

HARTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of Harting Parish Council held at Harting Community Hall,
South Harting

on **Thursday 20 November 2025** at **7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mr Shaxson (Chair), Mr Bonner, Mrs Bramley, Mrs Cormack, Mrs Curran, Mrs Maxwell Davies, and Mr Miller.

Mr O’Kelly attended in his capacity as District Councillor.

In attendance: Trish Walker, Parish Clerk.

There were no members of public in attendance.

151. Apologies for absence: Mrs Martin, Mr Olphert, Mr Palmer, Katherine Hewetson and Mrs Gravely (County Councillor).

152. Declarations of Interest: None.

153. Minutes from Meeting held on 16 October 2025.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 October 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

154. Questions from the Public: None.

155. Matters of Urgent Public Importance: None.

156. Reports from the County and District Councillor

Mr O’Kelly (District Councillor) had circulated a report ahead of the meeting. He confirmed the food waste collections were due to start in the Spring and that the current black and red bin collections are to continue on a weekly basis.

Mr O’Kelly also confirmed the consultation for the Local Government Reorganisation had been published.

Mrs Gravely had circulated a report ahead of the meeting.

Agenda item 10 was considered at this point, see Minute 160 below.

Mr O’Kelly left the meeting.

157. Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) B2146 Harting – agreed

In October 2023 the Council applied for a TRO to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the stretch of the B2146 leading from the Hampshire County border to Hurst Farm. Due to complications caused by cross boundary working, the application has been hit by many problems and delays. Finally, on 10 November 2025, the Council received confirmation that the scheme had been agreed, and implementation will take place as soon as the necessary road space permits can be arranged.

The following proposal was made and agreed:

To note the confirmation of TRO - B2146 Harting – 3802607 – CH12407 for a 40mph speed limit on the B2146 through Hurst from the Hampshire Border to Camrose Cottage

158. Support requested for TRO application to introduce a 20mph speed limit in Nyewood

The Council had been approached by a group of Nyewood residents who propose a TRO for a 20mph speed limit through the village of Nyewood. This would replace the current 30mph limit.

The group wish to make the application directly to WSCC and requested formal confirmation of support from the Parish Council.

The members unanimously agreed to support the application.

The following proposal was made and agreed:

That the Council consider agreed to provide formal confirmation of support for an application, to be made by a group of Nyewood residents, for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 20mph speed limit through the village of Nyewood.

159. TRO application for a 40mph speed limit from North Lane, South Harting to Nyewood

On 21 October 2025 a car left the road on the corner by Severals house, Nyewood. The driver and occupants escaped serious injury in spite of the car hitting a tree, destroying an oak gate post and 10 metres of fencing. The family living adjacent to the corner have raised serious concerns as they state there have been at least 20 similar incidents within the last 10 years. The members were asked to consider asking WSCC to review the signage on that site and to request a safety assessment on the stretch of road between South Harting and Nyewood.

In addition, it was proposed that a TRO application was made for a 40mph speed limit on the same stretch of road. After some discussion it was agreed that a 30mph limit would be preferable however that may not be achievable and further guidance would be sought from WSCC.

The proposals were then considered, and an amendment was proposed to replace the words 'to introduce a 40mph' with 'for the appropriate' to (ii) which read:

That the Council consider making an application for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the stretch of road leading from the northern end of North Lane, South Harting to Nyewood.

The following proposals, including substantive proposals (ii) were then agreed:

- i. That the Council agreed to request that WSCC carry out a safety assessment of the road between South Harting and Nyewood without delay*
- ii. That the Council consider making an application for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the appropriate speed limit on the stretch of road leading from the northern end of North Lane, South Harting to Nyewood.*

160. CDC offer of asset transfer – public conveniences

Chichester District Council (CDC) had circulated a list of assets they were considering transferring to 'eligible organisations'. The only assets listed for Harting Parish are the Public Conveniences (PC's) adjacent to the White Hart pub.

About 20 years ago, CDC had decided to close a number of the PCs in the District, unless a third party took responsibility for them, this included the Harting PCs. However, after

some research it was established that there was a legal arrangement between the District Council and the owners of the White Hart, who own the land the PC's are built on. They can only be closed if both parties agree to that course of action. This information negated the closure issue.

Having taken this historic information into account the members agreed that the invitation to take on the responsibility for the Public Conveniences was not feasible due to the legal arrangement between CDC and the White Hart pub.

The following proposal was made:

That the Council agreed to decline an interest in the transfer of ownership of the Public Conveniences as it is understood that the situation is not feasible.

161. Finance

161.1. It was agreed that the following payments should be made:

Undisclosed	Clerk and RFO Salary	1,387.65
JnR Computer Services	IT cover & Microsoft licences to 31 December 2025	608.76
WMPF	Lengthsman	138.00
M H Kennedy & Son Ltd	Grass cutting - October	220.50
Gallagher	Additional premium for hall solar panels and chargers	35.20

161.2. It was agreed that Mrs Curran and Mr Miller would authorise the November online payments.

161.3. Income to note for October 2025 - None

161.4. Bank Reconciliation for October 2025

It was noted that the bank reconciliation had been scrutinised and signed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

161.5. Bank balance as of 31 October 2025 - £79,150.67 (earmarked funds £14.1k)

161.6. Budget statement to 31 October 2025 -Noted

162. Planning Committee

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16 October 2025 were noted.

163. Feedback from WMPF and HCH representatives

There were no updates from the WMPF representatives.

The HCH representative confirmed there had been a recent meeting and everything seemed to be running smoothly.

164. Correspondence

There had been no correspondence other than regular items and those already included in the main agenda. There was some discussion about a letter that had been published in the November Parish News and concern that the editor was not willing to publish a response. The Chair agreed to approach the editor with the concerns expressed by the members and ask for this to be reconsidered.

165. Clerk's report

The Clerk's report was noted.

166. Items for future meetings

Car park wall

Restoration of water pump

Car parking

Bus shelters in South and East Harting

Budget setting and precept for 2026/27

167. Date of next meeting: The next meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 18 December 2025 at Harting Community Hall, South Harting.

The meeting closed at 8.18 pm.