

# Minutes of Halwill parish council's May 2025 meeting

Held on 14 May 2025 at 7.30pm In the Baptist Hall

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The meeting followed the Annual Parish Council Meeting

## Present:

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

## In Attendance:

Three members of the public (MoP) and the Clerk

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## 2025/May/1 To receive apologies for absence

None

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## 2025/May/2 Declarations of Interest

None

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## 2025/May/3 Public question time

A member of the public asked about the condition of Rectory Lane and whether anything can be done about the damage being caused to the road and bridge by lorries going to and from the sewerage works. The MoP thought SW Water should be made to pay a contribution to the upkeep of the road. The MoP asked if the council would write to Devon Highways and SW Water to arrange a meeting to sort it all out. The MoP though it was just not good enough.

A member of the public suggested that the parish should be doing more to celebrate the bicentenary of the railways as Halwill Junction was a major railway junction. Perhaps we could have village signs reflecting its railway heritage.

A member of the public suggested that the parish should have done something to commemorate VE Day.

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

None

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## 2025/May/5 Clerk's and Councillors' announcements

The clerk informed the meeting that the parish council's mower had been taken without consent. This was not really news to anyone but it is in the minutes now. The police informed us that we would not be seeing the mower again and that there was no point in them attending the scene.

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## 2025/May/6 To confirm minutes for the April 2025 Parish Council Meeting

The minutes were signed as a correct record by the Chair

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## 2025/May/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*

Date	Company	Amount inc VAT	For what
14/05/25	D C Osborne	£804.00	Salary January, March
14/05/25	D C Osborne	£30.00	Expenses
13/03/25	DALC	£373.73	Annual subscription
22/04/25	Parish Online	£300.00	New website
22/04/25	Parish Online	£96.00	Mapping subscription

Current Account Total For month inc VAT: £1603.73

Current Account Total for month ex VAT £1489.01

VAT for month: £114.72

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## 2025/May/8 To consider responses to planning applications

Torrige District Council has notified us of the following application going to appeal:

**Reference:** APP/W1145/W/25/3364714

**Proposal:** Outline application for 3 no. dwellings with all matters reserved

**Location:** Land Adjacent Croft Gate, Halwill Junction, Devon, EX21 5TN

The Council has no comments to add to those in its original objection

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## **2025/May/9 Nothing to see here!**

The Clerk really should learn what comes after “8”

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## **2025/May/10 Active Halwill delegate report**

There will be a public meeting to discuss Active Halwill’s plans

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## **2025/May/11 Progress reports**

1. Sale of boundary  
The Parish Council has estimates for its costs and has letters ready to deliver but the Clerk is waiting for clarification on a number of points from the solicitors
  2. Mower theft  
See Item 5
  3. Speed sign  
Carried over.
  4. Gazebo  
It is progressing slowly.
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## **2025/May/12 Correspondence**

Correspondence received and to be written

The Clerk was instructed to write to Devon Highways to try and arrange a meeting with them and SW Water to try and resolve the issues over Rectory Lane

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## **2025/May/13 Next meeting**

The next parish Council Meeting will be on the 12 June in the Baptist Hall

The meeting ended at 20:45