



HACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT TYLER HILL MEMORIAL HALL AT 7:30PM ON 10th SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESENT: Cllr A Bobrowicz (Chair), Cllr R Wildman (Vice Chair), Cllr E Cumming, Cllr J Lavery, Cllr S Wyatt, Mrs S Paterson (Clerk) and Ward Cllr Dan Smith.

ATTENDING: Two residents.

(1) CHAIR'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE BEING RECEIVED:
Apologies were received from County/Ward Cllr Alex Ricketts and Ward Cllr Steph Jupe.

(2) NOTE OF DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND DPI BY MEMBERS IN AGENDA ITEMS:

Cllr Lavery submitted a declaration of interest in respect of planning application CA/26/01401, as the proposal relates to his property.

(3) MATTERS ARISING AND TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th JULY 2026:

Matters arising were reviewed, with several items resolved either in advance of the meeting or through discussion under scheduled agenda items.

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action	Owner	Update from meeting
06/11/25	3.0	Awaiting response from Cllr Ricketts re ownership and continued maintenance of the communal area	Cllr Ricketts	<i>It was noted that Cllr Wyatt had planted some flowers in the bed where the tree previously was and that she has agreed to assume responsibility for maintaining this on behalf of HPC, however this arrangement needs to be confirmed by KCC/CCC.</i> <i>Clerk emailed Cllr Ricketts for an update whilst at meeting.</i>
09/07/26	3.0	Contact KCC regarding reinstatement of HPC's solar panel	Cllr Wildman	<i>Cllr Wildman to contact KCC again.</i>
09/07/26	4.0	Chase response re missed bin collections	Cllr Jupe	<i>Absent from meeting.</i>
09/07/26	5.2	Contact Cllr Ricketts re issues in St John's Crescent	Cllr Wyatt	<i>Awaiting response from Cllr Ricketts.</i>

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Bobrowicz and SECONDED by Cllr Wyatt that the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting be accepted as a true record. This was agreed by all members present and duly signed by the Chair.

(4) CHAIRS CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS
Cllr Bobrowicz spoke about the following matters:

1. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

It was noted that Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) was the government-driven proposal to replace Kent's existing two-tier system (comprising Kent County Council, Medway Council and the district and borough councils) with a smaller number of new unitary authorities, each responsible for all local services. Under the proposals, Canterbury was expected to be combined with Dover and Thanet, with changes anticipated to take effect the following year.

She advised that HPC had received recent information indicating that the government had placed these plans on hold following legal advice.

2. Community Governance Review (CGR)

In the context of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), Canterbury City Council has undertaken a two-stage public consultation on parish arrangements across the district. Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay are currently unparished, meaning that if LGR were to proceed, these areas would be left without parish-level governance.

The results of the first stage of the Community Governance Review have now been published. The recommendations include no changes to Hackington Parish Council's boundaries or governance; the creation of a new town council for Herne Bay; new parish councils for different areas of Whitstable; and adjustments to certain existing parishes, including a proposed extension of Blean Parish Council's boundary to incorporate Pean Hill. The consultation on establishing a town council for Canterbury has been paused. Progress will not resume until Charter Trustees are appointed to safeguard the city's status, Lord Mayoralty and civic functions. This is dependent on the King issuing the necessary letter, and the timeframe for this remains unknown.

3. Save The Blean

It was noted that members of the Save The Blean group were due to meet with Professor Harrington, the Vice-Chancellor of the newly merged South East London Group of Universities.

4. South East Water (SEW)

A few weeks ago, bottled water was distributed to residents in Tyler Hill in anticipation of potential water shortages. HPC and Tyler Hill Memorial Hall hold good supplies of water for those on the priority register, should South East Water fail to provide it.

(5) MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC:

1. A resident asked that the HPC meadow be more actively publicised for use by local residents, noting that it is currently an underused community asset. It was observed that dogs are not permitted on the site, which limits potential use and that additional amenities (such as seating or improved access) might encourage greater engagement.

Cllr Smith suggested that local groups, including archery clubs, might be interested in making use of the meadow. Cllr Bobrowicz added that the meadow working party already has an action point to contact additional external organisations, such as forest schools, and she reported that she had recently discussed this with the Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership.

It was agreed that councillors would consider the matter further and report back.

2. A resident asked whether the Tyler's Kiln pub was likely to reopen, noting that it remains listed for sale. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the owner to request an update.

ACTION Clerk

(6) MATTERS FOR APPROVAL AND DISCUSSION – as previously circulated to Cllrs. None.

(7) CORRESPONDENCE: -All correspondence and emails as previously circulated to all Members.

