



HERMITAGE PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

HPPC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 25th June 2026 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Paul Mulvenna (Acting Head Teacher)
Lynda McMurdo (Depute Head Teacher)
Nicole Beale (Co-Chair)
Lisa Walker (Secretary)
Sarah Johnansen
Lizzie Donaldson
Vicky Brindley
Kristy Muir
Eilidh Webster
Kirsty Eastman
Anthony Robson

REMOTE:

Carol Ormiston
Jo Le Good
Kathy Mather

APOLOGIES:

Hannah McBride
Julie Ann Powell
Nuong Trieu
Rhona Fleming
Gareth Beale
Angela McCann
Nadia Thomson
Rhona Fleming

1. WELCOME / APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (05/05/26) – approved

3. PARENT COUNCIL REPORTS

• CHAIRS REPORT by Nicole Beale

Nicole thanked everyone for their help with events this year and Jo Le Good and others for the sandpit. She explained half the library items had been purchased and that all members were welcome to the grand opening. The Acting Depute Head interviews would take place on 30th June and any questions from members were welcome.

Roger asked why there was no long term solution to the Head Teacher situation and Nicole explained this was due to a illness and that Paul would be in post until 2nd October and then it would be reevaluated. Lizzie asked Nicole how she felt communication had been



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with Simon on the topic and she felt it had been going well and he had been as transparent as he could in the circumstances.

Nicole said a newsletter would be going out next week and if anyone had any items they wanted added then please let her know.

- **TREASURER** by Angela McCann
***See attached report**

We have spent 50% of funds on the library and 25% on the playground. There has been £7,000 raised this year and we have spent £7,000. £22,000 has been spent over the last 2 years overall. We have £5,000 left in the account.

Sarah asked whether we should do a bi annual event to up funds like the Taylor Swift fundraiser.

Paul stated Seesaw would be getting rolled out to the senior school and that he would be asking Parent Council to pay for iPads for classes to facilitate this.

- **HPPC LOTTERY** by Vicky Brindley
Hive Prize Report (*June 2026 Meeting*)
Since our last Parent Council meeting, the Hive Prize continues to steadily build up. It's a slow, steady fundraiser.

The Hive Prize is now on a steady *decline* as alumni parents are starting to leave. June we went down to *£295* (from £315) - £142.50 for the balance for the school and £142.50 split between 3 winners.

The current Hive Prize balance stands at *£6330.72* (most of this is now ring fenced for P1 area and library)

Current Challenge (still)

We are experiencing some difficulty with families following through after making initial enquiries. In most cases, the issue is that a standing order has not been set up, which prevents them from fully joining the Hive Prize.

Also still looking for someone to support the Hive Prize draw so it's more than one person. And take it on from August for the next school year.

4. **ACTING HEAD TEACHER REPORT** by Paul Mulvenna

Paul said his plan for next year had three parts and explained what each of these meant; Meta Skills, Feedback Quality and Reading

Lizzie asked if the feedback was teacher feedback to pupils and Paul agreed it was. He reiterated that he would be rolling out Seesaw to all pupils and keeping Sumdog for Maths. The Giraffe Den would become a multi use area and would be a good use of extra space within the school which is much needed. He was hoping to have a curricular afternoon for each year group in the next academic year. He explained there had been many achievements within the school including football, netball orienteering, cross country and the Euro Quiz. He thanked the Parent Council for the money to buy playground items



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including goals. Lizzie said her family had donated a goal for the school to use. He spoke about purchasing iPads for the upper end of the school to use. Members asked that he provide more information for a discussion about this. He also thanked the Parent Council for their support in his transition to Acting Head.

5. PAL

Sarah and Lizzie said there wasn't much of an update and that the Buzz Days may need to be changed as there wasn't much appetite for a Tuesday. Lizzie stressed that parents couldn't understand why they needed to maintain the playground and there wasn't a budget for this from the Council. Paul said he hoped to implement a 'Bee the Change' on a Friday afternoon and for children to do maintenance in their house groups so they were mixing in year groups. Roger said he was trying to do his best to help the school with maintenance and rubbish uplifts.

Lizzie explained that the Strategic Estates Review was currently ongoing regarding the annex but was hoping for more information from the council.

Nicole added that she would add a section to the newsletter notifying parents they could along to do some weeding at the front of school during summer if they wished.

6. SOCIAL MEDIA/PHOTO PERMISSIONS

Nicole said there had been discussion amongst members about photo permissions and the use of Twitter. Paul said Seesaw would be used going forward and parents can opt out of photos if they wish. Kristy said there was a tearing system in place but this was sometimes not used correctly and a blanket 'no photos' was used for children instead of the restrictions their parent had selected. Paul disagreed with this. Sarah read out an anonymous message from a parent that agreed with the points Kristy had made. Lynda asked that parents come to Paul or herself if they have any issues about this. Sarah asked that something be put in place regarding the use of Twitter and Paul said he would discuss with staff. He felt there was a continued conversation necessary and asked members to discuss with parents before a further consultation was in place. Roger agreed he wasn't happy with the use of Twitter and that most parents don't have an account on this site. Anthony suggested a closed Facebook site.

7. FUNDRAISING/VOLUNTEERS

It was agreed fundraising ideas should be agreed in September in order for members to plan and advertise in advance.

Nicole thanked the teachers for the new website information regarding learning for each term. There had been positive feedback from parents regarding this. She asked if better and more timely information regarding volunteering could be issued to reduce overreliance on individuals. Paul agreed this was a good idea and Nicole asked for PVG information to be shared by the school to parents.



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8. RESIGNATION OF CORE COMMITTEE

As per process all members of the core committee stood down and nominations for positions will take place in September. Gareth and Nicole would not be seeking re-election.

NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2026

END OF MEETING