

HARVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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An Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held Wednesday 9 September 2026 at 7.45pm 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.	<u>To consider apologies and to approve reasons for non-attendance.</u>
2.	<u>Interests/Dispensations:</u> 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.	<u>To receive reports from:</u> County Cllr., District Cllr., Rebekah Vallender (who is volunteering her time outside of H&W Fire & Rescue); Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator; and the Police.
4.	<u>Co-option:</u> To consider application received.
The meeting will be adjourned for Public Question Time.	
5.	To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 08.07.26.
6.	<u>Clerk's report:</u> a) Discussions are continuing re. taking on the ownership of the community land off Village Street. Clerk also requested the wild-flower meadow was assessed for a fire risk and mowed if needed. b) Successful installation of 3 replacement planters took place earlier in the summer and have been planted with summer bedding, all of which are doing well. Approval has also been granted for a flower bed on the green, to be installed and planted in early Autumn. c) Fly-tipped debris and ropes in the trees at the top of Crest Hill were reported to WDC twice in July 2026, and since removed. d) Planning department have confirmed an on-going investigation re planning enforcement for 57 Village Street. e) WCC's Public Rights of Way Team investigated the concerns of barbed wire along path 508B and closed the case. They reported, "the barbed wire is flush with and well attached to fence. Path plenty wide enough not to have to walk anywhere near barbed wire". f) Feedback re the brambles outside of the shop was reported to the owners, who agreed to tidy the area – 13.7.26 and again on 29.7.26. g) Speeding concerns have been reported to the County Councillor, to raise awareness and seek her support. A suggestion for the installation of traffic calming or a speed limit reduction seems to fall outside of normal County Council highways policy for this road. h) Clerk is continuing to liaise with Highways regarding placement of a bench on Station Road, near the bus stop. i) Contractors have been asked to undertake weed spraying around the village remove overhanging branches on a tree, at the entrance to Grange Lane. j) Various hedges/over-growth have been reported to Rooftop, who have agreed to add the work to their regular maintenance schedule.

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	k) Maintenance has been completed in the playing area with replacement footholds on one climbing frame and essential safety repairs to the zip wire seat and tread. New bark will also be added. l) PSPO dog-fouling consultation is live until 5 October 2026, for council members to feedback their views. m) Split wood on the new bus shelter (Village St) has been reported to Littlethorne for remedy. n) The Parish Lengthsman has been nominated and awarded with the 'Connected Communities Recognition Scheme 2026' award. Our congratulations go out to Simon and his father, who work hard in keeping our village tidy and well-maintained. o) Clerk has successfully enrolled with the Society of Local Council Clerks and CILCA training is almost complete. The next few months will be spent building the assessment portfolio.
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7.	<u>Cllr. & Representative Reports:</u>
7.1	<u>CALC Report re planning:</u> Cllr. Smith
7.2	<u>Asset Report:</u> Cllr. Jones

8.	<u>Council Matters: to consider the following:</u>
8.1	<u>Asset Register:</u> to note.
8.2	<u>Biodiversity Policy:</u> new policy to consider and approve.
8.3	<u>Discretions Policy:</u> new pension policy to consider and approve.
8.4	<u>Film, Recording and Social Media Policy:</u> to review update and approve.
8.5	<u>Health and Safety Policy:</u> to review update and approve.
8.6	<u>Concern over open space, top of Crest Hill:</u> discussion of current state and any improvement ideas.
8.7	<u>Replacement of Jubilee Tree:</u> and trees around the orchard, with advice from Tree Warden.

9.	<u>Financial Matters: to consider the following:</u>
9.1	<u>Schedule of payments and summary of accounts to 07.09.26.</u>
9.2	To note the transfer of funds between budget headings: • £200 from Streetlighting to Planters • £590 from Newsletter to Planters • £90 from Newsletter to Admin expenses • £200 from Newsletter to Clerical expenses • £2800 from Contingency to (new) Pension Contributions (this had been planned and budgeted)
9.3	<u>Councillor expenses:</u> to note (£24.27 school book prize).
9.4	<u>Insurance renewal:</u> 2026-27 quote (year 2 of 3 year agreement).
9.5	<u>Playing field:</u> insurance update.
9.6	<u>Playing field repairs:</u> to consider approval of the basketball net replacement quote.
9.7	<u>Remembrance Wreath:</u> suggested donation of £100.
9.8	<u>Budget 2027/28:</u> Call for budget items/considerations.
9.9	<u>Clerk pay 2026/27:</u> to note the nationally agreed pay award.

