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# Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior Group Parish Council

## Draft Minutes

of the ordinary Meeting of the Group Parish Council on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.30pm in Risbury Village Hall

### Present:

Cllr. Ken Bemand

Cllr. Hugh Fowler-Wright (Chairman)

Cllr. Chris Marston

Cllr. Rob Pugh

Cllr. Linda Taylor

Cllr. James Hinton

Cllr. Clare Harris

Ward Cllr. Bruce Baker

Clerk & RFO: Allan Drew

No members of the public attended.

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## First business

### 29/26 Election of Chairman

Cllr. Fowler-Wright was nominated and seconded. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Fowler-Wright was unanimously elected as Chair for 2026-27. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### 30/26 Election of vice-chairman

Cllr. Hinton was nominated and seconded for the position of vice-Chair. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Hinton was duly elected, unanimously.

### 31/26 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Tim Yair, Cllr. Janette Fullwood and Cllr. Richard Thomas. Cllr. Sneyd has a dispensation for non-attendance until September 2026

### 32/26 Declaration of interests and dispensations

None received

### 33/26 Minutes of the last meeting

The draft minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 received no comments and were signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.

### 34/26 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair updated the meeting with the current position on refurbishment of the Stoke Prior phone kiosk. There had been medical issues with the contractor but assurances had been given that the kiosk would be completed in the near future.

The Clerk reported that the Risbury defibrillator was now obsolete and there were no batteries nor pads available. There was no option but to replace the device which was now 10 years old. Replacement cost could be as high as £1000 but there were organisations prepared to provide public bodies with defibrillators free of charge. Cllr. Taylor offered to assist the Clerk in finding a cost-effective replacement machine.

### 35/26 Public participation

No members of the public were present

## Annual business – previous year

### 36/26 Annual reports 2025-26

a) *To receive*: a report from the past-Chairman.

The number of Planning Applications in our group parish post Covid remains reduced and several existing ones are still held back by phosphate issues and/or slow decision making by the County Planners. Economic challenges to ordinary households, political machinations and world events have surely deterred many from submitting. However, the Government's substantial housing target for the County, which lacks a Core Strategy able to facilitate this number, means that until at least January 2028 HF&SP is particularly vulnerable to speculative developers expecting little planning resistance.

The re-opening of The Lamb is a very positive statement of desire by the community for this Community Asset. So I thank Mike and Kieran Wyldes along with the many locals who have helped, and continue to help, in practical ways, as well as now patronising the pub.

The decommissioned BT Kiosk outside The Lamb has been acquired by the GPC and is destined to be repurposed as a DeFibrillator site. Thank you to Mike Hayward and all who are helping with this.

The parish website continues to evolve and improve to not only better serve the community but also to be compliant with Government accessibility criteria.

The Transport Safety Group has proved a valuable advocate when dealing with road maintenance, traffic enforcement and neighbouring parish councils. In particular Cllrs Anne Grace and Chris Marston must take the credit. Anne Grace has resigned from the GPC so I thank her for her time and achievements especially with the TSG. There is stiff competition for resources and attention when dealing with road related matters so we must continue to collect traffic data as the officially recorded history of all collisions and injuries is what informs, shapes and ultimately motivates the highway and police authorities to take any meaningful action.

The Pump magazine remains a valued source of traditional format local information deftly edited by Vicky Quinn Fraser with a bevy of distributors orchestrated by Cllr Linda Taylor. Tilda Swabey has firmly taken over the advertising reins from Chris Blum and injected some fresh ideas and structure which has widened the advertising offer and strengthened the financial income stream.

The existing Emergency Plan (EP) proved to be relevant, effective and practical when Covid swept into our lives. Nevertheless data and subtleties change so it has been adroitly and diligently updated by Philip Brown. Whilst we would all rather never have to need such a thing yet we now have an enviable, fit for purpose, EP. I hope all residents have looked at it – copy on the web site – and are familiar with who their Emergency Warden is and have understood and acted upon what the EP says about preparing for an emergency.

The GPC has decided to continue to focus its finite resources on drainage and flood related issues. Work – maintenance and preventative - has been undertaken around our parishes but in particularly at The Wheelbarrow & Castle and The Heath. The substantial work at The Heath utilised the maximum available funding from Herefordshire Council and shows that with local knowledge and supportive landowners along with considerable Councillor and Clerk input much can be achieved. Nevertheless, flooding has disrupted road traffic and has caused some major property damage in Steens Bridge. GPC reserve funds have been increased and will be kept topped up to help match fund any available grants as well as drive drainage related projects such as recording and mapping the GPC drainage infrastructure.

The Lengthsman – Graham Symonds – has done much of the drainage and PROW work and I thank him for such.

Overall despite operating below an under staffed, under resourced and under funded Herefordshire Council we seek to fire fight, or more often flood fight, whatever comes our way.

I thank our Clerk Allan Drew for his administration and ability to successfully apply for the various funding, licences and permissions of landowners on numerous occasions throughout the group parishes. His role is not just paperwork and regulations but also an increasing amount of on site meetings discussing drainage, flooding and PROW issues.

Finally I end with what I said last year as it remains a key aspect of why this community functions so well viz:

It would have been good to have named all the volunteers throughout the group parish but it would be a very long list and at risk of unwittingly missing out someone – many volunteers do so quietly and often effectively unnoticed. However, it is clear that the sense of community and a good local quality of life exists and is considerably enhanced by the very many who give of their time, ability and not infrequently money to keep the many valued aspects of community life functioning if not thriving – Community Week, two Village Halls, three Churches, The Pump magazine, PROW wardens, Area Emergency Wardens etc.

Finally thank you to all my fellow Councillors - for those of you who have taken a lead on various projects or aspects of parish functioning, and of course to all of you for your selfless gift of time and contributions to meetings.

*(b) To receive:* a report from the Clerk

I reported in 2024-25 that the Localism agenda was moving forward and one of the most noticeable signs was the rapid increase in grant funding for Parishes to carry out works proper to Herefordshire Council but not being programmed for quite a few years now. The most obvious example was drainage (previously closely guarded by Herefordshire) where a new grant system arrived capable of providing £20,000+ if Parishes were able to produce a convincing case of benefits from proposed projects.

Following much activity of which residents will be well aware this Parish was successful during 2025-26 in securing £25,000 of grant funding for a number of projects which we believed would radically improve flood relief. Additionally with strong resident support, Council increased its precept considerably to create a flood fighting fund of £10,000. Financing of improvements was now not the obstacle it had been for many years.

