

Headland Parish Council
Minutes from Meeting held on Monday, 28th July 2025

Present: Chair: S. Gaiety
Councillors: A. Hay, S. Lee, A. Turner, M. Jorgeson, H. White

Clerk to the Council: M. Ellett

hp25-2630 **To accept Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from A. Muller-Nicholson.

hp25-2631 **Resignation**
Following the last meeting, resignations had been received from Councillors S. Moore and A. Smith. 3 of the vacancies could be filled via the Parish Council's co-option procedure and a notice had been placed on the window for the 4th vacancy. The vacancies would be advertised during August by all means of communication.

hp25-2632 **Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda**
None received

hp25-2633 **To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th June 2025**
The minutes of the Meeting held on 30th June 2025 had been forwarded with the agenda.
RESOLVED the above minutes were confirmed and approved as a true record.

hp25-2634 **Matters Arising:**

- **Market Stalls**
Ward Councillor Dodds noted that discussions were taking place with Hartlepool Borough Council regarding something similar to the Farmers' Market on the Marina being brought to the Headland. Councillor Gaiety to discuss with the Wintertide Team.
RESOLVED – the information was received and noted and an update to be given as and when it is available.
- **Triangle near Heron Foods** – an update was that the area had now been cut back by Hartlepool Borough Council to improve sight lines.

hp25-2635 **Clerk's Report**

- **Police Update**
Following the last meeting, PCSO Duffield had visited the Parish Council Office. Clerk and Councillor Gaiety updated PCSO Duffield on issues that had been raised by residents at previous Parish Council meetings. She agreed to investigate some of the issues raised.
An update was read out in relation to Throston Garage in which investigations were ongoing. Once more information was available, she would give an update. In relation to the cockle picking, all registrations and information had been passed to the gangmasters team who work with police on this and inshore fisheries and conservation authority who were now looking into this further.
RESOLVED – the information was received and noted and an update would be given as and when it was received.

hp25-2636

Visit from Police & Crime Commissioner – Matt Storey

Matt Storey, Police & Crime Commissioner was welcomed to the meeting. He gave an update in relation to off road bikes in that it was a problem in every Ward, not just Headland. Since January, police had crushed 80 bikes and stressed the importance of reporting to the police so they have an idea of where the hotspots were. Councillor Lee asked if Cleveland were the only authority not chasing bikes as she was aware of neighbouring police authorities that did so it may be worth evaluating the impact of this with other forces in order to keep our communities safe. Matt agreed to feed this back.

Matt gave a presentation to members. Of significance was that the precept had been increased by £14 to fund local policing. 23 million pounds was established for extra police officers with £13,000 more police and a dedicated named PCSO for each ward. The question was asked as to how many would be coming to Hartlepool but PCC Storey said it was not known at this point.

To report incidents, the procedure was 999 for emergencies, 101 for non-emergency matters, the COPA app and the Keeping Cleveland Connected campaign in which residents can scan the QR code and get regular updates on the area.

PCC Storey was thanked for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED – PCC Matt Storey’s presentation was received and noted by members.

hp25-2637

Financial

- **Finance Report 2025-26**

An updated Finance Report for 2025-26 was circulated to members with the agenda.

RESOLVED Finance Report accepted by members.

- **Savings Account**

£10,000 had been transferred to a savings account and was already gaining interest.

RESOLVED – received and noted by members.

hp25-2638

Members Reports of Attendance at Meetings/Events on behalf of the Council:

Councillor Lee had attended an assembly at St. Bega’s RC Primary School to explain what the Parish Council did. There were some good conversations and the pupils were asked to come along to the Parish Council and think about any suggestions for us to consider. Two points were raised; litter and free ice creams. £250 had been donated to the school to help with resources towards the litter campaign and they had made some great posters. Councillor Lee will collect the posters after the holidays and they will be displayed around the Headland.

Councillor Gaiety had attended the Parish Liaison Meeting and mentioned about the state of the area around the paddling pool and bandstand which will be looked into.

RESOLVED the information was received and noted.

- hp25-2639 **Plants on Northgate Shops**
Councillor White said it was not too late and would purchase the plants. Clerk noted that an invoice was needed from the company and emailed to the Clerk. If there was any damage to planters or brackets, Councillor White to inform Clerk who can replace from repairs and maintenance budget.
RESOLVED The information was received and noted.
- hp25-2640 **Planning Applications**
- H/2025/0181 –St Helens Primary School, Durham Street, Hartlepool, TS24 0HG – Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a new two storey school building and associated car parking, cycle parking, landscaping, hard courts, playing field, external canopies, bin store and substation. (No objections had been received).
 - Update on 20 Gladstone Street, Hartlepool, TS24 0PE – proposed conversion to multiple flats. Following no objections being submitted, a resident had emailed the Parish Council to look into the planning application. A letter had been sent from the residents objecting to the proposal which the Clerk summarised. The email stated that HBC were not interested in the concerns of the residents who lived on the street and the impact it will have on them and asked the Parish Council to consider supporting the residents.
A brief discussion ensued and the resident was not in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions.
RESOLVED – Councillors Gaiety and Lee to respond to the email from the resident.
- hp25-2641 **Correspondence** – none received.
- hp25-2642 **Ward Councillor Update:**
Ward Councillors Nelson and Dodds were in attendance and gave an update as follows:
- *Kittiwakes* – area to be cleaned.
 - *Far end of prom and end of Marine Drive* – lots of sand – to be incorporated into cleaning schedule.
 - *Neighbourhoods Plan Consultation* – where do want to see money spent. Residents urged to complete a survey – open until 30th August.
 - *Headland Paddling Pool* – been filled up. May need some work to be done in next couple of years. The water is tested 3 times per day and it is cleaned every week.
 - *Litter picking* – Ward Councillors were involved in a litter pick on Marina area where there were lots of volunteers and hoping to repeat in different areas. Will be advertised on Facebook. Clerk had been in touch with Hartlepool Big Tidy Up and offered to advertise litter picks for them but no information had been received.
- Ward Councillors were thanked for their attendance and the update.
- hp25-2643 **Councillors Items for future agenda**
None received.

hp25-2644 **Public Questions:**
7 members of the public were in attendance.

The Care Homes reported in previous meetings was raised. It was noted that HBC were waiting for the period notice to close and it was hoped they would be demolished following this.

A resident asked for the flags to be flown for Carnival Day. It was hoped that, weather permitting, they would be put up and remain for the duration of the Carnival.

Councillor Turner raised on behalf of residents in South Crescent if temporary toilets could be sourced as people using paddling pool were knocking on doors to use the toilets as there were no facilities and nearest toilets were the public toilets on Middlegate. This could not be sourced by the Parish Council.

hp25-2645 **Date of the next meeting** was confirmed as Monday, 29th September 2025 at 6.45pm in the Croft Room, Borough Buildings.

The meeting adjourned at 7.50pm.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

Chair:

Date: