

Hainford Annual Parish Meeting

Held on Wednesday May 13th. 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: One elector, four councillors, the County councillor and the Clerk

Mr.S.Howes (Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council) presided.

1. **Minutes** of the 2025 annual parish meeting were confirmed for signature.
2. **Annual Report** by the Chairman of the parish Council

HAINFORD PARISH COUNCIL – ANNUAL REPORT

The Parish Council is asked to comment on all planning applications within the parish and is consistent in it's opposition to development outside the current Local Development Plan area. The Greater Norwich Local Plan is being revised and we await any information on any potential development sites in Hainford that may be put forward.

Following discussions with the Diocese of Norwich, a new ten year lease was signed for the area containing the Millenium car park. This did however preclude the land at the rear of the site from being used for allotments. As a consequence, the Council considered once again the cost implication of using the grazing paddock at Chequers Field and found them to be prohibitive. The application was withdrawn and the Council will still consider alternatives if any become available. After the new lease was signed the Council commissioned repairs to the car park surface.

Mr.Liston, retired from mowing the village green as a volunteer for many years and this is now to be done by the contractor who mows at the village hall. The Council thanked Mr.Liston for his services.

The new speed limit on the A140 was put in place after a long period of campaigning by the council and others.

Volunteers cleared vegetation around the village pond and repairs have been made to the railings which will be re-painted in the near future.

Finally I would like to thank all members of the Parish Council for the time they give to the community and our Clerk for his support and guidance, also our County Councillor and District Councillor for their help and continuing support .

Linda Rogers - Chairman

3. **Parish Council Accounts** The Clerk gave a summary of the accounts for 2025/2026. Balances carried forward were £36,593.32 including £14,883.01 in the Chequers Field account.

4. **County and District Council Reports** Cllr.Roper gave a summary of the new make up of the County Council and said that he hoped that the members highway allowance and the parish partnership scheme would continue.

5. **Police Report** No incidents had been recorded in March

5. **Any other business** None