1. The Clerk reported that multiple concerns have been raised regarding a young resident riding a bicycle in a manner that poses risks to both road users and pedestrians. The child has been identified, and the matter has been reported to Kent Police, who will now address it.

Kent Police have requested that any residents who witness similar incidents or have further concerns submit a report via their website: <https://www.kent.police.uk/>

2. A resident reported that the hedge surrounding Tyler's Kiln pub was overgrown and required trimming and that weeds were encroaching along the adjacent footpath. A working party has since attended the site, trimmed the hedge and cleared the weeds.

(8) REPORTS FROM COUNTY/WARD CLLRS:

Cllr Smith reported that the site planning meeting relating to the Shelford Landfill site has been delayed. He confirmed that he would inform Cllr Bobrowicz should any future meetings require invitations to be extended to parish councillors.

(9) REPORTS AND MATTERS RELATING TO:

9.1 KALC/NALC (Cllr Bobrowicz)

Cllr Bobrowicz reported that a KALC Canterbury area committee meeting would take place on Friday 11th September and she would report back at HPC's next meeting in November.

9.2 Footpaths (Cllr Wyatt)

Cllr Wyatt had sent a report that, due to the hot and dry summer, several footpaths had become congested with brambles and nettles. Residents were asked to report such issues via the KCC Footpath Map (link below). Where paths were close to the Hackington boundary, residents were also invited to notify Cllr Wyatt at suzanne.wyatt@hackington-pc.gov.uk in addition to reporting to KCC.

It was noted that the footpath next to the Tylers Kiln Pub had recently become overgrown and had been brought to HPC's attention by a resident. Cllr Bobrowicz and resident James Hanna cleared a substantial section of the path, with the remaining section subsequently cleared by Cllr Wyatt and Cllr Lavery.

The KCC Footpath Map indicated that CB44/1, CB46/1 and CB75/2 were scheduled to receive two vegetation cuts each and Cllr Wyatt confirmed she would continue to monitor these.

The same footpath map also provided links to walks that could be undertaken within the Hackington and Broad Oak area (East Kent), and the link was attached below.

<https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccesscams/standardmap.aspx>

<https://explorekent.org/activities/herne-tyler-hill-broad-oak-walk/>

9.3 Memorial Hall (Cllr Cumming)

Cllr Cumming gave an update following the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall Committee (THMHC) meeting held the previous evening:

THMHC remains in a sound financial position and continues to benefit from healthy levels of bookings.

The grant application for improvements to the playing field is ongoing, despite recent changes to the application process. It is hoped that the bid will progress in the near future.

Members were advised, however, that the effectiveness of any improvements will be limited unless the rabbit problem on the site can be addressed. A seasonal cull is planned in the coming months. Cllr Loverly requested that notice of the intended date for culling be given to residents. This was noted by Cllr Cumming.

The children's playground improvements have now been ordered. A certificate of permitted development is required to confirm that planning consent is not needed; this certificate costs £400 and takes approximately eight weeks to obtain. THMHC expressed concern that CCC charges a charity for this process, particularly given the fundraising efforts undertaken by volunteers. THMHC requested that the ward councillors be asked to seek both a waiver of the fee and an expedited issue of the certificate. Planning application details were given to Cllr Smith for his assistance with this matter.

The total cost of the playground improvements will be in the region of £26,000. The works will include a new safety surface and updated play equipment. The bowls pitch will be relocated away from the playground and provided with a new surface. Four picnic benches will also be installed around the site.

A new garden area is being created adjacent to the playground, with construction being undertaken by volunteer working parties.

There are several forthcoming community events:

- **19 September 2026** – Coffee Morning
- **24 October 2026** – Coffee Morning
- **28 November 2026** – Christmas Event

These events will include stalls, cakes, raffles and craft activities for both children and adults. Volunteers and donations will be required and working parties for the garden and related tasks will take place on the same days. THMHC emphasised that strong community support is essential for these events to continue. A quiz was arranged but due to lack of support has been cancelled.

THMHC can be contacted via the post box located to the left of the front door or by email at tylerhillmemorialhall@gmail.com

9.4 Conservation – (Cllr Loverly)

Cllr Loverly reported that, in June, a repeat special litter pick alongside Clowes Wood had been postponed due to extremely hot weather conditions. The litter-picking group was being consulted regarding re-arranging the event for October, with the intention of again including students from Kent College should they wish to participate.