10.	<u>Planning:</u>
10.1	<u>To note a proposed 'Call for Sites':</u> To note the proposed 'Call for Sites' by the Parish Council, expected to be released during September 2026.
10.2	<u>To note planning decision: W/26/00941/HP, Birch House, Grange Lane:</u> Removal of conservatory, replacement car port and porch and alterations to the roofline and windows. Approved (subject to conditions).
10.3	<u>To note application dealt with by delegated authority: W/26/01423/FUL, Orchard, Bromley Close, Harvington.</u> Proposal: Shed for storage of horticultural equipment. Comment: To note application

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	dealt with by delegated authority: W/26/01423/FUL, Orchard, Bromley Close, Harvington. Proposal: Shed for storage of horticultural equipment. Comments: Harvington Parish Council have reviewed the application for this site and whilst there is no objection in principle, the Parish Council wishes to request that the Planning Officer takes into account a number of points, before any decision is made. It is therefore, proposed by the Parish Council, that the application is deferred until the issues below have all been resolved. 1. Clarification whether all interested parties have been consulted and clarification over who will be given permission for the shed, given the land is believed to be for community benefit with no permitted development. 2. The owner of Ivy Bank has informed us that he is unhappy with the location of the shed, as it is in close proximity to his roof and bedroom windows, potentially causing noise problems and concerns over the storage of petrol; 3. The Parish Council are working on the basis that that the occupants of Cleeve Hill Gardens, who undertake their own grounds maintenance (including the orchard), want the shed to store their gardening equipment in. 4. Access to the orchard is via private land in Bromley Close and the owners of Bromley Close - unless they have changed their minds – refuse access to the orchard from Bromley Close, as shown on the plan. 5. Upon visiting the site, it is clear that there is a large electricity pole with a transformer attached, not mentioned in the planning application. The Parish Council wish to query if a shed should be located so close to the pole, and perhaps a better location would be further along the hedge, where there is clear space. The location of the shed could not be considered in the other direction, due to an old tree, which the Parish Council strongly feel should be preserved. 6. There appears to be differences in the square metres given in the application. The site area is given as 1138 sq. m. The erection of a timber-framed shed is 3.05x2.44m approx. The total gross new internal floor space (including changes of use) is 7.4 sq. m.
10.4	<u>Planning Application to be Considered:</u> W26/01869/FUL Beverley, Station Road, Harvington, WR11 8NJ. Proposal: Retrospective application for entrance porch. Comments required by 14/09/26.
10.5	<u>Planning Application Appeal Notification:</u> W25/02430/HP Magnolia, Station Road, Harvington, WR11 8NJ. To note planning appeal against a refusal of a householder/commercial advertiser application.
10.6	<u>HNP Minutes:</u> to note (6 July 2026 and 4 August 2026).
11.	<u>Correspondence circulated to members:</u> - a). CALC Health & Wellbeing Newsletter – 6.7.26 - b). NALC Star Council Awards – 6.7.26 - c). NALC Chief Executive’s bulletin – 6.7.26 - d). Neighbourhood Watch Our News – 8.7.26 - e). West Mercia’s Fraud & Scam Bulletin – 8.7.26 - f). NALC Chief Executive’s bulletin – 13.7.26 - g). CALC Councillor’s Weekly Briefing – 20.7.26 - h). CALC Unitary Decision Briefing – 20.7.26 - i). Wychavon District Council Unitary Decision – 20.7.26 - j). NALC Chief Executive’s bulletin – 20.7.26 - k). NALC Chief Executive’s bulletin – 28.7.26 - l). Neighbourhood Watch Our News – 29.7.26 - m). West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner survey – 29.7.26 - n). NALC Chief Executive’s bulletin – 3.8.26 - o). Neighbourhood Watch Our News – 5.8.26

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	p). PSPO consultation – 10.8.26 q). Unitary division information – 10.8.26 r). NALC Chief Executive's bulletin – 17.8.26 s). Fraud & Scam bulletin – 17.8.26 t). CALC Area Minutes – 17.8.26 u). CALC Councillor's briefing – 24.8.26 v). NALC Events newsletter – 2.9.26 w). Heart of England Forest newsletter invitation – 2.9.26 x). West Mercia PCC Newsletter – 2.9.26 y). Chief Executive's bulletin – 2.9.26
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12.	<u>Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960</u> 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: Parish Lengthsman contract amendment
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Circulation: All members of the Parish Council; District and County Councillors.

Dated: 2 September 2026

Signed: Mrs. J White (Clerk)

Supporting papers for meeting:

<u>Minute No.:</u>	<u>All documents sent by one-drive link</u>	<u>Position:</u>
Agenda No: 5	Draft Minutes July 2026 Ordinary Parish Council meeting.	For approval.
Agenda No: 8.1	Asset Register	To note.
Agenda No: 8.2	Biodiversity Policy	For approval.
Agenda No: 8.3	Discretions Policy	For approval.
Agenda No: 8.4	Film, Recording and Social Media Policy	For approval.
Agenda No: 8.5	Health & Safety Policy	For approval.
Agenda No: 9.4	Insurance renewal quote	For approval.
Agenda No: 9.6	Basketball net replacement	For approval.
Agenda No: 10.1	Proposed Call for Sites Survey	For approval.
Agenda No: 10.4	W/26/018969/HP Beverley, Station Road, Harvington	For approval/comment.
Agenda No: 10.6	HNP Meeting minutes (July and August 2026)	To note.