Hanwell Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 3rd March at 7:30pm
at Hanwell Village Hall

Present: Councillors: John Spratt (Chairman), Arnold Bailey, Bev Oak, Catriona Reid, Kate Nash Clerk (minutes)

Other attendees: Residents

Apologies:

Declarations of interest: None

1440 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 6 January 2026
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting were agreed.

1441 Matters Arising
None

1442 Planning Committee and KHVR Update
A 3rd application for amendments to the Reserve Matters application for the Vistry Homes development ref 25/02285/REM was received yesterday. Cllr Reid will discuss this with KHVR and formulate a suitable reply before the closing date of 1 April 2026 The PC has requested that the reply contain a request for a dense tree line to be planted between the development and the village
An invitation has been circulated for Councillors to attend a Teams meeting regarding Local Government reorganisation. Chairman Spratt and Cllr Bailey will log onto the meeting and report back to the Parish Council. The deadline for submission of replies is 26 March 2026

1443 Finance 2026 Precept, Budget & Allocation
The clerk has submitted the precept request of £20000.00 for 2026/27 as agreed at the last PC meeting. The £5000.00 increase in the precept is in relation to the new mower that has been purchased. The mower has been sourced and is ready for use.
The Bank balance is currently £7182.11
The following invoices have been received this week and will be paid shortly
£4500.00 F N Pile & Sons (new mower).
£ 228.00 OALC Membership
£ 900.00 Lawns & Borders Clearance of 3 allotment
£ 576.00 Acremans Arboriculture Ltd Trees at Play Area

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1444 Speedwatch

Cllr Bailey advised that there was no information on progress. Robin Aitken has been coordinating the initiative. Cllr Bailey will discuss progress with her and report back to the PC at the next meeting.

1445 Street Lighting & Village Pavements, Roads

Chairman Spratt has been in touch with William Evans of OCC and is still waiting for a meeting date, he will follow up on this and ask for Cllr Brant's assistance

1446 Conservation Area Appraisal & Article Classification

An exhibition was held in the Village Hall approx 2-3 weeks ago which was well attended by residents. There is an opportunity to submit suggestions in the consultation period. The next steps are to wait for a full report from the Conservation Officer

1447 Request to Lord De La Warr for Hanwell Land

Chairman Spratt has sent a letter to Bidwells but has not received a reply.

1448 Allotments & Fly Tipping

The PC had agreed to pay Lawns and Border £600 to clear 3 allotments and make them ready to be re-let. It was originally estimated that it would take 2 days but when work commenced further Fly tippling was discovered and this increased the time it took to clear the site and a new price of £900 was agreed. Lawns & Borders have done an excellent job and the Clerk received their invoice yesterday and will arrange payment as soon as possible.

The PC have considered installing CCTV at the allotments to deter fly tipping and Chairman Spratt has discussed prices and equipment with Tom Blinkhorn. The PC have decided that CCTV is too expensive and there are privacy issues to be taken into consideration so will not pursue this avenue at present.

The Allotments can now be relet and it was agreed that a final offer would be made to residents before offering to residents of the surrounding areas.

Cllr Webb will advise other parishes of our vacant allotments

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1449 Clerk Update - Play Area, Allotment, Website,
The Clerk has asked Trevor Stewart for a quote to replace/upgrade the play Area so the PC can consider this in the future
The Parish Council were looking into using a Wix website but these are unsuitable for use by Parish Councils. The Clerk has conducted some research and has reached out to other Parish Councils in the area for recommendations. The PC needs a .Gov.uk domain and email addresses. The Parish Council agreed to purchase a Gov.Uk domain. The PC will obtain quotes from the recommended website designers who specialise in Parish Council websites and the PC can decide on a new website.
The Clerk has contacted some local mowing companies for quotes for Village mowing but has not received any response. Howard Edge has submitted a quote, as follows:- Current work £3050 + extra mowing already agreed £665.00. The PC agreed to a 10% increase on the current charges for the next 2 years, taking the total mowing charges to £4086.50 per annum until the end of 2027
The treework in the play area has been completed by Acremans and the Clerk will pay their invoice of £576.00, as soon as possible.

1450 Village Clean Up
The PC discussed this and agreed some provisional dates. Cllr Bailey will approach the Village Hall committee to discuss a collaboration to arrange the event

1451 Planning Applications
All other applications received have been considered.

1452 AOB
The Clerk will obtain insurance for the new mower and will ask Howard Edge to get the mower fuel fit
The PC will approach Rufus about the possibility of installing gates at the entrances to Muddy Lane at either end of the village.

1453 Post Received - Distributed as received

1454 Next Meeting Date Tuesday 5 May 2026

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