



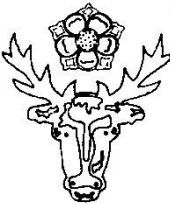
HART DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 30 September 2025 At The Key Centre, The Key, Fleet, GU51 1HA

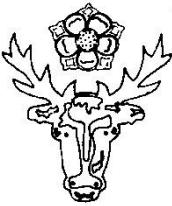
Present:

Name	Initials	Position	Representing
Simon Ambler	SA	Chairman	Crookham Village
Martin Whittaker	MWh	Vice-Chairman	Hook
Julia Ambler	JA	Treasurer	Crookham Village
Angela McFarlane	AM		Odiham
Meyrick Williams	MWi		Winchfield
Laura Lewis	LL		Elvetham Heath
Marilyn Robson	MR		Elvetham Heath
Tracy Hamer	TH		Elvetham Heath
Daisy Khepar	DK		Blackwater and Hawley
Gareth Saunders	GS		Church Crookham
Shawn Dickens	SD		Eversley
Sharon Black	SB	Secretary	
David Neighbour	DN		Hart District Council
Daryl Phillips	DP		Hart District Council

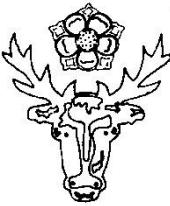
25/27	Introductions and Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Cllr David Neighbour, Leader of Hart District Council, and Daryl Phillips, Chief Executive. Thanks were given to Elvetham Heath Parish Council for their hospitality. The meeting was quorate with representatives from 8 out of 21 councils present.	
25/28	Apologies for Absence	



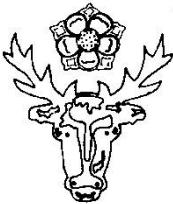
	<p>Received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bob Schofield and Paul Einchcomb, Fleet Town Council• Stuart Elborn, Hartley Wintney Parish Council• Julie Routley, Yateley Town Council	
25/29	<p>Presentation from the Rural Housing Team</p> <p>Deferred until the January meeting.</p>	
25/30	<p>Hart District Council Update</p> <p>The Leader of Hart District Council gave an overview of the work that was being undertaken across the Council, and Mr Phillips answered questions (underlined below). Those present were reminded that the Local Government Reorganisation submission had been duly sent to the Government on the deadline day following unanimous backing at full Council on 25 September.</p> <p><u>Is it unusual to have two different proposals submitted?</u> No, the same has happened in a number of different areas</p> <p><u>How “local” will the new Unitary be for our residents?</u> It will be about the 13th largest authority in the country – larger than any London borough</p> <p><u>Will we still have an elected Mayor?</u> That remains to be seen, and is not something that Hart or the “lower” tier or authorities can influence.</p> <p>Food waste collections start on 6 October, but it was expected that there would be teething problems. Most will have their food waste bins collected on their usual waste bin collection days, those who have different arrangements have been notified.</p> <p><u>What happens if the bin lid doesn’t close properly or the bin is broken?</u> Contact the Council’s waste department for a new bin.</p> <p><u>Does electrical waste no longer get collected from the roadside?</u> Yes it does, it may be that the collection lorry was full so do try again.</p>	



	<p><u>Is the anaerobic digestor now operative?</u> Yes</p> <p>Other items of note were :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grants still available• The Hart Job Fair being run at The Harlington on 1 October• Neighbourhood Plan Area had been agreed for Eversley at Cabinet in September• Call for Sites now live for the new Local Plan, and the recruitment drive had started for new staff to assist with driving the Local Plan through• The Call for Sites was not just for housing, but also for gypsy and traveller sites, stopping sites and SANG and greenspace. Not all sites would be suitable but would need to be reviewed• DP to send links to the AMR to members of the Association for information – our current (original) Local Plan states that Hart will give consideration to any individual request for a temporary stopping place for gypsy/traveller families <p><u>Will the Mayor have the ability to overrule anything in our Local Plan?</u> Yes, as they will be responsible for strategic planning and infrastructure</p> <p><u>Will S106 be changed to SIL?</u> No, the Government has pulled back from that, and the new Local Plan will look to have both.</p> <p>Both Cllr Neighbour and Mr Phillips were thanked for taking the time to attend, and left the meeting</p>	DP
25/31	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting</p> <p>With the amendment of the date to 9 July 2025 and the inclusion of Gareth Saunders under those present, the minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
25/32	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>Items (i) and (ii) had been completed.</p>	



	<p>The Chair reported that with item (iii), HALC were awaiting the outcome of LGR before any decision was made.</p>	
25/33	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>The Chair reported that the HALC AGM was on Wednesday 22 October 2025 with registration from 9am.</p> <p>HALC had approved an increase in the grant available to district associations to £600 (from £400).</p> <p>There has been discussion across a number of unparished areas in Hampshire about whether this would be advantageous for them.</p> <p>At the last HALC meeting, the Chair raised the impact of Assertion 10, and a number of training sessions have now been arranged.</p> <p>Also, questions regarding the transfer of assets to Parishes continue to be raised in the light of LGR.</p>	
25/34	<p>Treasurer's Update</p> <p>JA now has access to the bank account and has a card reader that works. All outstanding invoices have been paid. Balance before payment of the Secretary for April and September meetings was £761.78. The monthly fee for the account was £4.25.</p> <p>It was noted that any application for a grant would likely be refused until the bank balance reduced. This item was deferred until next meeting.</p> <p>Dawn Hamblet would be removed as a signatory, and it would not be good practice to have SA (as Chair) added as second signatory. Therefore it was agreed that MW be added as a second signatory.</p> <p>SB to locate and send previous audited accounts to JA.</p>	<p>Agenda Item</p> <p>JA</p> <p>SB</p>
25/35	<p>HALC Grant Application</p>	



	<p>As agreed above, this item was deferred until the January meeting.</p>	
25/10	<p>Parish Reports</p> <p>A short report had been submitted by Fleet Town Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fleet Town Council held a successful Music on the Views Event despite the inclement weather.• We are about to appoint a contractor to replace the skate park on the Views, subject to securing a PWLB loan.• We endured further traveller incursion onto two of our parks. Each was dealt with by the police but we incurred a bill over £2,000 in legal fees and clean up costs at Ancells Farm. We are exploring ways and means of excluding further invasions but the costs are significant as the police advise that most defences are penetrable.• The repair café held in the Harlington once a month is going from strength to strength.• We are at a critical point in deciding the future form of the rejuvenated Harlington. <p>Other verbal reports were given by representatives in attendance.</p>	
25/11	<p>Dates for Future Meetings</p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Thursday 22 January 2026, at Hart District Council's Offices, Harlington Way, Fleet, Hants, GU51 4AE.</p>	