The two main areas were at The Heath and Wheelbarrow Castle – both notorious blackspots which for years had not responded terribly well to the very limited resources Council had at its disposal. This situation has now completely changed and at Wheelbarrow extensive ditching improvement work has almost eliminated the flooding problem. One problem remains and that will be resolved during this year 2026-27. At The Heath a completely new drain was installed from the low point of the highway near Heath Barn. The cost of the project was quite high – approaching £25,000 but in April 2026 the work was finished and the drain is working well.

Extensive ditching work was also carried out on the C1110 first east of Risbury near Holly Barn where the ditch to the south side of the highway was cleared for about 200m and again on the C1110 between Hollywall Croft and Sunnybank farm. This latter work ended in a puzzle – the Hollywall end of the ditch appears just to stop – as far as can be seen there is no pipe to take the water onwards into the Humber Brook. That is an issue for further investigation in 2026-27.

Whilst drainage has made significant strides the same cannot quite be said for public rights of way (PROWs). Following last year's reports from PROW officers the Lengthsman quoted and was instructed to in July 2025 to resolve all the problems listed in the reports. Some progress has been made but for a variety of reasons such as weather, timing of the Lengthsman's non-Council works and the Council's focus on drainage that program of PROW work is still ongoing. In 2026-27 more resources are probably required, at least in the short term, to make real progress. However, on the plus side Herefordshire has made some significant commitments to replace or repair three bridges (two on HU1 and one on PG12) and we will be monitoring that commitment to get progress.

The composition of the Council has been pretty stable over the year though we were sorry to see Anne Grace resign in December. Anne carried through a difficult brief on road safety particularly on the A44 but also on Bowley Lane and near Stoke Prior school. In this she partnered with Cllr. Marston and they created significant pressure on both Herefordshire Council and the Police & Crime Commissioner. Some progress was made such as extending the 50MPH limit on the A44 around The Drum but it's fair to say this was an uphill struggle and many of the project's ideas produced limited results. With Anne's departure there was concern that previous momentum could decrease but Cllr. Sneyd took over Anne's role. Additionally a Herefordshire Councillor Mark Woodall has taken up these issues with Herefordshire and might be better placed to get officer attention directed to these issues.

An important milestone was passed in 2025 with the opening of The Lamb Inn which had been a key issue for the community and the Council for about 10 years. The Inn is privately owned and quickly established itself as a focus for the village. Several pleasant visits have been made by this Clerk who can report that the Inn is very well managed and provides great service with food.

Linda Taylor was co-opted in January to replace Anne Grace and is already taking a keen interest on how the Council keeps residents updated and engaged. She is helping out with The Pump and has some interesting ideas about linking Councillor roles to website content.

The Pump saw a new advertising manager arrive – Matilda (Tilda) Swabey - and the energy and commitment she has brought to her role has been very noticeable. She overhauled the advert sizing and pricing in January and by the end of the March had generated about £3,800 of advertising exceeding the advertising revenue target by over £1,000. The Pump costs about £5,000 a year to produce and, whilst it may never be fully self-financing, the advertising revenue clearly goes a long way towards that end.

As ever, of course, the Council is hugely indebted to Vicky Fraser and her team who keep producing and distributing The Pump to a very high standard.

So Council is now really well placed to continue building on the foundations established over the past few years. Financing and grants are very strong, problems have been identified with some already fixed, Councillors are focussed and have the skills to deliver the programs. Residents are increasingly noticing this progress and can be assured there is more to come.

- (c) *To receive*: reports from representatives on the Village Hall Committees.  
Risbury Village Hall – report from Cllr. Clare Harris

During this year we have opened our bar every month to a very appreciative clientèle. We usually have twenty or more people attending for a very informal neighbours' get-together and chat. Several people have said that they look forward to this event and plan other commitments round it.

We have also introduced a monthly coffee morning for people who would rather not go out in the evening. This again has been very successful with a regular group of participants (usually a dozen or so) and several others who come when they can. Like the pub nights the coffee mornings provide an informal meeting place for a good natter with neighbours.

Both pub nights and coffee mornings also provide much-needed income for the village hall. Another source of income is the 200 Club which raises more than £900 a year for the maintenance of the hall, as well as significant prizes each month for the lucky winners. Naturally, we are always delighted to welcome new members.

In addition we have held several fund-raising events, which also bring the community together: a summer barbecue; a Hallowe'en-themed pub night with food (which brought 50 or 60 people to the hall); a Christmas celebration, including carol singing (with a collection of over £200 for Farming Minds) followed by mulled wine and mince pies and a family Christmas quiz and raffle for a hamper; finally January saw the return of Burns Night.

Future events include a table-top sale in June, afternoon tea in July, summer barbecue in late August (the day after the Risbury Show) and the very welcome return of the Oktoberfest on 17 October, as well as a Christmas crafting event and Christmas carols-and-pub-night celebration.

Risbury Village Hall will also be hosting two evening events during Community Week – the quiz on Monday 27 July and a talk by our neighbours Nick and Sarah on their work with the Woodland Trust on Thursday 30th. The bar will be open for both.

This year the Village Hall committee has transferred the title of the land on which the hall is built to the Official Custodian for Charities in trust for our charity: Humber Parish Hall (aka Risbury Village Hall). This means that we no longer have to replace our holding trustees when they are no longer able to fulfil their duties. We are very grateful to Mike Kimbery, Chris Lawley and Iris Evans for undertaking this duty for many years.

Earlier in the year we had the hall porch sealed and repainted after the damage caused by the leaking roof. We were hoping to lay some hard standing in the front garden, which has been undermined by moles, causing those who put chair legs on doubtful ground to be tumbled to the ground. However, a recent electrical installation condition report has drawn attention to a number of issues which need addressing immediately and which will be expensive. So that will be our priority this year. Meanwhile we ask everyone not to use the front garden for seating (except the bench which is fixed there). There is hard core under the side lawn, so it is safe to sit there.

We are very grateful to everyone in the parish for their support and look forward to seeing you again soon at the hall.

Stoke Prior Village Hall – report from Cllr. Janette Fullwood

The last year has seen a few changes of the trustees of the village hall.

Following the retirement of four stalwarts of the community who have helped run the village hall over quite a few years, a special village meeting was called in November 2025. Mike Wyldes continues as Chairman and following this meeting the hall welcomed six new members some of whom are now also trustees. The hall is in good hands and continues to be a vital part of our community. The maintenance programme continues to keep the village hall in as good repair as possible.

