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Welcome

'The Hedinghams' Parish Magazine is seeking an enthusiastic and creative individual to take on the role of Editor. Following 10 years of dedicated service, the current Editor has advised the Parish Council of her intention to retire from the role in March 2027. She has kindly agreed to remain in post until that time in order to support a full handover and ensure a smooth transition for her successor. The Parish Magazine is therefore inviting expressions of interest from enthusiastic and community-minded individuals who may wish to take on this important voluntary role.



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Full support and guidance will be provided throughout the transition period by both the current Editor and the Parish Council working party group.

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For further information, or to express an interest in the role, please contact the Parish Clerk at:

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Or Alison at hedparmag@gmail.com

Musings from the Rector

Birds of the Air Part II – the Sittella

When Jesus said “Do not worry”, He encouraged His followers to “look to the birds of the air”. Following on from my recent description of the sunbird, I am going to take this opportunity to mention another bird, the sittella.

Sittellas are an Australian bird and like many birds, they roost together at night in large flocks. Also, like many other birds, sittellas have a hierarchy, so that each bird knows who's in charge and what the pecking order is! Normally in birds which roost together, there's competition for the best spaces. The dominant birds will want to roost close to the centre of the flock because on the edges, a bird is more exposed to predators and to the cold. So, it's good to be near the middle.

Sittellas however behave differently. When it's time for the birds to roost, the dominant sittella will pick a point fairly high up towards the end of a branch. Then the other birds will start to find places, squeezing in so that the youngest and the most vulnerable birds are closest to the centre and the dominant bird is left in the most exposed position. And then birds will start to go to sleep, youngest and most junior members of the hierarchy first, with the dominant sittella going to sleep last and from the most exposed position.

Our society can say to us: look after number one. The Sittella challenges us to take a risk for others, to sacrifice comfort, and to live in such a way that others benefit.

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Justin

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Gleaning is searching and humbly working hard to gather essential food in order to survive. We are told to give thanks for 'our daily bread'. Jesus calls Himself the "Bread of Life". (John ch 6 v35). We may be feeling empty but if we humbly seek for the truth, we will find it and 'Come back Full'. God sent His Son Jesus to provide for us – to fill the empty space in our lives. Where will you glean today? Will you humbly seek to find the truth? God bless you, God's promise is sure 'If you seek Me with all your heart you will surely find Me'.

Mary Hawes

Did you know that Jesus was a descendant of Ruth? You can read the whole story, (only four chapters) in the Book of Ruth, sandwiched between Judges and 1 Samuel in the Old Testament of the Bible.

Activities at Hedingham Baptist Church:

Everyone is welcome to our weekly Sunday Services at 10.30am. We'd love to meet you.

Cygnets restarts on Monday 7th September, 9.30-11.30am, for carers with children under school age. £2 per family.

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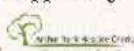
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We are a friendly group of ladies so why not come along and see for yourself. We will always make you welcome. Contact Sylvia on 01787 469129 for any enquiries about the group.

COACH TRIPS Open to anyone, you do not have to be a member. Call Ann on 07442 180237 or Hilda on 07513 886288 to enquire or to book. Cheques payable to CHWG please.

Thursday 17th September – A Tour of the Isle of Sheppey and Lunch – we travel direct to the Isle of Sheppey, off the Northern coast of Kent, where we will be joined by a local guide for a one hour guided tour. We return to the Heritage Centre for a fish and chips lunch followed by a short talk on the history of the Criterion Blue Town theatre, then time to explore this museum. The cost for coach, tour, talk and fish and chips lunch is £50, please state dietary requirements at the time of booking. Payment by 27th August please.

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes



Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting Held in the Village Hall on Monday 3rd August 2026 at 7pm.

Present Cllrs, Bass, Beavis (Chair), Calver, Fennelly, Heywood, Lee, Moore, Taylor, Tufnell, Young,

Mrs L Slade – Clerk & six Members of the Public Apologies Cllrs Luxon and Robins Cllr Adam resigned on 6th July 2026. Kelly Gregory was accepted as a new co-opted Councillor and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Councillor. The Clerk informed the Casual Vacancy ends on Tuesday 4th August 2026. We will then await approval from Braintree District Council (BDC) to proceed with the Co-option process.

