



**Minutes of the meeting of East Hanney Parish Council:  
on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm  
in the Olde Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall.**

**Councillors Present:** Cllr Aram (Chair), Cllr Kirk, Cllr Green, Cllr Dennill, Cllr Newsome, Cllr Bligdon, Cllr Pratsides, Clerk-Lisa Aram & RFO Jayne Dennill.

**Number of Press and members of the public which attended:**

6

**1/26 To receive apologies for absence.**

None

**2/26 To receive any Declarations of Interest from Councillors relating to items on the agenda.**

None

**3/26 To facilitate public participation with regard to items on the agenda.** Anyone wishing to address the Council will be given three minutes to do. The public participation period shall not exceed 30 minutes.

Steve McKechnie announced he is moving out of the village in January and expressed gratitude to the council for their pragmatic and effective work over the years. The council also expressed their thanks to Steve for all of his effort whilst on the council and as Chair – the council wish him well in his new ventures.

**4/26 To receive updates from District Councillor.**

Cllr Whiteman indicated she would support the parish council's position regarding Bloor Homes and the SESRO application.

**5/26 To receive updates from County Councillor.**

None received but Cllr Batstone offered his support regards the SESRO development.

**6/26 To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.**

The Parish Council resolved to sign the minutes of the meeting of December 2025 as a true record. Minutes for December 2025 – Signed by Cllr Aram

**7/26 Review Actions from previous minutes. – Cllr Aram**

Signs to slow traffic down for horses to carry over into February – **ACTION: Cllr Green**

Planning team checked the discharge and stated that Thames Water needed to be contacted as they were the body that accepted the drain change and connection to existing sewer in The Paddocks. – **ACTION: Cllr Dennill to follow up with planning team.**

Selling fresh flowers in PC Car Park – the council agreed to permit the sale of flowers on a trial basis with a written agreement, clarifying the location with a marked map. A fee of £50 per year would be levied to be paid in 2 instalments – **ACTION: Cllr Dennill to action above & RFO to create invoice**

## Finance

### 8/26 Finance Review. – Payment List.

**East Hanney Parish Council**  
**PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST**

5 January 2026 (2025-2026)

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
161		15/12/2025		Unity Trust Current £		Parish Clerk Salary	Clerk/Salary		2,073.39		2,073.39
162		15/12/2025		Unity Trust Current £		RFO Salary	RFO/Salary		440.31		440.31
163		18/12/2025		Unity Trust Current £	INV-1394A	Flood Group	Muddy Spades Limited		7,750.00	1,550.00	9,300.00
164		31/12/2025		Unity Trust Current £	STM 144	Fee	Unity Trust Bank		8.70		8.70
165		25/01/2026		Unity Trust Current £	571T063061	Bin Emptying	Biffa/Bin Emptying		138.55	27.71	166.26
166		26/12/2025		Unity Trust Current £	31	Clerk Mobile Phone	02		8.73	1.75	10.48
167		09/01/2026		Unity Trust Current £	INV-14536	Subscription	Scribe		56.00	11.20	67.20
168		26/12/2025		Unity Trust Current £		Bin Emptying	Shield Maintenance/Bin Err		286.86	57.37	344.23
169		05/01/2026		Unity Trust Current £	Dec Pay	Employers NEST Pensaion Contr	Nest/Staff Pension		152.65		152.65
<b>Total</b>									<b>10,915.19</b>	<b>1,648.03</b>	<b>12,563.22</b>

### 9/26 26/27 - Precept and budget.

**The council resolved the following:**

- **2026/27 Budget Approval:** The budget was approved at £88,619, representing a small inflationary increase of 2.5% - (below inflation) Resulting in a total precept of approximately £79,000, with the remaining £10,000 gap covered by other income streams (allotments, investment interest, and Constable Piece rental income).

## Project

### 10/26 To consider and resolve the creation of a parish council community award to recognise community action and commitment. – Cllr Aram

**Resolved - Parish Council Community Award: ACTION: Cllr Pratsides**

- Create an award recognizing volunteers and community action
- Categories: Junior (under17) and Adult (17 and over)
- Public nominations in March Hanney News, website, village shop
- Winners announced/presented at the May Parish meeting

### 11/26 To consider and resolve sport pitches fees for 26/27 to include consideration of extra mowing cost. – Cllr Aram.

