

HACKTHORN and COLD HANWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Hackthorn & Cold Hanworth Parish Council held on Monday 19th January 2026 at 7pm in Hackthorn Village Hall

Present: Councillors Pickering (Chair), Graves, Cracroft-Eley, Marsden and Finney.

In attendance: The clerk and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs Bright and Albone
2. To receive declarations of interest – None
3. Minutes of meeting held on 11th November 2025- Signed as a true record.
4. Chair and councils comments- None.
5. Clerk's report on matters outstanding:- A new battery for the defibrillator is on order.
6. Reports from outside bodies:- Police report previously circulated.
7. Planning- None. No update on Scampton.
8. LCC Highways matters:- Highways had been contacted regarding standing water along Main Street but have said it is not their responsibility. Clerk to contact school to ask if they can clear as council is of the opinion that there is a blockage in the section of the ditch that goes under the school. Further repairs to the road from Glebe Farm to Low Farm in Cold Hanworth have been carried out. However, there is now a major problem with potholes full of water and the road is becoming impassable. Clerk to report.
9. Financial matters: H. Pitman: £305.62; LALC: £98.20. Payments approved. The clerk confirmed that £500 WLDC grant has been received and that request for the precept has been made. Balance in the account as @ 9th Jan 26 £8746.21.
10. To note general correspondence- Circulated.
11. Update on progress of village project: Cllr Finney informed council that the project seemed to have stalled with little interest in the interpretation board. Council agreed to pursue the bench and the chairman asked for a quote to be sought from a local source for the next meeting. **agenda**
12. To resolve on phone box maintenance: Chairman has now received three quotes varying between £1.5K and £4K which were put to council for discussion. Unanimously resolved to go ahead with the middle one and chair will contact John Ford to finalise the details. **agenda**
13. To discuss parking restrictions proposed by LCC Highways: As no one was in attendance from the school and no decision has been taken by LCC as yet, the matter was deferred. Clerk to invite the headteacher to the March meeting. **agenda**
14. Items of information to be noted and if necessary to be dealt with at the next meeting:- The clerk informed council that new audit regulations have come into force that make it mandatory for all councils to have a Gov.Uk domain name and new councillor email addresses, with effect from 1st April. Agenda items: village project; phone box maintenance; parking restrictions, Gov.Uk domain name and associated email addresses.

The meeting closed at 7.51pm

Chair

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