

Minutes of Meeting 409 of Hognaston Parish Council held Monday 2nd March 2026 at 7pm in Hognaston Village Hall.

Councillors present: Cllrs, Dawn Lewis (Chair), Alan Cribbens, George Peach, John Thornley, and Annie Webster.

In attendance: Colin Swindell (Clerk), Cllr Adrian Hunter (DCC), Cllr Dermot Murphy (DDDC) and 2 members of the public.

Item		Action by
409/1 Apologies	None.	
409/2 Variation of business	None.	
409/3 Interests	None.	
409/4 Public speaking	- Members of the public raised concerns over planning application 26/00161/FUL for a replacement wind turbine at Dog Lane, Hulland Ward. It was noted that the proposed turbine would not be positioned within Hognaston Parish but is close to the parish boundary. The Parish Council was asked to raise objections on the grounds that the proposed turbine will be much larger the previous one and that it will create noise and light disturbance. - Cllr Lewis told the public that the above application would be considered under item 409/14 Planning. - Cllr Adrian Hunter (DCC) told the meeting that he continues to chase numerous highways issues with DCC officers but has been disappointed with the lack of response and action taken. - Cllr Dermot Murphy (DDDC) reported on the recent decision by DDDC to raise its share of council tax by 2.99% and representations he has made personally regarding the junction priorities at Dog Lane.	
409/5 Approval of minutes	On the motion of Cllr Peach, seconded by Cllr Cribbens, it was agreed: The minutes of Meeting 408 held Monday 5th January 2026 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
409/6 Clerk's report	The Clerk reported on the following actions and updates since the last meeting: Sharp drop at bridge – No update. Street name plate at Mills Croft (reference 932548) – No update. PROW signs – The Clerk has reported defective fingerposts throughout the village to DCC. Cllr Lewis noted that she has seen a DCC highways officer inspecting the fingerposts around the village in recent weeks. Raised tarmac strip on Main Street (reference FS-Case-782338248) –DCC found no issue at the time of inspection and resolved to not take any action. Agreed: Councillors are to monitor the section of road referred to above and report any future defects to the Clerk. Adoption of BT telephone kiosk on Main Street – BT has provided the Clerk with a contract for the adoption of the telephone kiosk. The document has been circulated to members and is to be considered by Councillors under agenda item 409/10 Adoption of telephone kiosk.	

	- MP Invite to community meeting – This has been arranged to take place on Thursday 12th March at 7pm in Hognaston Church. - Quote for Grounds Maintenance – Bentley Treescapes has provided a quote for the annual ground maintenance of the play area. On the motion of Cllr Webster, seconded by Cllr Peach, it was agreed: The quote of £1,700 (excl VAT) from Bentley Treescapes for the mowing and boundary maintenance of the play area between March and September 2026. - Reimbursable expenditure 2025/26 – A reimbursable expenditure claim for the sum of £458.00 has been made to DDDC for the mowing of the play. - Parish Precept 2026/27 – The Parish Precept requirement has been submitted to DDDC.	
409/7 Highways issues	The Clerk reported that he is compiling a list of current and outstanding highways issues and this will form the basis of a Highways Action Plan. The Clerk informed the Council that a DCC highways officer has agreed to visit Hognaston to look at all highway concerns within the Parish. Agreed: The Clerk is to formally invite the DCC highways officer to Hognaston to meet with the Clerk, Cllr Lewis and Cllr Hunter to discuss current and outstanding highways matters. Action: The Clerk is to continue formulating the Highways Action Plan.	Clerk Clerk
409/8 IT and Social Media Policy	Councillors considered a draft IT and Social Media Policy that had been circulated prior to the meeting. On the motion of Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Thornley, it was agreed: The Parish Council adopts the IT and Social Media Policy with immediate effect.	
409/9 Internal Auditor 2025/26	Councillors considered a recommendation from the Clerk to appoint Mrs Janice Jackson as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor. On the motion of Cllr Haymes, seconded by Cllr Higham, it was agreed: Mrs Janice Jackson is appointed Internal Auditor for 2025/26 financial year-end.	
409/10 Adoption of telephone kiosk	Councillors considered a contract from BT for the adoption of the telephone kiosk on Main Street. Agreed: Before proceeding with adoption of the telephone kiosk, the Clerk is to contact DDDC Planning to check the status of the kiosk and if there are any listings or restrictions.	Clerk
409/11 Council documents	i. Draft Parish Council Risk Assessment Agreed: This item be deferred to the next meeting, pending recommended amendments to the document from Cllr Lewis. ii. Draft Complaints Procedure Cllr Thornley presented a revised Complaints Procedure which was considered by members. Councillors suggested several amendments which were noted by Cllr Thornley. Agreed: Cllr Thornley is to further revise the draft Complaints Procedure and bring it back for further consideration at the next meeting. iii. Updates to any other Parish Council documents The Clerk presented the monthly inspection sheets for the Play Area, bus shelter, Hognastone and Village Geen. No issues were reported. The inspection sheets were signed by the Chair.	Cllr Lewis Cllr Thornley