The new trustees are aiming to bring new events to the village the first of which was a Vinted Clothes Sale in aid of a children's cancer charity.

Over the last year Flicks has thrived with up to forty people attending. During the winter months carpet bowls runs twice a month. Jenny Pipes Morris Dancers use the village hall on a weekly basis and Jamie Price also runs a weekly Wednesday fitness class. The Annual Music Quiz was well attended in November 2025. A highlight at the end of

2025 was a return visit of the live music party with the Goodfella in December. Those attending had a rip roaring evening with lots of dancing. The revived Great British Quiz took place in April 2026 and was well attended.

The events are not only for the funds of the village hall some events are run in conjunction with The Lamb and the Church. Bingo evening for the Church, Vinted Clothes for a cancer charity, Chronicles of a Herefordshire Farmer & the forthcoming Life of Bees just for fun within our community.

To summarise the Village Hall is for the benefit of the whole community and the volunteers who help are commended for their selfless commitment.

Once again well done.

- b) *To receive:* reports from PROW officers.

The three reports (bridleways, Ford & Stoke Prior footpaths and Humber footpaths) are at appendix 1

- c) *To receive:* a report from the Community Week committee

The following report has been provided by Margaret Brown

What a very successful week we had – and the sun shone as well (well only one event was washed out – and that continued indoors). The entries for the Scarecrow Competition were of a very high standard but rather thin on the ground. So for 2026 we are changing it to a decorated wheelbarrow, to see if that provokes more entries. It will also be judged by members of the community – using WhatsApp and printed forms. As usual the quiz and treasure hunt (many thanks to Stephen Kennedy and Jeanette Williams who let us use their beautiful barn and field for the Barbecue) were very successful and well-attended. The Barn Dance was a lovely event, but less well attended and quite expensive, so we are dropping it for this coming year.

It was great to have so many people actively involved in organising each event and to see so many people from all over the group parish, newcomers and families who've been here for generations, at one or other – or even most - of the various events. Some new neighbours, who moved in just before Community Week, couldn't believe how lucky they were to have moved here!

### **37/26 Statement of Accounts and Annual Return for 2025-26**

- a) *To receive:* a report from the Responsible Financial Officer

The RFO reported that-

- Last year's rise in the precept to £22,696 has been maintained in 2026-27 to ensure significant progress on drainage issues.
- Again the precept accounted for almost exactly 50% of all income the Council received.
- Overall, grant funding received was £2005 and reflected that much of the work done cannot be paid by Herefordshire before the financial year end.. Since 1 April 2026 grant payments for work done in 2025-26 are £22,686.
- Due to the high expenditure in 2024-25 the VAT reclaim was significant at £2097.
- As a result of all the above factors there was a year end surplus of £6369 compared with an expected deficit of £10933. This result was due to 2025-26 work being paid for and grants received both happening post 1 April.
- As a measure of financial activity the RFO has recorded the following number of transactions in the Council accounts over the years-

Year ended	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Transactions	72	62	74	49	82	122	121	117	126

This level of financial activity is very similar to the previous three years and has again resulted in Council exceeding the arbitrary threshold of £25,000 for expenditure. As such the accounts are subject to a Limited Assurance Review by the External Auditor

b) To approve: the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026

Council approved the statement of accounts for 2025-26

### HUMBER, FORD & STOKE PRIOR GROUP PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2025-25

BUDGET MONITOR		2025-26			NOTES FOR BUDGET MONITOR 2025-26	
	OUTTURN 2024-25	BUDGET	OUTTURN	VARIANCE FROM BUDGET		
1	Precept	15,522.00	22696.00	22696.00	0.00	As agreed at meeting 15 January 2025. Increase to create drainage reserve of £10,000
2	Pump Advertising	2487.00	2750.00	3821.00	1071.00	Significant improvement in GR. Budget exceeded by a considerable margin
3	Pump Postage	40.00	40.00	20.00	-20.00	Negligible amount
4	Grants	6317.68	25000.00	2025.00	-12785.00	£25,000 max grant approved by Herefordshire. However although work has been done grant payments of over £22,000 have been received just 13 March 2026.
5	Other Income	1104.00	0.00	3.06	3.06	Received Sept. 2025
6	VAT Refunds	3297.13	2967.00	1996.96	-29.90	Budget reduced from £300 to £150 based on current running rate
7	CW Fundraising	995.38	500.00	130.01	-865.99	
8	Other Projects	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
9	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>30913.16</b>	<b>52953.00</b>	<b>30654.03</b>	<b>-12298.97</b>	Variance almost exactly equals grant income proper to 2025-26 but received in April 2026
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
10	Clubs	4969.68	8836.00	9426.95	-1067.32	Employers NI of £492ps not known at budget setting
11	Administration	3325.14	400.00	357.75	42.21	Budget reduced to £400 in line with current spending.
12	Insurance, audit, professional	1294.84	1800.00	1542.32	99.68	Budget increased by £300 due to sharp and unexpected rise in insurance premium.
13	Waste & IT	553.48	900.00	1012.42	-113.42	New PC + some software in readiness for WLL. New printer required £187. Office 365 still to pay. Outturn changed to year to date spend.
14	Welfare & IT	210.00	200.00	149.00	51.00	On budget
15	Training and development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
16	Equipment	454.99	100.00	0.00	300.00	
17	Maintenance	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	
18	WLANC	3917.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	Now included with Clerk line 10
19	Other	1738.67	100.00	0.00	100.00	
20	<b>NET TO DAY EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>14094.46</b>	<b>12186.00</b>	<b>12506.38</b>	<b>-1685.38</b>	Adverse variance mainly due to employers NI levy
<b>PROJECTS</b>						
21	Water Memorial	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Project closed
22	Parish Pump	5190.00	5100.00	5353.70	-213.70	Very close to budget, minor saving did not materialise but may do so 2026-27
23	Langthorpe	355.00	3400.00	5324.96	2885.00	This line does not reflect actual activity due to timing of grant receipts.
24	Community Week	486.67	500.00	83.33	-113.67	Limited spend but exceeded by income (line 7)
25	Emergency Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	No spend but project now includes revised Emergency Plan
26	Road Safety	4958.98	5000.00	0.00	5000.00	Despite considerable effort the project has been unable to get PCC & HTC agreement on improvements
27	Welcome pack	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Project closed
28	The 1st Baptist	821.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Project closed
29	BT kiosk restoration	0.00	1000.00	1.00	999.00	Disappointing that contractor has made no progress despite considerable urging.
30	Project C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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32	<b>PROJECTS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>12041.45</b>	<b>4560.00</b>	<b>10563.00</b>	<b>2508.98</b>	Significantly under budget due to underspend on Road Safety project and Langthorpe
33	Reclaimable VAT on the above	1966.97	4000	1215.27	4784.79	VAT payments lower due to lower spending
34	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>28013.33</b>	<b>63786.00</b>	<b>34384.67</b>	<b>35501.33</b>	
35	<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>4899.83</b>	<b>-10833.00</b>	<b>6369.36</b>	<b>17322.36</b>	Note that funds of £5000 transferred to deposit account to create £10,000 drainage reserve

