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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 15th June 2026 at 7.30pm, held at the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre.

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Councillors present:

Cllr Ian Kitson (Chair)	Cllr Mark Thomas
Cllr Neil Hedger (Vice Chair)	Cllr Louisa Russell
Cllr John Bentley	Cllr Jamie Williams

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

21.1 Apologies were received from County Councillor North and Borough Councillor North.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

22.1 There were no declarations of interests relating to items on the agenda, including the Council's external auditor (BDO LLP), or requests for dispensations, in accordance with the Council's code of conduct.

23. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

23.1 The minutes of the last meeting, which was the annual meeting held on 18th May 2026, were proposed by Cllr Hedger, seconded by Cllr Bentley, and unanimously agreed and approved, and signed by the Chairman.

24. ACTIONS ARISING

- 24.1 Cllr Russell raised a query on behalf of a resident regarding an apple tree in the garden of 1 Horseshoe Lane being felled, which was subject to a TPO. Cllr Williams reported that there was no TPO on the tree.
- 24.2 A member of the public had reported seeing Giant Hogweed near the public footpath through the woods at the top of Hurstbourne Hill just inside Common Road. Cllr Williams believed the land to the left of the footpath (a 10m stretch from the footpath back to the road) belonged to SSEN. The Clerk had not had any response from HCC and Cllr Thomas had been unable to locate the plant.

25. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

25.1 There were two members of the public present. There were no matters arising.

26. PLANNING

- Councillors discussed the following applications:
- 26.1 26/O1070/TPON | T1 – Sycamore – Fell | **The Squirrels The Dene HBT** – Cllr Williams could not find any evidence of a TPO. To be left for the Tree Officer to decide. It was unusual for a sycamore to be subject to an order. No comment.

- 26.2 Cllr Williams updated that there had been no planning application submitted by the new owners of the Great Decoy PH (formerly known as the George & Dragon) in HBT, for the external changes for the flue on the kitchen and roof, external lighting and signage. None of it was controversial, and no formal complaint had been made to the Planning Authority. However, in light of the issues faced by the previous landlord, who had to apply for retrospective consent for works carried out unlawfully by his predecessor, Cllr Williams would mention it to the new management and advise them to make a retrospective application.

27. COUNCILLORS' UPDATES

- 27.1 Cllr Hedger reported that the recent emergency water works on The Dene meant there had been no Speedwatch sessions, but it did a great job of dealing with the speed, especially the temporary speed hump.
- 27.2 Cllr Bentley updated that the door bars had been ordered for KGV storage shed.
- 27.3 Cllr Thomas asked if a working party could happen, to install the IBC at the KGV storage shed and replace broken posts at Community Centre (approx. 5 to replace).

28. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- 28.1 The KGV storage shed had been installed, and all fete equipment had been transferred from the rented barn. The Section 106 developer contributions had been received, but nothing from the Borough Council community asset fund which had been confirmed prior to purchasing the shed.
- 28.2 The annual inspection of the play equipment had been carried out. Cllr Bentley advised that there was nothing dramatic on it. A parent had offered to install a path from the gate on the KGV by the bridge. This had not happened to date.
- 28.3 The Lengthsman was due on 27th June and the list consisted of strimming along the pavement on the way to the school, the Test Way behind the British Legion and anywhere else identified between the meeting and the due date.

29. FINANCE

- 29.1 On the day of the meeting, the bank balance stood at £6740.35 in the Community Account (was Treasurer's Account) and £22,534.74 in the savings account, with reserves of £16445.20.
- 29.2 The clerk had circulated the payments made since the last meeting. Cllr Russell agreed them as an accurate record.

TYPE	DATE	PAYEE	AMOUNT	REMARKS
BACS	18/5/26	Lloyds	4.25	Bank Charges
BACS	26/5/26	Jon William Stables	11378.00	KGV storage shed
DD	1/6/26	TVBC	120.28	Grass cutting
BACS	2/6/26	Playsafety	123.60	Play equipment safety check
BACS	2/6/26	Miriam Edwards	46.00	Padlocks for KGV storage
BACS	2/6/26	Miriam Edwards	711.40	Clerk's Salary
BACS	2/6/26	HMRC	248.63	PAYE



30. NEXT MEETING

30.1 The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was due to be held on Monday 20th July 2026.

The meeting concluded at 20:05 hrs.

Signed Chairman