

HARTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of Harting Parish Council held at Henry Warren Hall,
Nyewood

on **Monday 26 January 2026 at 7.10 p.m.**

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

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

In attendance: Trish Walker, Parish Clerk.

There were three members of public in attendance.

204. Apologies for absence: Mrs Maxwell Davies and Mr Palmer.

205. Declarations of Interest: None.

206. Minutes from Meeting held on 15 January 2026.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 January 2026 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

207. Questions from the Public: Members of the public made the following representations:

- Raw sewage is discharged from a manhole cover in the meadow at the Mill House whenever there is heavy rainfall. This has been happening for least 23 years, since the owners moved in
- The sewage flows down from the manhole cover into the adjacent stream, impacting heavily on wildlife
- There have been hundreds of visits from Southern Water (SW) over the years, but no improvements have been made
- The latest incident, in the previous week, had been very bad and had apparently been escalated to a higher level, although it was felt this wouldn’t have any impact
- The £8.3 million upgrade at the local wastewater treatment site has not worked. This issue is happening 5 manholes up from the site.
- Concern that SW may be a ‘flushing out’ in the evenings with the impact being noticed at Weeks Bridge, Nyewood

208. Matters of Urgent Public Importance:

Further to the discussion at the previous Council meeting on 15 January 2026 where the continuous discharge of raw sewage from the Harting wastewater site was considered, it was agreed the additional information about the raw sewage discharge at Mill House was completely unacceptable. The members voiced their concerns over the matter and for the impact on the local resident.

It was agreed that the letter to be sent to Southern Water (as discussed at the Council meeting on 15 January 2026) should now include questions about the situation at Mill House.

It was noted that Southern Water had previously given assurances that the £8.3m upgrade would enable them to cope with any eventuality. Current evidence seems to show this is incorrect.

The members also agreed that every effort should be made to hold a Public Meeting with Southern Water to discuss the issues, especially as it seems the large scale upgrade to the wastewater site has failed to deliver the anticipated outcomes.

209. TRO/CHI8025/RC - Proposed 20mph, 30mph & 40mph speed limits on the B2146 & adjoining roads Stoughton, Compton & South Harting

The Parish Council had received notification of Traffic Order Regulation (TRO), TRO/CHI8025/RC, proposing the following changes:

- (i) a 20mph speed limit on the length of the B2146 through Compton village and on the roads in Compton village; and
- (ii) a 30mph speed limit on the roads in Walderton village; and
- (iii) a 40mph speed limit on lengths of the B2146 between South Harting and Compton, between Compton and West Marden, between West Marden and Walderton and between Walderton and the B2147.

The consultation period runs until 5 February 2026 so this matter needed consideration ahead of the next planned Council meeting on 19 February.

The members considered the proposal and were broadly in support of the changes. However, it was agreed that a suggestion should be put forward to extend the proposed speed limit changes from Deerkeepers until the 30mph speed limit towards the bottom of Harting Hill. This section could be included as either 40 or 50mph. This would be particularly useful as it would include the area where the Uppark driveways joins the B2146. Pulling out from the driveways can be very hazardous and would be particularly so if vehicles were accelerating as they come out of the proposed speed reduced area. It was felt it might be useful to suggested improved signage might be erected to highlight the Uppark entrances.

The following proposal was made and agreed:

To support the proposed TRO for a 20mph, 30mph and 40mph speed limit on the B2146 and adjoining roads in Stoughton, Compton and Harting parishes. The Council agreed a proposal to extend a 40 or 50mph limit from Deerkeepers to the 30mph limit at the bottom of Harting Hill. This would help protect the Uppark entrances and exits, and the need for improvements to the signage would also be made.

210. Date of next meeting: The next meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 19 February 2026 at the Harting Community Hall, South Harting.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.