



Hawthorn Parish Council

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The Monthly Meeting of **HAWTHORN PARISH COUNCIL** was held on
MONDAY 15th June 2026 at 7.30pm in the
HAWTHORN COMMUNITY CENTRE

MINUTES

Present

Cllr Sheila Irving – Chair

Cllr George Vest – Vice Chair

Cllrs Robert Adcock-Foster, Barry Curran, Sheila Wilson, Carolyn Winter

Parish Clerk – Lesley Wilkinson

Members of the Public - 1

1 Notice of Meeting

Cllr Sheila Irving gave Public Notice of the Meeting in accordance with Sch 12 paragraph (10)2 of the Local Government Act 1972

2 Apologies

Cllr Alan Askew

County Cllr Julie Griffiths

There has been no correspondence from County Cllr Mark Rowney

Clerk to email Cllr Rowney to inform him of future parish meetings and express concern there had been no correspondence

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 18th May 2026

Approved

5 Matters of Information

Current Matters of Information sheet circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting via email

Julie Griffiths has chased some of these ongoing requests up with DCC

Clerk to email Ian Smith - Watery Lane/Stoney Cut overgrown on the left hand side of the iron railings need cutting back

Purchase of a bin – Carolyn to source – Clerk to try and source some other options

6 Reports

Durham County Council

Apologies for absence from Cllr Julie Griffiths as she is in attendance at a BESS meeting.

Councillor email update

- I am currently working with the Clean and Green Team to review the grass-cutting arrangements at Western Park.
- I requested that County Cllr Mark Rowney process the outstanding bill to the Community Centre. I have now forwarded the information to him on three occasions and will make a further attempt to ensure it is received.
- I have received a report that the bus stop repairs have not yet been completed. I had intended to check this personally this evening had I been able to attend, and I will follow this up at the earliest opportunity.

Clerk to email Julie to let her know it has been erected

Police

None

Parish Councillors were concerned again that no representation or Police report had been submitted to the meeting.

Clerk to ask County Councillor Griffiths to see if her other contact at Police she had is still available and if so request attendance at the next meeting or a report to be sent

Community Centre

Cllr Sheila Wilson updated the meeting – 4th July Village Green Summer Fayre

Any Other Reports

None

7 Public Participation: Comments on Agenda items

1 member in attendance

Resident concerned re lack of response on various matters from Police

8 Correspondence

Email from ROSPA – Play park inspection document

Extra charges were for additional pieces of equipment that were inspected

Clerk to send inspection report to Ian Smith to see if he can fix anything and ask for a response

9 Proposed presentation by East Durham Action Group

Cllr Sheila Irving updated the meeting

She will speak to Jason Ramshaw from Easington Parish Council to give a presentation

Cllr Irving to invite him to the next meeting – agreed a 6.30pm start

10 Financial

To endorse the monies paid by the Clerk since the last meeting

Hawthorn Parish Council	Current T1 Account
Apr-26	60-83-01 20491259

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
19/05/2026	Parish Clerk	Reimbursement for bottle of Chianti	-£7.99	£1,241.19
26/05/2026	Clear Councils Insurance	Annual Insurance Renewal	-£798.10	£443.09
31/05/2026	Unity Bank	Monthly Service Charge	-£7.00	£436.09
11/06/2026	ROSPA	Play Park Inspection	-£157.20	£278.89

Agreed

11 Training

Feedback from Parish Clerk on attendance at New Clerk's Training
Resolved

12 Planning

Current planning applications

Planning Application had been received for 13 trees to be felled at Hawthorn Quarry

Update on Solar applications

No new applications

13 Any Other Business

None

14 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20th July 2026 at 6.15pm in Hawthorn Community Centre