

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hanbury Parish Council (HPC)
Held in the Hanbury Pavilion on Monday 30th March 2026.**

Present

Chairman	Cllr Johns (TJ)
Councillors	Cllr Cook (NC)
	Cllr Raxter (RR)
	Cllr Bishop (MB)
	Cllr Burnett (AB)
	Cllr Few (IF)
	Cllr Terry (RT)
	Cllr Sproule (SS)
	Dst Cllr Dawkes (ND)
	Cty Cllr Miller (AM)

1. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence.
There were apologies for absence from Cllr Holdsworth (JH)

2. Declarations of Interest.

- a) Register of interests; Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b) Councillors to declare any other Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. Cllr RR declared an interest in the application for funds by the Hanbury Show.
- c) Councillors to declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
There were no declarations of interest.
- d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.
There were no dispensations.

3. To consider the approval of the minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 23rd February 2025

The minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Public Question Time

The Parish Council meeting is closed for public question time and reopened after.
The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for further consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire.

4. Progress reports from the previous minutes for information.

It was noted that Steve (electrician from Hanbury) had offered to install the connection to the pavilion for the first responder cabinet at the pavilion free of charge.

5. Correspondence

- Calc newsletter
- Wychavon invitation to take part in the Government consultation on Local Government Reorganisation in Worcestershire reminder.
- Calc weekly councillor newsletter. Cllrs need to click on the link to subscribe.
- Objection to W26/00295/OUT from Parishioner.
- Request for a donation to the Hanbury Countryside Show
- Parishioner contacts the Council re dogs off lead on the Recreation Ground.
- Calc update
- SWDPR report
- Letter to Councils re Policing
- Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Councillors Survey for Cllrs to return.
- Patrick Connelly contacts the PC to offer support.

6. County and District Councillors Reports:

6.1 County Cllr Tony Miller.TM

- Speeding again noted around School Road. TM awaiting the installation of a post so that HPC can use their VAS at this point to alert car users not to speed.
- Parking at West Lodge on School Road was also noted. Parishioners urged to report inconsiderate drivers to the Police via "Operation Snap" on the West Mercia website.
- It was noted that the Clerk had contacted the parishioner regarding speeding cars at the school and suggested the implementation of a community watch scheme to be run by the parents at the school.
- Cllr TM noted that he had asked for a safety audit of the roads at the Hanbury School location.

6.2 District Cllr Nick Dawkes.

- The SWDPR has finally been approved and a 5 year housing supply is now in place.
- Wychavon has purchased the Riverside shopping Centre in Evesham.

7. Planning:

7.1. Any plans that arrive prior to the meeting and that need urgent consideration may be discussed at this point. All plans are available on the Wychavon website.

Application Number : W/26/00648/AGR

Location: Goose Hill Farm, Goosehill Lane, Broughton Green, Hanbury, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7EH

Description of Proposal: Prior Notification for a new agricultural track.
The Parish Council approved this application.

Application Number : W/26/00647/AGR

Location: Goose Hill Farm, Goosehill Lane, Broughton Green, Hanbury, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7EH

Description of Proposal: Prior Notification for a new agricultural storage building and egg store.

The Parish Council approved this application.

Application Number : W/26/00649/AGR

Location: Goose Hill Farm, Goosehill Lane, Broughton Green, Hanbury, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7EH

Description of Proposal: Prior notification for livestock building.

The Parish Council approved this application.

Application Number : W/25/01861/FUL

Location: Sunridge, Hanbury Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 7DU

Description of Proposal: Change of use of land to garden & proposed single storey side extension for annexe.

The Parish Council approved this application.

Application Number : W/26/00513/FUL

Location: Elm Tree Cottage, Hanbury Road, Hanbury, Bromsgrove, B60 4AX

Description of Proposal: Replacement Self-Build Dwelling & Outbuilding.

The Parish Council approved this application.

Application Number : W/26/00295/OUT

Location: Home Farm, Hanbury Road, Droitwich Spa

Description of Proposal: Outline application for the construction of up to 475 dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, drainage infrastructure and associated works (all matters reserved except access from Hanbury Road)

The Parish Council objected to this proposal due to sustainability, location, highways and lack of infrastructure.

8. To Receive Reports and discuss matters regarding.

8.1 Village Hall Management Committee and Byways

Nothing to report.

8.2 Tree inspections around the parish.

Nothing to report.

8.3 Pavilion

- The archaeologists who are camping at the village hall over the summer would like to use the showers and this was approved at a nominal cost.
- Volunteers were thanked for tidying the garden at the pavilion which is starting to bloom again.

8.4 Recreation ground

Rospa play safety have performed their annual check and Council are to review the results and arrange repairs where necessary.

It was noted that a sign asking users of the recreation ground to keep their dogs under control or on a lead always should be installed.

Community Legacy Grant

The remainder of the grant for the play area was approved by Wychavon with the retention of the money for the hedge laying.

The Clerk has submitted the cost of the improvement to the entrance of the recreation ground for repayment.