Signed H. J. Lee-Wright .....Chair Date 20 May 2026

C. W. Martin .....Councillor

- c) To approve: the Bank Reconciliation Statement for the year ended 31 March 2026  
Council approved the bank reconciliation for 2025-26

**Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior Group Parish Council**

**Financial Year 2025-26**

**Bank Reconciliation Statements as at 31/03/2026**

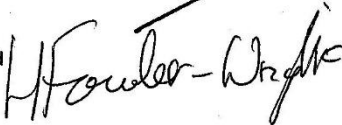
Prepared by Allan Drew (RFO) Date: 06/04/2026

			£	£
<b>Balance from Bank Statements</b>				
Unity Trust current account dated	31/03/26	Balance as at 31/03/2026	5289.27	
H&R Deposit account dated	31/03/26	Balance as at 31/03/2026	5066.40	
Petty cash in hand		As at 31/03/2026	0.00	
				<b>10355.67</b>
<b>Less unrepresented items</b>			0.00	
				<b>10355.67</b>
<b>Plus receipts not banked/cleared</b>			0.00	
				<b>0.00</b>
		<b>Net balance at 31/03/2026</b>		<b>10355.67</b>

The net balance reconciles to the cash books for the year to 31/03/2026 as follows:

<b>Balance in current account cash book</b>				
Opening balance at 01/04/2025			3920.91	
Add: receipts to 31/03/2026			30654.03	
Less: payments to 31/03/2026			29285.67	
		<b>Net balance at 31/03/2026</b>		<b>5289.27</b>
<b>Balance in deposit account cash book</b>				
Opening balance at 01/04/2025			0.00	
Add: receipts to 31/03/2026			5066.40	
Less: payments to 31/03/2026			0.00	
				<b>5066.40</b>
<b>Balance in petty cash book</b>				
Opening balance at 01/04/2025			0.00	
Add: receipts to 31/03/2026			0.00	
Less: payments to 31/03/2026			0.00	
		<b>Net balance at 31/03/2026</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>All Cash Books</b>				<b>10355.67</b>
<b>Difference</b>				<b>0.00</b>

Signed:  RFO Date 06/04/2026

Countersigned:  Councillor 1 Date 20/05/2026

 Councillor 2

- d) *To consider:* the Internal Audit Report and checklist

Council received the annual internal audit report prepared by HALC and found there were no adverse compliance issues nor observations

- e) *To approve:* the Annual Governance Statement for year ended 31 March 2026

In light of the satisfactory internal audit report the RFO advised Council that the annual governance report could be signed by Council with no further discussion. The report was signed

- f) *To approve:* the Accounting Statement for the year ended 31 March 2026

The Accounting Statement for 2025-26 was received by Council and checked to ensure it matched the bank reconciliation. The Accounting Statement was then signed.

- g) *To approve:* the Period for Exercise of Public Rights for the year ended 31 March 2026

The RFO's recommendation was that the Period for Exercise of Public Rights for the year ended 31 March 2026 should start on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and end on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026 inclusive. Council agreed this recommendation.

- h) *To note:* the accounts for 2025-26 will be subject to a Limited Assurance Review by the external Auditor as Council income/expenditure for the year is above the £25,000 threshold.

## Annual business – forthcoming year

### 38/26 Forward Plan

To receive: the Council's Forward Plan as agreed at the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### **HFSP GROUP PARISH COUNCIL - FORWARD PLAN 2026-27**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>May 2026</b>	<b>July 2026</b>	<b>September 2026</b>	<b>November 2026</b>	<b>January 2027</b>	<b>March 2027</b>
<b>Topic</b>	Governance	Policies & Procedures (1)	Policies & Procedures (2)	Finance (1)	Finance (2)	Risk & Insurance
<b>Annual Items</b>	First business. Annual reports. End of year. Internal audit. AGAR. Notice of Public Rights. Insurance renewal. Annual Bank Reconciliation.	Standing Orders. Non GDPR Policies. Committees & Membership. Stoke Prior school update from Headteacher. Roles of Councillors.	Financial Regs. GDPR Policies.	Draft budget. Projects. Reserves. Banking.	Final budget. Precept. Projects for coming year.	Assets. Risk register. Insurance policy cover. Meeting dates for coming year.
<b>Recurring Items</b>	Ordinary business	Qtr. 1 Bank Reconciliation Ordinary business	Ordinary business	Qtr. 2 Bank Reconciliation Ordinary business	Qtr. 3 Bank Reconciliation Ordinary business	Ordinary business

Ordinary Business is-

Apologies, Declarations of Interest, Approval of draft minutes, Chairman's announcements, District Councillor's report, Planning applications, General Financial matters, Lengthsman, PROW, Drainage & Flood Group, Current Projects

### 39/26 Review of insurance

*To receive and consider:* the RFO's recommendations on Insurance  
Council insurance expires on 31 May 2026 and will be renewed with effect from 1 June 2026.

The purpose of the insurance review is to establish that the risks identified from the register, along with mitigating actions are suitably covered by the insurance policy. The main area of concern in recent years has been the cover for property, that is the fixed assets of the Council. Last year a policy update was secured which increased the All Risks cover to £20,000. As a result the final premium paid was £494.50.

The Zurich renewal documents have now arrived and the premium is now £505.70. However, all risks cover has been increased from £20,000 to £21,000

Here is a summary of the cover proposed and compared with last year

<b>Insured Risk</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Property, all risks	£20,000	£21,000
Money – cheques & in safe	£250,000	£250,000
Money – elsewhere (in custody / not)	£5000 / £250	£5000 / £250
Employer liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Public liability	£10,000,000	£10,000,000
Fidelity guarantee	£25,000	£25,000
Libel and slander	£100,000	£100,000
Personal accident compensation	£20,000 /£50 per week	£20,000 /£50 per week
Legal expenses	£100,000	£100,000

These cover levels are satisfactory for a Council of this size and activity.

