

**Minutes of Hart Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held at 7.00pm on Monday 11th May 2026 in Hart Village Hall**

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

In Attendance: Clerk - Fiona Ford, Members of the Public, Ward Councillor Darby and Councillor Young

1. Police Report

There was no Police Report available. Councillor Britcliffe advised the Tees Valley Rural Farm Committee Meeting will take place next week.

2. Public Forum

The following items were raised:

- The Chare Wall – Discussion around the limitation of works to the wall due to its status as an ancient schedule monument. Vegetation to be cleared and options for further works to be explored.
- South View – Discussion around the quality of the works currently being undertaken by HBC to create additional parking (plans presented showed 5), concerns on the cost of the works and whether 5 spaces will be realised. Councillor Britcliffe to discuss further with Peter Frost
- Full Fibre Broadband – It was noted that whilst it is available in the Front Street area it currently is not available across the village.
- Food recycling - a discussion took place regarding the new arrangements
- Benches and Planters – agreement to go ahead and also paint the planters

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Quarmby.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Minutes of the Meetings held on 20th April 2026

The following amendment was agreed:

- **Item 14 Matters of Concern to Councillors** - Street Light out - Opposite Glebe Farm. Should have read the Street lantern is twisted.

The minutes were then accepted as a true record.

6. Matters Arising

- a) **South View Car Parking** – Councillor Britcliffe to discuss concerns with Peter Frost
- b) **Car Park Gate** – Still awaiting the planning decision. Clerk to chase.
- c) **A179** – It was noted the speed limit off the A179 past Nine Acres has been reduced to 30 mph. Councillor Britcliffe to request a meeting to discuss the progress on proposed highways works

7. Chairman's Report

A general discussion took place regarding the election that took place on 7th May, it was noted Councillor Brian Cowie was appointed as the HBC Hart representative.

Thank you to the Village Hall for planting up the planters and ladies who knitted the bunting.

As part of the meeting with Peter Frost the issue with the back road across to Naisberry was discussed. The Hart sign into the village needs a new sign.

8. Ward Councillor's Report

Councillors Darby and Roy are liaising with relevant people around providing another wildlife camera. It was noted poaching was continuing to take place, people were reminded to report all incidents of crime.

9. Maintenance Committee Report

Councillor Brookes has arranged the training with HBC. A discussion then took place regarding concerns about the weeds on the Front Street and whilst they have been sprayed it was felt the weeds need to be removed possibly as part of a community weeding day. It was noted that if litter picking takes place and green bags are used, contact either Councillor Darby or Roy and they will arrange collection.

10. Financial Report

The following cheques were signed:

100992	F Ford wages (April 2026)	£253.16
100993	HMRC (April 2026)	£63.40
100994	Affordable Landscapes	£1,000.44
100995	Clear Insurance	612.57
		£1,929.57

11. Correspondence

A request for an additional Councillor to join the Rural Planning Group has been received. Still to be decided.

12. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to comment on.

13. Matters of Concern to Councillors

The Village Hall committee are looking at setting up a sub-committee to look at events and how best to engage the village

14. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the third week in the month on Monday 15th June 6.45 pm in the Village Hall. Clerk to check dates for Annual Meeting of the Parishioners possibly Monday 22nd or 29th June depending on room availability.

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