

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19 November 2024 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

N Farden	(NF) (Chair)
O Oldfield	(OO)
N Burdett	(NB)
S Mailer	(SM)
H Morris	(HM)
V Bolton	(VB)

IN ATTENDANCE: HDC Ward Cllr Stephen Cawley, and Sarah Milonas (Clerk).
5 Residents were also in attendance.

ACTION

241119 – 1 OPEN FORUM AND TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS
The Chairman opened the meeting.

District Councillor Cawley gave his report (attached).

Guy Warner (Resident, Organiser of the Hail Weston Preservation Society) confirmed the Hail Weston Preservation Society has circulated communication to residents that detailed how to make comments on the website for the Huntingdon District Council (HDC) Local Plan Consultation. Also circulated to residents were model objection letters. It was confirmed that to date approx. 225 letters of rejection had been received. These letters will be delivered to HDC as a batch.

241119 – 2 RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from RRS, and CCC Cllr Ian Gardner (Attending Another Meeting).

241119 - 3 RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS
It was noted that all Councillors reside in Hail Weston and may have an indirect interest in the proposed sites in the Local Plan.
A dispensation has been granted for NF.

241119 - 4 APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES (15 October 2024)
Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 October 2024.

241119-5 LOCAL PLAN – FORMULATE PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
The Parish Council resolved to make a response. OO to draft response and circulate for comment. OO
The Parish Council noted there is likely to be a further consultation on these sites in 12 months.

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241119 - 6 PLANNING

It was resolved to object to **24/01917/PIP** Proposal: Permission in principle for the construction of up to 8no dwellings Site address: Land Adjacent to 5 High Street, Hail Weston
Clerk to collate Parish Council comments and respond to request for comments to Huntingdon District Council.

CLERK

241119 – 7 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

It was resolved to approve reconciliation, bank statements and expenditure for October 2024.

Resolved to approve Account balances:

Business Money Manager: £49,208.59

Community account: £2,248.32

TOTAL £51,456.91

Resolved to approve payments on finance reports:

November 2024

November 2024 expenditure	
Fresh Pay	£6.00
P Baker	£542.60
SM Wages SCP 29 £20.02/hr Back Pay Apr-Oct	£114.57
K&M Maintenance Charge Nov 2024 – Oct 2025	£188.50
SM Wages July SCP 29 £19.41/hr (HMRC 151.40)	£605.59
T&S Grounds Maintenance	£65.00
Strength & Balance	£195.00
SLCC Membership	£150.00
Clerks Allowance	£150.00
Church Wreath	£20
Total	£1489

BUDGET 2025/26 & Precept

Clerk to check Public Loans Board for Payment Schedule
The Parish Council discussed the proposed budget for 2025/26.

CLERK

The Parish Council voted unanimously to increase the precept by 5% for 2025/26.

Clerk to inform Huntingdon District Council of the precept for 2025/26.

CLERK

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Parish Council resolved to ensure explanation is provided in the next Parish Council communication for Parish Council reserves.

The Parish Council resolved to approve to pay Clerks wages and all usual utilities for December 2024.

The Parish Council resolved to purchase two Christmas trees and batteries for lights for display in the village.

- 241119 - 8** DISCUSS WEBSITE AND MAILBOX HOSTING OPTIONS
The Parish Council resolved to consider Hugo Fox as an option as it was recommended by CAPALC. Clerk to find costs. Resolved to place on the agenda for January 2025. **CLERK**
- 241119 - 9** RESOLVE MORELOCK SIGN RETURN
NB offered to transport the speed display sign back and forward to Morelock to enable a change of power supply for the sign.
- 241119-10** CONSIDER FUTURE GARDEN OF REST PATH IMPROVEMENTS
The Parish Council agreed to defer this item to the January 2025 agenda.
Clerk to inform RRS of this item and seek her opinion. **CLERK**
- 241119-11** CONSIDER LOCAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION OPTIONS
The Parish Council resolved to make an application for funding to change the colour of the road surface to red at either end of the High Street where it meets the B465.
The Parish Council resolved the Clerk should make the application. **CLERK**
- 241119-12** STREETWORKS TEMPORARY LIGHTS APPLICATION BIRD LANE
The PC resolved to make comments to Streetworks concerning wider communication to the village, to note the increased traffic to Green Lane, that Bird Lane should remain open for access.
Clerk to return comments to HDC. **CLERK**
- 241119-13** 2024/25 CIL FUNDING ROUND
Clerk to circulate previously successful bid. **CLERK**