It would appear that Council has little choice but to accept the Zurich quotation given that over several years it has not been possible to obtain any quote at all, much less a better value one

Council agreed that the renewal quotation of £505.70 from Zurich was accepted.

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## Ordinary business

### 40/26 District Councillor

*To receive:* a report from Cllr Baker.

Cllr. Baker reported that-

- Herefordshire Council had had a good financial year considering the challenges placed upon it. There had been no borrowing to support current account expenditure.
- A new waste management contract had been let. The vehicles used would now be electric.
- Only 1% of waste was now going to landfill.
- The Boundary Commission had reported and no change was proposed to Hampton Ward.
- The 30 minutes of free parking at any Council car park in the County had started and had been well received.
- A new Chief Executive, Mr Paul Satoor, had been selected to replace Mr Paul Walker when he retires (date yet to be finally agreed).
- £4m had been allocated to Housing Solutions to bring empty/disused dwellings back into service.
- A new High Sheriff Ms Tamsin Clive has been appointed for the normal 1 year term.
- The proposed collection of food waste has been postponed.
- Councillor Tony Johnson, 89, who served as Leader of Herefordshire Council from May 2013 to May 2018 died on 2 May 2026.
- Councillors (excluding Parish & Town Councillors) can now opt-in to join the Local Government Pension Scheme.
- A parking strategy consultation has been launched particularly in respect of parking near schools.
- New items have been added to the recycling list including aluminium foil and toothpaste tubes.
- Every Herefordshire Councillor (53 in total) has been allocated £1,000 to spend in their ward on deserving causes.
- M Group will take over the Public Realm contract on 1 June 2026. Locality Stewards (currently Balfour Beatty employees) will transfer to Herefordshire Council under TUPE arrangements.

### 41/26 Planning Committee and Planning updates

*To consider for comment:* new applications to be determined by Herefordshire Council

#### Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior

No new applications

*To note:* updates on current planning applications

#### Ford & Stoke Prior

##### **253172 - Track north west of Highfield Cottage, Stoke Prior, HR6 0LW**

Change of use of agricultural land to vehicular access lane for Highfield cottage. **Undecided**

Council discussed this recent application and noted the many objections which had been made by residents. It was agreed that Council would request that, if the Planning Officer was inclined to approve the application, the decision should be referred to the Planning Committee. The Clerk made this request to Councillor Baker after the meeting.

##### **260239 Fir Tree Cottage Stoke Prior HR6 0LH**

Repairs to the existing chimney and timber frame. Removal of brick infill panels and installation of replacement insulated and breathable panels. (Listed building consent) **Approved with Conditions**

#### Humber.

##### **252379 Land adjacent to Butt Oak Farm Risbury HR6 0NQ**

Proposed erection of a self-build, split level family home with detached garage/workshop, parking area, landscaping and associated development.

**Undecided**

##### **241806 Oak Tree View Risbury HR6 0NQ**

Proposed Conversion of building to a self-build dwelling House

**Undecided**

##### **212600 - Land adjacent to Risbury Cross Cottage, Risbury HR6 0NG**

Approval of reserved matters following outline approval 181648 (residential development of 6 houses).

**Undecided - on hold due to phosphates**

**211802 - Land at Gob's Castle Risbury Leominster Herefordshire**

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 7 9 10 11 12 13 15 18 19 & 21 attached to planning permission 173687.

**Undecided**

**193259 New House Farm Risbury HR6 0NQ. Pending S106 agreement.** Outline planning for proposed housing development on land at New House Farm.

**Undecided**

Council decided that an item would be added to the July agenda regarding application of S106 funds within the Parishes.

**42/26 General Financial Matters**

*To receive:* summary income & expenditure for April & May 2026

Council noted that, for the current financial year (up to 21 May 2026 and including payments proposed for authorisation at this meeting), expenditure was £30,399 and income was £34,860. The current bank balance was £7,373.59 (Unity account) plus £5,066.40 in the deposit account.

VAT re-claims amounting to £5784.47 were noted by Council and it was agreed that surplus funds of about £5,000 would be transferred to the savings account when all outstanding refunds had been received.

*To consider:* annual salary award to the Clerk for 2025-26

The annual salary award details have been received from NALC. The Clerk's salary has increased by 0.60/hour from £18.72 to £19.32. Council agreed this increase should be paid and the Chair signed the authority to Autela to implement this increase

*To approve:* the authorisation of payments

Bank balance on 15 May 2026 is £14900.67 current and £5066.40 deposit account

Payments made since last meeting.					
No.	Name	Ex-VAT £	VAT £	Total £	Details
1	A M Drew	571.06	0.00	571.06	February 2026 salary
2	A M Drew	610.25	0.00	610.25	March 2026 salary (Corrected = 571.26+38.99)
3	Barrington Print INV 14902	460.00	0.00	460.00	February 2026 Pump 360 copies, 36 pages
4	Barrington Print INV 15004	489.00	0.00	489.00	March 2026 Pump 360 copies, 40 pages
5	SPVH	25.00	0.00	25.00	Hall hire 21 Jan 2026
6	A M Drew	74.99	15.00	89.99	Refund for official map at The Heath
7	HMRC	187.33	0.00	187.33	February 2026 PAYE + Employers NI
8	HMRC	163.15	0.00	163.15	March 2026 PAYE + Employers NI (Corrected=187.13-23.98)
9	A M Drew	100.00	0.00	100.00	Refund for OWC consent charge
10	HALC	690.82	138.16	828.98	Annual subscription
11	Humber Parish Room	12.00	0.00	12.00	Hire of room for March meeting
12	G&S Longfield Services	21033.00	4206.60	25239.60	Payment No.1 for Heath drainage project
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24416.60</b>	<b>4359.76</b>	<b>28776.36</b>	

Income received since last meeting –			
No.	Name	Amount £	Details
1	J. Speke	150.00	Pump Advert
2	The Grove Golf & Bowl	400.00	Pump Advert
3	Turnwater Ltd	150.00	Pump Advert
4	Legges Ltd	350.00	Pump Advert
5	Herefordshire Council	21033.00	Drainage grant
6	Herefordshire Council	1650.00	Lengthsman Grant
7	Herefordshire Council	11827.00	Precept part 1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35560.00</b>	

