

HARVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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An Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held Wednesday 11 February 2026 at 7.45 pm to be held in the Village Hall, Harvington. The meeting is open to the press and members of the public to put questions or raise concerns regarding matters on this Agenda or for future consideration.

AGENDA

1. To consider apologies and to approve reasons for non-attendance.

2. Interests/Dispensations:

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in terms on the agenda and their nature.
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

3. To receive reports from: County Cllr., District Cllr., Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and the Police.

The meeting will be adjourned for Public Question Time.

4. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 14.01.26.

5. Clerk's report:

- a) Maintenance of lane, off Leys Road: continued to report to Rooftop.
- b) Overhanging branch, Jubilee Orchard: followed up with landowner.
- c) Jubilee Orchard fallen trees: in pond area, reported again to contractors to remedy.
- d) Precept request: submitted in January 2026, to the District Council, as per budget (v5.1).
- e) Potential hazard, ducks crossing: Highways confirmation that two signs will be installed, one on an existing post, one near Crest Hill in the coming weeks.
- f) Blocked drains, Alcester Road/Village Street: reported to Highways 22.01.26.
- g) WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE: Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, section 14 (as amended). Notice of a temporary 30mph speed limit on the B4088 Evesham Road, Harvington ("THE HIGHWAY"). Reason for restriction: Water main replacement. There is a likelihood of danger to the public or of serious damage to the road. There is a need to close the highway in the following terms:-

1. The effect of this Notice is that no vehicle shall proceed along that part of B4088 Evesham Road at a speed exceeding 30mph from a point of 50 metres north of its junction with Hawkes Piece for a distance of 413 metres in a south-westerly direction, in both directions.
2. No speed limit imposed by this Notice applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with Regulation 3(5) of those regulations.
3. This provision shall continue in force for a maximum of 21 days. However, it is anticipated that it will remain force for 15 days (24hrs) commencing on 28 January 2026.

Nothing in this Notice shall prevent at any time access for pedestrians to any premises situated on or adjacent to the highway, or to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from and only from the highway.

6. Cllr. & Representative Reports:

- 6.1 Toddler unit fencing: update (Cllrs. Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Ball).
- 6.2 Planters maintenance and condition: summary (Cllr. Powell).

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7.	<u>Council Matters: to consider the following:</u>
7.1	<u>Playing Field Springer equipment</u> : re-assess whether to replace this unit, now the toddler unit has been installed.
7.2	<u>Bus Shelter panel replacement</u> , Alcester Road: formally approve the proposed remedial works.
7.3	<u>Disciplinary Policy</u> : to review and approve.
7.4	<u>Appraisal Policy</u> : to review and approve.
8.	<u>Financial Matters: to consider the following:</u>
8.1	<u>Schedule of payments and summary of accounts</u> to 09.02.26.
8.2	<u>Balances & Reserves Policy</u> : to note updated figures and approve allocated changes within reserves.
8.3	<u>Welcome to Harvington booklet</u> : to approve provisional 2026 reprinting cost based on draft copy.
8.4	<u>Grant Application, St James' Church</u> : grant request of £120 for road closure, to support community summer fete.
9.	<u>Planning:</u>
9.1	<p><u>To note application dealt with by delegated authority</u>: W/25/02234/PIP - Appeal. Site at: Land At (OS 0452 4957) Leys Road, Harvington. Proposal: Planning Appeal: Permission in principle for proposed residential development of up to 9 bungalows. Comments: The appeal statement distorts the fact that neither the location, the land, or the site generally is suitable for development. This land is outside the Neighbourhood Development Plan boundary, separated by open land a distance of about 50 metres from the nearest property. It stands out as a development isolated from the village. Walking from the village centre towards the site is a gradual slope. Its location sits within good agricultural land off a narrow lane, overlooking open countryside, outside the 30mph limit and within the 60mph limit with no suitable pedestrian footway. This is specifically unsuitable for elderly or for persons with mobility requirements, which the bungalows are meant to house.</p> <p>The use of the Orchard land opposite as a pedestrian access to the proposed site is an unsuitable alternative due to the sloping nature of the terrain, accessed via the need to cross the narrow lane within the 60mph limit, in an unlit area that is also not an adopted public footpath needing to walk on an uneven grass/gravel path. This site adds more vehicle congestion to a road already used by lorries accessing a nearby site, loss of best value agricultural land. It undermines the value of the neighbourhood planning process and has the potential to seriously affect the residents in Leys Road.</p> <p>Due to the site's location, residential development on this land would replace the existing semi-rural/agricultural setting with a suburban setting. Such a significant change would be harmful to the unique character of Harvington entrances and heritage as a rural village. The applicants appeal makes comments in some detail about landscape and visual design considerations which the PC believes are reserve matters and should be discounted. However, the PC would comment that it considers that the illustrated footprint, design and layout of the site is too regimental and not in any way complimentary to the character or typical of the design of developments within the village.</p> <p>The appeal statement references a planning application related to "Lorna Doone". The Parish Council (PC) had no grounds to object to the application as it complied with Policy IH1 of The Neighbourhood Plan which supported suitable infill development within the development boundary. The PC objects to the lack of objection, in this specific case, falsely being referenced to support this PiP application for an isolated site outside the development boundary.</p> <p>The appeal statement ignores the recent planning approval for a 55 mixed housing development at the rear of Crest Hill plus 9 houses off the Evesham Rd, (both yet to be built out). The statement also fails to acknowledge the Neighbourhood Plan made in 2025 – (not 2019) where housing</p>

