EAST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of East Hanney Parish Council:
on Wednesday 14th October 2026 at **7.00pm**
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: 15

202/26 **To receive apologies for absence.**
None

203/26 **To receive any Declarations of Interest from Councillors relating to items on the agenda.**
Cllr Bligdon Item 221/26
Cllr Green Item 221/26
Cllr Aram Item 215/26
Cllr Dennill Item 215/26

204/26 **To facilitate public participation with regard to items on the agenda.**
Anyone wishing to address the Council is given three minutes. The public participation period shall not exceed 30 minutes.

Church Brothers Garden – identification and commemoration

A resident requested a plaque identifying Church Brothers Garden as a parish open space.

Actions:

- The resident kindly offered to provide plaque options for consideration at a future meeting.
- **The Clerk** to respond by email, copying in Cllr Bligdon.

Reservoir / GUARD meeting and surveys

GARD public meeting Monday 26 October, 6:30–7:30 at the Black Horse, re: expected traffic increase to the reservoir site.
Surveys have been issued to the shop and made available online. A QR code has been placed on Parish noticeboard to reach questionnaire. Hanney News two-page piece planned;
Discussion points raised:
Reduced rail usage and increased HGV reliance; concerns about access points and potential intensity upwards of 1 million vehicle movements per year along public highways.
GARD crowdfunding referenced (target £100,000) to support legal challenge
Cllr Pratsides to attend the 26 Oct meeting to provide Parish Council representation.

Flood monitoring and alerting concept

Option for Council to purchase a dedicated flood monitoring/alerting system
Indicative cost £1,500 for one device or £1,800 for two; potential location suggested at Iron Bridge on existing gauge post.
Clerk to add to November meeting agenda for councillor discuss/decide.

Footpath maintenance (allotments side)

Request: cut back brambles/hedge on both sides of the new footpath.
Agreed: Cllr Green to arrange/complete the cutback work.

Tree Cutting - Allotments

Fence installed; clerk will review to agree that all work is complete.
Large pile of chippings near allotments: offer to trailer it and spread it along the lane near Poughly Farm Council agreed and thanked resident.

Sandbags at Halls Lane bridge

Issue: sandbags placed for winter flood mitigation now deteriorating; some blocking access to a water meter.
Immediate: broken bags/sand to be cleared.
Longer-term: larger flood mitigation concept described (raising parapet/extension/ramp); acknowledged as multi-stakeholder and potentially long-duration project requiring EA involvement**.**

Multiple complaints regards cars passing the shop entrance and footpath

To safeguard children, pedestrians and shop users the council will install a bollard

205/26 To receive updates from District Councillor. (Sally Povolotsky)

None received

206/26 To receive updates from County Councillor. (Ron Batstone).

- **Local government reorganisation:** The process is on hold, with district council elections expected in May 2027.
- **Oxford traffic and bus services:** Botley Road has reopened, and changes have been made to local bus services. Delays in central Oxford continue to affect services.
- **Cearn Solar Farm:** Flooding, transport and landscape impacts were identified as matters of concern following a developer engagement session.
- **White Horse Reservoir:** The County Councillor reiterated his opposition to the scheme and raised concerns about construction traffic, the use of public roads and reduced reliance on rail transport.
- **Localities meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for the following week. Councillors were invited to submit any outstanding local issues.

207/26 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 September 2026 as a true record. Accuracy confirmed Cllr Green and Cllr Pratsides and signed by Cllr Aram (Chair)

208/26 Review Actions from previous minutes. – Cllr Aram

187/26 - Moved to October agenda
188/26 - RFO waiting for purchase card to order the minute book.
189/26 - Purchased
190/26 - Councillors noted of new pay scale for Clerk and RFO.
191/26 - Agreed Cllr Aram to attend meeting with TW
192/26 - Clerk emailed Kompan and Sovereign Play for quotes.
193/26 - RFO add to budget for next year and Clerk has email Graham from the hall to see if this help relieve request for toilet (no response).
194/26 - Agreed Cllr Aram and Cllr Bligdon will work together so this can be tied to planned art bollards.
195/26 - Cllr Aram has contacted Highways for a site meeting (email reply to repaint white lines and fill potholes.
196/26 - RFO add to budget for next year.
197/26 – Cllr Aram & RFO to discuss in budget meeting.
198/26 – Cllr Aram to attend Cearn Solar Farm meeting on 6/10/26 bring back to October agenda.
199/26 – Cllr Dennill bring to October meeting – Clerk add to projects.
200/26 – On going projects.
201/26 – No objection to P26/V3512/HH The Mulberries.