Payments for Authorisation					
No.	Name	Ex VAT £	VAT £	Total £	Details
1	A M Drew	428.66	0.00	428.66	Clerk's April 2026 salary
2	A M Drew	428.26	0.00	428.26	Clerk's May 2026 salary payable 25 May 2026
3	Barrington Print	442.00	0.00	442.00	INV-15204 May 26 Pump
4	Barrington Print	489.00	0.00	489.00	INV-15114 April 26 Pump
5	Humber Parish Rooms	24.00	0.00	24.00	May 2026 meeting
6	HMRC PAYE	329.73	0.00	329.73	01/04/2026 PAYE
7	HMRC PAYE	330.13	0.00	330.13	01/05/2026 PAYE
8	Zurich Insurance	505.70	0.00	505.70	Annual Insurance Premium
9	Autela 17014	88.00	17.60	105.60	Payroll Dec 2025-March 2026
10	G&S Longfield Services	1650.00	330.00	1980.00	Annual Maintenance Plan
11	Gwent Web Design	75.00	15.00	90.00	GOV.UK email addresses.
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4790.48</b>	<b>347.60</b>	<b>5063.08</b>	

Council resolved that the above payments should be made.

### 43/26 Lengthsman, Drainage & PROW

*To receive:* update on works for 2025-26

#### Drainage

2025-26 was the busiest year for drainage so far mainly due to having a Lengthsman in place and the relatively generous grant from Herefordshire Council. Council secured £21,436 for drainage works all of which was used on The Heath project. The Parish funded other works-

Ditch clearing on C1110 from Sunnybank farm to Hollywall Croft	£1050+VAT (plus £1050 match funded)
Ditch clearing on C1110 east of Risbury i.r.o. Holly Barn	£630+VAT
Improvement of the Prill Brook near The Bury	£200.00+VAT
Improvements at Wheelbarrow Castle	£780+VAT
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2660+VAT</b>

#### Lengthsman

The Annual Maintenance Plan was grant funded by Herefordshire and cost £1650+VAT

#### PROW

Some works on SP2 and HU13 were completed by the Lengthsman during the year at a cost of £340+VAT. However, this was well short of the £2,700 instructed and shows that the Lengthsman has not the capacity to carry out all this small scale work.

The Clerk proposes to engage another contractor who is able to undertake simple small-scale work and maintenance (hand tools only) such as replacing route roundels, finger posts etc. Given the limited attention received by PROW over a few years now it is suggested that Council agrees to spend the allocated budget of £5,000 with this contractor over 2026-27. A suitable contractor has already been approached and is agreeable in principle to take on this work.

Council agreed that the Clerk should undertake a commissioning exercise in line with Financial Regulations. The Clerk received delegated authority to engage this contractor before the July meeting if the commissioning is satisfactory.

*To receive:* update on grant schemes and plans/applications for 2026-27

Grant applications have to be received very early for this year-

**Lengthsman** by 15 May 2026 – application has been made and PO issued by Herefordshire (£1188+£594 match)

**Drainage** by 17 May 2026 and application has the following projects

- Completion of work at Wheelbarrow Castle (replacing “upside down” drainage pipe under field entry)
- Completion of works at The Heath where another drainage pipe is “upside down”
- Improvement of drainage on C1112 near St Lukes Church
- Install a drainage pipe to take surface water from ditch near Hollywall Croft into Humber Brook

**PROW** by 30 September 2026 £5,000 cap. No application has been made since the full grant has been applied for under Lengthsman and Drainage.

The full available grant of £25,000 has been applied for.

*To consider:* any other works required within the Group Parishes.

The Chair raised the issue of SP1 and the site meeting he had held in November with the Herefordshire footpath officer, Mr Crispin Abel. Mr Abel had said he would look into some ways of bringing SP1 back into use probably

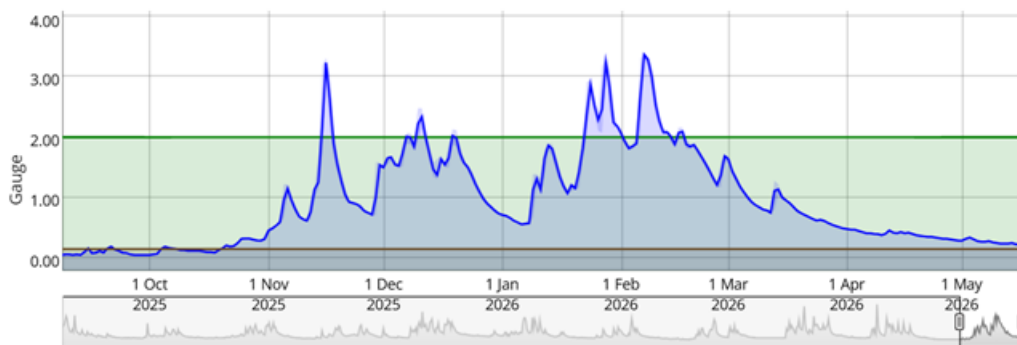
using a slightly different route. There has been no communication since then and the Chair asked the Clerk to re-visit the issue and escalate if necessary.

#### 44/26 Flood Group

The Clerk had circulated Cllr. Yair's report of flood prevention as shown below-

1. Emergency Plan
  - a. Philip Brown has created a revised version of the Emergency Plan (v6.3), which has revised details of Emergency Wardens. Changes include updated names and covered areas. All Emergency Wardens have been contacted to check accuracy and provide a list of all properties in their "patch".
  - b. Philip has drafted some guidance on the role of Emergency Wardens to support them and of how to contact them.
2. Flooding
  - a. Herefordshire Council has provided the "hydrosnakes" and "flood kit". Currently in my garage, so need to find suitable places for this.
  - b. Herefordshire Council's flooding team will not allow the parish to close the road at Ford due to safety issues on the A49. However the road closure can be put in place by HC once an agreed trigger point is reached. From this year's measurements at the Ford Bridge gauge, the road begins to flood at 2.5m and becomes impassable at approximately 2.8m. This has been reached on 3 occasions this winter. This information has been fed back to the Flood Team at Herefordshire Council.

Long Term Level Chart



4. Previous meetings / matter arising – no comments!
5. Meeting papers. I have no objections to any of the proposed resolutions and would approve if I was present. Re the footpath reports. I would add that I have noticed that a number of routes are being well maintained by landowners, including spraying routes across and around crops.

