

The Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held following the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 17th March 2025 in the Community Centre.

MINUTES

Present

Cllr. Diane Hughes (Chair)

Cllr Sheila Irving (Vice – Chair)

Cllrs. Alan Askew, Maxine Smith, Gary Thompson, Sheila Wilson, Carolyn Winter

Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public : 3

1 Notice of Meeting

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Sch 12 paragraph 10(2) of the LGA 1972

2 Apologies

None

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Minutes:

RESOLVED

To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held 17th February 2025

5 Matters of Information

No new items

6 Reports

6.1 DCC

No report was given

6.2 Police

No report was given

6.3 Community Centre

The report had been given in the earlier meeting.

6.4 Play area

It was agreed to re-open the play area on Saturday April 5th and this to be advertised on noticeboards and in the ROUND UP.

6.5 Small Councils Committee

The Chair, Cllr Diane Hughes, had circulated a report on the recent Small Council meeting which she attended.

This included: -

- a) Details of Martyn's Law which applies to events where over 200 people are attending
- b) Recycling requirements will be changing for business in 2025 for business and industry and by 2026 for domestic use.

6.6 Any other reports

None

7 Public Participation

- a) Concerns were raised over parking cars on the footpath / grass verge near the Stapleton Arms rather than using the carpark.

RESOLVED

To write to the Stapleton Arms asking if they can have a notice pointing their customers to park in the car park.

- b) It was suggested that there could be information boards re Hawthorn and the surrounding area.

RESOLVED

To display information when received in the lectern noticeboard on the green.

8 Correspondence / e mails

8.1 Footpath Diversion

Information has been received re the proposed diversion on Footpath 15.

RESOLVED

To respond that the Parish Council seek assurances that the diversion will be completed to same standard as previous footpath.

9 Financial:

9.1 RESOLVED

To endorse the monies paid by the Clerk since the last meeting / Bank reconciliation.

Direct	18/02/2025	Streetscape	New play equipment	£25,500.00
Direct	18/02/2025	Streetscape	New toddler equipment	£5,994.00
Direct	18/02/2025	Streetscape	Repairs	£3,150.00
Direct	18/02/2025	Hawthorn Landscaping	Outdoor works	£3,320.00
Direct	18/03/2025	L K Swinbank	Salary. Oct - March	£1,471.20
Direct	18/03/2025	HMRC	HMRC Dedns	£367.80
Direct	18/03/2025	L K Swinbank	Tv exp	£346.50
Direct	18/03/2025	L K Swinbank	Postage	£2.45
Direct	18/03/2025	DCC	Playground Inspections	£200.16
Direct	18/03/2025	Unity	Service Charge	£6.00

Business	£8,154.80	
Current	£936.23	
Total	£9,091.03	£9,091.03
Receipts To date	£35,133.89	
Payments to date	£45,135.23	
Closing balances		-£910.31
Business	£31,541.81	
Current	£4,379.83	
Total	£35,921.64	
Less u/p to date	£36,831.95	-£910.31
Awaiting £5,000 from DCC, and Vat £5,900		

10 Training

The Clerk gave details of current training.

11 Planning

11.1 Current Planning applications

These had been circulated.

11.2 Battery Storage

RESOLVED

Cllr Sheila Irving to attend the consultation event the following evening.

11.3 Bellway Development

Awaiting DCC decision

12 Events & Information

12.1 Spring Clean 2025

The Clerk informed members that the equipment etc has been ordered from DCC and should be delivered to the Community Centre in the next week or so.

Cllr Carolyn Winter said she understood the Durham Wildlife Trust would like to be involved.

RESOLVED

To receive the information and the Clerk to co-ordinate with the Wildlife Trust

12.2 Christmas Event

RESOLVED

To hold this on Sunday 7th December.

13 Date of the next meeting

This will be held on Monday April 14th - one week earlier than usual due to Easter Monday being April 21st.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.