

HUTTON AND PAXTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL (HPCC)

APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING

Venue: Paxton Village Hall

Date and time: **Thursday February 26th at 7:30pm**

Attendees: Sharon King - Chair
Diana Beard - Treasurer
Tony Power
James Anderson - Cllr, SBC

In Attendance: 2 members of our community

1. **Welcome**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone who had taken time to attend.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Angela MacLean (Secretary), Cllr Carol Hamilton and Rebecca Hall.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting – December 11th 2025**

The minutes from the community council meeting held on December 11th 2025 were approved.

The Chair noted that minutes are shared on the village bus stop noticeboards in Hutton, Paxton and Fishwick, in both village halls and on the website: <https://hpcommunityhub.uk/meetings-agendas-minutesand-reports/> The website had 119 views in December.

4. **Regular Reports**

a) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer provided a summary of the current finances as of February 26th 2026:

Balance of the account: **£1,4650**

There has been no expenditure since the last meeting. Consideration was given to ring-fencing a contribution towards the cost of the goal posts in Paxton Park and also the Picnic on the Green.

There were no questions in relation to the Treasurer's report.

b) Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for discussion.

c) Police Scotland

The Police report for East Berwickshire - January 2025 - is published on our website: <https://hpcommunityhub.uk/meetings-agendas-minutes-and-reports/>. If anyone would like a copy, please get in touch.

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d) Resilience Group

The Resilience Group had nothing new to report. The monthly coffee mornings will continue until May 28th 2026 when they will take a break for the summer. There is a separate coffee morning planned for Saturday July 4th to raise funds for Paxton church.

5. Community Council Elections in 2026

The Community Council is due to hold open elections in the autumn of 2026.

Residents in our catchment area will be able to nominate people (with their consent) to be their representatives on the community council. The election process will involve the nomination of up to 8 residents as community councillors (four from Paxton and a total of four, jointly, between Hutton and Fishwick). Current councillors may be nominated for a further term if they are willing to stand.

Information about the election process will be published on the HPCC website, in the summer issue of the community magazine, and on our various noticeboards.

6. Progress Updates

a) Grass Cutting

It was suggested we contact the Justice Team to ask if they could undertake our core path clearance this year.

b) Paxton post box

There has been little success in ascertaining from Royal Mail when the post box will be back in place. Apparently the company which is sub-contracted to undertake such work insisted on a risk assessment being undertaken because of the proximity to electric cables. We have no timescale for this work.

7. Questions from Residents

a) Power source in Paxton Village Green

A resident asked if it would be possible to have a power source in Paxton village green for Christmas tree lights or events such as the summer picnic. At the moment, the owner of the house in The Orchard adjacent to the village green allows connection to their supply but this is not a sustainable arrangement. The Chair asked the resident if they would contact energy providers to see if it is feasible to make the connection, ascertain costs and determine billing arrangements.

b) Remembrance Sunday in Hutton

The Chair informed the meeting that there had been no progress in terms of moving the war monument (although there might be an appropriate location), however, Ali Birkett has kindly offered to hold a Remembrance Day service in Hutton this year.

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8. AOB

No items were raised under AOB.

9. Date and time of future meetings

- Thursday May 14th 2026 at 7.30pm Hutton Village Hall (AGM at 7pm)
- Thursday August 20th 2026 at 7.30pm Paxton Village Hall
- Thursday November 19th 2026 at 7.30pm Hutton Village Hall