209/26 To note that Cllr Newsome has resigned from East Hanney Parish Council. – Clerk

- Chair thanked Cllr Newsome for his contribution to the work of the council
- Vacancy process: casual vacancy notices has been put up in noticeboards.

Finance

210/26 New RFO Sarah Brown – Welcome and Introduction – Cllr Aram

Sarah introduced as incoming RFO and starting on 2nd November.

RFO Jayne Dennill will leave the council in November, Cllr Aram thanked Jayne for her work to resolve the previous and current AGAR as well as the organising the payments process amongst other topics.

211/26 **Finance Review. –** EAST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL **Payment List.**

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PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

13 October 2026 (2026-2027)

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
106		25/09/2026		Unity Trust Current A	Bill no 40	Clerk Mobile Phone	02		10.82	2.16	12.98
107		15/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A	INV-2243	Equipment repair	The Battery Shop UKLtd		91.82	18.36	110.18
108		15/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A	inv no 10821	Bin Emptying	Shield Maintenance/Bin Em		290.34	58.07	348.41
109		30/09/2026		Unity Trust Current A	Sept Payroll	RFO Salary	RFO/Salary		454.79		454.79
110		30/09/2026		Unity Trust Current A	Sept Payroll	Parish Clerk Salary	Clerk/Salary		1,180.55		1,180.55
111		26/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A	571C064467	Bin Emptying	Biffa/Bin Emptying		45.19	9.04	54.23
112		15/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A	73	General Land Maintenance	Handy Guy		330.00		330.00
113		06/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A	Sept Payroll	Employers NEST Pension Contr	Nest/Staff Pension		51.11		51.11
114		15/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A	Inv no 340506	Fee	Moore		525.00	105.00	630.00
115		01/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A	Month 4, 5 and 6 F	PAYE	HMRC/PAYE-NI		300.60		300.60
116		15/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A	INV-22926	Subscription	Starboard Systems Ltd		56.00	11.20	67.20
117		31/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A	Sept STM	Fee	Unity Trust Bank		9.70		9.70
118		16/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A	inv no 310	General Land Maintenance	Paddock Care/Grass Cuttin		80.00		80.00
119		16/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A	inv no 303	General Land Maintenance	Paddock Care/Grass Cuttin		430.00		430.00
120		16/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A		Expenses	Clerk/Expenses		63.54	8.31	71.85
121		12/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A	Inv no E/80	General Land Maintenance	I&CL Green/Land Maintena		443.25		443.25
122		16/10/2026		Unity Trust Current A	Sept Expenses	Expenses	Clerk/Expenses		16.66	3.33	19.99
								Total	4,379.37	215.47	4,594.84

Signed by Cllr Pratsides as per above.

212/26 **Bank Reconciliation for September to be checked and signed.**
Cllr Pratsides agreed and signed September bank reconciliation.

213/26 **To note £2769 from CIL received. – Clerk**
Noted

214/26 **Feedback from Financial committee Budget review. – Cllr Aram**
Noted: Spend on track; not expecting to exceed annual budget; anticipate potential expert costs due to DCO/Reservoir; portable toilet to be added to budgeting in 2027.

215/26 **To formalise and include as standard a working from home allowance – Cllr Kirk**
Approved reinstatement of allowance

216/26 **Review of the Financial Policy – Cllr Dennill**

217/26 The Council discussed proposed revisions to the quotation requirements in the Financial Policy. The proposed thresholds were:

- Up to £750: one quotation.
- £750 to £3,000: two quotations.
- £3,000 to £30,000: three quotations.

Action: Cllr Dennill to amend the policy and present the revised document to the November meeting for approval.

218/26 **To discuss sport pitches fee for 27/28 (Hanney Youth, Golden Sparrows and Serious 4 Sport)**
The Council agreed to increase the sports field hire charges to recover 50% of the annual grass-cutting costs, an increase from the current recovery rate of approximately 30%. The revised charges. will take effect from 1 April next year, with six months' notice to be given to affected users.
Action: The Clerk to notify all affected users in writing of the revised charges.
RFO - Record the price increases for the next financial year.

