

Halwill Parish Council

Agenda

June 2026

To members of Halwill Parish Council You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of **Halwill Parish Council** which will be held on 11 June **2025 at 7.30 p.m. at the Baptist Hall** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

2026/Jun/1 Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence. Apologies should be made known to the Clerk

2026/Jun/2 Declarations of interest and Requests for Dispensations:

To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI's) in respect of items on this agenda - To consider any dispensation requests. Requests should be made to the Clerk prior to the meeting

2026/Jun/3 Public question time

Deferment of business for Public Question Time. Time allowed at the discretion of the chairman. The public are invited to give their views and ask questions about items on this agenda. They may also raise issues for future consideration which may be made agenda items for a future meeting. Answers may be given in writing.

2026/Jun/4 Clerk's & Councillors' announcements

To receive any announcements which the Chair, a parish or visiting County or District Councillor or the Clerk may wish to make (for information only)

2026/Jun/5 Parish Council Minutes

To confirm Minutes for the May 2026 Parish Council Meeting

2026/Jun/6 Finances

- To approve or note the bills for payment for June. (Meeting papers, Appendix 1)
- To consider a donation to charity as payment for painting the telephone kiosk

2026/Jun/7 Ash dieback

- To consider quotes for dealing with ash trees on parish council land
- To consider the potential impact on the budget.

2026/Jun/8 Planning

None

Any application received after this agenda has been published can be discussed but no decisions can be made

2026/Jun/9 Active Halwill and the MUGA

Purpose of Report

To present councillors with options regarding the future governance of the playing fields, changing room and MUGA

Background

- Active Halwill are proposing to build new changing rooms, a MUGA suitable for youth football and a social club on land held in trust by the parish council.
- It is proposed that additional land is purchased to allow the larger MUGA to be built
- The parish council may not be well equipped to facilitate or run this project and there would be considerable risk were the project to fail.
- Transferring land to a charity or the football club would be considered disposal of that land even if the parish council remains as holding trustee.
- The decision to dispose of land should not be taken lightly.
- It may be that part of the land the public toilets are on, currently controlled by Torridge, could be used to expand the site for the changing rooms. This does not form part of this discussion as the parish council has already applied to obtain control of the public toilets and the land associated with them.

Key Considerations

- See meeting papers for full briefing
- **Option A – Parish Council Ownership & Operation**
 - Legally restrictive, operationally burdensome, and financially risky but ultimate decision making control would rest with the democratically elected members of the council and would require no additional set up.
- **Option B – Football Club Ownership or Lease**
 - Overall viability moderate, depending on financial capacity. Governance and legal constraints make it unsuitable as the primary operator.
- **Option C – Independent Charitable Trust**
 - The only model that resolves legal constraints, maximises income, and satisfies funder expectations. The parish council would have no say in the future running of the trust property.

Recommendation

Agree Option C as the preferred model for governance of the playing fields but defer the transfer of assets until a valid business model is presented..

The parish council is required to carry out due diligence before transferring any publicly owned assets to a CIC. The Parish Council should not consider transferring assets without first assuring itself that the CIC will be financially independent and will be of benefit to the public.

Decision Required

Councillors are asked to review the options and resolve one of the following:

1. Select a preferred option for governance of the playing fields.
2. Defer the decision pending further consultation and financial modelling.

2026/Jun/10 Active Halwill committee

To note list of delegated decisions made by the Active Halwill Committee.

2026/Jun/11 Action list

The Action List was circulated prior to the meeting. (See meeting papers)

To note the content of the Action List.

To suggest additional measures to progress matters on the action list

2026/Jun/12 Correspondence

Email from National Grid regarding the Halwill Junction transformer upgrade.

2026/Jun/13 Next meeting

To confirm 9 July as the date of the next meeting.

Exclusion of Public

The Chair to move:

“That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972”

2026/Jun/14 PART II - (CLOSED SESSION)

Items which may be taken in the absence of the public and press on the grounds that exempt information may be disclosed.

2026/Jun/15 Close