

# Minutes of Halwill parish council's September 2025 meeting

Held on 11 September 2025 at 7.30pm In the Baptist Hall

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The meeting started at 7:30pm. Councillor Lawlor chaired the meeting

## **Present:**

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

## **In Attendance:**

County Councillor L Rowsell, Ward Councillor P Hackett, six members of the public (MoP) and the Clerk

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## **2025/Sep/1 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Ward Councillor S Gibson

## **2025/Sep/2 Declarations of Interest**

None

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## **2025/Sep/3 Public question time**

A MoP asked if it was true the public toilets in the parish were to be sold. Councillor Hackett replied that he was not aware of any plan to sell the toilets.

Several Highways related issues were raised by MoP's:

Broken street lighting not being fixed;

The speed of traffic through the parish;

The condition of some roads particularly Rectory Lane;

Blocked drains and overgrown vegetation and,

Parking on Station Road

This will be added as an agenda item for a future meeting

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

None

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

County Councillor Rowsell reported that Devon County Council is in a right muddle with a burgeoning deficit. The County Council is controlled by the LibDems.

Rectory Lane has been inspected by the Local Highways Officer and it is considered to need relaying. Councillor Rowsell will be kept informed. She will keep chasing SW Water to see if they will contribute to repair costs.

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## 2025/Sep/6 To confirm minutes for the July 2025 Parish Council Meeting

The minutes were signed as a correct record by the Chair

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## 2025/Sep/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 September meeting current account*

Date	Company	Amount inc VAT	For what
11/09/25	D C Osborne	£804.00	Salary July & August
11/09/25	D C Osborne	£20.00	Expenses
07/07/25	L&M Cole (clerk paid)	£1725.00	Parish Warden
08/09/25	Hawthorns Accounting	£78.00	Payroll services

Current Account Total For month inc VAT: £1803.00

Current Account Total for month ex VAT £1803.00

VAT for month: £0

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## 2025/Sep/8 Planning

None

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## 2025/Sep/9 Co-option of councillor following the resignation of Councillor Grocock

There were 2 members of the public present who made their interest known. As yet we have not received permission to coopt. Once permission is received the parish council can coopt replacement councillors

The procedure for replacing councillors is as follows:

1. The Torridge district Council (TDC) being the principle authority, are informed of the vacancy
  2. TDC advertise the vacancy in the parish asking parishioners if they wish there to be a by-election
  3. If fewer than 10 parishioners demand a by-election within 2 weeks of the notice being placed the parish council will be requested to coopt as soon as possible.
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## **2025/Sep/10Active Halwill delegate report**

Councillor Grocock has resigned from the parish council and Active Halwill.

Active Halwill are waiting for a date from TDC for pre application talks

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## **2025/Sep/12Progress reports**

1. Speed sign

The Clerk has not managed to action this

2. Rectory Land and the sewerage treatment works

There has been some minor patching done to the road but the road is still largely unusable by all but large vehicles. Councillor Rowsell is chasing it up

3. Gazebo

Carried over

4. Banking provisions

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

5. Village signs

The Clerk has asked Pidsignz for proposals for signs to place over the existing signs.

6. Boundary matters

Progressing. Waiting for solicitors to act.

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## **2025/Sep/12Correspondence**

Correspondence received and to be written

None

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## **2025/Sep/13Next meeting**

The next Ordinary Meeting will be on the 9 October at the Baptist Hall

The meeting ended at 20:45