

*MINUTES OF MEETING OF HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21st  
APRIL 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL*

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions – Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status & any disability); Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

Nancy Chapman, Parish Clerk

**Present**

Robin Carpenter (Chairman), Malcolm White, Robert Halls, Ria Pandey and Mark Pollock.

**In Attendance**

Nancy Chapman and 4 members of the public.

Before the meeting commenced there was an opportunity for the public to speak:  
No items were brought for discussion.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Jo Szmaj.

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th MARCH 2026 (Already Circulated)**

The minutes were approved as correct records of the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

4. **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Clerk reported that Somerset Council Electoral Services have been in touch to inform her that no requests for an election have been received so the vacancy may be now be filled by co-option.

5. **MATTERS OF REPORT**

None.

6. **SOMERSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS (BY INVITATION)**

The Somerset Councillor's reports have been previously circulated.

7. **PLANNING AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) There were no planning applications received after publication of the agenda.

8. **HIGHWAYS**

A Highway's contractor came out to look at repairing the broken drain near the Royal Oak farm entrance, but unfortunately the road was too busy to close due to a busy day on the farm!

The Clerk agree to report the block drain on Primrose Hill.

9. **FOOTPATHS**

- a) No issues arising.

10. **PARISH ISSUES**

- a) Cllr Pandey reported that 'Parish Online' were in the process of setting up the new website and email addresses.

## **11. COMMUNITY FIELD**

- a) The Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes for the work to prevent the movement of gravel in the community field car park due to heavy rain. This includes quotes for tarmacing of the carpark, and also the use of 'Driveway grids' (similar to those used at Westbay carparks).

## **12. FINANCE**

- a) A resolution was passed to approve £910.00 + VAT for King Electrical Contracting Ltd for 5 Year Village Hall Electrical Check from Village Hall Reserves.
- b) A resolution was passed to pay the following invoices:
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| - Jon Backhouse – Ranger (April – Labour £225.00 + materials £61.81) | £286.81  |
| - Jon Backhouse – Well refurbishment.                                | £1140.00 |
| - N Chapman – Jan – Mar Salary & Expenses                            | £1458.26 |
| - N Chapman - Reimb for 2 x Bulk Bags Type 1 gravel for footpath.    | £96.00   |
| - SALC – Affiliation fees 2026-27                                    | £273.02  |
| - B Turner – Comm Field Hedge Cutting                                | £180.00  |

## **13. PARISH RANGER SCHEME**

- a) The ranger has strimmed the signposts, the telephone boxes, outside the church and the Cold harbour lane bench. He has also continued with wood repairs for the community field equipment.
- b) The Ranger has reported that he will be strimming and also working in the community field in order to finish of tasks raised from the Annual inspection.

## **14. CORRESPONDENCE**

No issues arising.

## **15. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The last coffee morning on 28<sup>th</sup> March raised ££265. The next one is on the 25<sup>th</sup> April. The last film night (Downton Abbey) raised £272. The next film night is 'Song Sung Blue' to be shown on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. March's electricity bill was £681.

## **16. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS OR NEXT MEETING**

**Chairman:** None.

**Councillors:** Cllr Halls reported that the planning for the 'Demolition of existing stable block and hay store, and erection of replacement stable block' at Hillcroft House, Broad Hill has been approved.

**Clerk:** None.

## **17. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 8.55pm. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.