

Hauxley Parish Council
Meeting Monday 19th January 2026

The monthly Parish Council meeting was held this evening at 6.30pm at Hauxley Village Hall.

Present: - Cllrs Rutley (DR), Callendar (RC), Golding (SG), Busby (JB), Wyatt (EW)

In Attendance: -Cllr Luke McTaggart (LM) Amble Mayor & Chair of Amble Town Council and 1 member of the public

| | Bi-monthly Parish Council Draft Meeting Minutes | Action |
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| A. | <p>Public Questions:</p> <p>Mr J. Pringle, raised a concern that regular maintenance of the sump and emergency overflow pipe at Low Hauxley pumping station has not been regularly undertaken and the assets are potentially blocked. It was noted that the recent extensive water discharge, from the burst water main, did not quickly drain away through the surface water system, with the possibility of sand blocking the sump and outfall. JH will contact Northumbrian Water to request a survey of the situation and for any appropriate action, including regular checks and maintenance to be taken.</p> | JH |
| | Agenda | |
| 1. | Apologies: - Cllr Appleby (WA) Julie Hall (JH) | |
| 2. | Minutes: 24th November 2025 were agreed as a true record. DR to sign and date the minutes | DR |
| 3. | <p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>a) Amble's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Cllr Luke McTaggart (LM) provided Councillors with an overview of the process and progress in developing Amble's draft NDP, including information on Amble's proposed boundaries and future plans for the town. The draft plan is likely to be out for statutory consultation in the next couple of months. Hauxley Parish Council will receive a copy and to provide comments/feedback.</p> <p>b) LM shared that Amble Town council will be bringing maintenance and grounds work in house and are recruiting now. There is a possibility that HPC could benefit from this and have an SLA with Amble for yearly maintenance. LM discussed housing pressures and the need for more social housing in Amble</p> <p>c) It was suggested that HPC ask Caravan park for a contribution towards council tax to support HPC improvement works.</p> <p>Parish Boundaries and Land ownership Cllr Golding has been reviewing the Parish boundaries and undertaking some land searches. It appears the PC has a larger land holding than previously noted in the asset check. The PC is to commission external support, to review the PC's asset register and to determine any actions to be taken.</p> | <p>LM ALL</p> <p>All</p> <p>JH</p> <p>All</p> |

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| <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> | <p>Transition to GOV.uk domain</p> <p>JH has informed Parish Online that the PC wish to engage their services. Since then, a website has been ported to live, so can be viewed at https://hauxley-pc.gov.uk/. This is the first draft, with further content needing to be added.</p> <p>A new email address has been created for the clerk, clerk@hauxley-pc.gov.uk, with similar email addresses to be made available for all Hauxley Parish Councillors.</p> <p>The old website and mailboxes will need decommissioning, once full transition to the new system is complete.</p> <p>Draft Parish Council Digital Compliance Policy</p> <p>JH has prepared a draft policy, which was circulated to all Parish Councillors. During the meeting this was reviewed and adopted. It will be reviewed in 12 months.</p> | <p>JH</p> <p>All</p> |
| <p>4.</p> | <p>Planning applications</p> <p>a) 25/03487/FUL = North Beach - The PC objected to this planning application. The objection was noted, however NCC permitted the development. Cllr Swinbank, Planning Chair, did ask for a referral to Committee, but was overruled by Cllr Castle and Rob Murfin. NCC indicated that holiday ‘creep’ is an issue for coastal communities. The PC voiced their disappointment at this decision.</p> <p>b) 25/04345/FUL = RSPB Lighthouse Keeper’s Cottage - the PC supported this application.</p> <p>c) SilverCarr’s signage - NCC’s Enforcement team have requested the temporary removal of the signs, with a request for a planning application to be submitted for any future signage.</p> <p>d) Low Hauxley, private allotments - a request to review the large building erected, is currently with NCC’s Enforcement team.</p> | <p>All</p> |
| <p>5.</p> | <p>Parish Wide Maintenance plan</p> <p>Ai.LH and HH bench replacement- work to start in February</p> <p>ii Kirkwell cottages field Access - NCC PROW officer confirmed they would only accept a gap in the fence and that a gate or stile can only be used where livestock are present. Landowner confirmed they would not have livestock in this field due to boundary breaches along Permissons housing estate. Cllr Golding to investigate alternative layout arrangements to reduce motorised vehicle access.</p> <p>iii High Hauxley lamp-post outage has been repaired.</p> <p>iv High Hauxley speed camera, has been reported and will be repaired under warranty.</p> <p>v Hauxley Farm are still willing to locate a defibrillator at their vending machine site. Means of funding to be investigated.</p> <p>B) Projects update</p> <p>i. Bus shelter signage and library- recycled cupboard to be repurposed as a bookcase, to be installed in February</p> <p>EW & SG are agreeing draft signage with Northumberland Wildlife Trust</p> | <p>SG/EW</p> <p>All</p> |

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| | <p>ii NCC Free trees have been received and being planted in various locations across the Parish</p> <p>iii Bulb planting Year 2 -to be discussed next meeting</p> <p>iv Other project ideas 2025/2026 to be considered for the next meeting.</p> <p>v Village community project fund to be developed.</p> | All |
| 6. | <p>Anti -Social Behaviour</p> <p>An event to meet Hauxley's Community Police Officer - Cuppa with a Copper- is being held on Saturday 31st January 2026, at 10.30am in Hauxley Village Hall, Low Hauxley. It is a drop in session, with everyone welcome, to come along and have a chat, ask questions and raise any concerns. The event will be promoted on the village Facebook site, posters at noticeboards and leaflet drop. DR to buy refreshments</p> | All |
| 7. | <p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>a) NCC -letter outlining proposal to change tax band base for 2026-27</p> <p>b) NALC - December newsletter</p> <p>c) Thriving Together - December newsletter</p> <p>d) NCC- Town & Parish Council Conference</p> <p>e) NCC- Parish Precepts and Council Tax 2026-27</p> | All |
| 8. | <p>Parish Financial Matters</p> <p>a) Unity Trust service charges (November & December)£6.00, £6.00</p> <p>b) Land Registry payments -£28.00</p> <p>c) Winter planters - £17.00</p> <p>d) Clerk's salary (November & December) £381.36, £166.36</p> <p>e) PAYE - (December) £38.60</p> <p>f) Payroll solutions (November & December) £25.20, £25.20</p> | All |
| 9. | <p>Any Other Business for Discussion:</p> <p>a) Dates for Parish Council meetings from April 2026 to March2027</p> <p>1. Annual Parish meeting, followed by Parish Council meeting- Monday 11th May 2026</p> <p>2. Parish Council meetings -</p> <p>27th July 2026</p> <p>7th September 2026</p> <p>16th November 2026</p> <p>11th January 2027</p> <p>15th March 2027</p> <p>All the meetings will start at 6.30pm.</p> <p>b) New Connections:</p> <p>i)Northumberland Green Hub</p> <p>ii)Thriving Together</p> <p>iii)Greener Amble</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>JB raised issues of empty milk bottles on road and verges. Request for a discussion with the Farm.</p> | <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>JH</p> |

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| | JH & SG in consultation with Hauxley Association regards repair of boundary fence along the chalets. PROW officer confirmed the footpath is a Public Right of Way. A meeting will be set up to discuss possible access solution for the beach access. | JH SG |
| 11 | Next Meeting: 6.30pm - 23rd March 2026 – Hauxley Village Hall | |
| | The meeting concluded at 8:15pm | |

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