



**Minutes of the meeting of East Hanney Parish Council:
on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7.30pm
in the Olde Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall.**

Councillors Present: Cllr Aram (Chair), Cllr Green, Cllr Bligdon, Cllr Pratsides, Cllr Dennill, Lisa Aram (Clerk)

Number of Press and members of the public which attended:

6 plus Ron Batstone

178/26 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Kirk and RFO

179/26 To receive any Declarations of Interest from Councillors relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr Bligdon Item 185/26 & 192/26

Cllr Green Item 185/26

180/26 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.

No comments or questions raised.

181/26 To receive updates from District Councillor. (Sally Povolotsky)

None received.

182/26 To receive updates from County Councillor. (Ron Batstone).

- Local Government Restructure is on hold
- No shadow authority elections next May.
- District elections expected to proceed next May.
- No County Council elections next May.

183/26 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 August 2026 as a true record. Accuracy confirmed Cllr Green and Cllr Newsome and signed by Cllr Aram (Chair)

184/26 Review Actions from previous minutes. – Cllr Aram

152/26 Clerk contacted Wellers (Land Registry) all complete.

152/26 Cllr Bligdon will contact Fire Service to provide a community talk add to project on next agenda.

158/26 Clerk emailed Paddock Care to pause cutting until further notice – all complete.

159/26 RFO has require a Purchasing Card – all complete.

160/26 RFO has started to switch payroll information to start in October.

161/26 Playground edging - completed

Weeds/thistles - completed

Holmes Play Park – Bird sticks to top of bar still to be done add to projects on next agenda.

162/26 Thames water meeting Cllr Aram still to contact Cllr Povolotsky add to project to next agenda.

163/26 Discuss in 162/26

164/26 In September agenda

165/26 Defibrillators all complete

166/26 Move to September agenda

167/26 Move to September agenda

168/26 Clerk sent letters to residents – all complete

169/26 Playground edging – completed by Handy Guy

170/26 Handy sent a rebuild quote – all complete

171/26 No further action

172/26 Clerk contacted Wellers (Land Registry) all complete.

173/26 All project updated

174/26 P26/V2591/S73 – No comments

Finance

185/26 Finance Review. – Payment List. Signed by Cllr Newsome as per below

East Hanney Parish Council PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

07 September 2026 (2026-2027)

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
82		06/07/2026		Unity Trust Current /		Data protection	ICO		47.00		47.00
83		13/08/2026	12/08/2026	Unity Trust Current /	HWMH-2023-498	Village Hall	Hanney War Memorial Hall		130.00		130.00
84		13/08/2026	12/08/2026	Unity Trust Current /		Equipment repair	BHF Shops Ltd		305.00	61.00	366.00
85		31/08/2026		Unity Trust Current /	July Stm	Fee	Unity Trust Bank		10.00		10.00
86		21/08/2026		Unity Trust Current /	17879	Fee	Allcott Associates LLP		1,250.00	250.00	1,500.00
87		10/09/2026		Unity Trust Current /	339730	Fee	Moore		1,300.00	260.00	1,560.00
88		25/08/2026		Unity Trust Current /	39	Clerk Mobile Phone	02		10.82	2.16	12.98
89		02/09/2026		Unity Trust Current /	Aug Pay	Employers NEST Pension Contr	Nest/Staff Pension		36.35		36.35
90		28/08/2026		Unity Trust Current /	Aug Pay	RFO Salary	RFO/Salary		251.46		251.46
91		28/08/2026		Unity Trust Current /	Aug Pay	Parish Clerk Salary	Clerk/Salary		1,020.43		1,020.43
92		20/08/2026		Unity Trust Current /	0207/00034705	play equipment	Grant and Stone Limited		267.36	53.47	320.83
93		20/09/2026		Unity Trust Current /	571C060601	Bin Emptying	Biffa/Bin Emptying		41.26	8.25	49.51
94		08/10/2026		Unity Trust Current /	16	Kings Leases Owner A	A Westendarp - Kings Leas		575.00		575.00
95		08/10/2026		Unity Trust Current /	16	Kings Leases Owner A	C Hodgson - Kings Leases		287.50		287.50
96		10/09/2026		Unity Trust Current /	58	play equipment	Handy Guy		350.00		350.00
97		10/09/2026		Unity Trust Current /	10690	Bin Emptying	Shield Maintenance/Bin Err		290.34	58.07	348.41
98		10/09/2026		Unity Trust Current /	Annual Contributio	Contribution	Michaelmas Fayre		250.00		250.00
99		10/09/2026		Unity Trust Current /	61	General Land Maintenance	Handy Guy		220.00		220.00
100		10/09/2026		Unity Trust Current /	Aug Expenses	Expenses	Clerk/Expenses		25.99	3.00	28.99
101		10/09/2026		Unity Trust Current /	21943	Subscription	Starboard Systems Ltd		56.00	11.20	67.20
102		10/09/2026		Unity Trust Current /	INV-GP51	S106	Green Pitch Solutions		4,677.82		4,677.82
103		30/09/2026		Unity Trust Current /	August ~STM	Fee	Unity Trust Bank		9.70		9.70
104		10/09/2026		Unity Trust Current /	IN178826	Hire	LJ & CA CAnnings & Sons		230.00	46.00	276.00
105		10/09/2026		Unity Trust Current /	E72	General Land Maintenance	I&CL Green/Land Maintena		234.00		234.00
Total									11,876.03	753.15	12,629.18