AOB – litter bin outside Stoke Prior Village Hall. Few more updates on the bin. It is the lock that has broken and therefore Nick, who has emptied the bin for a number of years cannot do so. Nick is still happy to empty it. Have you managed to get quotes?

#### 45/26 Consultation on proposed merger of Police Forces

Council briefly discussed the proposed merger of Police forces. However, the information available was very high level and contained no proposals for any local areas such as Herefordshire. In this situation it was impossible to make sensible comments and the discussion closed with the Chair advising Members that if they wished, they could as individuals, complete the questionnaire.

#### 46/26 Current projects

To receive: any updates on current projects

Traffic & Road Safety To include report on parking at The Lamb Cllr. Marston had met with Mike Wyldes representing the Lamb Inn following a minor accident in which parking congestion around the Lamb may have been a factor. Several initiatives were discussed including the possibility of trimming the hedge on the

Lamb's northern boundary to improve visibility. Enlarging the car park is also a possibility and that emerged as a likely way forward.

Environment

Nothing to report

**47/26 Matters for information and future business**

Forward Plan business, S106 funding, PROW contract, Report from headteacher, Stoke Prior school

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026 in Risbury Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

## **Bridleways – Mr Iain Cholerton**

Mr Cholerton has produced his usual excellent report on the state of the Parish bridleways-

### **INTRODUCTION**

This will be a very brief Report.

Routes are designated as per the Herefordshire Council PROW and Highways map (e.g. FD 3, SP 28). Gates are numbered with the PROW number and the Parish Clerk's designation. (e.g. SP 28.1 for gate 1 on PROW SP 28)

Riders would like to thank those landowners within our Parish Group area who maintain the PROW.

### **BRIDLEWAYS**

SP 28/FD 3 – Wissetts, Briery Mere to Ford.

The start to this route remains swamped every winter and overgrown in the summer. As requested last year (but not completed), it would be beneficial if the Lengthsman could be tasked annually to clear this growth (as he did in 2022) to make it accessible for walkers and riders. By mid-summer it is almost impassable. (See Photo 1)



Photo 1. Wissetts to SP 28.1 (May 2026)

After engaging with the Herefordshire Council PROW Officer (Cris Abel) and with support from our District Councillor (Bruce Baker), replacement gates for SP 28.1 and SP

28.2 were eventually obtained. They were delivered to the landowner in March and installed this week. (See Photos 2 and 3)



Photo 2. SP 28.1 (May 2026)



Photo 3. SP 28.2 (May 2026)

SP12 – Briery Mere to Norman’s Farm.

No issues this year. Much improved on previous years after work on the track last year.

SP 17 – Witsetts to Trap Cottage.

From Witsetts to Wickton Lane, all well-maintained.

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The poles obstructing the PROW near Trap Cottage reported last year were removed after PC intervention. Parked cars outside this house frequently block the route.

SP 27 – Sunnybank/Bowley Lane to Wickton.

After a number of riders had difficulties with the gate handle at SP 27.1, the landowner improved the latch to make it more accessible. Many thanks to Clive Jones at Sunny Bank.

No other issues.

HU 4 – Humber to Buckland (Parish Boundary).

No issues.

HU 10 - Risbury to PG 11 and Marston.

The start of this route continues to be well maintained by the residents of Yew Tree Cottage. The rotten gate (HU 10.3) reported last year has been removed (it was superfluous). Many thanks to Rebecca Davies.

However, as reported last year, the gate post at HU 10.1 is rotten at its base and needs replacing.

## PG 11 from Marston to Parish Boundary.

The saga continues at gate PG 11.2.

I visited the site with Cris Abel (HC PROW Officer) on 11<sup>th</sup> May, and we were joined by Tim Parry, the landowner responsible for the gate.

It is a complex issue, and Cris has gone away to present a number of options to his HC line manager to try and resolve it. He will update the landowners with his preferred option in due course to obtain their support. If approved, Cris will complete the work himself with local assistance.

The PROW further on enters Marston Firs and exits through PG 11.11 and continues to Hegdon Hill outside the Parish Boundary.

PG 11.11 has been a problem for a number of years due to flooding. The landowner (who I believe to be Allan Davies from The Nash – outside our patch) has significantly improved the drainage and removed the gate completely making the route now easy to negotiate. Many thanks. (See Photos 4 and 5.)










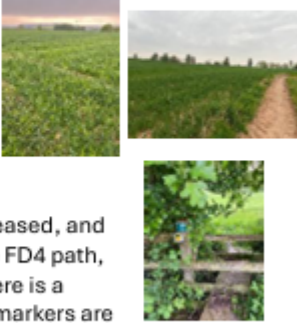

Photo 4. PG 11.11 (May 2026)



Photo 5. PG 11.11 (May 2024)

Ford & Stoke Prior footpaths – Cllr. Sarah Sneyd  
 Stoke Prior and Ford Footpaths Officer Annual Report May 2026

PROW	Comments
SP1	<p>Impassable following a landslide – meeting with Hereford Council in November 2025. Acknowledgment was made that a finger post should be present. PROW position discussed, no agreements were provided on a time scale for any work to be done, nor any proposed diversion. <b>People will still have a legal right to try and find a way through, i.e., past/around the landslide.</b> People have not been doing this because they either know the path is impassable or don't know it is there because there is no finger post or way markers.</p> <p>In May 2026, there is still no readily accessible footpath, nor any visible signage or entry to the path from the C1110 opposite the Lamb.</p>
SP2	<p>Initially, from the access road on C1112 at The Woodhouse, the FP is well signed, and stiles and gates are accessible. Nevertheless, upon reaching, traversing, and exiting the woodland area, the path becomes impassable, and the route's signage is missing.</p> <p><b>Action is required to clear the route.</b></p> 
SP4	<p>Initially, from the access road on C1112 at The Woodhouse, the FP is well signed, and the landowner of this section is congratulated on the accessibility and clear routing through their property.</p>  <p>Once in the open fields, the footpath cannot be followed easily because signage stops and a padlocked gate prevents further access.</p> <p><b>Action is required to ensure the route is well-signed and accessible.</b></p> 
SP7	<p>This footpath is clear, well-signed, and had no defects.</p> 
SP9	<p>This footpath is clear, well-signed, and had no defects.</p> 
SP31	<p>This footpath is initially well sign-posted, well-maintained, and accessible; the landowner of this section is congratulated on the accessibility and clear routing through their property.</p> 

