

Minutes of Hittisleigh Parish Council meeting held at Hittisleigh Village Hall on Wednesday, 15th^h April, 2026 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Chair Cllr Beryl Watson, Cllrs Darrell Chidley, Madelaine McDonald, Andy Shervington,

There was one member of the public present.

Attending J. Clark. Parish Clerk

1. **Open Forum** – The member of the public present voiced concerns over an increased number of buildings in the village being placed on land without going through general planning processes.
2. **Apologies and reasons for absence for approval.** Cllrs Dack, Chidley and Tootell. Approved.
3. **Declarations of interest.** None
4. **Planning. 26/00470/FULL**

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian, erection of storage barn and creation of access tracks and hardstanding

Location: Land at NGR 273938 96357 East of Howard Cross Hittisleigh

Hittisleigh Parish Council resolved unanimously by a show of hands not to support the application 26/00470/FULL for the following strongly held concerns.

The loss of productive agricultural land to equestrian use.

If the local planning authority were to approve the application, then a caveat should be enforced that when and if the land ceased to be needed for equestrian use, then it must revert to agricultural status.

The size of the proposed building seems disproportionately large to the amount of land which it serves.

The size and appearance of the building and its location close to the road are out of keeping with the rural nature of the village. The proposed storage barn, tracks and hard standing are more suitable for an industrial park and consequently erode the rural nature of the landscape in this sparsely populated and predominantly agricultural village.

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