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## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7.30pm, held at the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre.

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### Councillors present:

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| Cllr Ian Kitson (Chair)       | Cllr Louisa Russell           |
| Cllr Neil Hedger (Vice Chair) | Borough Councillor Phil North |
| Cllr John Bentley             | Clerk                         |
| Cllr Mark Thomas              |                               |

### **31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

31.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Jamie Williams and County Councillor Kirsty North

### **32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

32.1 There were no declarations of interests relating to items on the agenda, or requests for dispensations, in accordance with the Council's code of conduct.

### **33. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

33.1 The minutes of the last meeting, which was the annual meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026, were proposed by Cllr John Bentley, seconded by Cllr Mark Thomas, and unanimously agreed and approved, and signed by the Chairman.

### **34. ACTIONS ARISING**

34.1 Working party to install IBC water carrier at the KGV storage shed – this would reduce issues of rainfall flooding. Complete and awaiting rainfall to fill them.  
34.2 Security post replacement at HTCC postponed until the dry weather spell is over. Date to be organised in September.

### **35. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

35.1 There were two members of the public present.  
35.2 Cllr North raised the issue of the local plan delays owing to government requirement for inflated housing targets. The plan would need to be revisited under the new government reorganisation as TVBC would cease to exist in its current format by the time the plan was complete.  
Cllr North updated regarding the review for devolution. There had been an inaugural meeting of the new combined county authority the previous week. Mayoral elections had been pushed back to 2028 when the new authorities would begin and TVBC would cease to exist – unless a new government or prime minister decided to scrap the whole plan.

### **36. PLANNING**

- 36.1 Evergreen The Dene HBT  
26/01445/TREEN | T1 – Magnolia – Reduce back from road leaving radial spread of no less than 2m and height of no less than 3m, lift crown to give clearance of 3m from ground level, T2 – Western red cedar – Lift canopy to give a clearance of 5m from ground level, T3,T4,T5 – Cypress – Fell, T6 – Goat willow – Pollard to 3m. No comment.
- 36.2 1 Malthouse Cottages Horseshoe Lane Ibthorpe  
26/01307/LBWN | Internal alterations including repositioning of staircase, removal and relocation of partition walls to create open kitchen and dining space and enlarged utility room, and installation of internal glazed doors. No comment.
- 36.3 Dalton House, Church St, HBT  
26/01547/TREEN (T1) Mature Beech – Lift crown by 3m and reduce crown by 3m to reduce overhanging boughs into neighbour's property/growth into adjacent trees where there is coalescence & lift crown from shed roof; (T2) – Crown reduce by 3m & reduce overhanging laterals on Fern Cottage side only. No comment.

### **37. COUNCILLORS' UPDATES**

- 37.1 Cllr Hedger believed the batteries on the SID were failing. Northbound SID (approx. 3 years old). They had been checked, and no issues found. To continue monitoring.
- 37.2 Cllr Bentley updated that he had a list of jobs from the playground to tackle over the summer.
- 37.3 Cllr Thomas reported on the parish council stand at the Summer Fete and Flower Show on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Over 75% of the people who took the recycling quiz got it wrong, which indicated that as a village we probably weren't doing very well and questioned how this could be improved. Cllr North updated that within around 18 months, smart recycling would be rolled out so more items such as yoghurt pots and plastic trays would be recyclable through the kerbside collection scheme. These items were mainly those which people still believed could be collected in the brown recycling bins.
- 37.4 Cllr Thomas wished to introduce an idea for a long-term project to gift to the next generation, which was to consider establishing an area of woodland on part of the KGV football pitch which would become shade in around 20 years' time, and useable as an outdoor teaching area for the school. This would need much more research and consultation, including advice regarding planting schemes. A fixed 5-a-side pitch could be created at the other end, and seating incorporated. A resident commented that the French model for outdoor learning space is similar. At Icknield Way near Andover they had interesting island style planting which was kept mown at certain times of the year but wasn't used as a formal football pitch. Cllr Kitson suggested adding trees to the riverbank to give shading on the pavement. A suggestion was to provide an all-weather MUGA at the end by the teen shelter in compensation for losing the football pitch as it stood at present. The football pitch was not hired out owing to its undulation caused by the old gravel pits, and the lack of parking when the community centre was hired for private events. Vernham Dean provided their pitches for this purpose which included the use of the pavilion, toilets and changing rooms. Cllr Thomas would write an article for the parish magazine to gauge thoughts on the idea.



- 37.5 Cllr Hedger reported that it had been National Speedwatch Day on 15<sup>th</sup> and the volunteers had reported over 20 vehicles exceeding 35 mph including one with an expired MOT.
- 37.6 Cllr Kitson wished to thank everyone who organised the Summer Fete and Flower Show and assisted with setting up. There had been lots of good comments, and flower show entries were up on the previous year.

