



HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Henstridge Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Ash Walk, Henstridge on Tuesday 1st July 2025 at 7.00pm.

The meeting commenced after there had been an opportunity for members of the electorate of the Parish to speak. Points raised included:

- Children riding scooters on the pavements
- Speeding concerns on the A30
- Issues with dogs not on leads and excrement not being picked up by owners
- Private individual using their garden to carry out noisy activities (e.g woodworking) outside "working hours".
- Update on public footpaths

1. **Present:** Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllr Courtenay, Cllr Howlett, Cllr Shea, Cllr Finch, Cllr Graham, Cllr Steel, Cllr Scard
2. **In attendance:** Julie Furgeson RFO
3. **Apologies for Absence.** To receive and approve apologies for absence including reasons given (Local Government Act 1972 s85 (1)). **Cllr Gaymer, Cllr Rose, Cllr Burt, Cllr Clark, Ann Lee Clerk**
4. **Absent:** Cllr Thompson
5. **Declarations of Interest.** (Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any Pecuniary or Other interests they may have under the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct). **None declared**
6. **To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish meeting, held on the 3rd June 2025.** (Local Government Act 1972 Sch 12)

6/12/22 9g	Vale Wood flood prevention: Contractor James Wright. Public Liability insurance to be provided at start of work.	On Going Cllr Thompson Work commences. September 2025 On Going Cllr Thompson on completion of drainage work
1/3/23 8f:	To RECIEVE 3 quotes for gates & signage in Oak Vale Wood once work at Vale Wood is completed.	
3/10/23 8l	To SCOPE work in the cemetery and AGREE plan to enable quotes to be obtained and contract awarded following consultation with undertakers on the 28 May. Meeting undertaken. Vehicle access mainly used by grave digger. Gate and posts to be replaced and combination lock installed. Gate to remain closed all the time. Co-mingle bin to be located at pedestrian	

	access gate. Earth waste to be removed and green waste separated annually.	Cllr Graham Agenda item
3//25 8b	Cllrs to respond to planning consultation via this link https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reform-of-planning-committees-technical-consultation/reform-of-planning-committees-technical-consultation#delegation-of-planning-functions	All Cllrs
1/10/24 6	Open Spaces Committee (OSC) to oversee grant from Somerset Social Investment Programme for the Allotment project. Cllrs reaffirmed decision for open spaces to oversee grant of £3,040 and budgeted allocation of £2500 for the allotment project. OSC to have oversight of both funds and final grant report. Open Spaces Committee has the authority to spend the £3,040 grant funds and £2,500 held in reserve by the Parish Council.	Cllr Scard Agenda item
3.12.24 9c	To formally COMPLAIN to Somerset Council about their decision regarding 23/01470/OUT and allocating £40k to the golf club to provide commercial changing rooms and play group facilities several miles away from the community. The PC resolved to wait for reserve matters to materialise.	Cllr Petheram Ongoing
3.12.24 11f	To arrange a small plaque for the cemetery wall indicating where three original graves were located within parish. Action Cllr Scard to provide Cllr Steel with details of deceased for the plaque and a quote for work.	Cllr Steel On going
3/6/25 8b	Clerk to put this message on the website raising public awareness on method to contact Highways on concerns relating to roads and write an article for WOTs On.	Clerk On Going
4.3.25 9d	To install gov.uk domain wholly hosted by Jimmy Flynn. Cllr emails will be initiated in September 2025. Cllrs will be supported by Mr Flynn with the transition. He will send instructions for all Cllrs to assist in the transition.	Commences in June Work to be completed in September 2025
4.3.25 8c	Clerk to contact Highways to request an additional Grit bin for Church Street and put up caution signs (at no cost to the PC) to protect the interests of pedestrians. Cllrs resolved that a better solution is to request signs from Highways indicating "Steep Path". Cllr Graham has cancelled Grit Bins in preference for signage and awaits highways for resolution.	Cllr Graham
3/6/25 9e	Finch to provide the Clerk with information for the PC website and planning statement for all future applications that details light pollution conditions that the PC can apply.	Cllr Finch Complete

7. Reports

- a) **To receive any Police matters.** Cllr Smith there were no reports relevant to Henstridge or the surrounding area.
- b) **To receive County reports from Cllr Hayward Burt and Cllr Nicola Clerk. Cllr Burt.** No reports were received for this period.