Public Comment

A resident requested information on the bin collections from the communal bin store – see District Councillor's Report.

Chairman's Report

Cllr Beavis reported that the Garden of Remembrance needs a tidy up. Cllrs were requested to visit and have a look.

The parish council maintain communication with residents concerning the Recreation Ground; the Charitable Trust for the Recreation Ground is being established. The hedges are due to be cut back as soon as possible and a maintenance review will be carried out.

The Annual Playground Inspection has been received; the parish council will instigate repairs and replacement of surfaces.

The maintenance of all areas in the village, to include the land awaiting transfer, will be considered at an Events and Environment meeting.

The Enders Touch event was well attended.

Cllr Beavis and Cllr Taylor cut back some overgrown parts of the Riverside Walk.

Highways issues, including potholes and blocked water drains should be addressed as soon as possible.

Cllr Taylor gave an overview of the planning process relating to 26/01426/FUL and a resident, who had spoken during public forum at the Planning and Highways Committee meeting, spoke to all Councillors. It was agreed to hold an Extraordinary Planning and Highways Committee Meeting on Fri 14/8/26.

County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr Robins, an answer was given in response to a question raised by Cllr Lee at the meeting of 6/7/26:

Data concerning the number of potholes, which have been repaired in the village, is not held in this format, so provision of the official number of repairs undertaken cannot be shared. However, confirmation was given that between April and June 2026

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repairs were up 30% from the same period in 2025. In the first two months under Reform UK over 8200 defects have been repaired, this includes footways and drainage. Considerable work and progress are being made across Essex and the Heddinghams to deal with the backlog and affects are already visible across the division.

Cllr Tufnell has raised issues with Cllr Robins and continues to do so:

A resident fell in a pothole on Church Street, suffering some very nasty injuries - Cllr Robins has requested this be reported.

The A1017 through the village needs resurfacing – Cllr Robins will put this request to cabinet for a reply.

Cllr Beavis informed the need for a list of highways priorities.

District Councillor's Reports

There is an upcoming meeting with One Medical, at which there will be an agenda item to engage with residents concerning plans, construction etc.

The Riverside Walk art project workshops will be advertised to enable as many residents as possible to attend.

We are awaiting the legal documents for the transfer of land from Bloor Homes.

A request for improved dog waste and litter bins has been sent to BDC.

The enforcement process has been strengthened, allowing more capacity.

BDC will come back to look at rural sites submitted in the recent Local Plan. Sible Heddingham Parish Council's comments still stand.

Results of the recent consultation concerning the new kerbside collection, has shown that there has been a 30% increase in recycling. BDC will be making improvements on communal sites.

BDC are delivering a refresher course on the Code of Conduct. Essex Police are working closely with Essex Councils.

Cllr Tufnell reminded new Councillors can attend the Code of Conduct and New Councillor Training. Cllr Beavis reminded Councillors to update their Register of Interest with any changes.

Wethersfield Communication and Engagement Report - Minutes of the last meeting are due to be circulated.

BALC Report - Cllr Lee informed it is a statutory obligation for Councillors to attend Code of Conduct training; there is a date to be arranged for September, and it is highly recommended Councillors attend.

The EALC offers accredited courses and are holding regular Drop-In sessions; There are discounts on all courses for members.

The kerbside collections are making it difficult to walk on some pavements in the villages.

The incinerator at Rivenhall is having an impact on the local area; a lot of water is being diverted for its use and the transportation of waste from other areas is impacting the roads.

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There are concerns around the S106 monies with government reorganisation. The Chief Constable will be speaking at the next BALC meeting concerning anti-social behaviour across the district.

Cllr Beavis thanked Cllr Lee for his feedback from the recent BALC meeting.

Finance - The monthly payments and accounts and bank reconciliations were agreed.

Reports from Committees

Finance Committee – Meeting Thu 30/7/26 - To note progress against budget for the 2026-2027 financial year to the end of July (circulated)

The progress against the budget was monitored; this is to ensure that public money is being spent wisely.

