

Minutes of Halwill parish council's June 2025 meeting

Held on 12 June 2025 at 7.30pm In the Baptist Hall

The meeting started at 7:30pm. Councillor Lawlor chaired the meeting in the absence of Councillor Wilson

Present:

Cllrs J Lawlor(Chair), V Osborne (VO), R Grocock and L Bryan(LB), M Harding(MH), E Down(ED)

In Attendance:

Ward Councillors P Hackett and S Gibson, County Councillor L Rowsell Two members of the public (MoP) and the Clerk

2025/Jun/1 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Wilson

2025/Jun/2 Declarations of Interest

None

2025/Jun/3 Public question time

A number of members of the public wished to comment on the sewerage works and Rectory Lane. See Item 5

2025/Jun/4 Order of business and any items to be discussed with the public excluded

None

2025/Jun/5 Clerk's and Councillors' announcements

County Councillor Lynne Rowsell introduced herself to the meeting as the newly elected Reform councillor for this area.

The Chair introduced the problems with the sewerage works and the associated damage to Rectory Lane to Councillor Rowsell. Since the sewerage works were upgraded there

have been a large number of tankers removing sewerage from the site. These are damaging the road and causing a nuisance to locals with noise and obstruction. The parish council has been unable to find out what is happening and is concerned that the current site may not have the capacity to meet future demand. Councillor Rowsell is aware of the problem and will try and get some answers. Several of those present agreed their was a problem with the roads caused by South West Water's vehicles going to the sewerage works.

Councillor Rowsell agreed to look into Devon County responding to the attempt by Devonshire Homes not pay for secondary education transport which they have agreed to do in a s106 (of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990) agreement.

Councillor Rowsell commented on the removal of the co-responders for cost cutting reasons. Co-responders are firefighters trained to deal with medical emergencies. In a rural area where an ambulance can take some time to arrive they have been useful. Their role will be taken by volunteers if such volunteers can be found.

Ward Councillor Gibson said that Holwsorthy now had a tri-service responder. A tri-service responder can fight a fire, resuscitate those caught within and arrest the arsonist who set the fire all at the same time which should keep them busy.

2025/Jun/6 To confirm minutes for the May 2025 Parish Council Meetings

The minutes were signed as a correct record by the Chair

2025/Jun/7 Finances

1 Bills for payment

It was **resolved** to pay the following bills

Table 1: Table of bills to pay and cheques to be raised at the March meeting current account

Date	Company	Amount inc VAT	For what
12/06/25	D C Osborne	£402.00	Salary May
12/06/25	D C Osborne	£24.39	Expenses
26/05/25	Information Commissioner's Office	£52.00	Annual renewal data controller

Current Account Total For month inc VAT: £464.00

Current Account Total for month ex VAT £464.00

VAT for month: £0

Table 2: Table of bills to pay and cheques to be raised at the March meeting Active Halwill Account

Date	Company	Amount inc VAT	For what
12/06/25	R Grocock FiT payment	£180.00	Expenses

2025/Jun/8 To consider responses to planning applications

None

2025/Jun/9 Highways

1. Rectory Lane update

See Item 5

2. Japanese knotweed

Devon County no longer try to deal with the knotweed in the verges which is leading to the spread of knotweed by vehicles. It is potentially an offence to allow Japanese knotweed to spread off your land. It would be difficult to prove any new outcrop was the result of vehicles carrying it from the highway but it is almost certain to happen.

2025/Jun/10 Active Halwill delegate report

The public meeting to discuss the plans was well attended with about 120 people there. An informal vote showed overwhelming support for the plans for the MUGA and new changing rooms and associated infrastructure. The next step is to get permission from the Fields in Trust and then get planning permission.

2025/Jun/11 Progress reports

1. Speed sign

Carried over

2. Gazebo

Carried over

3. Banking provisions

Progressing – not quite as easy as the banks would have you believe

4. Sale of boundary

The Clerk informed the meeting that he waiting for the solicitors to agree that they are happy to proceed.

5. Village appearance

It was agreed that the village is looking acceptable. It was agreed that the flagpole should be replaced with a new one rather than repairing the existing one.

6. Village signs

The idea of refreshing or renewing the village entrance signs to reflect the village's railway history was suggested by a member of the public at the May meeting. The Clerk was asked to ask Pidsignz if they could come up with an overlay for the existing signs.

7. VJ Day

It will be the 80th anniversary of the end of World War 2 on the August 15. The new flag pole should be ready to fly the flag by then

2025/Jun/12 Correspondence

Correspondence received and to be written

None

2025/Jun/13 Next meeting

The Annual parish Council Meeting and the next Ordinary Meeting will be on the 10 July at Baptist Hall

The meeting ended at 20:45