

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
ON 21st JULY 2026 HELD IN EVINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Cllr Helmer (Chair)
Cllr Hill

Cllr Dryland
Cllr Jakeman

Cllr Betty and the Clerk.

1.	To receive and approve apologies for absence.																		
	Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Day. These apologies were approved.																		
2.	To receive declarations of interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests). The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared.																		
	There were no declarations of interest made.																		
3.	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2026.																		
	The minutes were signed as a true record.																		
4.	To discuss matters arising from the above minutes not covered by the agenda.																		
	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.																		
5.	To receive reports from the Borough Councillor.																		
	Cllr Betty had circulated his report. He gave a summary of the content. The Local Plan must be completed within 13 months due to the new rules for this. There was a brief update on the Local Government Reorganisation. The BESS at Parsonage Farm, Brabourne will be going to Planning Appeal on 1st December for 3 days. ABC and Brabourne have appointed legal teams. Cllr Betty has attended a Parish meeting and a meeting of residents. Milk bottles need to be recycled with caps on, Cllr Helmer asked whether this is the case as she finds the lid gets crushed.																		
6.	Public Session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item.																		
	There were no members of the public in attendance.																		
7.	Financial matters:																		
	To note the Parish Council’s financial position for the beginning of the new Financial Year. The Parish Council noted it had £3,531.64 in the bank account. To authorise the following payments: <table><tr><td>Tracey Block</td><td>Salary</td><td>223.12</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE/NI</td><td>55.60</td></tr><tr><td>Lloyds Bank</td><td>Bank Charges</td><td>4.25</td></tr><tr><td>Tracey Block</td><td>Salary</td><td>222.92</td></tr><tr><td>Lloyds Bank</td><td>Bank Charges</td><td>4.25</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE/NI</td><td>55.80</td></tr></table>	Tracey Block	Salary	223.12	HMRC	PAYE/NI	55.60	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	4.25	Tracey Block	Salary	222.92	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	4.25	HMRC	PAYE/NI	55.80
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8.	To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment.																		
	The Parish Council considered the Risk Assessment and there were no changes to be made.																		

9.	Planning matters: to authorise a response to any application(s) and to note any recent planning decisions by Ashford Borough Council or any correspondence on planning matters	
	Hawksdene Cottage – approved. Cllr Betty is to chase the Planning Enforcement case at Hassell Street. The PC will keep a watching brief over the temporary field shelters	
10.	Any Other Business (for information purposes only):	
	Volume of traffic data has been collected from a camera in Bowl Field. It was noted that the M20 has been voted the best motorway in Kent.	
11.	Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.	
	Tuesday 8 th September 2026 Tuesday 12 th January 2027 Tuesday 11 th May 2027	Tuesday 10 th November 2026 Tuesday 9 th March 2027

Signed:

Date: