



HART DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 9 July 2025 At Lucy Pygott Centre, Hartley Wintney, RG27 8EB

Present:

Name	Initials	Position	Representing
Simon Ambler	SA	Chairman	Crookham Village
Martin Whittaker	MWh	Vice-Chairman	Hook
Julia Ambler	JA	Treasurer	Crookham Village
Stuart Elborn	SE		Hartley Wintney
David Jackson	DJ		Crookham Village
Angela McFarlane	AM		Odiham
Meyrick Williams	MWi		Winchfield
Shawn Dickens	SD		Eversley
Caroline Diamascio	CD		Hartley Wintney
Rob Cowell	RC		Hook
Daisy Khepar	DK		Blackwater & Hawley
Gareth Saunders	GS		Church Crookham
Sharon Black	SB	Secretary	

25/16	Introductions and Welcome The meeting was quorate with 8 out of 21 Councils represented.	
25/17	Apologies for Absence Received from: • Bob Schofield and Paul Einchcomb, Fleet Town Council • Ewshot Parish Council • Elvetham Heath Parish Council • Crondall Parish Council • Hart District Council	
25/18	Minutes of the April 2025 AGM	

	These were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair of the meeting. Proposed by: Stuart Elborn; Seconded by: David Jackson; unanimously agreed		
25/19	Chairman's Report The Chairman reported that there had been HALC meetings since the last HDAPTC meeting, and he had been appointed as a HALC Director at the Board meeting on 12 May. There had been discussion on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and two briefings, one organised by Hampshire County Council (HCC) and one on behalf of HDC, Basingstoke and Rushmoor, had been arranged for 15 July 2025. At the Board meeting, HALC had confirmed that they had been in discussion with Rushmoor regarding the potential for Parishing areas. HALC had also confirmed that there would be a small increase on the fee structure on the capped amount, and that the training fee structure will remain the same. There had also been a briefing from Hart District Council (HDC) on the ongoing community governance review.		
25/20	Treasurer's Report The Treasurer reported that there were still some issues around her becoming a signatory on the bank account but it was hoped these would soon be rectified. The bank balance stood at £761.78 as at 12 June 2025, with two outstanding invoices amounting to £85.20, relating to the previous year. The bank balance therefore stood at £676.58 once these had been paid. The previous Secretary advised that he had not been paid by the Association during the previous two years, but the previous Chairman had paid him from his own pocket. There was the possibility therefore that this amount might be reclaimed from the Association. For invoice approval, it was agreed that both the Vice-Chair and Chair would approve any invoices for payment, with the Treasurer making payment from the Association account.		

	There was to be a briefing meeting for all Town and Parish Councillors across Hart, Basingstoke and Rushmoor on 15 July 2025, commencing at 6.30pm. There was a request that this be recorded for those who were unable to make it.		
25/23	Asset Transfer in Advance of Reorganisation Hart had said that it was for Parish Councils to advise which assets they would be interested in taking over from Hart when the District was subsumed into the new Unitary. Association members felt that it would be difficult for Parish Councils to be able to do this if they did not know what was available, and that Hart should provide a list of all assets that would be available for transfer to Parish/Town councils. A request would be made of Hart for a list of assets that were available for transfer, so that full consideration could be made by individual Parish/Town Councils. Similarly, a request would be made of County for a list of those assets that they had that would be available for transfer to Parishes, so that these could also be considered.		
25/24	Community Governance Review The proposals for the Community Governance Review had now been published and were available for commenting on by individuals as well as Parish/Town councils. Meyrick had sent an email to Hart's Chief Executive with some further questions regarding the review and had been disappointed by the response received. A copy of this email and the response sent, would be circulated for information. In general, the consensus was that there was unlikely to be any changes requested except for in Odiham, where an additional two councillors were to be requested.	SB (complete)	
25/25	Parish/Town Council Reports Reports were given by those members in attendance, and details are attached.		
25/26	Date and Venue of Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 September 2025. Thank you to Elvetham Heath Parish Council who have volunteered to host the meeting, which will be held at The	SB (complete)	

	Key Centre. Directions will be provided with the agenda for the meeting.	
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