

PARISH OF HEMPSTEAD

I HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that a Meeting of HEMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL will be held at Hempstead Village Hall, High Street, CB10 2PD on **Thursday 9th April 2026 at 7:30pm.** Members of the press and public are welcome to attend. Please email Rebecca Cox, the Clerk, parishclerkhempstead@gmail.com, if you would like to join.

AGENDA

26/001 Apologies for Absence

26/002 Public Forum members of the public are welcome to speak in regard to items on the agenda and other matters of mutual interest. The max time allowed for this item is 15 mins but may be extended at the discretion of the Chair.

26/003 Declarations of Interest Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, other Pecuniary Interest or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda.

26/004 Reports from District and/or County Councillors

26/005 Minutes of Previous Meeting of Thursday, 12th March 2026 and Matters Arising

26/006 Finance

Item 1 – to receive the end of year financial update from the Clerk.

Item 2 – Internal Audit, including approval of updated Asset Register, signing of the Exemption Certificate and draft Financial Statement for 2025/26.

Item 3 – regular payments to be approved:

Standing Orders	Rebecca Cox – Net Salary	£293.98	per month
	HMRC - PAYE	£73.40	per month
Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator Management	£198.00	per annum
EALC/NALC	Affiliation	£180	per annum
100 Parishes Society	Subscription	£10	per annum
Essex Heritage	Donation	£25	per annum
Unity Trust	Service Charge	£6	per month
Grass Cutting	Payments to Outdoor Jack	Up to approved £4000 budget	

Item 4 – Approval of following payments: £116 to the Parish Clerk for expenses (SLCC membership)

26/007 Annual Report

26/008 Planning to review and comment on new planning applications and to note any decisions as at 03/04/26.

Shepherds Cottage: UTT/26/0617/FUL. Proposed ground mounted solar panel array in existing paddock.

Land North of Pollards Cross: UTT/26/0178/FUL. Awaiting Decision

26/009 Correspondence CouncilWise Training & Support subscription service email – Council to consider subscribing (£75 per annum).

26/010 Reports from Councillors

Highways and Rights of Way

Flooding

Policing and Neighbourhood Watch

Health & Wellbeing and Buses Update on village bus service 320/321.

Environment Paving by the water fountain requiring maintenance. Ring O' Trees posts and chain replacement, possible grant funding from The Hundred Parishes Society.

Communications Review of village website by ET to be discussed.

Village Hall

26/011 Matters Arising requiring decisions, to be included on the next Agenda

26/012 Upcoming Meeting Dates: Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday, 6th May at 8pm and Annual Parish Meeting 23rd May.

Signed *Rebecca Cox*, Clerk and RFO to Hempstead Parish Council, dated 3rd April 2026