S106 Funding - P25/V1722/106 – Kings Lease Football Pitch: The S106 funding remittance of £9,614.22 has been sent and was expected to be received in the Parish Council's bank account by 11 September 2026. The funding is for the maintenance and improvement works to the football pitch at Kings Lease. It was noted that the Green Pitch Solutions invoice can only be paid once the S106 funds have been received into the Parish Council's account.

186/26 Bank Reconciliation for August to be checked and signed.
Cllr Newsome agreed and signed August bank reconciliation.
Minuted that Cllr Newsome signed the July reconciliation after the meeting in August.

187/26 Review Budget – Cllr Aram
Agreed to move this to October for a 6 monthly review and RFO to provide spend forecast for following six months so the council can identify over or underspend for full year in advance and therefore make adjustments as necessary to spending.

188/26 To discuss of ordering a new Minutes folder of £185 + VAT – Clerk
Agreed – **ACTION** RFO to order.

189/26 To discuss of ordering cartridges (Amazon)for Clerk printer of £49.86 last ordered March 2025 - Clerk
Agreed – **ACTION:** Clerk will order once the purchasing card is received and added on the account.

190/26 To be noted of the new Pay Scale for the Clerk and RFO and back dated from April 2026
RFO from £16.93 to £17.45 – Noted: Correction to RFO Pay Rate: It was noted that the RFO pay rate recorded in the September agenda was incorrect. The council agreed to the correct values as follow: From £17.47 to £18.04.
Clerk from £21.65 to £22.37 – Cllr Aram – Noted.

Project

191/26 To discuss the Thames Water meeting on Thursday 24th September 2pm-4pm – Clerk
Agreed that **Cllr Aram** will attend.

192/26 To discuss quote from Handy Guy to repair the climbing tower- Clerk
Decision: obtain 2 additional quotes and bring back to Octobers meeting. – **Action Clerk**

193/26 To discuss expenditure on the portable toilet of £402.00 as per quote and feedback regards this facility after the completion of the trail. – Cllr Aram.

Feedback:

- Strongly positive; no reported abuse/misuse.
- Weekly checks reported as clean and stocked with toilet roll, hand sanitiser dispenser exists but appears empty at times.
- Considered especially useful for parents with toddlers and during peak park usage.

Forward Plan:

- Consider budgeting to repeat next summer. – **Action RFO**
- Follow up with village hall to understand if the temporary toilet helped relieve the request for village hall toilet use. – **Action Clerk**

194/26 To discuss signs for parish land explaining the purpose/use – Cllr. Aram

Saying something like:

This land belongs to East Hanney Parish, it is open to all for ... purpose Contact if issues history.

- Aim clarify which small green spaces are parish owned/public open space and encourage appropriate community use (examples discussed Holmes Gardens, Church Brothers Green and land near the walnut tree).
- Discussion Point:
 - Possible legal/technical requirement for parish land to be display ownership notice.
 - Preference for clear wording to avoid implying restrictions.
 - QR code concept suggested (potentially tied to planned art bollards)
 - Interest expressed in adding simple features.
- Outcome: Council agreed to look into options and return with proposal – **Action Cllr Aram**

195/26 To discuss the overgrown hedges and bushes in the village. – Cllr Bligdon.

- Multiple pinch points raised (Somertown toward and opposite the British Legion, visibility when pulling out onto the A338 and other locations).
- Complexity noted:
 - Some growth issues are on private land while verges may be OCC owed;
 - Prior community/highways/ bus company engagement has been attempted: limited response received.
- Next steps discussed.
 - Issue a general public appeal (Facebook/Hanney News) encouraging residents/landholders to cut back boundary vegetation for safety.
 - Contact Highways and request a site meeting to review the situation – **Action Cllr Aram**

196/26 To discuss quote for the zip wire – Cllr Bligdon

- Immediate approach:
 - Handy Guy to quote to re-secure the 6 tile (pins/cable ties) and send to **Clerk**.
 - Larger replacement items to be planned/budgeted for next year rather than the current year spend. – **Action RFO to budget for 2027/8 £2000 to cover cost of repairs as per Sovereign quote.**

197/26 To discuss grass cutting/ Frequency/ Responsibility Cllr Aram

- Council to review and update:
 - What land parcels the parish owns/maintains.
 - Who cuts/maintains what (including nature/wild areas)
 - Frequency and policy rationale (including nature/wild areas)
 - Special constraints (e.g. Rosie B's tied to planned-permission stipulations).
- Proposal:
 - Create a single register linking mapped parcel to maintenance responsibilities, frequency, constraints and (where relevant) public-facing notes.