It was further reported that, in an effort to reduce drive-by littering, fresh dialogue had been opened with KCC and CCC concerning the installation of anti-littering signage. The intention was to place signs on lamp posts, telegraph poles and temporary boards beside local roads known to be prone to littering. Although this approach had been suggested previously without progress, HPC was attempting to pursue it again and would monitor any outcomes if successful.

Finally, it was noted that the litter-picking group had almost achieved its initial target of collecting one metric tonne of rubbish.

Cllr Smith requested Cllr Loverly include him on any further emails to KCC/CCC regarding signage.

9.5 Highways - (Cllr Wildman)

Cllr Wildman provided an update on several Highways matters.

1. **30mph Roundels – Road Surface Markings** Cllr Wildman reported that the 30mph roundels agreed in summer 2025 had now been installed by KCC along Hackington Road. These were considered a welcome addition to ongoing efforts to reduce speeding through the village.
2. **Repainting of the Central White Line** HPC had received confirmation that the repainting of the central white line through the village would be carried out; however, a date for completion was still awaited. HPC continued to follow up with KCC for updates.
3. **Drainage** Cllr Wildman reported that, since early 2025, he had been seeking greater visibility of KCC's drainage clearance programme across the parish. During this period, he had reported numerous blocked highway drains, raising concerns that either the existing maintenance regime was ineffective or the frequency of clearance was insufficient.
Following his request for a review of the drainage schedule, KCC had confirmed that the programme had been changed from a three-year cycle to annual clearance. This was considered a welcome improvement and was expected to help reduce blocked drains and surface water issues. Cllr Wildman emphasised the importance of effective drainage maintenance on roads such as Wood Hill, Canterbury Hill and Calais Hill, where excess surface water was likely, in his view, to contribute to pothole formation, carriageway deterioration and standing water. He confirmed he would continue to monitor the situation and engage with KCC, as necessary.
4. **Road Closure Communications** It was reported that several recent road closures had not been communicated to HPC in advance. HPC had raised this matter with KCC Highways and reminded them of their obligation to notify the Parish Clerk before closures were implemented. HPC would continue to monitor compliance with this requirement.

Bus Focus Group

Cllr Wyatt provided a report for September 2026:

On 1 September, she took part in the first online Bus Focus Group, established to bring together various parties to support the development of a more meaningful and cohesive bus strategy for Canterbury and its rural areas.

Attendees included several Canterbury City Council councillors, including Ward Cllr Alex Ricketts, Mel Dawkins, Grace Paget, Peter Campbell and Alan Baldock. Stagecoach was represented by Chris Webber, Operations Manager and David Morton, Network Planning Manager responsible for timetables from Herne Bay and Whitstable through to Faversham and Thanet. Ruth Goudie, an officer at Canterbury City Council overseeing infrastructure and bus lanes, was also present, along with David Kemsley, Business Secretary for ACRA, and several other interested parties.

The only other rural parish councillor present was Geoff Crothall of Bridge Parish. Cllr Wyatt reported that she had been in email contact with him and had suggested that both parishes reach out to neighbouring councils to explore whether they would be willing to participate in establishing a reporting procedure for bus-related issues affecting their areas. For HPC, this would include Blean, Rough Common and Chestfield.

Bridge Parish had previously set up a QR-code reporting app for bus users to collect data on their local service. Although the initiative had not progressed as planned, it was felt that a combined effort across multiple parishes might have greater impact, with the Bus Focus Group acting as a communication conduit.

It was noted that increased bus usage by residents would strengthen the case for reinstating missing services.

The next Bus Focus Group meeting was scheduled for 1 December 2026.

9.6 Tyler Hill Meadow (Cllr Bobrowicz)

Cllr Bobrowicz reported that two volunteer working parties had taken place during August and September. The first group of volunteers applied wood chippings to the main footpaths, using material kindly donated by a local resident. A second working party, consisting of two volunteers, subsequently cleared the paths of nettles and weeds.

9.7 Climate Change (Cllr Wyatt)

People's Emergency Briefing about climate change and nature crisis was shown at the Tyler Hill Memorial Hall on 22 June 2026 followed by a lively discussion. Twelve people attended.

9.8 Devolution update (All)

Nothing further to report (see 4.1).

9.9 I.T. and Website update - (Clerk)

Nothing to report.

