

# HARTING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

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

on **Thursday 15 January 2026** at **7.30 p.m.**

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

Mr O’Kelly attended in his capacity as District Councillor and Mrs Gravely in her role as County Councillor.

In attendance: Trish Walker, Parish Clerk.

There was one member of public in attendance.

**187. Apologies for absence:** Mr Palmer.

**188. Declarations of Interest:** None.

**189. Minutes from Meeting held on 18 December 2025.**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 December 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**190. Questions from the Public:** The Member of the public made the following representations:

- The junction of the B2146/B2141 at the bottom of Harting Hill is very dangerous and it should be changed to a ‘stop’ junction.  
*The Chair confirmed this had been raised with WSCC in the past but unfortunately it appears the necessary criteria has not been achieved to warrant the change in the status of the junction.*
- The corner, opposite La Follia in South Harting, is dangerous as so many cars park on the bend and obscure the vision of oncoming traffic. Also, when drivers pull out to go around the parked cars they can end up facing vehicles turning out from the junction by the Old Ship.  
*The Chair confirmed this was an issue but it is very hard to stop people from parking there and any restrictions placed in that area might be replicated in other areas of the village, creating yet more parking problems. It was noted the unofficial bollards placed outside of Rooks Cottage did seem to alleviate the matter a little.*

**191. Matters of Urgent Public Importance:** The Chair confirmed that a consultation notice had been received from WSCC Highways about a proposed TRO (TRO/CHI8025/RC) 20mph, 30mph & 40mph speed limit on the B2146 & adjoining roads Stoughton, Compton and South Harting. The consultation runs until 12 February which is before the next Council meeting. It was agreed an extra Council meeting would be held following the planning meeting agreed earlier in the evening. The Council meeting would be on Monday 26 January at 7pm in the Henry Warren Hall, Nyewood.

### **192. Reports from the County and District Councillor**

Mrs Gravely raised concerns that it was likely the local elections would be postponed for a further year. She also noted her hope that there would be some progress this year with the fire damaged buildings in Midhurst.

Mr O’Kelly also spoke about the proposed cancellation of the local elections and answered some questions about the new food waste service which is due to start in the Spring.

### **193. Annual Parish Meeting**

Parish Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting. This meeting must take place between 1 March and 1 June (inclusive) and must not commence before 6pm. (*Local govt act 1972 s14 (1)(2)*)

The members discussed various dates for the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting, and it was agreed it should take place on Monday 20 April 2026 in Harting Community Hall, the format being the same as recent years.

The Clerk will contact Southern Water and the local PCSO to see if they might be available to attend.

*The following proposal was made and agreed:*

*That the Annual Parish Meeting should be held on Monday 20 April 2026 in Harting Community Hall*

### **194. Litter Pick Dates**

It was agreed the Annual Litter Pick was a good community event and the opportunity to hold it on the same day as the Repair Café, as this has now moved to the Community Hall, should be taken. This would hopefully highlight both events.

The date was set for Saturday 21 February, starting at 9.30am at the Community Hall. The Clerk will advertise this in the Parish Magazine and via the village Facebook page.

*The following proposal was made and agreed:*

*To consider the 21 February 2026 for the Annual Litter Pick date to coincide with the Repair Café event at the Village Hall.*

### **195. Bus shelters**

There are currently two bus shelters in the Parish, one in Nyewood and the other at the East Harting crossroads. The shelter in Nyewood is currently in good condition. The shelter at East Harting is in need of some attention.

There had also been a request from a parishioner for a bus shelter to be erected in the Street, South Harting.

The members considered the state of the East Harting bus shelter and noted that it was not currently in a dangerous state and could potentially be improved greatly by some new roofing. It was agreed it would be a shame to remove it as it was a local landmark. It was agreed that Mr Olphert would assess the situation and report his findings to the Council at a later date.

There was some discussion about the potential for bus shelters in the Street and it was agreed there was no obvious location or potential where the two bus stops are currently

placed. There is a Council owned concrete base, the site of the previous shelter, but this is too far from the current bus stops to warrant building a new shelter there.

*The following proposals were made and agreed:*

- i. That Mr Olphert would consider the necessary repairs needed for the East Harting bus shelter and revert to the Council at a later date*
- ii. That there was no identified site or position that would be practical for bus shelters in the Street.*

**196. Harting Wastewater Treatment – ongoing protracted raw sewage release**

An email had been received from Veronica Carter, Chair of Eco Rother Action (ERA) in which she outlined the continued spilling of raw sewage from the Harting wastewater treatment site since 18 December 2025. At the time of the meeting the continuous spill was up to 690 hours.

It was noted that ERA were setting up a meeting with Southern Water about another area but would revisit the issue of unacceptable spilling rates at Harting.

The members were deeply disappointed that the multi-million pound project at the treatment site had not resolved the high number and length of sewage spillages. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a strongly worded letter expressing these concerns.

*The following proposal was made and agreed:*

- i. To note the report*
- ii. To agree the Clerk should send a strongly worded letter to Southern Water to voice the Council’s disappointment*

**197. Finance**

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

Undisclosed	Clerk and RFO Salary	1387.65
Harting Community Hall	Speedwatch training room rental	10.00
Device Doctors Repairs and Support Ltd	Annual IT support and Microsoft licences Jan - Dec 2026	3,315.84

**197.2.** It was agreed that Mrs Curran and Mrs Bramley would authorise the January online payments.

**197.3. Income to note for December 2025**

Unity Trust Bank      Quarterly interest      £146.97

**197.4. Bank Reconciliation for December 2025**

It was noted that the bank reconciliation had been scrutinised and signed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

**197.5. Bank balance as of 31 December 2025 - £72,738.27** (earmarked funds £14.1k)

**197.6. Budget statement to 31 December 2025** -Noted

**198. Planning Committee**

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 December 2025 were noted.

**199. Feedback from WMPF and HCH representatives**

There were no new updates from the HCH or WMPF representatives.

**200. Correspondence**

There had been no correspondence other than regular items and those already included in the main agenda.

**201. Clerk's report**

It was noted the installation of the 40mph limit at Hurst was awaiting a legal agreement for the positioning of the signage by Hampshire CC.

**202. Items for future meetings**

Car park wall

Restoration of water pump

Car parking

Bus shelter in East Harting

**203. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting would be held at 7pm on Monday 26 January 2026 at the Henry Warren Hall, Nyewood.

The meeting closed at 8.19 pm.