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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

Present:

Councillor R Cook (Chairman)
Councillor V Faulks
Councillor M Jackson
Councillor I Sparks
Councillor P Wall
Clerk
8 members of the public

25/26. Apologies for Absence
None.

25/27. Declarations of Interest
None.

25/28. Public Participation session

Five members of the public raised the following:

- Congratulations to the new councillors.
- Village Green matters.
- Scaffolding at the village hall – concerns over the length of time it has been in place.
- Community Workers' salary delays and resulting financial consequences.
- Thanks and respect to Community Workers for their hard work and patience.
- Query on why the forthcoming election on 21st August is for only 4 seats.

25/29. Finance and General Purposes

- (a) Following discussion, **it was resolved** to approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2024/25.
- (b) Following discussion, **it was resolved** to approve and sign the Accounting Statements (Section 2) of the AGAR for 2024/25.
- (c) The dates of the period for the exercise of public rights of Monday 11th August to Friday 19th September 2025 were noted.
- (d) **It was resolved** to appoint Robert Cook and Martyn Jackson as new signatories for all the Parish Council bank accounts. Two further signatories to be appointed after additional members are elected on 21st August 2025.
- (e) **It was resolved** to appoint the Clerk to be Administrator on all bank accounts.
- (f) **It was resolved** to review available grant funding and identify projects that may benefit.

25/30. Village Hall

- (a) **It was resolved** to replace the two hall key safes with electronic ones.
- (b) **It was resolved** to run a Community Warm Hub utilising available grant funding.

Meeting closed at 7.57pm

Date of next Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 18th September 2025