

**Minutes of Hart Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held at 6.45pm on Monday 12th January 2026 in Hart Village Hall**

Present: Councillors John Littlefair, Tom Britcliffe, Keith Brown, Stuart Brookes, Frank Lancaster, Joanne Quarmby

In Attendance: Clerk - Fiona Ford, Ward Councillors Rob Darby, Aaron Roy and one member of public

1. Police Report

No police report available.

2. Public Forum

Discussion about how to be more proactive with the ongoing issues in the village (asb, poaching, fly tipping) and naming information on social media with the message that the village will not tolerate the behaviour. Suggestion of setting up a Hartlepool COPA Alerts page and posting relevant information.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor John Wilson.

4. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Brown declared an interest in Item 11.

5. Minutes of the Meetings held on 10th November 2025

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

6. Matters Arising

- a) **South View Car Parking** – Chase Peter Frost.
- b) **CCTV** – Email PCCs office again
- c) **Car Park Gate** – The planning application has been submitted and is now live.
- d) **A179 and petition** – Councillor Riddle has spoken to the necessary Officers and will be touch with some options for a meeting.
- e) **Traffic calming** – The Clerk passed the comments on from the FB post. HBC advised approximately 12 people attended the consultation event and had similar comments. HBC have advised they will look at reducing the speed limit along Palace Row, but as the consensus was against traffic calming measures, they would not be looking to implement them.
- f) **Nine Acres Development** - A discussion took place regarding the proposed development and play park proposals. Councillor Britcliffe to invite Port Homes to the next meeting to discuss the proposals.

7. Chairman's Report

Councillor Littlefair provided an update on the following:

- Grit bins around the village.
- Attended a meeting with the MP in December in his role as a farmer to discuss Rural farming.
- Attended the Crime Forum Meeting whereby the Rural Crime Priorities were presented, which are – Poaching and Hare Coursing; Livestock Offences; Nuisance Quads & Motorcycles; Farm Machinery Plan and Vehicle Theft; Fuel Theft; Criminal Damage.

8. Ward Councillor's Report

It was noted a meeting has been organised with PC Marty Ashley to discuss ongoing police issues.

9. Maintenance Committee Report

A general discussion took place.

10. Financial Report

The following cheques were signed:

100979	F Ford wages (December 2025)	£316.56
100980	F Ford (Tel and BB July to Dec 2025)	£135.00
100981	HMRC (November 2025)	£63.20
100982	HMRC (December 2025)	£63.20
£577.96		

11. Correspondence

The Clerk asked again if Parish Councillors would like an image next their individual names on the HBC website, same as they do for the Ward Councillors, everyone confirmed they do not want a photo, just the usual contact details.

Tel comms upgrade – North Hart Farm - No comments and thank you for pre consultation

12. Planning Applications

No applications to discuss.

13. Matters of Concern to Councillors

The following items were noted:

- Street light near Nine Acres still not fixed
- Clerk to arrange no liability sign in car park
- The Tees Flex has been cancelled – write to Pamela Hargreaves stating our disappointment with the Tees Flex being cancelled without appropriate consultation with service users (young and older people)

14. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th February 2026 at 6.45 pm. It was noted the June meeting would be held on 15th June (3rd week of the month).

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