409/12 Village reports	Cllr Cribbens was thanked for producing the recent Parish Council newsletter.																																					
409/13 Finance	i. Approval of payments On the motion of Cllr Thornley, seconded by Cllr Peach, the following payments were agreed: <table> <tr> <th>Payee:</th><th>Item of expenditure:</th><th>Amount:</th></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Salary (January 2026)</td><td>£ 245.62</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Salary (February 2026)</td><td>£ 245.62</td></tr> <tr> <td>Instant Print</td><td>Parish Newsletter print</td><td>£ 35.79 *</td></tr> <tr> <td>Play Inspection Comp.</td><td>Annual Play Area inspection</td><td>£ 140.40</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hognaston Village Hall</td><td>Room hire (January 2026)</td><td>£ 20.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hognaston Village Hall</td><td>Room hire (September 2025)</td><td>£ 20.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds Bank</td><td>Bank charges (February 2026)</td><td>£ 4.25</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds Bank</td><td>Bank charges (March 2026)</td><td>£ 4.25</td></tr> <tr> <td>Unity Trust Bank</td><td>Bank charges (February 2026)</td><td>£ 7.00</td></tr> </table> * Purchased by and to be reimbursed to the Clerk. ii. Income Received <table> <tr> <th>Payee:</th><th>Item of income:</th><th>Amount:</th></tr> <tr> <td>DDDC</td><td>Reimbursable expenditure (2025/26)</td><td>£ 458.00</td></tr> </table> iii. Budget and accounts monitoring The Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement (as of 28th February 2026) was circulated to members - see Appendix 409/A1. Agreed: The budget and bank reconciliation statement be noted and accepted.	Payee:	Item of expenditure:	Amount:	Clerk	Salary (January 2026)	£ 245.62	Clerk	Salary (February 2026)	£ 245.62	Instant Print	Parish Newsletter print	£ 35.79 *	Play Inspection Comp.	Annual Play Area inspection	£ 140.40	Hognaston Village Hall	Room hire (January 2026)	£ 20.00	Hognaston Village Hall	Room hire (September 2025)	£ 20.00	Lloyds Bank	Bank charges (February 2026)	£ 4.25	Lloyds Bank	Bank charges (March 2026)	£ 4.25	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges (February 2026)	£ 7.00	Payee:	Item of income:	Amount:	DDDC	Reimbursable expenditure (2025/26)	£ 458.00	
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409/14 Planning	i. Response to recent planning applications 26/00081/FUL - Overtown Cottage Big Lane Hognaston Derbyshire DE6 1NR Proposed welfare facility/ log cabin & change of use from agricultural land to campsite On the motion of Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Peach, it was agreed: The Parish Council objects to the above planning application and submits the following comments: <i>The Parish Council is not opposed to plans for a campsite but is opposed to the development of the welfare facility/log cabin.</i> <i>The log cabin is grossly disproportionate in size to serve the needs of a relatively small campsite.</i> <i>A structure of this size would have an adverse impact on the open countryside and set a precedent for future planning applications.</i> <i>The plans do not provide adequate on-site parking.</i> <i>Access to the site is hazardous as there is poor visibility on to the main highway.</i> ii. Response to tree works applications T/25/00172/TCA - Ye Olde Forge, Main Street, Hognaston Crown reduce 1no. maple by up to 2 metres and 1no. maple by 3-4 metres. Re-pollard 1no. weeping willow, fell 1no. apple and 1no. goat willow. Reduce 9no. conifers by 6-7 metres and 2no. conifers overhanging neighbours garden Agreed: No objections. T/26/00007/TCA - Lydds Farm House, Main Street, Hognaston Crown reduce 1no. birch tree by 10% Agreed: No objections.																																					

