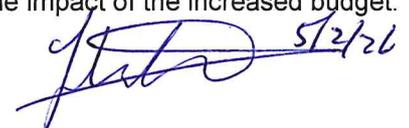


HORDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held 15 January 2026

- Present:** Councillor F Leadbitter (Chairman)
 Councillors C Armstrong, R Bagnall, T Baldersera, D Bellingham, C Cain, P Laing, W Morrow,
 C Robson, D Tait, T Usher, J Ward, and F Winrow.
- Staff:** Mrs S Shippen (Clerk to the Council) and Mr C Jackson (Deputy Clerk)
- HPC25/26/180** **Apologies for Absence.**
RESOLVED: Apologies be **APPROVED** for Councillor G Wetherell and L Williams.
- HPC25/26/181** **Declarations of Interest.**
 No declarations of interest were made.
- HPC25/26/182** **Minutes of the Horden Parish Council Meeting held 4 December 2025.**
RESOLVED: The minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the
 Chairman.
- HPC25/26/183** **Public Participation.**
 No members of the Public were present
- HPC25/26/184** **Register of Delegated Decisions.**
 There were no delegated decisions to report.
- HPC25/26/185** **Damage and Incident Report.**
RESOLVED: Council **NOTE** the reports.
- HPC25/26/186** **Cemetery Burial and Income Report 24/11/25 -24/12/25.**
RESOLVED: Council **NOTE** the report.
- HPC25/26/187** **Outdoor Team Manager Report.**
RESOLVED: Council **NOTE** the report.
- HPC25/26/188** **Cash Withdrawals and Debit Card Transactions to December 2025.**
RESOLVED: Council **APPROVE** the debit card transactions totalling £260.99
- HPC25/26/189** **Bank Transfers.**
 The Clerk requested £50,000 be transferred from the CCLA account to the current account, of which
 £5,000 to be transferred to Horden Recreation Ground.
RESOLVED: Council **ENDORSE** transfer of funds from CCLA bank account to the current account.
- HPC25/26/190** **Invoices for endorsement for payment.**
RESOLVED: Council **ENDORSE** payment of the attached schedule of invoices plus additional
 schedule totalling £54,500.09. Councillors F Leadbitter and W Morrow to authorise.
- HPC25/26/191** **Members/Officers Allowances.**
 There were no allowances claimed.
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- HPC25/26/192** **2026/27 Budget and Precept**
a) 2026/27 Fees
RESOLVED: Council **APPROVE** the report and **AGREE** to the fees with revision to CISWO fee to a
 33% discount which equates to a £44.00 charge and a 50% discount to Patchwork Quilters which
 equates to a £22.00 charge.
- HPC25/26/193** **b) 2026/27 Budget.**
RESOLVED: Council **APPROVE:**
1. The net budget requirement for 2025/26 is £766,927 made up of an estimated gross expenditure
 of £926,332 and income of £149,405 excluding precept and reserves contribution.
 2. That the General Reserve Policy be amended to show a reduction from 4 months to 3 months of
 net expenditure, which equates to a £43,197 reduction.
 3. That a reserves contribution of £43,197 be allocated to reduce the impact of the increased budget.

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4. That a precept of £733,730 be raised of 2026/27 which represents a 4.03% increase in precept from 2025/26.
5. Acknowledge that due to the reduction in tax base the increase in Band D is £15.96 per year and to Band A is £10.64 per year which represents a 4.03% increase in tax bands.

HPC25/26/194 Numbered Streets Planning application update.

RESOLVED: Council **NOTE** the report.

HPC25/26/195 Play areas.

RESOLVED: Council **ADVISE** the Clerk to proceed with the tender proposal and the prioritisation of works.

HPC25/26/196 CDALC Royal Garden Party.

RESOLVED: Council **AGREE** to nominate Councillor W Morrow to apply for the Royal Garden Party place.