(10) PLANNING:

PENDING

Tyler Hill Baptist Church

CA/21/02180 | Change of use from chapel to building (Neighbour to Clerk) – *Awaiting Decision (due to Stodmarsh).*

Rough Cottage Fleets Lane

CA/21/01341 | Two-storey detached dwelling along with associated parking – *Awaiting Decision (due to Stodmarsh).*

Fleets Paddock Fleets Lane

CA/23/00939 | Retrospective application for change of use of land to glamping site for 9 bell tents/Shepherds Huts and up to 20 camping plots, composting toilets and shower blocks, communal area, viewing platforms and associated parking. – *Awaiting Decision.*

Land At Brooklands Farm Whitstable

CA/25/00779 | Outline application with all matters reserved apart from principal access from South Street and Chestfield Road for a mixed-use development of up to 1350 dwellings– *Awaiting Decision*

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CA/26/01410 | Application for lawful development certificate for proposed boule pitch with additional play equipment and safety surface following demolition of existing boule pitch – *Awaiting Decision.*

DECISIONS

51 Hackington Road

CA/26/00266 Removal of condition 5 (Student accommodation) of planning permission reference for the erection of a single-storey dwelling – *Granted*

Eastingdown, Alcroft Grange

CA/26/00840 | Single-storey rear extension following the demolition of existing sun room together with rendering of external wall – *Granted.*

44 Hackington Road

CA/26/01058 | Single storey rear extension – *Granted*.

Frog Hall Oast, Hackington Road

CA/26/00907/ CA/26/00906 | Insertion of two new door openings together with the replacement of two existing windows with doors through lowering the existing cill levels – *Granted*.

1 Hackington Road

CA/26/01072 | Single-storey extension to South elevation – *Granted*.

TREES

RECEIVED

6 Park Farm Close

CA/26/01401 | T1 fruit tree located in the rear garden - 1 metre reduction – *Awaiting Decision*.

70 Hackington Road

CA/26/01388 | Oak tree located in the rear garden - lower limb removal – *Awaiting Decision*.

DECIDED

9 Calais Hill

CA/26/01102 | T1-Ash, fell tree located adjacent to walls and pond. G1-Group of Ash trees, fell trees located to the northeastern side of drive. T2-Ash, crown lift tree to 4m, remove low spreading lateral limbs, remove low limbs on fence and reduce risk of large lower limb failure located on the field edge to the rear garden area. T3-False Acacia, reduce canopy by approximately 4m located in rear garden towards field boundary on southern side. T4-False Acacia, reduce canopy by approximately 4m located in rear garden towards field boundary on southern side. T5-Ash, fell tree located adjacent to Calais Hill on roadside edge of property – *No objection*.

Orchard House, Ivy Court

CA/26/01075 | T1) Eucalyptus reduce tree by 10ft, T2) Judas tree reduce crown by 5ft, T3) Prunus reduce by 3ft, G1 boundary Prunus trees reduce by 2ft located to rear garden – *No objection*.

The Halt Tyler Hill Road

CA/26/00983 | A row of 14 false cypress trees located along the western side of the hobby house in the garden- Reduce the height of the conifer hedge to 3.5m, trim lateral growth to reduce the width by up to 0.75m, maintaining a neat hedge form – *No objection*.

11 Sunnymead

CA/26/00813 | G1 three Oak trees located in the rear garden - 30% reduction – *No objection*.

(11) ACCOUNTS

11.1 Balance in bank (not including payments to be authorised) as at 9th September 2026 is £18,397.09.

It was noted the Local Government Pay Scheme awards had been agreed with effect from 1st April 2026 and that a back-dated payment to the clerk would be included in the next salary payment on 24th September 2026.

11.2 Payments and invoices paid between meetings:

25/07/2026	BACS	S Paterson	Salary	513.66
13/07/2026	BACS	R Swain	Bus shelter window cleaning	9.00
25/07/2026	S/O	S Paterson	Instant Ink reimbursement	6.49
31/07/2026	CHGS	Unity	Service Charge Monthly	7.00
04/08/2026	BACS	Canterbury Cathedral	Archives storage fees	31.50
04/08/2026	BACS	Info. Commissioner	Data protection fee	52.00
25/08/2026	S/O	S Paterson	Instant Ink reimbursement	6.49
25/08/2026	BACS	S Paterson	Salary	513.66
26/08/2026	BACS	S Paterson	Title deeds search reimburse	7.00
31/08/2026	CHGS	Unity	Service Charge Monthly	7.00

11.3 Payments and invoices to be authorised:

None

11.4 Money in:

09/07/2026	BACS	CCC	Concurrent funding 16-27	2,528.00
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(12) – Meetings attended/Training

1st September Bus Focus Group attended by Cllr Wyatt

(13) – Items for the next Agenda

None.

Next meeting 5th November 2026 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 20:53

MATTERS ARISING

As of September 2026

Completed prior to meeting – no action required.

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action	Owner	Status

Due for Completion at this meeting – action required.

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In progress for future completion

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