic lights at the Bristol Road roundabout and the reopening of Haresfield lane, and a response is still awaited. Cllr Patient has been asked to represent us at his meetings with Highways and is going to raise these issues with Highways on our behalf. Clerk in ongoing correspondence with highways regarding road closure signage and missing grit bins, which were due to be replaced in 2025.

Gloucester CC has confirmed that there is currently no plan to continue the resurfacing of Haresfield Lane further along the lane towards the village, due to the higher priority of other road repairs. Advice received from GCC was to keep reporting issues on the fix my street app: <https://fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>

To consider the co-option of new Councillors to fill the current two vacancies:

1. Candidates: To receive and consider applications from interested candidates. Verbal applications were received from Charlotte Tilsley and Tina Holbrook.
2. Eligibility: To confirm that candidates meet the statutory requirements for co-option. Both are residents of the village.
3. Resolution: To vote on the appointment of a candidate to the Council. Resolutions were proposed and seconded for the appointment of these applications. For C Tilsley, proposer: councillor Hunt seconded by: councillor White. For T Holbrook, proposer: councillor Ford seconded by: councillor Jeakins
4. Declaration: To witness the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Signed and witnessed by the clerk as proper officer.

The parish council welcomed the newly co-opted councillors. Clerk to update the website and inform SDC as required.

Village hall lease/village development:

Councillors agreed to sign the new 5-year lease which includes a clause stating that there is no right for the Village to make an objection if the Lease is not renewed in the future. This will be signed at a future meeting. Should any parishioner wish to see the lease, please contact the clerk.

As agreed at the October meeting Nicky Ford met with Mark Heywood (MH) and his agent to discuss the long term future of the VH and possible future development in the village. MH stated that he is still keen to leave a meaningful legacy to the village and is open to discussion about small scale housing development in the village, potentially adjacent to the Merryfield. MH is willing to consider funding a purpose-built village hall and the use of land for parking, if it forms part of a housing development plan. He may be able to offer land for a car park, such location not disclosed.

Councillors agreed that an essential step in taking any such proposal forward would be to invite an independent facilitator to carry out a village consultation. Cllr Ford has been in touch with the King's Foundation (KF) which offers an independent consultation, eg over 6 months, to allow everyone in the village to participate and have a say on the full range of issues. The cost of the Kings Foundation consultation is cc £10 - £15,000. Councillors voted to investigate obtaining funding to pay for a consultation and will investigate whether there is a less expensive option.

Biodiversity: Standish PC have offered places on a free biodiversity workshop in March. Clerk registered to attend and will consult other individuals for interest.

Road closures: Road Closure 401202 Road from Colethrop Lane to Pool Farm - Haresfield - Stroud - 02/02/2026 until 15/02/2026 Ref: 87340. The reason for the closure is for works to install BT infrastructure. Should you have any queries regarding this road closure, please contact the Gloucestershire Highways helpline on 08000 514 514

Road Closure - TTRO 6165 Road from Colethrop Lane to Pool Farm, Haresfield. This road will be closed on 02/02/26 - 04/03/26 between the hours of 0930 - 1530 to allow for blockage clearance works by Openreach. Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained. This closure was previously scheduled for 17/03/2026 to 19/03/2026.

Website: Several issues have been reported to the website provider, TEEC.

Planning: Councillors support the following planning application: Application Number: S.26/0098/P3Q Location: The Dairy House, The Round House, Haresfield, Stonehouse. Application Type: PD - Agri to residential Description: Change of use of three agricultural buildings to 7 dwellings. Web Link: <https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=T97V15PNMMO00&activeTab=summary>

Correspondence: Invite has been received to the latest Councillor Advocacy Scheme on 3/2 6-7.30 (MST meeting). The Infrastructure Group; the group pf parishes concerned with the lack of infrastructure to support the amount of housing; has sent a letter to a group including local MP's, GCC and planning departments in relation to the issues raised at the infrastructure meetings and the chaos that was created during the installation of the Hunts Gove junction. The letter asks

that a group be convened to ensure that in future a coordinated, joined-up approach is taken to such projects.

Finance & Clerks Report: Request for precept to be submitted – PC has not requested a rise in precept for the 2026/27 financial year.

Transactions/payments agreed:

Cheque payments were agreed and authorised by councillors.

Ms M King	Reissued: Administration to the council	£1,795.43 (cheque no.400961)
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NOTE: cheque reissued for period July-Sept

HMRC	PAYE Oct- Dec	£672.07 (cheque no.400963)
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Standish PC	Defibrillator training course, 4 places	£180.00 (cheque no.400964)
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Any other business:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.28pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday March 3rd 2026