Emails

219/26 **To discuss the email sent from St James's School - 180yrs old in 2027 – Cllr Aram/Clerk.**
Action Clerk - To respond to St James's School and confirm East Hanney Parish interested and ask if they have any dates and times for meeting. **Include Cllr Bligdon**

220/26 **To discuss if the rubble will be removed and re-levelled after Vistry had to change the drainage –**
- **Clerk**

Action Clerk – Email resident to see if they have a photo of the rubble.

Project

221/26 **To discuss the outcome of the Thames Water meeting on Thursday 24th September – Cllr Aram**

- Thames Water confirmed that it does not intend to construct or use internal roads for construction logistics and will instead rely on the existing public road network. The Council expressed their disappointment.
- The main routes identified for construction traffic are the A415, A417, A338 and A34.
- Increased reliance on road haulage is anticipated due to constraints and the lack of rail support from Network Rail.
- Concerns were raised regarding the proposed canal element regarding the feasibility of constructing locks at a later stage, particularly given the challenges associated with the reservoir embankments being so close and risk of digging close to them - **Noted**

WHITE HORSE RESERVOIR – Heads of Terms – Option Agreement received from Thames Water

The Council has received a draft Heads of Terms in relation to Parish Land at the junction of the A338, from Thames Water in respect of the reservoir. This was not invited. The Council determined to engage its legal advisors to advise/ respond. An initial budget was agreed. **Action: Cllr Kirk** to coordinate with the relevant councillors and Wellers.

222/26 **Motion on the White Horse Reservoir Resident Questionnaire – Cllr Aram**
Approved up to £100 for printing/related costs as needed

223/26 **To discuss the outcome of the Cearn Solar Farm meeting on Tuesday 6th October – Cllr Aram/Cllr Kirk.**

- Project described as potentially largest solar farm in UK; multiple linked farms; significant landscape impact across multiple parishes.
- Battery storage sites highlighted as major concern (industrial-scale containers; flooding/visibility issues).
- Engagement: MP Charlie Maynard attended. **Noted**

224/26 **Discuss wooden gate repair or replacement. Estimate £500. – Cllr Aram.**
Potentially complete sooner using general maintenance funds'
Action Cllr Green will send measurements of posts and gate and **Clerk** to get a quote from Oxford Fencing.

225/26 **Discuss cricket net repair. Estimate £500 – Cllr Aram**
Clerk to obtain quote for reattachment/repair
Clerk to buy a sign "DO NOT CLIMB" due to reports of children climbing on the nets

226/26 **Agree to cut bank between the village hall and school. – Cllr Aram**
Work completed Agreed to pay invoice from Paddock Care.
Action RFO to pay.

227/26 **Discuss grass clipping, rubble and empty paint container. -Cllr Aram**
Agreed Clerk will email Golden Sparrows to remedy.

228/26 **Rubbish reported on allotments. - Cllr Aram.**

Decision: The Council agreed to arrange a skip for a specified period and introduce a deposit scheme to pay for allotments left in poor condition.

- **Action: Cllr Dennill** to arrange the skip.
- **Action: The Clerk** to add the deposit scheme to the November agenda.

229/26 **Wood chipping removal- Cllr Aram.**
Amanda from Poughly Farm kindly offered her services to distribute the chippings down the lane.

230/26 **CCTV Grant applied for - Cllr Aram.**
Noted Cllr Aram has submitted Grant application (police proceeds of crime) for CCTV

231/26 **Car Parking at the village hall for various activities (football, school, tennis, playground) - Cllr Aram**

Residents have raised concerns regard parking in Brookside, however as this is a public highway and not private land the council is unable to erect signs or prevent parking.

232/26 **Cut hedge along footpath from iron bridge to the style where it overhangs the footpath – Cllr Aram.**

TOE representative visited and indicated strong support for the chalk stream corridor.

Action Cllr Pratsides to determine options with hedges and footpath improvements.

233/26 **To discuss what to do with the wood crates at the allotments. – Cllr Dennill.**

Disposal approach discussed:

Action: Cllr Dennill to arrange disposal

234/26 **Agree to conduct AGM of the Charity of James Robins Holmes- Cllr Kirk**

Noted: AGM of Charity of James Robins Holmes was held during the meeting.

235/26 **To discuss white lines repainting at the end of Main Street – Cllr Pratsides**

Action Clerk to reply to Highways; possibility raised of council contributing funds to improve safety.

