

Parish Council Meeting held at Hardwick Village Hall on 24th February 2026

Present: Mark Cann (Chairman), David Alexander, Jeremy Alexander, Jeremy Styles, Miles Moseley, Angela Braddick and Josephine Murgatroyd (Clerk).

Apologies: Alison Thomas (County Councillor)
One Parishioner was present

1 Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th December were read, confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Highways

There was no update about the poor condition of Slip Shoe Lane. The damaged sign just before the water run had been repaired. Two significant potholes in Mill Lane and Harris Green had been reported and repaired. Several Parishioners had damaged their vehicles when they inadvertently drove into the one on Mill Lane. The constant wet weather had resulted in many potholes in the Parish.

Village Well

The wooden structure had been placed on the brick base. The final stage was to place the pantiles on the roof and stain the wood. The new design of the well was very impressive and the Parish Council recorded their thanks to Barry for his excellent work on the well.

East Pye Solar Farm: The planning application had not yet been submitted but was likely to be done soon.

Local Government Review: The County Council elections postponed from last year had initially been postponed again, before being reinstated for May. The County Council had formally withdrawn from the process to introduce unitary authorities for Norfolk and Suffolk.

Village Hall: Three new doors for the village hall were being purchased and these should be installed next month. The donation of £1,000 was acknowledged with thanks. The social events were proving popular and helping to provide a regular source of funding.

3. Correspondence

The PC agreed that NALC should be requested to provide the gov.uk email address for the Parish Council. It was also agreed that the Chairman should also have an email address.

4. Planning

a) The Bungalow, Mill Road, Hardwick

An application to erect 2 self-build bungalows was still being considered by the District Council.

b) Barn on Shelton Common

An application to convert the barn into residential use was still being considered by the District Council.

5. Accounts

The current balance was £1,205.31.

The Parish Council decided not to make any donations to various charities in case the Village Hall needed additional funding to pay for the work being undertaken.

6. Meeting Suspended for Public Participation

There was apparently a possibility that Mill Lane will be resurfaced this year. The Clerk said she would enquire of the Highways Department to see if anything was planned.

7. Any Other Business

There was none.

8. Date of Next Meeting

This has been fixed for 26th May 2026 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman
2026

Payments:- Hardwick and Shelton Village Hall- £15 hire
David Murgatroyd - £53.77 – stain for the village well
CPRE - £5 per month subscription