- Store documents in a shared online storage reduce reliance on individual memory and support handover continuity.
- Plan
 - Add onto the forthcoming budget meeting in September. – **Cllr Aram and RFO** to set date.

198/26 To discuss Cearn Solar Farm – Cllr Aram

- Context shared:
 - Proposal scale cited as 2,800 hectares (noted as 400 hectares larger than Oxford proposed site).
 - Two related sites were described as having prior planned context (Garford/near Venn Mill: Denchworth).
 - Primary concern: apparent alignment/overlap with the land identified in Thames Water's reservoir-related plans (including prior discussion of relocating existing panels from Landmead Farm area) but the solar documentation reportedly does not reference Thames Water.
- Coordination:
 - Design meeting for Parish Councils is scheduled for Tuesday 6th October which **Cllr Aram** is attending and will report back in October's meeting

Admin

199/26 To review the Parish Council's current policies and procedures, including those due for review or renewal during 2026/2027. – Cllr Dennill

- It was agreed that the updated NALC templates would be used as the baseline for the Parish Council's policies.
- The Council agreed that the £500 threshold for obtaining three quotations should be reviewed to establish whether this is a mandatory requirement or guidance, and whether the threshold could be amended while remaining consistent with audit requirements.
- It was agreed that the wording relating to the roles and responsibilities of the Clerk and RFO should be consistent with the relevant role profiles.
- It was agreed that payment schedules should, where practicable, be circulated to councillors in advance of meetings.

Action:

- **Cllr Dennill** will review and update all relevant Parish Council policies and bring the revised policies to the October meeting for consideration and approval.

200/26 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	Cllr Green – has emailed OCC for a budgetary update but hasn't received anything back yet. Cllr Aram – to Chase contractor for concrete base.
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.	Decision to re-seek quotes from other sub-contractors. – Clerk

Pavillion	Plans approved. Select build method and technical design	• Pavilion: More detailed technical drawings are needed before tendering, with the aim of appointing a contractor for the drawings by October and starting construction next year, subject to funding and approvals. • Fundraising: Fundraising continues for the pavilion and playground, with a playground target of £40–50k and potential grants being explored. –ACTION: Cllr Aram and Cllr Kirk
Rugby Post	Council agreed to proceed with the 8m Forza hinged aluminium posts as they are within budget and allow headroom for installation costs.	Cllr Kirk - will give a date to Handy Guy to start the work.
ROSPA Report	Multi Play	Pursue fund raising – Cllr Pratsides
Tree Survey & Subsequent works	Report highlighted the Poplars by the allotment as requiring remedial actions.	Clerk will follow up with Muddy Spades as repairs to fence and clean up has not occurred as requested previously.
Bollards	Install art bollards District Council Arts Officer. (Abigale Brown)	Option 1 Alex Wenham Ltd Option 2 Matthew Day Design Option 3 Matthew Darge Parish Council has agreed with Option 3 Matthew Darge - Cllr Bligdon will email and let him know.
Sovereign Depot	Lease renewal on Sovereign Depot	Waiting for report– Clerk will chase.
Gravel for footpath	Iron Bridge to Berry Lane	Cllr Green will talk to residents to start work and obtain a date in October, and inform RFO who to pay.
Carpark	Refill grids with sand	Cllr Dennill and Handy Guy agreed October half term. Cllr Green to put up signs that carpark will be closed. RFO will purchase sand.
Allotment grids	Allotment holder to purchase 59 carpark grids off of East Hanney Parish	Allotment holder is back in September and Cllr Dennill will bring outcome in October's
Mobile phone & sims	To look at new sims for Clerk and RFO	Cllr Dennill – advised ID Mobile were cheaper at £6 month – approved.
Land Registry	Land Registry for The Nurseries	The Land Registry application was expedited and expected to complete in 10 days. Clerk

201/26 Planning Application Review and Action as required.

Ref: P26/V3512/HH

Location: The Mulberries Main Street East Hanney Wantage OX12 0JF

Proposal: Proposed internal and external alterations to dwelling. Proposed removal of existing u-PVC windows with timber replacements, proposed removal of existing glazed roof to be replaced with slate tiles with new roof windows installed. Installation of new doors and fixed glass in veranda. Proposed detached garage and pool.

Please submit your comments by 24 September 2026

CONTACT OFFICER: Lewis Dixey

No Objection

To note the date of the next normal meeting – Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 7:30pm, all proposals for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 8th October 2026.

Meeting Closed at 10.02pm

Signed by:

Date: