

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18 JULY 2023 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

N Farnden (NF)
O Oldfield (OO)
S Mailer (SM)
H Morris (HM)

IN ATTENDANCE: One resident. Clerk was absent.

ACTION

- 230718- 1** Open Forum - HDC Ward Cllr. Stephen Crawley and CCC Ward Cllr. Ian Gardener reports attached. A resident discussed the Bird Lane planning proposal which did not seem to take adequate account of and exacerbate existing vehicular and pedestrian issues associated with the single lane, two-way carriageway of Bird Lane. Insufficient onsite parking for three large four-bedroom family homes. Additionally, lack of provision for vehicles visiting the site to park on the frontage without obstructing the carriageway even though the layout indicates that provision could be made. PC were urged to comment on improvement to junction and parking in their response to HDC. Clerk to seek extension from HDC for comments as had not been notified in time and therefore not placed on this agenda. **Clerk**
- 230718 - 2** Apologies accepted from VB & RRS.
- 230718 - 3** No Declarations of Interest from Members.
- 230718 - 4** Resolved to approve Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 20 June 2023.
- 230718 - 5** No candidates presented for parish vacancy, so will be on agenda until appointment is made.
- 230718 - 6** It was RESOLVED to approve reconciliation, bank statements, July expenditure. Account balances: Business Money Manager £64,812.98 Community a/c £3,129.41 **TOTAL £67,942.39**
July 2023 expenditure:
P Baker £50
T & S Groundsman £780
Total Energies streetlight supply £41.23 (parish-owned lighting)
Clerk Wages July (J Abell) £519.16 (SCP 25) £129.81 HMRC
LSK toilet hire £202
Alan Linger Tree £360
HDC Instructor led exercise £234 **Clerk**
VHMC Hall rental £50
LSK Toilet hire £202.
- 230718 - 7** Community-Led Plan
Crime: Defib. training & blueline training. SM to speak to blueline and see if there is interest in them coming to speak to the parish. **SM**
Communication: SM to speak to Dawn to use mail chimp as tool to also include for those interested residents to join neighbourhood watch.
Website: update the website with all community groups and look into automated reminders for events etc. **OO**
EV charging points: Highways Rep. to come to the village and look at feasibility of installing. **CCC**

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RESIDENTS:

22 & 27/06/2023 Bin High Street – resolved to reinstate bin in same location.

26/06/2023 Electrics for the playing field

Various dates for Children's Summer Activities bookings

28/06/2023 Ford Road

30/06/2023 Ford Road Closure

05/07/2023 unlocked park gate

CCC:

20/06/2023 00434944 Footbridge by Ford, Ford Road, Hail Weston for missing concrete slab

29/06/2023 Sharon Middleton - Drains issues have been completed. The cyclic round will take place for you later this year. CCC are going through a re-structure, will have a new drainage team in place who will advise when the cyclic programme is likely to be (contact details will be sent out when re-structure complete)

05/07/2023 Ian Gardener - LHI Bid B645

EWR: 21/06/2023 Your EWR questions answered

28/06/2023 EWR Co Sandy, Tempsford & St Neots LRG Meeting #5 Clerk attended and will circulate notes.

HDC: 21/06/2023 Health Inequalities holiday activities

21/06/2023 Community Ownership Fund

22/06/2023 Reduce waste in Huntingdonshire - 12th July Meeting

22/06/2023 Updated SLA for children's activities sent back to HDC

22, 23/06/2023 Street Cleansing Manager re Bin

27/06/2023 Financial Vulnerability

30/06/2023 End of Year valuation requested

06/07/2023 **Green bin charging proposal** <https://chnng.it/8BchnsN7Yd>

CAMBRIDGESHIRE MATTERS: 27/06/2023 [Cambridgeshire Matters - June 2023 \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com)

GREAT STAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL: 21/06/2023 Great Staughton holiday activities

PKF LITTLEJOHN RE: 29/06/2023 CA0117 Hail Weston Parish Council - 2022/23 AGAR wet signatures

29/06/2023 Copies of minutes except for matters requested

GALLAGHER INSURANCE: 06/07/2023 Toilet hire

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MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL

MEETING AGENDA. P Council vacancy and playing field. *Please note that no decision can lawfully be made under this item LGA 1972 s.12 10 (2)b states business must be specified.*

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15 August 2023 at 7.30 pm.

HDC Ward Cllr. Stephen Cawley I'm very pleased to share that the financial outturn for 2022/23 delivered a surplus of £476k to budget. This can be attributed to a number of positive factors, some of which were influenced by the Council, such as:

- service improvement plans delivering benefits,
- running effective procurement tenders to drive down the cost of

purchasing goods and services, and
- being able to use our resources more efficiently and release office space to rent, and some of which were entirely dependent on external factors, such as:

the value of waste collected and resold, or
the interest rates received on our bank holdings.

But it wasn't all plain sailing, our budgets had to cover the extra costs of inflation and we saw big increases in the cost of providing temporary accommodation for the homeless.

HDC and Cambridge City Council CCTV Shared Service is celebrating its achievement of maintaining two sector-specific service accreditations.

These are:

- ISO 900-2015: an internationally recognised standard that focuses on the operational management and working of the control room, including finance, Human Resources and ensuring quality standards, and
- BS7958: Control Room Management and Operations – this is a high-level certification at British Standard compliance

HDC Corporate Plan Videos To raise awareness of our new Corporate Plan, we have put together a series of videos that explain how our staff are working with residents, partners, communities and businesses on a day-to-day basis to help us deliver our priorities.