### **38. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

- 38.1 Email received from Vernham Dean PC regarding the dog mess on the restricted byway track from Upton to Linkenholt including abandoned bagged waste. Councillors unanimously agreed to provide a dog bin. Clerk to organise siting with environmental services at TVBC.
- 38.2 Donation from David Sullivan's estate to the school. Concern had been raised by an individual to the clerk that it was not going to be used for something which would be in memoriam of the Sullivans which the donation to the PC had specified. Cllr Thomas had mentioned the donation at the Annual Parish Meeting. The clerk would speak to the headteacher to ask if it had been earmarked for a particular project.
- 38.3 Road closures Ibthorpe Road for repairs to laterals – there had been excellent communication from the contractors including agreement to delay morning closures to 8.45am to avoid the school run.
- 38.4 Fire beaters had been purchased for Dene Green. It was agreed that topping of the long grass was not a good idea while the hot, dry spell continued for fear of fires, but a working party would be organised once the rain returned.

### **39. FINANCE**

- 39.1 On the day of the meeting, the bank balance stood at £9944.93 in the Community Account (was Treasurer's Account) and £22,544.00 in the savings account, with reserves of £22,168.13.
- 39.2 The clerk had circulated the payments made since the last meeting. Cllr Russell agreed them as an accurate record.
- 39.3 The clerk thanked Cllr North and TVBC for the S106 draw down and the CAF grant which paid for the storage shed on KGV. There was £2,000 left from S106 and councillor agreed this could be put towards repainting of The Crescent railings and new planters.
- 39.4 The clerk had circulated the accounts at the end of the first three months of the financial year. There were no questions or concerns raised. RESOLVED: Councillors agreed and accepted the Q1 finances.

### **40. NEXT MEETING**

- 40.1 The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was due to be held on Monday 21st September 2026.

The meeting concluded at 20:00 hrs.

Signed ..... Chairman

| TYPE | DATE    | PAYEE           | AMOUNT | REMARKS                     |
|------|---------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| BACS | 16/6/26 | Lloyds          | 4.25   | Bank account charges        |
| DD   | 1/7/26  | TVBC            | 120.28 | Grass cutting               |
| DD   | 6/7/26  | NEST            | 77.55  | Pension contributions       |
| BACS | 6/7/26  | M Edwards       | 711.40 | Clerk salary                |
| BACS | 7/7/26  | M Edwards       | 130.14 | Display board for fete      |
| BACS | 8/7/26  | SSE             | 180.04 | Upton phone box electricity |
| BACS | 8/7/26  | Business Stream | 25.53  | Allotment water rates       |
| BACS | 17/7/26 | M Edwards       | 87.98  | Firebeaters                 |
| BACS | 17/7/26 | M Edwards       | 14.63  | Printer paper               |
| BACS | 17/7/26 | M Edwards       | 5.49   | Cable ties                  |
| BACS | 17/7/26 | HMRC            | 248.63 | PAYE & NI                   |
| BACS | 17/7/26 | Red 76          | 144.00 | Annual payroll provision    |
| BACS | 20/7/26 | M Edwards       | 18.05  | Display map                 |
| BACS | 20/7/26 | M Edwards       | 88.78  | APM refreshments            |
| BACS | 20/7/26 | Lloyds          | 4.67   | Bank account charges        |



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## Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

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*Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)*

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)*

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| <b>A</b>                   | <b>Bank Reconciliation at 30/06/2026</b>            |            |           |                  |
|                            | Cash in Hand 01/04/2026                             |            |           | 24,210.91        |
|                            | <b>ADD</b><br>Receipts 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026      |            |           | 26,724.91        |
|                            | <b>SUBTRACT</b><br>Payments 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026 |            |           | 50,935.82        |
|                            | <b>Cash in Hand 30/06/2026</b><br>(per Cash Book)   |            |           | 16,598.98        |
| <b>B</b>                   |                                                     |            |           | <b>34,336.84</b> |
|                            | Cash in hand per Bank Statements                    |            |           |                  |
|                            | Petty Cash                                          | 30/06/2026 | 0.00      |                  |
|                            | Treasurer's Account 00730337                        | 30/06/2026 | 11,802.10 |                  |
|                            | Business Bank Instant 07210851                      | 30/06/2026 | 22,534.74 |                  |
|                            |                                                     |            |           | <b>34,336.84</b> |
|                            | Less unrepresented payments                         |            |           |                  |
|                            |                                                     |            |           | 34,336.84        |
| <b>B</b>                   | Plus unrepresented receipts                         |            |           |                  |
|                            | <b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>                        |            |           | <b>34,336.84</b> |
| <b>A = B Checks out OK</b> |                                                     |            |           |                  |

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