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Minutes of the meeting of Horseheath Parish Council at 7.30pm on Monday 9th November 2026 in the Village Hall. Meeting documents are available at http://www.horseheath-pc.gov.uk

Present: Cllr Bunting, Nichola Murray, Harper Brown, and Paul Hunt. Also present in part – 3 Parishioners, County Cllr Henry Batchelor and District Cllr Geoff Harvey.

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Agenda

1. **Chairman's Welcome –** It was proposed that Cllr Bunting would chair the meeting. **P: Cllr Brown, S: Cllr Murray, All in fav.**
2. **To accept apologies and reasons for absence –** Cllr Howard, Cllr Mundy, Cllr Miles sent their apologies **P: Cllr Murray, S: Cllr Bunting, All in fav.**
3. **To approve minutes –** Minutes from the meetings of 14th September, 15th October were approved. **P: Cllr Murray, S: Cllr Brown, All in fav.**
4. **To make any declarations of interest –** None.

5 **Public Participation –** A Parishioner raised concerns about a tree outside of their property, it was a very large, old lime tree, over 60 years old. The County Council had been contacted, but it was felt that it was the responsibility of the District Council. They would be contacted. It was suggested that an arborist would assess the tree, and the PC would return to the Parishioner.

6. **District and County Council reports –** Reports appended. Kingsway application had been resubmitted to PINS. Application document had been published on their website. A Parishioner had written to Cllr Harvey re the Deans Lane/Mill Road junction, the Cllrs would discuss with Highways.

7 **Status of planning applications at District Council –** None.

8.1 Horseheath Village Community Association (HVCA) – Playground was discussed during the budget.
8.2 Land Behind Village Hall – The final stages were in process.
8.3 Glebelands – It was noted that HPC had refused the offer suggested by EDBF.
8.4 Bus shelters – There was no update. The Clerk had contacted an Officer at Highways on the advice of Cllr Batchelor, and was seeking a contact at the Mayor's Office.
8.5 Kingsway Solar – The application had been resubmitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Documents for the submission had been published on Kingsway Solar's website.
8.6 Grange Farm – Comments were submitted before the consultation deadline.
8.7 Complaints – Following advice HPC would be dealing with complaints inline with the complaints policy and vexatious requests under guidance from Information Commission Office (ICO) Section 14(1). The Clerk was asked to quantify what was considered

reasonable, regarding the amount of emails/work required by the Clerk/volunteer Cllrs. She would contact the ICO, for their opinion.
8.8 Dates 2027 – 11th January, 8th March, 7th May, 10th May, 12th July, 13th September, 8th November.

9.1 Speedwatch & Moving Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) update – Horseheath Green, outside Old Thatch 22% speeding, highest speed 59mph. 1100 more cars than when it was there in March. Mill Green, 60% speeding, mainly between 35-45mph, highest speed was 68mph. Big spikes in vehicle numbers were recorded during road closures on A1307. It needed to be decided how to display the MVAS data on the website. More volunteers were required for speed watch.
9.2 Footpaths – The footpath behind the old DeMontford Arms had been cleared. There was damage to the footbridge which would be reported to Highways.

10. Burial Ground – None.
11. Risk Assessment – Defibrillators were rescue ready, with new batteries installed.

12. Finance
12.1. To Approve Payments – DM Payroll £79.20 **P: Cllr Bunting, S: Cllr Murray, All in fav.**
12.2 Budget – The budget for 2027/28 was discussed. Level 4 Community Governance training was approved for the Clerk, if the Clerk achieved a bursary through the SLCC, at £732 a year, for 2 years. If the bursary was not awarded the training would not be feasible. **P: Cllr Bunting, S: Cllr Murray, All in fav.** Contingency fees were increased to £1,000 to cover potential tree works. It was determined to earmark £20,000 for the HVCA Playground development, it was hoped that there would be more communication about the proposed development. £8,000 for legal fees for the land behind the village hall was earmarked. **P: Cllr Murray, S: Cllr Hunt, All in fav.**
12.3 Precept – The precept for 2027/28 was determined at £21,000 **P: Cllr Hunt, S: Cllr Murray, All in fav.**
12.4 External Audit – Training was completed for moving to digital AGAR, which would lead to no fee for external audit 2026/27.
12.5 Saffron Building Society – The Clerk had sent information about the various savings options at SBS to Cllrs for their decision. Unity Instant Access Savings was 2.95% interest, the SBS account provided nominal interest.

Payments since last meeting

Payment Date	Description	Payee	Amount
02.11.26	Defibrillator batteries x2	Community Heartbeat	**£636**
28.10.26	Grass Cutting	ML Partnership	**£385.50**
23.10.26	PAYE	HMRC	**£131.03**
13.10.26	Grange Farm Objection	SAVE	**£500**

12.6 Account Balances
- Unity Treasurer's account - £1,808.20 as of 3rd November.
- Unity Instant Access Savings Account - £44,189.45 as of 3rd November.
- Village Sign Maintenance Fund - £6,391

Saffron Building Society Burial Ground Fund - £17,553.35 as of 31st December 2025

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13. Matters for the Next Agenda – Lime tree, Playground.

Dates of Next Meeting: 11th January, 8th March, 7th May, 10th May, 12th July, 13th September, 8th November.

14. Complaints - Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and in accordance with 3d pursuant to Standing Order 11, it was resolved that the Public are excluded from any discussion on this item as it concerns complaints **P: Cllr Bunting, S: Cllr Brown, All in fav.** An update on EIR was received.

Meeting closed at 21.12.

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