You can view them on the council's YouTube channel or by clicking on the following

links:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FpqCUUcGj34&t=1s&ab_channel=HuntingdonshireDC

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKSIX7g8tV4&ab_channel=HuntingdonshireDC

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpJLM5-n07g&ab_channel=HuntingdonshireDC

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_3MvYKN1wHQ&ab_channel=HuntingdonshireDC

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gj5-POYloSg&ab_channel=HuntingdonshireDC

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_zsYZsBi0A&ab_channel=HuntingdonshireDC

Green Bin Waste Subscription Service The coalition loves a consultation, but one thing they're not consulting you on are their plans to introduce a Green Bin Subscription service (replacing the service you already pay for through Council Tax) and charging £57/year for the privilege. Nothing on the website but is coming to Overview and Scrutiny on Thursday. Plans to introduce it from 1 April 2024 - no not an April Fool joke sadly!

Take the Pledge to Cut Food Waste Are you interested in making changes to the amount of food waste you generate in your household? Whether

you want to save food, save the environment, or save money, take the pledge to reduce your food waste today!

Reducing food waste is one of the easy habits which will not only reduce your carbon footprint but will also save you money too. HDC is seeking residents who want to make this positive change to sign the pledge and commit to reducing their food waste in 2023.

<https://www.recap.co.uk/pledge-to-fight-food-waste>

Making Connections Update The Greater Cambridge Partnership held an Extraordinary Joint Assembly/Executive Board meeting and a separate Executive Board meeting to discuss a revised package of measures to upgrade public transport, improve air quality and cut congestion on the roads. Following a lengthy debate, the Executive Board outlined the need for the region's transport network to be upgraded to support its growing needs and decided that - while no options should be taken off the table at this stage - the original Making Connections scheme should be modified.

The Board requested officers to develop a revised package of measures to transform the way people travel around Greater Cambridge, reflecting the public's feedback to the Making Connections consultation.

In the autumn a detailed proposal will be brought back to the GCP's Joint Assembly for scrutiny before the Executive Board decides whether and how to proceed with any scheme.

The updated proposal could include changes to the operating hours of a Sustainable Travel Zone and a more extensive package of exemptions – including possible free days for account holders or no charge for hospital patients and visitors.

Any potential scheme would be phased in over time with the GCP committing £50m of upfront investment in the region's transport infrastructure to improve public transport and active travel.

You can watch the meetings again at:
www.youtube.com/greatercambridgepartnership

For more information about the GCP's projects visit:
www.greatercambridge.org.uk

2023 Parliamentary Boundary Review - The Boundary Commission for England has submitted the final report to the Speaker of the House of Commons and the report has been laid in Parliament. The recommendations are published on their website [here](https://www.bce.parliament.uk/). The new constituency of St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire includes the four District wards covering St Neots and the two District wards of Great Paxton and Fenstanton, all currently located within the Huntingdon constituency.

The existing Huntingdon constituency has been amended to include the transfer of the remaining areas of the district ward of Alconbury, Great Staughton (including Ellington), Holywell-cum-Needlingworth, remaining

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areas of Kimbolton, Sawtry, Somersham and Warboys from the existing Northwest Cambridgeshire constituency.

This leaves the three District wards of Ramsey, Stilton, Folksworth & Washingley and Yaxley remaining in the final Northwest Cambridgeshire constituency.

CCC Ward Cllr. Ian Gardener

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service are currently preparing its next plan for 2024 -28 and are seeking the views from people across Cambridgeshire to help shape how resources are used across the county.

The plan will identify the fire and rescue related risks in the County and how the Service will mitigate them, as well as the opportunities that exist to continue improving services to local communities

You can access the survey at <https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/about-us/consultations>

The survey is open until the End of July 23 and will take 10-15 minutes to complete

Three £50 shopping vouchers are up for grabs for completing the survey. With regard to the proposed Congestion charge in Cambridge, the Greater Cambridge Partnership are reviewing the findings of the consultation which saw 58% against the charge. It is currently expected that the GCP will present its proposals on a Congestion charge to the October County Council meeting.

The consultation showed residents did not like the Addenbrookes, the Royal Papworth and Rosie Maternity Hospitals being in the zone, as well as charging those residents who were leaving the zone to get to work, along with the cost and size of the zone.

Regarding, Hail Weston's LHI bid for this year I can update the PC, to say that your bid for Solar lighting studs along the cycleway adjacent to the B645, has been successful. The cost to the PC is £8645 as the cost exceeds the £25,000 limit on Complex Schemes for LHI Bids.

This is a fitting tribute to Cllr Jeff Hubble to campaigned for years to get them installed.

With regard, to next year's Local Highways Improvement Bids Parishes will be able to submit applications from Friday 27th October 23 until noon on Friday 12th January 24. The County Council will undertake feasibility studies between February and May.

The LHI Panel meetings will be in June /July 24. With the report to Committee in September 24.

It looks as if there will be another opportunity next year to bid for a 20mph schemes, although last year's applications will still be on the list. I have asked for a copy of the ranking list of schemes already submitted. Future LHI bids for Buffer zones will receive a higher score.

The County Council has this week launched its Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund, which is a million pound fund. The fund is open for Stage One (Expression of Interest) applications. The fund is open to Parish Councils, community organisations and public bodies. etc The fund will award grants of up to £40,000 to support with the capital costs needed by an organization to make a community building or to make an existing community asset better.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/cambridgeshire-priorities-capital-fund>

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All proposals will need to demonstrate that they can contribute to at

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least three of the County Council's seven ambitions. The deadline for submission of an Expression Of Interest is 24 September.

The Boundary Commission have submitted its Final Report to the Speaker and is to be laid before Parliament.

The Huntingdon Constituency has been amended to include the whole of the Alconbury, Great Staughton including Ellington, Kimbolton and Holy-cum Needingworth wards. As well as including the wards of Sawtry, Somersham & Warboys from the existing NW Cambs Constituency. The Huntingdon Constituency will lose St Neots and Little Paxton.