

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR HOCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL ON MAY 18TH 2026 AT 7.30PM IN HOCKHAM VILLAGE HALL

Attending; Cllrs Bennett, Thomas, Lloyd, Wiltshire, Leech and Loft, 5 members of the public and the clerk C Garrod.

- 1) **Election of chairman.** Cllr Bennett was appointed chair for 2026/27
- 2) **Election of Vice Chairman:** Cllr Lambert was elected Vice chair for 2026/27
- 3) **Appointed representatives to external bodies;**
 - a) Cheque signatories; Cllrs Leech and Lambert and the clerk
 - b) Footpaths and Forestry: Cllr Loft
 - c) Highways and Road Safety; Cllr Thomas
 - d) SAM Speed awareness: Cllr Wiltshire
 - e) Tree Officer: Cllr Bennett
 - f) Battle Area Liaison; Cllr Leech
 - g) Wayland Partnership: No one appointed
 - h) Police Liaison: Cllr Lloyd
 - i) Playing Field Committee: Cllrs, Lloyd, Loft, Wiltshire and Leech
 - j) Planning Committee: Cllrs Wiltshire, Lloyd & Leech
 - k) Allotments: Cllr Bennett
- 4) **Apologies for Absence;** Cllr Lambert, Ward member P Cowen.
- 5) **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Bennett and Loft allotment holders, Cllr Wiltshire as trustee to the Woodsford charity and Cllr Leech as a farmer from Little Hockham
- 6) **Requests for dispensation:** None
- 7) **Minutes from 27th April 26:** were unanimously approved.
- 8) **Progress Report:**
 - a) Info Board: Cllr Bennett would contact all councillors for comments.
 - b) Drainage: The highways officer had agreed to conduct further work by the pub and old school and would advise when the work would be done.
 - c) Vicarage Rd Sign: The clerk would progress
 - d) Speed Camera Results from April/May 26. These showed the highest speed of 44.5 mph but in general speeds were below the set limit. There had been 12,000 recorded speeds. Watton Road would be targeted next.
 - e) Mobile library progress: There had been some advertising activity from NCC libraries. The clerk would liaise regards the stop points.
- 9) The meeting was adjourned for public questions.
- 10) **Highways and Road Safety;** Cllr Thomas had no new things to report. The verge cut at Little Hockham Lane would be checked with NCC.
- 11) **Planning:** Local plan, no known progress. No outstanding applications for comments. It was suggested the planning committee were contacted regards the application for the Xmas tree field.
- 12) **Finances;** Payments were approved for the clerk's salary, Pearce and Kemp
- 13) **Allotments;** All was good.
- 14) **Footpaths:** Nothing to report.
- 15) **Playing Field:** Hornfair was on the 24th May, assistance was required.
- 16) **Forest Edge Court:** Nothing to report.

- 17) **Councillor Updates;** The flower boxes had been both maintained and planted, strimming was now needed. The road closure for 20th June had been approved.
- 18) **Correspondence;** In Touch had sent thanks for the donation
- 19) **Meeting dates were agreed as follows for 26/27.** Monday 22nd June, Monday 20th July, Monday 7th September, Monday 5th October, Monday 2nd November, Monday Dec 7th Monday 11th January, Monday February 15th; Monday 15th march; Monday April 19th, Monday May 17th.
- 20) **Next meeting** Monday June 22nd 7.30pm.