	- T/26/00016/TCA - St Bartholomews Church, Green Lane, Hognaston tree trunk (T4). 3no. Ash Trees (T1) (T2) and (T6), 2no. Sycamore Trees (T3) and (T5) to have their canopy raised to 4.5m above ground level. <u>Agreed:</u> No objections. iii. DDDC decisions on recent planning applications - 25/00976/FUL - Land South Of Stoney Lane, Hognaston, Derbyshire Change of use and conversion of stable building for use as a utility/service building associated with glamping site <u>Decision:</u> Refused iv. Discussion of other planning applications or issues Councillors considered the comments made by members of the public during item 409/4 Public speaking in relation to application 26/00161/FUL. On the motion of Cllr Cribbens, seconded by Cllr Peach, it was agreed: With the application not located within the Hognaston Parish, Council resolves not to comment on the proposals.	
409/12 Correspondence	The following correspondence were considered and noted: - DALC – Newsletter (January 2026) - DCC – Community News (12.01.2026) - John Whitby MP – Free saplings from the Woodland Trust - The Play Inspection Company – Play Area Inspection Report 2026 - DALC – Newsletter (February 2026) - DCC - Public Transport services transfer to EMCCA - DDDC - consultation on the future of local government in Derbyshire - DCC - Mobile Library Routes 2 March to 22 May 2026 - DCC – Temporary Road Closure Notice – Main Street, Hognaston (02.04.2026)	
409/13 Next agenda	None.	
409/14 Next meeting	<u>Agreed:</u> The Annual Parish Council meeting be held Monday 11th May 2026 at 7pm in Hognaston Village Hall. <u>Agreed:</u> The Annual Parish Meeting (Meeting of Electors) be held Monday 18th May 2026 at 7pm in Hognaston Village Hall.	

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

DDDC – Derbyshire Dales District Council
DALC – Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

DCC – Derbyshire County Council
PROW – Public right of way

Appendix 409/A1**Budget and Bank Reconciliation Statement****Budget 2025/26**28th February 2026

Category of expenditure	Actual	Budget	Variance	2024/25
Clerk's salary	£ 2,665.68	£ 3,200.00	£ 534.32	£ 3,107.72
Administration & expenses	£ 164.10	£ 250.00	£ 85.90	£ 136.57
Room hire	£ 220.00	£ 200.00	-£ 20.00	£ 164.00
Payroll	£ 132.00	£ 150.00	£ 18.00	£ 180.00
Insurance	£ 491.38	£ 530.00	£ 38.62	£ 491.38
Internal audit	£ 100.00	£ 120.00	£ 20.00	£ 85.00
GDPR expenses	£ 47.00	£ 40.00	-£ 7.00	£ 35.00
DALC subscription	£ -	£ 160.00	£ 160.00	£ 326.40
Training	£ -	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	£ -
Grounds maintenance	£ 1,400.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 100.00	£ 1,095.00
Play Area Inspections	£ -	£ 120.00	£ 120.00	£ 221.00
Village planting	£ -	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ -
Annual church clock maintenance	£ 195.00	£ 225.00	£ 30.00	£ 195.00
Defibrillators	£ 270.00	£ 320.00		£ 270.00
Contingency/elections/bank chrgs	£ 1,647.04	£ 500.00		£ 1,492.93
Tree removal	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 550.00
Total expenditure:	£ 7,332.20	£ 7,565.00	£ 1,329.84	£ 8,350.00
Income				2024/25
Precept	£ 7,107.00			£ 6,580.00
Bank interest	£ -			£ -
VAT reclaim (2024/25)	£ 524.74			£ 165.31
Reimbursable expend. (2025/26)	£ -			£ 458.00
Grants	£ -			£ 1,500.00
Total income:	£ 7,631.74			£ 8,703.31

Bank Reconciliation28th February 2026

Cash book		Bank	
Balance from 2024/25	£ 8,788.92	Current account balance	£ 8,959.86
Plus receipts	£ 7,631.74	Plus unpresented receipts	£ -
Less payments	-£ 7,332.20	Less unpresented cheques	-£ 324.00
Less VAT paid	-£ 452.60		£ 8,635.86
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