The committee also looked at an Investment Policy; to ensure the reserves held must be safe and liquid and an Internal Control Document, which outlines the processes and procedures for how money is handled – both were recommendations from the internal auditor.

New lease for the Parish Office – agreed (no change).

Review of the ear marked reserves and bank/building society account for investment - It was decided to consolidate the ear marked reserves into one ear marked reserve with headings and review the headings at the next meeting. The Cambridge Building Society was agreed for the investment of the ear marked reserves. The NatWest accounts are to be closed.

Opening of a bank account for the Charitable Trust - a second current account with Unity Trust Bank for the Charitable Trust was agreed.

Governance, Audit and Personnel Committee – Meeting date to be arranged

Planning and Highways Committee – Meeting held on 6/7/26

Cllr Tufnell reported the Lavenham Forest Plan Stakeholder Consultation can be completed by Councillors as individuals. Action: Clerk to re-send the link.

An agenda item at the next meeting will be to discuss a Community Speed Trap.

Events and Environment Committee – Meeting to be held on Mon 17/8/26

There will be a Hedingham's Parish Magazine Working Party Meeting at 6pm on that day also.

Footpaths Advisory Committee – Meeting to be held on Wed 9/9/26

Name change to Footpath Committee and that the Terms of Reference are updated accordingly was agreed. This is to enable formal decision-making powers concerning the delegated budget.

Update on the Riverside Walk Art Project - The Risk Assessments and Event Management Plan for the Riverside Walk Art Project Workshops were agreed and the draft concept of the stone sculptures – final pieces to be formalised after those workshops. Cllr Taylor informed the locations were chosen as they are the best positions for the size of the sculptures and for easy installation – agreed.

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Additional measures to free up space in the car park - The issue of the same cars being parked in the car park for long lengths of time is ongoing. Unfortunately, this is having a huge impact on shops and business in the village. Overnight parking permits will be generated to allow overnight parking; however, the cars must be moved in the morning to free up the spaces for shoppers. Action: Clerk to generate and print overnight parking permits. Action: Clerk to obtain quotations for the next meeting on Mon 7/9/26 for lockable telescopic bollards and gates.

Annual Play Inspection Report - The annual report has been printed and is in a folder in the parish office meeting room for all Councillors to read and sign. The findings of the two moderate risk items were shared with Councillors. Action Clerk to obtain quotations for repairs and replacement of parts.

Repairs to the Fun Box on the Skate Park - complete.

Update on the Garden of Remembrance Extension - awaiting the outcome of the proposal.

Next Meetings - The Village Hall has been booked for the meetings of 5th Oct; 2nd Nov & 7th Dec 2026.

Clerk's Report - Councillor emails have migrated and accounts set up. Any issues arising – contact the IT Support provider or Black Barn Computers for assistance. There is a cost of £382.80 for St John Ambulance to cover the Art Workshop days – however, to provide adequate cover we must commit to this spend. There has been an increase in the Street Scene Partnership Agreement of £266.67. We received £8,889.15 in 25/26 and have received £9,155.82 in 26/27.

A resident complained about electric scooters on the Riverside Walk. BDC will review whether any additional signage or advisory measures would be appropriate in the location.

Planning Applications - Please see the Planning and Highways Committee Minutes for full details.

Agenda items for next meeting/exchange of ideas/final comments

Review the rules and regulations of the Garden of Remembrance; Car Park; Parish Magazine editorials – please contact Alison

A consideration at a future meeting for 'No parking' lines at the entrance to the Bloor Estate.

Footpath from St. Peter's Church up Prayor's Hill still waiting repairs.

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ABRIDGED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY 10th AUGUST 2026, 6.30PM AT CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB

Present: Cllrs Doe, Dover, Foulkes, Hemes, Jones, Mowle, Smith, Southgate.

In the Chair: Cllr Southgate **Clerk:** Claire Waters **Asst Clerk** Debbie Deeks

Also present: Cllr J Beavis & Cllr W Taylor; Cllr N Robins ECC

PROGRESS CHECK

Storage Container break-in: Essex Police, crime number 42/99305/26. Local police visited the clerk and provided a security marking kit with advice on further measures to register property once it is replaced. The insurance claim for village maintenance equipment has now been settled by Hiscox insurance.

