

Heacham Parish Council
THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 9th JUNE 2026 AT 7.00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT Cllrs J Waldron (Chair), S Bolt, J Dear (ex officio), E Hammond, R Prichard,
D Rawnsley (ex officio) and G Reader,
Mrs J Carr, M Gilbert and Mrs Sewell
Also present Mrs E Liddington (minute taker)

1. APOLOGIES Cllr Morrison

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRMAN

No one wished to be elected as chairman at the moment and so Cllr Waldron will continue until one is found and chaired this meeting.

Cllr Reader proposed Cllr Hammond for Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Waldron the vote was unanimous.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from 5th May were agreed and signed as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Reader asked if another person/group had applied for the street collection at the carnival other than Heacham In Bloom and it was confirmed that no one else had and this would be discussed under 8. Carnival.

6. OFH – COFFEE MORNING

Cllr Reader told the Committee that there was a donation to the Library of £55.74 totalling to £122.89 so far this year. The coffee morning in May had gone well with all the usual people present plus one new lady. Karen one of our volunteers joined in for the latter part of the morning as this was her first back after her operation and everyone was pleased to see her back and looking quite well.

7. LIBRARY

Mrs Gilbert said that the working lunch went well and thanked Cllr Rawnsley and the Clerk for hosting.

The Committee were happy with the monthly report:

HEACHAM PARISH LIBRARY: ACTIVITY & FINANCE REPORT – JUNE 2026

1. **Recommended Reading: June:** Camilla Lackburg – Swedish thriller series
2. **Displays:** **June:** ‘Heacham – curious curiosities’ provided by Eric Rhodes
Summer: Looking back on Heacham High Street by HRG
3. **Community Activities:** **Tech Skills Session:** 15 June & 13 July
PC Surgery: 13 June and 11 July 10.30-12.00 noon
British Red Cross/Trussel Outreach Session: 24 June and 29 July
Heachamites Recollections Group: 1 June and 6 July
4. **Library News/Events:** **July:** launch of Summer Reading Club
5. **Volunteers:** Working lunch meeting at OFH - 4 June at 1pm

6. Statistics (May 2026)

	Year to date	Previous Year to date	Notes
Customer Numbers	518	536	
Books taken out	607	567	
Jigsaws taken out	12	0*	*started Oct 2025
Computer/Printer	57	56	
Displays/events	41	33	
New joiners	10	12	

7. Income (May 2026) Library charges and public donations* (used to offset running costs)

Item	Year to date	Previous Year to date	Notes
Printing @20p/40p	82.40	50.60	
Book sales @20p each	41.10	51.40	
Book orders	20.00	2.00	
Other	15.41	21.10	
Total*	158.91	125.10	

Prepared by Heacham Parish Library Operations Team

Mrs Sewell said that she would be going into the schools prior to the Summer Reading Club commencing in July.

Mrs Gilbert told the Committee that they were in receipt of a £493 grant but hadn't decided on what they would spend it on yet, although storage was still an issue so would probably be used to provide more of that.

8. CARNIVAL

The Committee agreed to offer the collection at the parade to Heacham In Bloom.

There was a discussion regarding the Fete and use of the field after the changes at the club but as no clear information was available the Committee would continue to plan as usual.

Mrs Liddington said that we have had 2 applicants for the Royal Float.

Cllr Hammond told the Committee that we have confirmed use of the barriers for the road closures again this year.

There was a discussion regarding loss of some of our usual volunteers for traffic marshalling and Mrs Liddington offered to put a request for volunteers on the village Facebook page.

Cllr Rawnsley thanked Mrs Sewell for doing the excellent poster, Mrs Liddington for doing all the printing and Cllrs Waldron and Dear for taking the Royal Float entry forms to the schools.

9. OTHER EVENTS

Cllr Reader asked about the Photographic Exhibition and Mr Topliss. Mrs Liddington said that Mr Topliss had confirmed that it would go ahead on August bank holiday weekend as it did last year, but as Mr Topliss organised the last one himself, she wasn't expecting him to contact the office until there is a need for posters etc.

Cllr Hammond suggested that now would be a good time to start thinking about asking for help with the Easter Eggs for the egg hunt and a draft letter could be written to be sent to Tesco, Kinnerton and Lidl to let them know how successful our event earlier in the year was and to ask them if they would like to get involved in the next event.

Cllr Hammond also suggested contacting Wild Kenhill to see if they would be happy to supply free tickets for their tours this year as part of prizes as Mrs Sewell had mentioned that they were given as part of prizes for Christmas Light Trail.

10. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 14th July at 7pm at the Old Friends Hall.

Mrs Carr gave her apologies for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 19.45hrs.

.....Chairman

.....Date