	<p>As the footpath enters farmland, the stile and bridge are both surrounded by significant undergrowth that needs clearing. The bridge immediately after the stile is ill-defined and potentially hazardous. A much-needed handrail is present, which aids navigation.</p> <p>From this point, signage is minimal, and there is no clearly defined route across the fields or around the woodland until just before crossing onto the golf club land, where there were two signs in the hedgerow. This section of the footpath was planted at the time of inspection.</p> <p>On accessing the golf club land, over this stile, all signage ceased, and there was no clear route. This is where the footpath joins the FD4 path, which leads down to the end at Ford Farm on the C1113. There is a notice stating the footpath has changed route and that way markers are to be followed. However, no way markers were evident.</p> <p><b>Action is required to improve the signage along the route, particularly across the field and around the edge of the woodland, to the point where it meets FD4. A clear path needs to be established across the field to ensure walkers are aware of the route.</b></p>	 
FD4	<p>Upon accessing the golf course, where FD4 begins, a notice is displayed stating that the footpath has changed route and that way markers are to be followed. However, no way markers were evident.</p> <p><b>Action is required to improve signage across the golf course.</b></p>	
SP3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 32A & 33	<p>These footpaths have not been inspected since the current Parish Council Stoke Prior Footpaths Officer took over the role. However, there have been no reports of defects, accessibility issues, or poor signage from residents in the parish.</p>	

Sarah Sneyd

Footpaths Officer, Stoke Prior & Ford

13.05.2026

## Humber Parish

### Footpaths Officer Annual Report

May 2026

#### Summary

All footpaths in Humber parish were walked in the past week for this report.

Many footpaths are in excellent condition, thanks to three landowners in particular keeping them clear of vegetation and improving accessibility. Some others, however, continue to be difficult to use because of many defects which have not been addressed for many years.

Again, I would recommend that the Parish Council decide on a specific action plan to address this, with clear identification of who is to do what. I have suggested in the past that a small group of parish volunteers could be assembled to work on minor tasks such as strimming vegetation on an occasional basis, with other jobs (such as repairs of stiles) allocated to the Lengthsman.

#### HU1 (The Old School House, Risbury to Humber Brook east of The Heath)

PASSABLE - NO DEFECTS



There are no defects on this path; it is gated throughout, except for the bridge at (8).



#### HU2 (Risbury Bridge to Humber) →

PASSABLE – SOME MINOR DEFECTS

Generally the path is very-well maintained and obviously well-used. The waymarker post on the road near Risbury Bridge (1) has no footpath sign. Stile (7) is wobbly and requires repair or replacement.

### HU13 (HU13 (footpath across orchard from C1110 west of Risbury Bridge)

PASSABLE - NO DEFECTS

No defects and well-maintained by the landowner.

### HU3 (Humber to Humber Close, Steens Bridge)

PASSABLE WITH DEFECTS – ACTION REQUIRED

At stile/gate 1 at the southern end, this stile is in need of repair and there is no signage here.

Bridge (2) is still in need of repair, as noted in and is considered too dangerous to use. An unofficial diversion was agreed with the landowner in May 2025 and site notices about this have been renewed ↓



Stiles 4 and 5 south-west of Humber Close are overgrown with low-hanging vegetation, making them difficult to use and require strimming by the Lengthsman.



Where the path reaches Humber Close, the stile (6) is completely broken, and the path alongside Humber Brook overgrown and potentially dangerous, given the steep bank to the river. ←

There is a safe alternative route around the water treatment plant, and an application was made by the Clerk in 2022 for a diversion order, but there appears to be no progress on this. Again, I would recommend that on safety grounds, the Parish Council erect warning signs.

## HU5 (Poplands Lane to Holly Brook near Stirbridge Farm)

PASSABLE WITH DEFECT - ACTION REQUIRED



The stile (2) leading to steps into the field is very overgrown and still in need of minor repairs by the Lengthsman or landowner. ←

The route from this stile to Gate 3 is, as ever, overcropped with no field margin clear as an alternative.



## HU6 (Stirbridge Farm to Humber Close, Steens Bridge)

PASSABLE WITH DIFFICULTY – ACTION REQUIRED

This path still has defects, outstanding with the landowner since 2018.

Stile (1) off HU5 is still badly broken and requires repairs or replacement. ↓



The route to Gate (2) is still overcropped, and difficult.





← Gate (2) itself cannot be opened, as the spring has jammed, requiring climbing over the gate instead.

Stile (5) is completely overgrown, but this can currently be by-passed.

The previous broken Stile (6) has been removed, making access easier. →



The route north of here is improved, with field margins accessible at present.



← Stile (9) has a missing footplate, making it very difficult to use, and this requires repair by Lengthsman or landowner.

The field from stile 9 to Humber Close continues to be overploughed/overcropped every year.

### HU7 (C1110 Risbury - Turning Ways near Hollydene to Holly Brook near Stirbridge Farm)

PASSABLE WITH DIFFICULTY – ACTION REQUIRED

A new gate, including pedestrian gate, has been installed by the landowner at the southern end onto the road. There is, however, still no waymarker post, which should be placed here by the Lengthsman to identify a PROW. ↓



This path is easy until Gate 2, but, as in past years, the route between Gate 2 and Gate 4 is overcropped, and the field margins passable with extreme difficulty when crops are mature.



### HU12 (Poplands Lane to HU1 north of the Old School House)

PASSABLE – NO DEFECTS

The path is clear, well-maintained and has no defects. Apart from Stile (2) near Poplands Lane, it is gated throughout.



### PG11A (From Marston across Holly Brook towards Docklow)

IMPASSABLE – MAJOR DEFECT

As reported in June 2025, the Footbridge (2) has been swept away downstream and is not useable, pending repair or replacement.



### PG12 (Marston to Holly Brook)

PASSABLE – NO SIGNIFICANT DEFECTS

A new waymarker is required at Gate (3) to indicate the route turning north.

Work by the landowner has now made the route from Stile (4) to Stile (5) passable, and although it would ideally have some waymarker posts to show where it turns, it appears that the route is now regularly walked and kept clear.

The official route between Stile 5 and Gate 7 into the field (through woodland) is completely impassable and obstructed by wire fencing. There is an easy alternative along the lane, but as this is not a PROW it cannot legally be waymarked (and waymarkers have been removed).



Philip Brown

Footpaths Officer, Humber Parish

18 May 2026