Mower repair: Thanks were noted for the free-of-charge repair of the mower deck by Andrew Westrop

Defibrillator Crouch Green: A date has been organised in August for the replacement of the public access defibrillator on the frontage of the Elms. Their agreement to host the defibrillator and conduct routine checks is greatly appreciated.

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Sudbury Hill: Drainage problem report ref 4036202 is confirmed to relate to the underground water storage chamber being full, probably from the natural spring. Cllr Robins ECC is working through the Cabinet member for Highways Mark Webster to find out what work Essex Highways is planning and when. Cllr Southgate summarised the outcome from a meeting on site with the BDC Senior Asset Manager regarding the possible Community Asset Transfer of the land and discussion of the water chamber. It appears from some plans in possession of BDC that this water chamber may be under Essex Highways land

St James St: Cllr Dover reported raised tarmac following utility works which is causing a trip hazard on the pavement. Cllr Robins ECC offered to follow this up.

Pye Corner: Pavement defect report no 4050478. Cllr Robins ECC agreed to chase up this repair.

NEW PARK STREET LIGHTS

Councillors considered and discussed in depth the clerk's report on the current situation & options:

a) UKPN quote for permanent disconnection at around £6,000. This does not include costs of dealing with the redundant lamp posts which would need to be removed or regularly monitored for safety. **b)** Ecotricity reconnection quote of £732.89 per year over a 3-year term – this was interpreted by Councillors as energy costs only,

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not standing charges which would be an additional £700 per year c) Npower de-energised (not lit) standing charges at £16 to £60 per month which is the situation at present d) Npower reconnection at deemed rate of 41.923p per kw/h plus standing charges (as in option c)) as of July 2026, subject to price change every 3 months

Action: No firm resolution was reached but Councillors requested clarification of the annual cost of the Ecotricity quote. Due to the impossibility of obtaining competitive quotes for a small unmetered supply account, Essex Highways will be contacted again about adopting the street lights. The clerk will also escalate the issue with decision makers including utility company directors, Government and Essex County Council representatives alerting them to this problem which affects many small councils nationally.

HEDINGHAMS PARISH MAGAZINE

The current arrangement with the Parish Magazine was discussed in advance of budget considerations later in the year and the search for a new magazine editor before March 2027. The Parish Council currently pays for the cost of pages for the abridged meeting minutes, which came to a total of £724.79 in the 2025-26 financial year. It is recognised that a number of parishioners welcome the delivery to every household and regularly read the minutes, but it is also accepted that many residents will simply throw the magazine away without reading it. Various ideas were suggested which will be kept in mind for future review. An online copy of the Hedinghams Parish Magazine is published every month at <https://castlehedingham-pc.gov.uk/hedinghams-parish-magazine/>

ST JAMES FAIR, SATURDAY 25th JULY 2026

Cllr Dover gave an update from a review meeting held after the fair. Ideas for improving and potentially expanding the event for next year are already being considered and all feedback will be welcome to wildd@castlehedingham-pc.gov.uk. Please save the date- Saturday 24th July 2027. Other issues discussed included a timetable for volunteer slots to ensure all tasks are covered including clearing up afterwards.

VILLAGE PARK AND COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

Village Park: A new “Dogs must be on a lead at all times” sign has been placed in Village Park noticeboards. This is a policy put in place by the Parish Council when the park was opened in 2020 to ensure a safe, inclusive and enjoyable space for everyone at all times.

Community Allotment: Initial consideration was given to the option of setting up the Community Allotment group as a Community Interest Company (CIC) to enable them to have more control over their operations and finances. **Action:** Cllrs Doe and Smith as Community Allotment representatives will meet with allotment volunteers to discuss their needs and report back to the clerk and assistant clerk.