**Resolved -** To increase the annual field hire fees for Hanney Football Club and Golden Sparrow by £25 each, and to increase the field hire fee for Serious 4 Sport by £25 every six months. This is a nominal increase which reflects increased costs of **ACTION: Clerk to send notification to the various groups**

### 12/26 To consider and resolve to implement a sign in the car park clarifying permitted use so the users of the car park are aware of expectations of use – Cllr Aram

**Resolved -** to order and supply the following sign for the car park

- Parking at owner's risk.
- No overnight parking
- Dogs must be kept on leads
- Weight limited of 3.5 tonnes

**ACTION: Carry over to next agenda.**

**13/26 Confirmation of the Councils response to the SESRO Consultation. – Cllr Kirk.**

- The council will finalise response reinforcing local issues regarding the proposed reservoir
- **Flooding and Safety:** Paramount concerns regarding localized impact, the height of the bund, water weight, and potential spread.
- **Proximity to Housing:** The bund is currently planned within 300 meters of existing back gardens where French drains are being built. The council strongly insists that the bund be moved further away.
- **Consultation Gaps:** Lack of engagement from Thames Water regarding landscaping and the shape of the reservoir.
- **Visitor Center Opposition:** A proposed visitor center expecting up to 8,000 daily visitors (1 million annually) is rejected due to traffic concerns on the A338.
- **Traffic Data:** Current A338 traffic is ~12,000 cars/day, expected to rise to 18,000 by 2030 due to natural growth before reservoir impact.
- **Solar Farm Concerns:** Opposition to private solar panels being moved from the reservoir site to land in West Hanney (near Winter's Lane) running across the top of East Hanney (North) to offset biodiversity.

**ACTION: Cllr Kirk to draft and circulate response for Clerk to submit**

**14/26 To receive updates arising from the previous minutes and ongoing projects not otherwise on the agenda:**

Project	Status (Black=Existing detail, Red = New Info)	Next Step/s
Land Registration	Land Registration & Bus Shelter	<b>ACTION: Cllr Green will send Cllr Aram email address &amp; Cllr Aram will email OCC.</b>
Footpath	Repair to footpath from the iron bridge to stile. Create a footpath 1.2m wide with wooden edging, gravel top finish, maintaining paving stones where they exist.	The council selected the Handy Guy quote in principle, requesting a surface warranty (excluding flood damage). The council will purchase materials directly to reclaim VAT.  <b>Cllr Aram to contact Judith Verdon - Letcombe Brook Project Officer to inform the team of the plans</b>
Pavillion	Plans approved. Select build method and technical design	Plans are approved. The council is exploring building methods to determine costs.  SIP (Structured Insulated Board) is favoured for thermal efficiency and speed of construction (potential 2-day build).  Technical spec drawings are required; quotes range from

		£2,300 to £15,000. Using SIP or timber frame suppliers may include these drawings in the build cost.  <b>Cllr Aram &amp; Cllr Kirk</b>
Rugby Post	6m Quote required	<b>ACTION: Cllr Kirk to obtain another quote and bring to next meeting.</b>
Litter/Dog Waste Bin	By the Lower Mill in Halls Lane	<b>Clerk spoke to David Langstaff from OCC Started inspection and will provide a report by the end of January.</b>
ROSPA Report	A number of repairs were noted by the report, none critical.	Chasing Komplan for a date for repairs; parts may be delayed due to international shipping. Chase again for inspection – <b>ACTION: Cllr Bligdon</b>
Tree Survey & Subsequent works	Report highlighted the Poplars by the allotment as requiring remedial actions.	<b>ACTION: Cllr Green</b> to obtain quotes, also contact MuddySpades are in the village doing works in Ebbs Lane and can also quote for tree work.
Bollards	Install art bollards to protect critical verges within the village. Previous quotes were obtained from the District Council Arts Officer, but no follow-up had been made.	<b>Cllr Bligdon</b> is meeting Abi Brown on the 15 <sup>th</sup> January to discuss art bollard.
Sovereign Depot	Lease renewal	Surveyor will attend in March – <b>Cllr Aram</b> will contact nearer the time. No additional action at this time.

## 15/26 Planning Application Review and Action as required.

P25/V2634/LDP - St James, The Less House, Main Street, East Hanney, OX12 0HG.  
Siting of mobile structure to provide ancillary annexe accommodation.

**Response** - Council seeks clarification on whether an existing garage will be demolished and notes its location in a conservation area. **ACTION: Clerk**



**P25/V2635/O – Bloor Homes Land at Steventon Road, East Hanney.**

Outline planning application for up to 150 dwellings, 500sqm (gross) Class E floorspace, with associated landscaping and drainage, with all matters reserved apart from access.

**OBJECT** - The council strongly objects to the proposed development as it sits outside the settlement boundary defined in the Neighbourhood Plan.

A number of other reasons for objection were discussed, including impact on village character, lack of infrastructure, and size of the proposed development which represents an estate, incompatible with the nature and essence of our village. It was noted that a number of residents have objected.

Concerns raised over the developer's documentation style and misrepresentation of the council's previous stance on a village shop.

A previous large application on this site was refused on appeal by the planning inspector

**RESOLVED: The council objects to the application for the reasons listed above**

**ACTION: Clerk to submit objection response**

**To note the date of the next normal meeting – Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 7:30pm, all proposals for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

Signed by:

Date: