

DOWN HATHERLEY PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD ON 20th May 2026
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COMMENCING AT 8PM

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1. Attendance to be recorded (anticipated as Parish Councillors Dave Evans, Rick Minter, June Watts, Martin Cole, Lesley Rooney County Councillor Sarah Hands, Borough Councillor Williams and members of the public)
2. Apologies for absence received to be recorded
3. Those present approved minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting held on May 21st 2025
4. Report to be received from the Chairman of the Parish Council on its activities over the last year
5. Report to be invited from Borough Councillor Williams
6. Report to be invited from County Councillor Hands
7. Representatives from other organisations present to be invited to present a report
8. Open discussion on priorities for the Parish.
9. Meeting to be closed

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1. Attendance recorded as Parish Councillors Evans, Minter, Watts, Cole, CC Sarah Hands and 6 members of the public
2. Apologies for absence received recorded from PC Rooney
3. Those present approved minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting held on May 15th May 2024
4. Report received from the Chairman of the Parish Council on its activities over the last year
5. No Report received from Borough Councillor Williams
6. Report received from County Councillor Hands during the AGM
7. Representatives from other organisations present were invited to present a report
 - DH Church Warden (Ellie Stevenson) gave an update on repairs required, fund-raising and grant applications, summer events including “sponsor a tile initiative”.
 - Joint working with the Parish Council to access the build-back better grant for churchyard maintenance equipment
 - Works needed for trees in the Church field
8. Open discussion on priorities for the Parish.
 - Planning application **25/00169/OUT**- setting out that it is a community resource used by many members and other member of the public, different clubs including youth football, businesses for conferences. As the application is for a business there is no obligations for replacement of community facilities. Objection on loss of community asset and loss of green belt.
 - Need (demand for) of pitches discussed
 - Use of club discussed
 - High demand for facilities
 - Parish & Borough consultations aimed at the wrong parish
 - Call in by Borough Councillor requested
9. Meeting closed at 21.08

