

**Minutes of a meeting of Horrabridge Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7.30pm**
(also available at www.horrabridge-pc.gov.uk)

Present: Cllr M Huda (Chairman), Cllr S Roche (Vice Chairman), Cllr Blackmore, Cllr A Moorhead, Cllr M Glinn

In Attendance: Caroline Ellis – Clerk
Cllr C West (WDBC)
6 members of the public

055:26/27 Apologies for absence – Apologies from Cllr Lear for personal reasons were approved by the Council. Apologies from Cllr Fife-Cook (DCC) were noted.

056:26/27 Declarations of Interest – None

057:26/27 Public Participation – The new DNPA Ranger introduced himself to the Council. He reported there were extra patrols due to the high risk of wildfires, and it was still bird nesting season until 1st September. A resident asked if the Council could become involved in trying to retain the Leaping Salmon as a public house. Cllr Roche reported there had been no planning application for 'change of use'. The Council would comment when an application had been submitted.

A member of the public left the meeting.

058:26/27 Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th June 2026 and the Planning Committee meeting held on 23rd June 2026 - On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Councillor Moorhead, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve both minutes and they were a true record and was signed by the Chairman of the meetings.

059:26/27 The Council noted the following Temporary Traffic Order TTRO2670449 - Temporary prohibition of through traffic and parking Road from Walkhampton Road to Knowle Terrace, Horrabridge. From Tuesday 28th July 2026 (for the maximum of 5 days) Until Saturday 1st August 2026 - To enable resurfacing.

060:26/27 Finance –

- The bank reconciliation, Trial Balance, and Budget Report dated 30th June 2026 was reviewed and on the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Roche, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve.
- Payments, Clerk's and staff salaries, were reviewed and on the proposition of Cllr Glinn, seconded Cllr Blackmore, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve with additional payments for Manor Garage £54.85, RED (SW) Ltd £240.00, Vincents £183.85, M Glinn (expenses) £89.97 and RB Garden Maintenance £245
- VAT return for 01.04.2026 – 30.06.2026 for the value of £1,176.64 was noted.

061:26/27 Sampford spiney & Horrabridge WI – The Council noted the generous donation of £2,945.99 from Sampford Spiney and Horrabridge WI on their 90th Anniversary. This was toward the cost of the replacement doors for the Village Hall. A plaque would be attached to record this generous donation. The Council asked the Clerk to send a letter of thanks.

062:26/27 Beating the Bounds – Cllr Moorhead reported he had spoken to residents to agree access to their land. They will be asking assistance from the TA. Letters to

residents had been written and would be distributed. It was agreed scaffolding was needed to make a bridge across the river. Cllr Moorhead will obtain prices for pasties. There would be another meeting with Cllrs and volunteers.

063:26/27 Wall Mounted Water Boiler – The Council considered the quotations and on the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Moorhead the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of a Burco 10Ltr Boiler at a net cost of £443.98

2 members of the public left the meeting

064:26/27 Policies – On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Blackmore the Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the following policies

- Whistleblowing Policy
- Paternity Leave & Pay Policy
- Standing Orders
- Grievance Policy

065:26/27 Devon & Cornwall 4 X 4 Response – The Clerk informed the Council she was waiting for correspondence from the new Highways Officer. She hoped to arrange a meeting soon.

066:26/27 Truck – Cllr Glinn informed the Council the truck passed the MOT with a few advisories. It was agreed to keep the truck for another 6 months and would re-assess the need for a truck in the new year.

067:26/27 Village Fete 11th July 2026 – Cllr Blackmore reported the event was a great success. There had been lots of positive feedback from residents. The 2 new bins were named Croaky and Ribbit. They were grateful to volunteers who stayed on after the event and helped to clear away. Cllr Blackmore would be asking the stall holders for feedback and to see how much they raised for their charity or organisation. The Cllrs thanked Cllr Blackmore, Cllr Glinn, and the team of volunteers for their hard work.

068:26/27 Open Spaces Report – Cllr Glinn reported the second frog bin had been installed in time for the village fete. He also thanked the gentleman who was cutting the grass in Chapel Lane. Thanks to the football club for allowing the use of their large mower to cut the grass at the unused part of the cemetery. Cllrs Glinn and Moorhead have maintained the current side of the cemetery. Cllr Glinn had worked with RB Maintenance to ensure Weir Park was ready for the Fair. Cllr Glinn had met with Mike Harding Lighting who are providing the Christmas tree lights. It was agreed to trim some branches to gain access and to enhance the visual effect. The Pavilion was hired to Lynher training for a day. This was successful and could become a good source of income. HPC need to address the condition of the multi-play and the rota climb as they both need repairs or replacing.

069:26/27 Progress Reports – Cllr Glinn and Cllr Moorhead were due to inspect the Village Hall and to obtain quotations for work required.

070:26/27 Borough & County Councillor Reports – Cllr West apologised about not attending the Fete, but he had a prior engagement. The decision should be announced shortly regarding Local Government Reorganisation. WDBC are launching a year long Walking and Cycling Programme. Waste and recycling will be brought back 'in house' in April 2027. There will be a speed review for A386 – this could take up to a year to complete.

071:26/27 Councillor reports and items for future agenda – Cllr Moorhead asked if hedge cutting could be on the September agenda. The dog waste bin in Chapel and Pencreber Road need to be replaced with larger bins. The Clerk to obtain prices.

072:26/27 Public Participation – None

073:26/27 Part Two – Confidential items

On the proposition of Cllr Glinn, seconded Cllr Moorhead, it was **RESOLVED** that, under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items which are **CONFIDENTIAL** by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council.'

074:26/27 Handyperson –

- On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Blackmore, the Council **RESOLVED** to rename the position to Grounds Maintenance Operative.
- On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Moorhead the Council **RESOLVED** RB Garden Maintenance continue to work as the Grounds Maintenance Operative and work with Cllr Glinn in maintaining the open spaces and an hourly rate was agreed.
- Cllr Glinn asked the Council to consider formal training for the Grounds Maintenance Operative to use the ride-on mower. The Council considered the request but felt it unnecessary. Cllr Glinn would like it noted training should be addressed because if there was an incident the Council would be liable. Cllrs Blackmore and Glinn would write a risk assessment, and the Clerk would investigate the training the previous Grounds Maintenance Operative received.

075:26/27 Horrabridge Cavaliers – The Council considered the request from Horrabridge Cavaliers. On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Roche the Council **RESOLVED** not to accept their request. The Clerk was asked to inform them of the Council's decision.

076:26/27 On the proposition of Cllr Huda, seconded Cllr Moorhead, the Council **RESOLVED** to exit Part 2 and ratify decisions made.

Next meeting 8th September 2026

Meeting ended 21.05

Councillor M Huda
Chairman

DATED: