

HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on January 15th 2026 @ 6.30pm in Broadway Methodist Church:

ATTENDANCE. Cllrs Barry Mosley, Chair, Mike Schmidt, Hannah Massey & Jack Martin. Z Bougourd, Clerk.

4410 Public Forum. No members of the public were present.

4411 Somerset Councillor Report. No report had been received.

4412 Apologies for absence. Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr A Winter, Cllr P Babbington & Cllr A Johnson.

4413 Approval of minutes 13th November 2025. Minutes were tabled and approved

4414 Approval of minutes 16th December 2025. Minutes were tabled and approved.

4415 Finance:

- a. Bank reconciliations to date. Bank reconciliations were tabled, approved and signed
- b. Bank Statements to date. N/A, will be tabled at the next meeting in February
- c. 2026/27 Budget & precept request.
 - i. To approve the budget for 2026/7. Budget was approved. Proposed Cllr J Martin, seconded Cllr H Massey. Approved unanimously.
 - ii. To approve precept request for 2026/7. Precept request was approved, Proposed Cllr H Massey, seconded Cllr J Martin. Approved unanimously. Clerk will send precept request to Somerset Council – noted that SC will pay in two instalments.

4416 Planning – note PCs response to Broadway Hill application for 150 houses. The response from the PC had been sent to Somerset Planning by email and registered post. The PC wish to acknowledge and note their appreciation for Cllr J Martin’s assistance in this matter. It was extremely time consuming, especially over the Christmas period. Clerk will contact Cllr S Osborne to confirm the planning hearing date.

4417 Council Matters: Adopt NALC Standing Orders & Financial Regulations. The regulations were approved and adopted. Clerk will update the website.

4418 Asset List – review for consideration at the next meeting. The clerk had sent the current asset list to Cllrs for their input prior to the next meeting in February 2026

4419 Standing Items:

- a. Monthly updates:
 - i. Highways/Village maintenance: Noted that Cllr A Johnson has indicated an interest in Chapter 8 training. After discussion it was agreed that this covered minor road works and not proportionate to the limited requirements within Horton Parish.
 - ii. Consider annual schedule of grounds maintenance. Cllr J Martin will bring this back to a future meeting.
 - iii. Playing Field. Check Biffa invoices. Noted that invoices received to date noted wasted journey. Cllr Massey will locate the bin outside the gates. Clerk will send what three words location to the contractor.

- iv. Speed Indicator Devices – Cllr Mosley has the new SID and will contact contractor to install pole.
- v. Bus shelter refurbishment/decoration. Noted that the general redecoration is now complete. Suggested that the School may be interested in contributing artwork within the shelter. After discussion it was agreed that the most efficient way to action this was to suggest that the school decorate three individual panels which can then be installed in the shelter. PC will cover the cost of materials. Cllr M Schmidt will have a look at the bench adjacent to the shelter, it needs sanding and re-varnishing.
Noted that the electricity supply to the defibrillator has now been disconnected, a refund has been received from National Grid. PC await final invoice from SSE, Clerk will table when received.

Payment requests to 08th January 2026. Requests approved and signed– clerk to action. Payment for SID pole, approved pending invoice from contractor.

Church Hire	336.00	Broadway Methodist	Cost to Dec 2026
N Compton	150.00	N Compton	Verge maintenance
CiLCA	262.10	Clerk	December CiLCA
HMRC	53.02	HMRC	CiLCA tax
TEEC	42.00	Change to gov.uk	Website
Stamps/postage	16.21		Clerk
Elan City	2927.99	SID	
Contractor	900.00	Pole for SID	
Planning Consultants	1800.00	Broadway Hill	Base Planning

Reports to note:

Chapter 8 Training LCN/SC email – see item 4419a

LCN Newsletter - noted

Update on election costs – clerk will keep PC updated re costs and 2027 elections

Local electric vehicle infrastructure - noted and not considered applicable to Horton PC

Meeting closed at 19.45.

Next meeting February 12th 2026