

HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Hardwick Parish Council held in St Mary's Church on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Lee (Chair), Cllr Hannon, Cllr Dallas, Cllr Marsden, Kelly Harris (Clerk & RFO)
& 2 members of the public (MoP)

Buckinghamshire Council representative: None in attendance.

1 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Davies.

2 To receive any declarations of interest

None received.

3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2026

The minutes were agreed unanimously and approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

4 To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th August 2026

The minutes were agreed unanimously and approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

5 Public participation session

The Parish Council's response to the draft Bucks Local Plan was discussed and the traveler site at Weedon was mentioned. The Clerk was asked to check whether this application has been approved. **Action: Clerk**

A MoP advised a streetlight is broken by Coronation Bungalow. **Action: Clerk**

A MoP mentioned the potholes in the roads. Cllrs believe the repairs are due to take place in October and the Clerk was asked to speak to Cllr Gomm for confirmation. **Action: Clerk**

A MoP mentioned that the steps on the path outside the church going to Weedon need adding to Fix My Street. Cllr Lee will take photos of the issues and add to Fix My Street, along with photos of issues to the path outside Westview. **Action: Cllr Lee**

A MoP advised the PC needs to keep an eye on the new houses being built in Weedon as he believes there will be issues with the sewers which will affect Hardwick. It was confirmed that these houses are part of the draft local plan and there is nothing for the PC to object to at this stage.

A MoP asked whether 2 x trees at the carpark opposite the hall could be crown lifted. Cllrs felt at this stage it was better to carry out a tree survey to all trees falling under Parish Council responsibility. Cllr Lee will provide the Clerk with a map showing the trees under PC responsibility. The Clerk will then arrange for a quote for a tree survey. The MoP asked if the PC could include 2 x trees on her boundary which she believes fall under PC responsibility. **Action: Cllr Lee / Clerk**

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A MoP raised an issue with cycling through alleyways in the parish. Signage is in place advising no cycling, but the MoP believes the signage needs to be changed as it looks like cycles are allowed. The Clerk advised the signage is provided by Bucks Council and any issues will need to be logged on Fix My Street. It was agreed that a note would be added to the PC Facebook page and WhatsApp group advising residents not to cycle along the alleyways. The MoP advised she will write an article for the village newsletter. **Action: Clerk**

It was mentioned that the wooden benches near the green and playground are looking tatty. Cllr Dallas advised she is happy to paint the benches and she will speak to the resident who has painted them before to find out what paint/varnish has been used on them previously. **Action: Cllr Dallas**

6 To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillor Gomm

Cllr Gomm did not attend the meeting and no update was provided.

7 Finance

a. To agree the finance reports for July and August 2026

The reports were unanimously approved and signed by the Chair.

b. To agree the bank statements for July and August 2026

Cllrs were happy that the bank statements were correct.

8 Planning: To discuss planning applications

PL/26/05682/FA - Littlecote House, Lower Road, Hardwick

Single storey front and rear extensions, solar panels, air source heat pump and associated house alterations

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

9 To report on any Highways, Footpaths and Lighting matters

It was advised that the footpath near Eastleigh towards Newhaven on Lower Road is completely overgrown. The Clerk will speak to our grass cutting contractor for a price to clear the area. It was also advised that the land outside of Southern Cottage is overgrown and needs maintaining. Cllr Lee will investigate who owns this land.

Action: Clerk / Cllr Lee

10 To discuss how to become a more effective Parish Council

Cllr Marsden attended a training course last week and will pull together the main points and share with all Cllrs. **Action: Cllr Marsden**

Cllr Dallas suggested we speak with the HVA to come up with a list of each other's responsibilities, who to contact for what and how we all communicate. Cllr Lee will speak to the HVA and try to arrange a get together before Christmas to share ideas.

Action: Cllr Lee

It was also suggested that the PC works more closely with Weedon Parish Council to share best practice and ways in which we can support each other. A gathering at the pub was suggested and Cllr Marsden will reach out to the Chair and Vice-Chair of Weedon PC to arrange. **Action: Cllr Marsden**

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11 To discuss Parish Councillor training and up-skilling

Cllr Marsden has another training session booked in October. She is happy to attend training courses and feedback to the PC.

12 To receive the health & safety risk assessment for the play area

Cllr Hannon provided the Clerk with the latest assessment. No issues were raised.

13 To report on any meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council

There was nothing to report.

14 To note the date of future meetings

11th November 2026

Cllrs noted these dates and the Clerk was asked to add funding towards a book exchange to the November agenda. **Action: Clerk**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution and declared the meeting closed at 20.15.

Signed:

Date:

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