



**Hauxley Parish Council (HPC)  
Parish Council Meeting  
Held Monday 24th November 2025  
Hauxley Village Hall 6.30pm**  
Draft until signed by the Chair

The Bi-Monthly Parish Council meeting was held this evening at 6.30pm at Hauxley Village Hall.

**Present:-** Cllr Rutley (DR), Callendar (RC), Golding (SG), Wyatt (EW), Appleby (WA)

**In Attendance:-** Julie Hall (JH) (Clerk)

	<b>Agenda</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies:-</b> Cllr Busby	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest:-</b> Non-Received	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes:-</b> 1st September were agreed. DR signed the minutes	
<b>4.</b> a)  b)  c)	<p><b>Matters arising from the previous meetings:-</b></p> <p><b>Parish Newsletter:</b> - this was completed. Awaiting distribution of the Ambler to Hauxley residents. The PC will submit articles to be published in the Ambler, 3 times per year, so will miss the next edition.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)- 6th October</b> Rob Naples from NCC, attended a meeting with Parish Councillors to explore the use of the NDP in informing decisions relating to planning applications and changes to the Parish infrastructure. The PC would like to thank Rob. It was agreed to hold an additional meeting of Parish Councillors_(post the 19th January), to discuss parish boundaries and land ownership, plus review Amble’s draft NDP draft. The meeting agreed to commission support from an external adviser in undertaking these actions.</p> <p><b>Bus shelters:-</b> the survey has now been completed. The bus shelters were found to be in sound condition. Hauxley Wildlife Centre are funding the purchase and installation of nature based signs, in the High Hauxley bus shelter. There is also going to be a library box installed in this shelter, funded (£30-) from the Chair’s budget. Low Hauxley’s bus shelter is also going to have a ‘make-over’, which</p>	All  JH All

d)	<p>will focus on visitor information to the area. It is intended to install green roofing to the shelters to encourage bio-diversity.</p> <p><b>Transition to <a href="http://Gov.uk">Gov.uk</a> domain:-</b>After careful consideration of the providers supporting this transition, it was agreed to commission Parish Online to undertake the work.</p>	JH All
<p><b>5.</b></p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p>	<p><b>Parish Wide Maintenance</b></p> <p>Maintenance work - tendering process. SG produced a tendering schedule, which has been circulated to a large number of contractors and also to NCC. After significant chasing of potential contractors, only 2 quotes have been received. The value of these quotes were discussed and it was agreed that if no further quotes were received within the next week, SG to progress the work.</p> <p>WA &amp; SG had met the footpath officer who suggested NCC may pay for the farm gate outlined in the tendering schedule, due to the field containing livestock. WA will follow up this offer.</p> <p><b>Local Transport Plan</b></p> <p>SG had made contact with NCC regarding the fencing near to Low Hauxley's bus shelter and also the section of verge which was being used as a 'pull in' by parked cars. NCC confirmed the fencing was not their land and the option to improve the 'pull in' would be determined by available funding. SG will follow up with NCC.</p> <p>The ownership of this land isn't clear; RC will try to identify a contact from the Low Hauxley Chalet Consortium, to enable a letter to be sent to try and determine ownership.</p> <p><b>Bulb planting</b></p> <p>A special thank you to Cllr Golding for co-ordinating the planting of 6,000 bulbs across the Parish. This was a successful community event and is the first phase of a wider plan. 121 small trees, provided through NCC's free tree scheme, will be planted soon.</p> <p>2 potted Christmas trees have been purchased by the PC, in partnership with the Village Hall Committee.</p> <p><b>Local Community Fund</b></p> <p>It was agreed to offer a small grant in the next financial year, to local community projects, focussed on environmental and sustainable activities. Further discussion to agree the criteria for judging applications and the process to publicise the grant, is required.</p> <p><b>Drainage works</b></p> <p>The drainage works at Kirkwell Cottage have now been completed. Other requests made through 'Fix my Street', such as the footpath improvements at High Hauxley, have resulted in a positive service from NCC.</p> <p><b>Information leaflets</b></p> <p>Space for Shorebirds and Northumberland Wildlife Service have provided Cllr Golding with a number of information leaflets. These will be available throughout the Parish and be distributed to visitors on the beach areas during the nesting season.</p>	<p>WA &amp; SG</p> <p>SG</p> <p>JH &amp; RC</p> <p>SG All</p> <p>All</p>

<p><b>6.</b></p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p><b>Matters of Anti-Social Behaviour</b></p> <p>After attending a Joint Parish Council meeting and hearing about successful events, Cllr Appleby suggested holding a 'Cuppa with a Copper' event in Hauxley Parish. This was agreed. If the Village Hall is available it will be held on Saturday 31st January at 10.30am until 12.00 noon. PC Darren will be invited to come along and chat with local residents. It will be a free event.</p> <p>WA &amp; SG met NCC's Footpath Officer about footpath signage. NCC will only provide positive signage, such as fingerposts, waymarkers, etc. The PC agreed to support local farmers in placing signage that states, no public access, etc.</p> <p>JH to write to Persimmon Homes, to see if they would contribute to fencing and gates, to encourage residents to use local footpaths, rather than walk across private land.</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>25/03487/FUL = 13 Hauxley Lane, High Hauxley. The PC had no objection.</p> <p>25/03474/FUL = North Beach, Low Hauxley. The PC objected.</p> <p>25/03996/FUL = 40, Kirkwall Cottages, High Hauxley. The PC noted the application.</p> <p>JH to contact NCC's Planning Department regarding restrictions for buildings on allotments</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p> <p>g)</p> <p>h)</p> <p>i)</p> <p>j)</p> <p>k)</p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>NCC Elections Office – Community Governance Review - this completed and will be posted to meet the deadline of the 30th November.</p> <p>NALC – September, October &amp; November - Noted</p> <p>CAN News – September &amp; October - Noted</p> <p>NCC – Winter preparedness 2025-26 - Noted</p> <p>NCC Precept Requirement 2026-27 - The meeting agreed not to increase the precept for 2026-27.</p> <p>The Circuit – Update Defibrillator record - this has been checked. JH to update the Circuit.</p> <p>NCC free trees available - Actioned</p> <p>Invitation to Amble Annual Mayor's Christmas Reception - Cllrs Rutley, Golding &amp; Wyatt will attend.</p> <p>Digital Compliance for Council - JH to prepare a draft policy for discussion at the next meeting</p> <p>Appointment of internal auditor - The meeting agreed to contract with Scotchcoulthard to complete the internal audit in 2026.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p>	<p><b>Parish Financial Matters</b></p> <p>NCC precept payment – received £4,000</p> <p>Poppy Wreath - £24.29</p> <p>Bulbs for autumn planting event - £170.00, £38.98, £13.00</p> <p>Ambler – Hauxley Newsletter - £220.00</p> <p>Outdoor Leaflet box - £27.59</p> <p>Clerk' salary (August, September &amp; October) £198.60, £128.16 &amp; £156.80</p>	

g) h) i) j) k)	PAYE – (August, September & October) £46.60, £76.80 & £96.40 Payroll Solutions (August, September & October) ££25.20, £50.40 & £25.20 Andrew Bell – Structural Survey - £120.00 Christmas Tree - £182.50 Library box - £30.00	
	<p><b>Date of the Next Meeting:</b>  <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 6.30pm Hauxley Village Hall</b></p> <p>Julie Hall – Clerk to Hauxley Parish Council  28 Townfoot, Lesbury, NE66 3BR  Mobile:07486351813 Email:hauxleypc@gmail.com</p>	

