

**Members of the Parish of Hargrave are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on
 Wednesday 21st May 2025 in the Hargrave Village Hall, commencing at 7pm.**

Minutes

1.	<p>Apologies for absence and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies – Sally Cansdale, County Councillor Bennett • Councillors present: David Taylor (Chairman), Simon de Laat (Vice Chairman), David Williams, Sharon Mattheus • Also present: District Councillor Chester, Nicola Calder (Clerk), 20 members of the public. <p>D Taylor thanked everyone for coming and introduced all the Councillors. Hargrave have 2 Councillor vacancies and 2 possible candidates to fill the positions.</p>
2.	<p>To agree and sign minutes from meeting 22/05/2024</p> <p>Proposed by S. O'donnall and seconded by D Williams. (Paper copies to be signed off by the Chairman for the file)</p>
3.	<p>Parish Council Accounts</p> <p>https://hargravesuffolk-pc.gov.uk/assets/Parish-Council/Finance/2024-2025/2024-25-Hargrave-YE.pdf</p>
4.	<p>Local Group Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trustees of the Parochial Charities • District Council https://hargravesuffolk-pc.gov.uk/assets/Parish-Council/Minutes/2025-2026-Associated-Papers/25-05-AGM/Hargrave-AGM-May-2025.pdf • County Council https://hargravesuffolk-pc.gov.uk/assets/Parish-Council/Minutes/2025-2026-Associated-Papers/25-05-AGM/March-2025.docx https://hargravesuffolk-pc.gov.uk/assets/Parish-Council/Minutes/2025-2026-Associated-Papers/25-05-APM/25-05-Cllr-Bennett-Report.pdf
5.	<p>Parish Council Report</p> <p>Chairmans Report -</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) – The NHP has taken 3.5 years to be approved, this is the second one for the village. There are no plots for building in Hargrave. The vision in the plan is to protect Hargrave, there are some community actions to help maintain this, these need to be taken forward by the residents. 20% of the village are under 19, we need to focus on the young.</p> <p>Lorries – New large development planning applications will include a Traffic Management Plan (TMP). Suffolk County Council will send HGV's on more appropriate routes away from Hargrave. Anglian Water</p>

new pipeline project increased the volume of HGV's through the village. Their TMP indicated that contractors should use the A143. Due to C.Painter the traffic has now been re-routed. Highpoint prison is being redeveloped, and there has been an increase of HGV's travelling through the village. The TMP has been developed for the immediate area not the wider area, Suffolk County Council are looking at the plan.

Any future developments in the Hargrave and surrounding areas need to be challenged to if they have a TMP in place.

Highways issues

- Birds ends speed limit – The Council have been trying to reduce the speed limit. This is a project that will cost £12,000 and is ongoing. The drainage has now been improved, and Hargrave is now on the gritting route. The speed limit change is not going to happen at the moment.
- Any drainage issues or potholes should be reported on the highways reporting tool.
<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/report-a-highways-issue>

Village footpaths – Richard Jozefowski

- A survey has been conducted of all the footpath in Hargrave they are in good condition. Some of the posts have fallen and have been reported. Some suggestions have been made for new markers.
- Gates are all in good working order, G Wells has put drainage shingle down to prevent mud. Stiles need minor repairs.
- School cottage footpath has been resurfaced. A very much appreciated improvement, as it is a well-used path.
- Brideways are not being cut even though they are on the cutting schedule. We are fortunate that landowners take it upon themselves to maintain the footpaths. Richard thanks everyone who contributes.

Village Hall charity, including feedback and discussion on village survey

- <https://hargravesuffolk-pc.gov.uk/assets/Parish-Council/Minutes/2025-2026-Associated-Papers/25-05-APM/CC-Notice-final-02May2025.docx>
- SdL thanked everyone who replied to the questionnaire. 76% of the replies would like the village hall rebuilt.
- The VH is owned by a charity, and they are now a limited company. The land the village hall stands on needs to be registered.
- An individual has been identified to apply for grants.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The residents would like the village hall to be maintained so they can use it for the time being. <p>Speeding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police and highways are ignoring the data from the SID machine We will continue to monitor.
6.	<p>Comments and items of concern from members of the public present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VE celebrations where not held – residents expressed their disappointment. Alcohol licence for the village hall. Clothing bank – second hand clothes are being stored in the VH near the kitchen when the clothing bank is full. Residents feel this is not the best impression when using the village hall for events.
7.	Date of Next Meeting: TBC
8.	<p>Close of meeting at: 8:30pm</p> <p>Thanks from D Taylor to all councillors and special thanks to Steve O who is stepping down but continuing the SID machine. Thank you to C Painter Chair who is stepping down and has done so much for the village including the NHP.</p>