



HADDISCOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held at Haddiscoe Village Hall on Monday 8th September 2025 at 7.00 pm

1. Attendance

Present: Cllr Chidgey (Chair), Cllr Riley, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Kelsey, Cllr Fulcher, Cllr Aldren.

Cllr Beevor joined the meeting at 7.37 pm.

In attendance: Mrs Fulcher (Clerk), County Cllr Stone, and one parishioner.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr Fulcher declared an interest as the husband of the Clerk.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th June 2025 were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Chidgey, seconded by Cllr Riley, and unanimously agreed.

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting (Not Covered Elsewhere)

There were no matters arising.

5. Reports from Councillors

County Councillor Stone provided an update on the following matters:

Former Quarry, Wiggs Road: The Council is still awaiting the Inspector's report. Ralph Cox, Principal Planning Officer, anticipates a decision shortly. The Inspectorate's process may take up to three months. The County Council remains optimistic about a positive outcome.

Devolution: A meeting is scheduled for 26th September to decide whether to accept or reject the final bids for devolution. Some authorities favour three unitary authorities; however, Norfolk County Council considers that a single unitary model would be most effective in achieving the Government's desired efficiencies.

6. Public Question Time

No questions were raised by members of the public.

7. Planning

FUL/2024/0016 – Former Quarry, Wiggs Road, Haddiscoe

The Council discussed the developer's revised submission. Members expressed concern that

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the proposal had withdrawn the previously proposed pedestrian pathway, despite clear evidence of pedestrian use along the route. Historical photographs from the 1960s confirm that the site was previously quarried but has since been used for agricultural purposes. It was noted that the site has been described as “brownfield,” although members disputed this classification. Promises to rewild and reinstate topsoil have not been fulfilled. The Planning Officer has advised that the application does not meet current policy standards and that there is no identified County Council need for this development.

The Council reiterated its objection to this proposal. The Clerk will write to the Planning Authority to reaffirm the Parish Council’s strong opposition.

8. Correspondence

South Norfolk District Council (SNDC) – A link to the draft Village Cluster Plan was received. It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

Mains Sewage – A concerned resident has asked about the possibility of mains sewage in Haddiscoe. Councillors noted the sewage issues and the repercussions for householders due to new legislations brought in. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Anglian Water on behalf of the Parish.

Church Lane: A redacted letter from a parishioner was read out. Members discussed the status of Church Lane as an unadopted road, where properties fronting the lane share maintenance responsibility. The clerk will write to South Norfolk Council as the resident is insistent that the repair of the unadopted road is the Parish’s responsibility and not theirs. The piece of Land called ‘The Pit’ which is adjacent to Church Lane is held by South Norfolk for the Parish. The Clerk will write to South Norfolk Council to confirm ownership. The Council agreed to get a quote to fence off the area to reduce traffic on the lane as it is currently used by school parents when dropping off and collecting.

Concerns were raised about the rise in the height of adjoining roads when repaired which is leading to water running off onto private properties. The Parish Council will contact Highways to request that gutters be cleared.

9. The Parish Pit

The Council was informed that the Haddiscoe Charity no longer wishes to be responsible for cutting the grass at the Parish Pit. Cllr Johnson kindly offered to undertake grass cutting temporarily until a more permanent arrangement can be made. He will also provide a quotation for installing posts and a chain around the area.

10. Finance

Finance Report and current BCR was issued to Councillors prior to the meeting.

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Current Balance – Community Account £5063.41. Business Premium Account: £2090.57
Since the last meeting, £2,036.24 has been transferred from the Community Account to the Business Premium Account. £200 received from SNDC for the recycling payment.

Payments approved by Council:

- Lawn in Order – £97.50 (removal of play equipment)
- SNDC – £834.00 (annual dog waste collection charge)
- Clerk's PAYE – as per contract and approved budget
- David Bracey – £120.00 (annual play inspection)

Future payments approved in advance:

- Lawn in Order – £65.00 (grass cutting)
- Poppy Wreath – £20.00 (Section 137 Expenditure)

Future expenditure for consideration:

- New gate for the play area and fencing for Church Lane
- Land Registry charges relating to Church Lane
- Possible legal advice regarding Church Lane

The financial report, BCR, payment and expenditure was proposed by Cllr Chidgey, seconded by Cllr Beevor, and approved unanimously.

11. Policies and Procedures Review

The following policies had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. After discussion, Cllr Chidgey proposed, and Cllr Kelsey seconded that all policies listed below be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

- Standing Orders
- Risk Management Policy
- IT Policy
- Internal Control Policy
- Guide for the Public Attending and Speaking at Meetings
- Freedom of Information Publication Scheme
- Financial Regulations
- Fees and Charges Policy
- Equality Policy

12. Items for the Next Agenda

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd November 2025 at 7.00 pm at Haddiscoe Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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