

HELPINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA FOR THURSDAY 15th JANUARY 2026

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend the next meeting of Helpringham Parish Council, which will be held on 15th January 2026 commencing at 7pm. The meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall.

There will be a ten minute public forum prior to the commencement of business from 7.00-7.10pm. During this time members of the public may ask questions or make short statements to the Council. The Council may choose not to answer any question; a response may instead be given in writing. Matters raised may be added to an agenda for a future meeting. Members of the public are welcome to stay for the Parish Council meeting after the public session but are not permitted to speak during the meeting.

Signature*Judy Pittock*.....Clerk to the Council Date 9/1/2026

AGENDA

144/26 WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

145/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To resolve to accept reasons for absence.

146/26 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

To resolve to accept the Clerk's notes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th December 2025.

147/26 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011.

148/26 REPORTS FROM COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

149/26 CLERK and COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

To note the items that had been actioned by the Clerk and Councillors since the last meeting.

- ParishOnline – clerk's new email address clerk@helpinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk is now live.
- Maintenance of Remembrance memorial, Little Hale Rd Cemetery gates and Old Cemetery railings.
- Maintenance of village noticeboard.
- Speed awareness sign battery.
- Bin and seats – update on installation.
- Christmas tree
- Interim internal audit – to be carried out on 19/1/26
- Circle of Trees project

150/26 POLICIES FOR REVIEW

To discuss requirements for new policies and review and resolve to adopt the following policies:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IT Policy• Equality & Diversity Policy• Anti Bullying and Harassment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complaints Policy• Publication Scheme• Grievance Policy
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151/26 FINANCE

151/26.1 To resolve to accept following documents presented by the RFO for the period 1/4/25-15/1/26:

- Bank reconciliation
- Actual v budget figures

151/26.2 To resolve to approve payments presented at the meeting:

LALC	Inv16617 – Membership 2026/27	£300.90	No VAT
Clerk's Wages	December 2025	£257.20	No VAT
HMRC	PAYE December 2025	£64.40	No VAT

151/26.3 To note Direct Debit payments since 11/12/25:

17/12/25	E.ON Next inv0015– elec for memorial light	£23.25	VAT £1.11
31/12/25	Bank charges (Unity Trust Bank)	£6.00	No VAT
17/12/25	Anglian Water inv15960557	20.81	No VAT

151/26.4 To note the following receipts since 11/12/25:

15/12/25	William Kent inv063	£30.00
31/12/25	Unity Trust Bank – interest	£110.87

151/26.6 To discuss grant applications received from HAVCS and Citizen's Advice Bureau.

151/26.7 To discuss the Pinfold rent.

151/26.8 To discuss CIL income.

151/26.9 To discuss the precept claim for 2026/27.

152/26 PLANNING

- **25/1219/FUL Thorpe Latimer** – letter re amended application details.
- **25/1220/LBC Thorpe Latimer** – letter re amended application details.
- **25/1266/FUL The Maltings, Station Road, Helpringham** – decision notice, application approved.

153/26 CEMETERY

To receive the cemetery report from the Cemetery Officer Cllr G. Frizzell.

154/26 HIGHWAY MATTERS

To discuss Highway matters including:

- Highways correspondence re village walk-round and footpath and road issues.
- Proposed TRO Highgate/Station Road junction – no update
- FixMyStreet ref 2853416 24/8/25 – Bollards on Station Road. 16/9/25 update – work issued to delivery gang – work still not done.
- FixMyStreet ref 8507564 5/12/25 – potholes on Engine Drove, Helpringham Fen no update.
- FixMyStreet ref 2868438 9/1/26 – overhanging hedges around railway bridge on Station Road.

155/26 MATTERS AFFECTING THE VILLAGE/CORRESPONDENCE

To discuss correspondence received and other matters affecting the village including:

155/26.1 Village Matters:

- Lincolnshire Reservoir Community Liaison Group.
- Grass cutting – update on other maintenance required.
- Community Resilience Group – update.
- Litter picking equipment.

155/26.2 Correspondence:

7/1/26 – NKDC Food Waste Caddy delivery update – commencing 19/1/26.

7/1/26 – LCC – report re proposed budget for 2026/27.

5/1/26 – LALC – annual training scheme membership.

156/26 Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 11th February 2026 commencing at 7pm.

All meetings will be held in the Memorial Hall, Helpringham.

11 th March commencing at 7pm.	10 th June commencing at 7.30pm	14 th October commencing at 7.30pm
11 th March commencing at 7pm.	8 th July commencing at 7.30pm.	11 th November commencing at 7pm.
8 th April commencing at 7.30pm.	12 th August commencing at 7.30pm.	9 th December commencing at 7pm.
13 th May commencing at 7.30pm.	9 th September commencing at 7.30pm.	