236/26 **To discuss the playground application – Cllr Pratsides**

Noted: Suggested contacting Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (OFPA) for potential grant guidance/support - **Cllr Pratsides**

237/26 **A grant register to be created and maintained - Cllr Pratsides.**

Discussed in 235/26

238/26 **To discuss the matting on the gym trial – Cllr Bligdon**

Action: Agreed Handy Guy to send quote to **Clerk**

239/26 **To discuss footpath on The Nurseries and the dumped concrete - Cllr Bligdon.**

Action Clerk to send letter to Sovereign requesting:

- removal of dumped concrete,
- remediation of trip hazards,
- Include a clear map showing parish boundary/ownership to reduce scope for dispute. **Cllr Green will send Clerk the map.**

240/26 **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 Start date – December 2020 – Cllr Green End date	**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. Start date – 12/11/2025 – Cllr Dennill End date	Now treated as a **TOE** – **Cllr Pratsides**
Pavillion	Plans approved. Select build method and technical design Start date – 12/03/2025 – Cllr Kirk/Cllr Aram End date – On going	Pavilion: More detailed technical drawings are needed Delayed due to WHR/Cearn/Vale 2041 plan –**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. Start date – 13/08/2025 – Cllr Kirk End date	**Cllr Kirk -** will contact manufacturers about the depth of 1.2m **Cllr Aram** to mark out position
ROSPA Report	Multi Play Multi Play Start date –08/04/2026 – Cllr Pratside/Cllr Bligton End date – 14/10/2026	Playground ROSPA report complete open new project for grants.
Tree Survey & Subsequent works	Report highlighted the Poplars by the allotment as requiring remedial actions. Start date – 08/10/2025 – Cllr Green End date	**Works completed, Clerk** To meet land owner
Bollards	Install art bollards District Council Arts Officer. (Abigale Brown) Start date – 13/08/2025 – Cllr Bligdon End date – On going	**Clerk** mid-way completing S106 form for David Cookson: May need some input from **Cllr Bligdon.** Remaining funds to buy a bug house. **Cllr Bligdon** will contact Abi to discuss options.
Sovereign Depot	Lease renewal on Sovereign Depot Start date- 09/07/2025 – Cllr Green End date	Report received- **Cllr Green** has emailed Sovereign property head (David Stratton)
Gravel for footpath	Iron Bridge to Berry Lane Start date – 11/03/2026 – Cllr Green End date	**Cllr Green** – week commencing 22/10/2026 **RFO** to obtain gravel
Carpark	Refill grids with sand Start date - 13/05/2026 – Cllr Dennill End date-	**Cllr Dennill** and Handy Guy agreed October half term. **Cllr Green** to put up signs that carpark will be closed. **RFO** to purchase sand.
Allotment grids	Allotment holder to purchase 59 carpark grids off of East Hanney Parish Start date – 13/05/2026 – Cllr Dennill End date	**Cllr Dennill** has sent an email and will bring to November's meeting.
Mobile phone & sims	To look at new sims for Clerk and RFO Start date – 13/05/2026 – Cllr Dennill End date	**Cllr Dennill** ID Mobile £6 SIM (New RFO/Clerk consent)- Action **Clerk**
Land Registry	Land Registry for The Nurseries Land Registry for The Nurseries Start Date – 08/04/2026 End Date – 14/10/2026	The Land Registry application all complete. **Clerk remove from future projects**
Parish land explaining the purpose/use	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. Start date 09/09/2026 – Cllr Aram	Council agreed to look into options and return with proposal – **Action Cllr Aram**

	End date	
Overgrown hedges and bushes in the village	Contact Highways and request a site meeting to review the situation. Start date 09/09/2026 – Cllr Aram End date	**Clerk** to reply to OCC email.
Parish Council's current policies and procedures	Review and update all relevant Parish Council policies and bring the revised policies. Start Date 09/09/2026 – Cllr Dennill End date	**Cllr Dennill –** Will bring financial Regs to November's meeting to be signed off before working on the net one.

241/26 Planning Application Review and Action as required.

Ref: P26/V3963/HH

Location: White House, The Green, East Hanney Wantage OX12 0HQ

Proposal: Single storey front and rear extension, double storey side extension to include front and rear gables and loft conversion to include 3 rear dormers, one front skylight and solar panels

Please submit your comments by 2 October 2026. – East Hanney Parish has got an extension until the Friday 16th of October.

CONTACT OFFICER: Rachel Brown

Action; Clerk will send response

To note the date of the next normal meeting – Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 7:30pm, all proposals for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 12th November 2026.

Meeting Closed at 10.32pm

Signed by: **Date:**