Meeting concluded at 7:40pm

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Hornden Parish Council Invoices for Payment December 2025

SUPPLIER	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Pay Ref:
Amazon	12.01.2026	Cleaning Supplies - SWC	£90.23	BACS
Banner Group Limited	04.12.2025	Toilet Roll, Hand Towels and Toilet Cleaner	£91.22	BACS
Banner Group Limited	09.12.2025	2nd Class Stamps, Copier Paper, Spine Labels and 1-12 Index	£135.85	BACS
Cleveland Containers Ltd	14.11.2025	Container for Allotments	£4,404.00	BACS
Co-operative Bank	02.01.2026	BACS/FD Online Fees - December 2025	£76.06	D/D
Corona Energy	02.12.2025	Sunderland Rd Pavilion Electricity Nov 25	£150.67	D/D
Corona Energy	03.12.2025	Memorial Park Electricity 01/11/25 - 30/11/25	£34.15	D/D
Corona Energy	06.01.2026	Sunderland Rd Pav Electricity Dec 25	£167.70	D/D
Corona Energy	06.01.2026	Memorial Park Electricity 01/12/25 - 31/12/25	£32.81	D/D
Creative Youth Opportunities	08.12.2025	Lantern Parade	£500.00	BACS
Culligan (UK) Limited	10.12.2025	Water Cooler Rental & Service - December 2025	£31.80	D/D
Document Solutions UK Ltd	30.12.2025	Photocopying Fees December 2025	£42.00	D/D
E-on Next	05.01.2026	Gas SWC 01/12/2025-04/01/2026	£1,135.91	D/D
E-on Next	05.01.2026	Electricity Cemetery 03/12/2025-31/12/2025	£35.45	D/D
Forvis Mazars	31.12.2025	External Audit	£2,016.00	BACS
Horn's Garden Centre	12.01.2026	2 x Shovels	£51.98	BACS
ITC Service Limited	31.12.2025	Unifi Security & Office 365 Officers & Domain/Hosting/Backup - January	£448.56	D/D
J & M Electrics	14.11.2025	Supply & Fit 2 LED Outside Lights - SWC	£405.00	BACS
Microshade Ltd	01.12.2025	Hosted Application Service - December 25	£144.00	BACS
Octopus Energy Limited	29.12.2025	Cemetery Lodge Electricity 27/11/25-28/12/25	£22.25	BACS
Octopus Energy Limited	30.12.2025	Cemetery Lodge Gas 25/11/2025-28/12/2025	£29.63	BACS
Octopus Energy Limited	29.12.2025	Welfare House Gas & Electricity 26/11/25 - 28/12/25	£41.97	BACS
Peterlee Town Council	08.12.2025	Tree Surveys - Cemetery, Memorial Park & Sunderland Road	£1,828.80	BACS
Geo Robinson & Son	30.11.2025	Builders Line, Wood Paint & Vermin Traps	£21.44	BACS
Scottish Power	05.12.2025	SWC Electricity 04/11/2025 - 04/12/2025	£887.32	D/D
Scottish Power	07.01.2026	SWC Electricity 05/12/2025 - 07/01/2026	£720.86	D/D
Select Telecom Limited	30.11.2025	Admin Phone Lines/Calls/Internet - December 25	£120.77	D/D
Select Telecom Limited	31.12.2025	Admin Phone Lines/Calls/Internet - January 2026	£117.13	D/D
Siemens Financial Serv Ltd	15.12.2025	Photocopier Lease 14/01/2026-13/04/2026	£178.56	D/D
Treasured Memories Limited	12.12.2025	Memorial Plaque - WC	£156.18	BACS
Vodafone	20.12.2025	Mobiles - December	£45.70	D/D
Wex	08.12.2025	Iveco Pick-up Fuel	£39.53	D/D
Wex	15.12.2025	Equipment Fuel - Cemetery	£113.67	D/D
Wex	28.12.2025	Vehicle Trackers	£14.40	D/D
OTHER PAYMENTS				
Co-op Bank	04.12.2025	Wages Week 35	£4,998.68	BACS
Co-op Bank	11.12.2025	Wages Week 36	£5,102.55	BACS
Co-op Bank	18.12.2025	Wages Week 37	£5,200.88	BACS
Co-op Bank	23.12.2025	Wages Week 38	£5,240.96	BACS
Co-op Bank	31.12.2025	Wages Week 39	£5,320.92	BACS
Durham County Council	06.01.2026	Superannuation Weeks 36 - 39	£6,610.46	BACS
HMRC	06.01.2026	PAYE Weeks 36 - 39	£6,627.03	BACS
Durham County Council	06.01.2026	Attachment Weeks 36 - 39	273.82	BACS
Wave	11.12.2025	Cemetery Water 11/09/25-10/12/25 (£82.00pcm)	£432.77	D/D
Wave	13.01.2026	SWC Water 13/10/25 - 12/01/26 (£120.00 pcm)	£360.42	D/D
		Hornden Parish Council DECEMBER 2025 TOTAL	£54,500.09	

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