8. Planning

- a) **To RECEIVE an update on Application no. 25/00410/COL for a third application for a Lawful Use or Development Certificate** for an existing development relating to the commencement of works 17/03029/out and reserved matters approval ref. 21/03369/rem at Land Os 5439 Part Townsend Green Henstridge Templecombe Somerset BA8 0RG. **Cllr Petheram Cllr Gaymer No update at this time.**

b) To consider any new Planning Applications:

Application Number	Proposal	Location	Applicant details
Application Number: 25/01425/PAPV Prior Approval Solar Photovoltaics (PV)	Notification for prior approval for the installation of 80kWp Stranding String Solar PV System on a barn roof	Location: Farm Buildings And Land At Cherry Bulberry Farm Furge Lane Henstridge Templecombe Somerset	: Mr Guy Raymond
Cllrs supported the application.			

- c) **To note recent SSDC Planning Decisions:** The following applications were noted|:-

Application number	Proposal	Applicant details	Decision
TrafficManagement@somerset.gov.uk >	Derestriction sign Combe Hill, Templecombe extension of the 30mph zone from the southern edge of Templecombe to the traffic lights at the top of Yenston Hill.	Templecomb request for support	Awaiting decision
24/01861/FUL Validated 17.1.25	Creation of a slurry lagoon in an existing pasture with additional areas for wild-flowers and pond to allow for BNG Location: Cherry Bolberry Farm Furge Lane Henstridge Templecombe BA8 0RN	Location: Cherry Bolberry	Awaiting decision
25/00171/FUL Validated 24.1.25	Erection of a new workshop/storage building Location: Land At Henstridge Airfield, The Marsh Camp Road	Hookins	Awaiting decision
Householder Application Application Number: 25/01157/HOU	Demolition of attached outhouse replaced with single storey extension. Location: London House High Street Henstridge Templecombe Somerset BA8 0RB	Mr Richard Burton	Awaiting decision
25/01152/S73 23/01822/FUL	S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) to allow changes in design, elevation style, section heights and site layout. Erection of 1 No. self-build dwelling	Land Adj. To 2 Yenston Hill Henstridge Templecombe Somerset BA8 0NA (GR:371085/121730)	Awaiting decision

9 Finance

- a) **To review quarter 1 accounts RFO. Proposed by Cllr Courtenay, seconded by Cllr Howlett and approved unanimously.**
- b) **To approve the payment schedule for payment in July RFO. Proposed by Cllr Courtenay, seconded by Cllr Howlett and approved unanimously.**

- c) To note June Receipts for report. **RFO. Cllrs noted the receipts that were presented.**
- d) To approve financial internal controls **RFO. Item deferred to next meeting as amendments required. Action RFO**
- e) To agree the Risk Register **RFO. Proposed by Cllr Courtenay, seconded by Cllr Finch Unanimously approved**
- f) To agree cemetery expenditure for removal of waste annually; installation of new gate with coded lock. **Cllr Graham provided details of the quote. Proposed by Cllr Courtenay, seconded by Cllr Finch, unanimously approved.**
- g) Grant application for £2,500 from Henstridge Allotment Association. **Cllr Howlett. Proposed by Cllr Courtenay, seconded by Cllr Steel, unanimously approved pending dedicated bank account.**

Council Matters

- a) Update on Co-Mingle Bins. **Cllr Steel reported that the PC is waiting for the receipt of a correct contract and quotation from Somerset Council for bin collection. She has been informed that the bins will be emptied for the first time week commencing 2nd July 2025.**

Agenda items for the next meeting

- a) **Enhanced Highways Pilot update**

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Date of Next meeting – The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2nd September**. All items for inclusion on the agenda and all items to be listed under issues arising from previous meetings must be received by the Clerk by **9.00am on 20th August 2025** **Ann Lee**