

MINUTES OF HUGGATE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 13th April 2026 in St Marys Church, Huggate

In attendance

Claire Myers, Jane Thorpe, Vicky Knocker, Diana Evans and Kevin Ashurst

Penny Hudson – Clerk

1. Prior to the meeting Claire offered to be the chair. This was agreed unanimously. There were no apologies as all councillors attended.
2. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th March 2026 were approved and signed.
3. There were no declarations of interest in respect of any agenda item.
4. Matters arising – none
5. Finance - Penny confirmed the bank balance which was agreed. The following payments were agreed:
 - a) £84 to SLCC for clerks' membership
 - b) £7.64 to HMRC
6. Last year's accounts were reviewed and AGAR forms were signed ready for the internal and external audit.
7. Councillor Vacancies – Clive Owen and Linda Davies have resigned as councillors. Thanks were expressed for their service particularly Clive in his years as chairman. The list of all the things he did for the village was discussed and re allocated to councillors where possible. Some of the tasks would be allocated to willing residents. Claire will circulate a list. Two possible candidates for councillor vacancies are being encouraged. It will be possible to co-opt new members at the next meeting if no election is required. It was agreed that in future if a complaint is received by a councillor or the clerk it will be discussed at the next available meeting before any action is taken.
8. Planning – Erection of a livestock building for cattle Foxcovert Farm, Wetwang Road ref 26/00656/PLF was approved.
9. Migration to Gov.uk domain – Parish Online are completing the required actions. The domain name will be huggate-pc.gov.uk. Penny will send the required email addresses, photo and colour scheme as requested. The need for the current village website will be decided once the new website is up and running. An IT Policy was agreed.
10. Village Questionnaire – three questions have been requested from the church and a further three were agreed to cover the future use of the community space and use of the website. Vicky agreed to produce an online questionnaire which will be promoted on the WhatsApp groups. A paper version will also be delivered and replies can be returned to the pub or church. To enable the responses to be analysed before the Annual Village meeting the return date is Friday 8th May.
11. Village maintenance and issues
 - a) New No Parking signs are in place and car park notices will be purchased for the Pocklington Road and the Wolds Inn
 - b) New tree for top of Stocks Hill has been reserved
 - c) Cleaning of benches on green and picnic table is complete. The buoyancy aid will be repositioned on a new post
 - d) Dog Fouling – Penny will contact the ERYC dog warden for advice.

12. The AutoSpeed Watch grant has been received to cover 50% of the initial purchase and installation costs. Once the final paperwork is approved the project will commence. Penny will inform Emma of this good news.
13. Annual Village Meeting on Monday 18th May – the agenda was agreed. Tea, coffee and cakes will be provided by the councillors. Claire volunteered to be chairman at the meeting, this was accepted unanimously.
14. Mail item from Ultra Trails will be posted on the Whats App group
15. Huggate news items / Whats App – councillor resignations and vacancies, Annual village meeting and questionnaire, Speedwatch grant
16. Next meeting Monday 18th May following the Annual meeting in St Marys Church.

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