PUMP HOUSE AND NEW PARK LAND

The Parish Council chairman and clerk met the new BDC Senior Asset Manager on site

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on 23rd July to discuss the proposed Community Asset Transfer which was announced publicly by BDC in November 2025 but has not progressed further. An email with supporting documentation has now been received from BDC for Councillor consideration but arrived too late to be discussed at this meeting. The information will now be supplied to all Councillors and a working group will look at the details of the proposal to report back to the September Parish Council meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th Sept 6.30pm Ordinary Parish Council Castle Hedingham Club

The meeting closed at 8.32pm

Full minutes of meetings including planning applications and financial information are published www.castlehedingham-pc.gov.uk

CH Gardening Club

Hi everyone, it's hard to believe it's already September - where has the summer gone and what a summer it has been. As I am writing this we are once again experiencing another heatwave and a hosepipe ban so trying to keep our gardens going is quite a challenge.

We had a very enjoyable trip to Fullers Mill in spite of it being an extremely hot day, fortunately there were a lot of trees so we were able to sit and enjoy our refreshments in some shade.

Our afternoon meetings will resume on September 10th the speaker is yet to be confirmed. It will be lovely to see you all again and we will be able to have a catchup during our tea break. Don't forget to bring along your Flower of the Month. Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month 2pm at the Memorial Hall, Castle Hedingham. If you are not a member but would like to come along as a visitor you will be so welcome. We are a very friendly group of people and are always pleased to see a new face.

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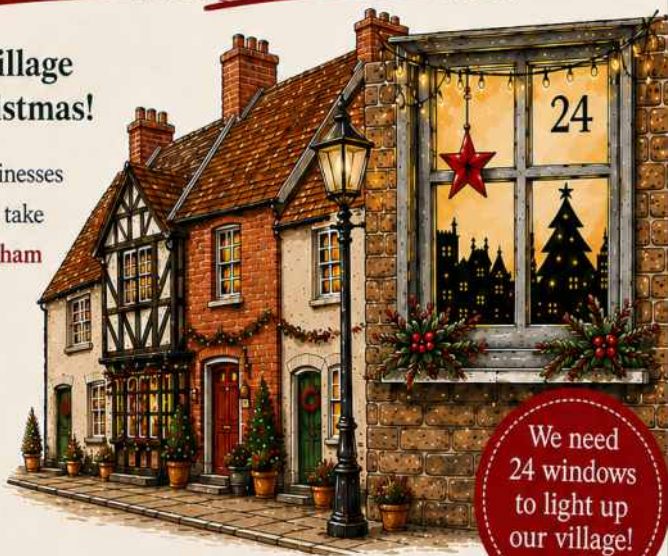


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Our August open day was reasonably well supported with 51 visitors through the door including quite a few children. It was pleasing to see their interest and most had a go at finding various mill objects on a pre-printed sheet. The waterwheel was only operated in short bursts all afternoon due to the low level of water in the river.

We have had a problem with some lime plaster coming away from the laths on the stone floor the heat wave's probably a contributing factor. Wednesday volunteers are continuing to progress with various tasks, but it has been quite taxing with the heat. Michael has repaired the Entrance doorway and fitted new thresholds on other doorways and is currently repairing cogs on the Pinion Wheel; once this is done we will again be able to operate the chain hoist. Dave B., Trevor and Dave W. (we have three Daves at the mill) are continuing to make and construct the Bolter (flour grader). Tom and Tony have been doing some lime washing of walls. Tony, Paul, Trevor and myself have been having a go at cutting back the undergrowth around the mill. There are some jobs we all muck in together on, mostly tidying up the mill prior to open days.

There are two more open days to come - 13th September and our 11th October opening will have Autumn/Craft Fair on the ground floor. Hope to see you there.

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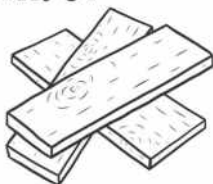
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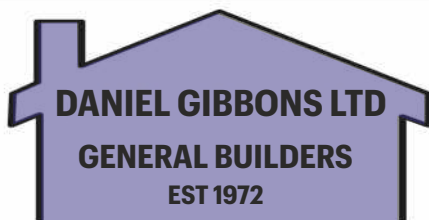
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