



**GREAT HORKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**  
**IN GREAT HORKESLEY NEW VILLAGE HALL AT 12.30PM**

**Those present:**

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| Cllr Arnold (Chairman) | Cllr Baker   |
| Cllr Burns-Langton     | Cllr Jarvis  |
| Cllr Mead              | Cllr Tempest |

**25/118 Chairman’s Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**25/119 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Banks and Cllr Sudbery.

**25/120 Declaration of Interests**

No member declared an interest with respect to any item on the agenda.

**25/121 Highways**

Cllr Arnold reported that he had recently been told that the cost of implementing the speed limit between GH and Chesterwell may (or may not) be anything up to £17,000 - this is based on the cost of similar works elsewhere in Essex. The member funding schemes at Essex and Colchester are now closed to new applications due to election purdah, so although much was promised, only the contribution from Cllr Barber can be forthcoming because only he applied before the deadline. Cllr Barber’s contribution, however, has increased from £1,000 to £2,000. The Parish Council has earmarked reserves of £5,000 for this work, which means there is currently a shortfall of approximately £10,000. Members discussed the scheme and additional funding in detail.

**It was unanimously agreed** (proposed Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Arnold) that in addition to the £5,000 from earmarked reserves, a maximum of £15,000 be spent on this scheme from the Parish Council’s general reserves, in order for it to go ahead.

Members stated that it was imperative for the scheme to go ahead without delay, due to all the uncertainties coming up with local government reorganisation and local elections. Once the new speed limit is in place, it is important to make residents aware that it was the Parish Council that funded the large majority of the scheme and worked hard to make it happen.

**25/122 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm in Great Horkesley New Village Hall.

These minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed .....  
 (Chairman)

Date .....