It was agreed that the car park would be repaired on a piece meal basis to ensure cash flow was in order and to ensure that the repairs did not exceed the grant available. This work will provide 3 extra spaces.

It was agreed that the exercise equipment be placed between the hedge on the B091 and the MUGA on the recreation ground.

It was noted that the playground was receiving great feedback from the community.

- 8.5 MB has been in communication with RS at WCC and is negotiating with St Marys Church in Hanbury to install a device to improve mobile connectivity. Broadband and power is needed for this project.

9. Finance Appendix A

9.1 Monies received to the Parish Council this month.

WCC Parish Lengthsman Scheme Nov 25 to Feb 2026 incl	£1985.50
WCC Parish Lengthsman Scheme Aug to Oct 2025 incl	£840
WCC Parish Lengthsman Scheme July 2025	£16
Pavilion hire	£120
CLG refund of work on entrance to Recreation Ground	£1974
Pavilion hire art class	£375

9.2 Payments requested and submitted to the Parish Council

To consider payments to be made as below.

Clerk Salary, HMRC tax Ni and Pension for March 2026	Confidential
Chris Cooke Parish Lengthsman November 25	£626.70
Chris Cooke Parish Lengthsman December 25	£650.40
Chris Cooke Parish Lengthsman January 26	£646.80
Chris Cooke Parish Lengthsman February 26	£482.70
Chris Cooke Litter pick Feb 26	£72
Rebecca Barnett Pavilion cleaning 6 and 20 March (NB charges to increase to £25 ph from April 2026)	£44
E Evans Pavilion hours and costs (paid)	£110.58
Cathedral Leasing for Pavilion quarterly dd	£77.98
Hanbury Herald donation issue 96	£650
EE phone charges for March 2026 (dd 15/3/26)	£36.33
Lloyds bank service charge Feb 26 (dd 31/3/26)	£4.25
Rospa Playsafety inspections of play areas	£298.80
Eon Electricity for Pavilion February 2026 (dd 17/3/26)	£139.09
By Design. Plumber at Pavilion	£185

A donation is requested for the Countryside Show (Last year HPC donated £750) £750 and this was approved by the Council as the Countryside Show was deemed to be a vital community asset for the Parish.

- 9.3 Bank reconciliation to end February 2026. £16,728.65
- 9.4 Internal auditor visit – report from the Clerk.
The Internal auditor has visited, and a report will be made available to the Council after the end of the month.
A new IT policy was approved by the Council and .gov.uk email addresses are to be used by all the Council.
- 9.5 Clerk salary. After a review it was agreed that the Clerks salary should be based on point 37 per the NALC pay scales from 1st April 2026.

10 Parish Lengthsman and parish maintenance issues.

- 10.1 Parish Maintenance.
There was nothing to report.
- 10.2 Parish Lengthsman scheme.
It was noted that the Council had submitted and received reimbursements from the scheme up to and including February 2026.

11 Highways and any Police matters:

- 11.1 To discuss any highways issues/accidents reported locally.
Potholes were reported to the Council at Ditchford Bank, report via website ref 110080

12 Parish Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

Councillors may use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

13 Date of next meeting

April 27th 2026
May 26th 2026
June 29th 2026
July 27th 2026
No meeting in August 2026

The Clerk to Hanbury Parish Council is C Shinner and can be contacted on clerk@hanburyparishcouncil.gov.uk or c/o Eggthorne Cottage, Loggerheads Lane, Hanbury. WR9 7EB 07961296369

Abbreviations

ABCC – Astwood Bank Cricket Club
CC – Chris Cooke – Parish Lengthsman
Cty Cllr – County Councillor

Dst Cllr - District Councillor
HPC – Hanbury Parish Council
RG – Recreation ground
VHMC – Village Hall Management Committee

HPC Councillors

MAB – Mark Bishop, NC – Neil Cook, TJ - Tony Johns, IF – Ian Few, JH – Jo Holdsworth
RT – Rosie Terry, RR - Roy Raxter, SS Sarah Sproule. AB - Ange Burnett.
AM – County Councillor A Miller
ND – District Councillor N Dawkes

Actions from March 2026

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Actions from the February 2026 meeting outstanding

8.3 Pavilion

Ross Harris from Northeast Worcestershire First - The Council agreed to the installation of the box by the first responders and the Council will obtain a quote for the installation of an external socket. **Clerk asked RH for box then will arrange installation.**

8.4 Recreation ground

Playground inspection report passed to **CC** for action

Rent of football pitch. An approach for the use of the football pitch has been received. The Council agree that a 3-month trial period at £100 a month should be offered and then reconsidered at the end of May 2026. **Clerk followed up and no response.**

Hedge laying, this will need to be actioned in September 2026. **Clerk and RT**

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The matter of speeding around the School was brought up by a member of the public. Cty Cllr **A Miller** agreed to perform a safety audit and also to ask BB to look into the possibility of siting a VAS on School Road. It was noted that the 20MPH on the speed signs were advisory and that the actual speed limit was 40MPH.