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	<p>needs have been met for the village and no further allocations are required at this time. The developer has not consulted with the PC or understood the housing needs of the village. The location is a prime example of ribbon development. Policy SWDP2 sets out to control speculative development in the open countryside beyond settlement boundaries. This is not within the spirit of the 2017 PIP regulations that aims to speed up small scale developments to meet local village needs.</p> <p>Planning guidance for small sites states that inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the open countryside and should not be approved except in very special circumstances (such as exception sites or brownfields sites). No such exception applies to this site. The PC considers that because it is currently in the process of updating its NDP and further, in the light of the pending revised SWDP and the NPPF, that these documents are a material consideration that should be given due weight in dismissing this appeal.</p>
9.2	To note application dealt with by delegated authority: W/25/02430/HP Associated Ref: W/25/00099/HP. Location: Magnolia, Station Road, Harvington. Due to revised information being received, the registration date of this application has been restarted. Proposal: Rear extension replacing single brick garage. Removal of existing roof (flat and pitch) to completely replace above new expanded structure with insulated, dormer loft rooms. Addition of small porch to front elevation. External insulation and render. (Variation of condition 2 of W/25/00099/HP - amendment to dimensions of extension). No further comment.
9.3	Neighbourhood Plan: minutes to note (07.01.26)

10.	Correspondence circulated to members: a) WDC Wychavon Town consultation – 12.1.26 b) West Mercia Fraud & Scam bulletin – 14.1.26 c) Perkins Trust award – 14.1.26 d) NALC Chief Executive's bulletin – 19.1.26 e) Digital Infrastructure and Connectivity newsletter – 19.1.26 f) NALC Events newsletter – 21.1.26 g) NALC Chief Executive's bulletin – 26.1.26 h) CALC Update – 26.1.26 i) Neighbourhood Watch update – 26.1.26 j) AGM Wychavon Parish Games – 28.1.26 k) West Mercia PCC's Newsletter – 2.2.26 l) NALC Chief Executive's bulletin – 2.2.26 m) Evesham volunteer centre newsletter – 4.2.26 n) Electrical Safety newsletter – 4.2.26 o) West Mercia Fraud & Scam bulletin – 4.2.26 p) CALC Health & Wellbeing newsletter – 4.2.26
11.	Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave during the consideration of the following items on this Agenda: Clerk's contract

Circulation: All members of the Parish Council; District and County Councillors.

Dated: 4 February 2026

Signed: Mrs J White (Clerk)

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Supporting papers for meeting:

Minute No.:	All documents sent by one-drive link	Position:
Agenda No: 4	Draft Minutes January 2026 Parish Council meeting	For approval.
Agenda No: 6.2	Planters assessment (of condition)	To note.
Agenda No: 7.2	Risk Assessment for remedial works (Bus shelter, Alcester Road)	For approval.
Agenda No: 7.3	Disciplinary Policy (current and proposed)	For approval.
Agenda No: 7.4	Appraisal Policy (current and proposed)	For approval.
Agenda No: 8.2	Balances & Reserves Policy	For approval.
Agenda No: 8.3	Welcome to Harvington publishing quotes (Quotes 1, 2, 3)	For approval.
Agenda No: 8.4	Grant Application form	For approval.
Agenda No: 9.3	HNP Meeting notes (07.01.26)	To note.