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- ACTION**
- 241119-14** CAPITALLY FUNDED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE SCHEMES
The Parish Council resolved to nominate the public right of way that goes around the Paddock.
Clerk to action application.
- CLERK**
- 241119-15** WEEE BINS
SM explained that WEEE bins are a Huntingdon District Council initiative and is for recycling small electricals. They are completely free and come in 3 sizes. It is recommended that Hail Weston has a small bin, which would be similar size to a recycling bin. It would have a regular collection day. The Parish Council resolved to for VB to ask the Village Hall Committee if they would consider allowing the WEEE Bin to be placed in the village hall grounds.
- VB**
- 241119-16** MEMBERS UPDATES
OO None
VB None
HM None
NF None
NB attended the Town and Parish Forum. The Parish Council should consider applying to the Net Zero Village fund which opens in January 2025, could be used for adding solar lights to footpaths or changing the village owed streetlights to LED lanterns. NB has been approached about neighbour disputes from a resident over hedges. Citizen advice offer advice on disputes over hedges.
SM confirmed she had some comments to make on environmental grounds to be added to the response to the Local Plan.
- 241119-17** CONSIDER ANY COMMUNICATION RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES FORMAL NOTING OR DECISION BY PC
- a) The Parish Council noted the email.
b) HM & Parish Clerk to draft response
- The Parish Council resolved to cover the village hall hire costs for the Christmas Craft Event on 14th December 2024.
- MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
- Permanent Recruitment of Parish Clerk
 - Mailbox and Website Hosting Costs

- HDC Energy Efficiency Officer Visit
- Net 0 Village Fund
- Table Tennis Table
- Garden of Rest Path Improvements

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.40 pm.

Cllr Stephen Cawley Parish Council Update – November 2024

Bus Franchising Consultation

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is urging everyone to take part in the bus franchising consultation before it closes on 20 November.

There is still time for you to have your say to help improve services for local communities. It will inform a decision by the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on how to reform buses across the area.

The Combined Authority is especially keen to hear from families with young children, older people and students, but everyone is welcome to get involved.

There are lots of ways to take part in the consultation:

- Online: <https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-franchising-consultation/>
- Paper copies or large print versions of the consultation documents are available too, and you can request a copy in the following languages: Polish, Lithuanian, Portuguese and Urdu.
- If you would like to print out the consultation documents and post your response to us, please call 01480 277180 and we will arrange to send you a FREEPOST envelope. All survey returns should be sent to the following address:

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Bus Franchising Consultation, 2nd Floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 3TN.

Hinchingbrooke Hospital: Public Invited to Join Redevelopment Engagement Events

The North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust will be hosting a range of online and face-to-face events for the public to find out more about the redevelopment and to ask questions. The face-to-

face sessions will be drop-in sessions and the online sessions will provide a presentation summarising the details.

<https://www.nwangliaft.nhs.uk/latest-news/hinchingbrooke-hospital-public-invited-to-join-engagement-events-6550/>

Community Group Ownership of Local Assets

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is funding Plunkett UK to support community benefit societies take ownership of their local pubs, shops and other community assets, the funds are available to be spent by March 2025. Early-stage grants of £7,500 and 12 x larger capital grants of £45,000, alongside free business support are on offer.

To learn more visit [Plunkett UK Grants -CPCA Growth Hub](#) please call 01993 630022 or email info@plunkett.co.uk

New Local Plan for Huntingdonshire

Have your say on the new Local Plan for Huntingdonshire

18-Sep-2024 at 12.01 AM to 27-Nov-2024 at 11.59 PM

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/consultations/new-local-plan-for-huntingdonshire/>

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ACTION

Benefits	Benefit@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388308
Fraud	Fraud@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01223 388188
Refuse Collection	CRM_Ops@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388640
Building Control	buildingcontrol@3Csharedservices.org	0300 772 9622
Business Rates	BusinessRates@huntingdosnshire.gov.uk	01480 388030
Car Parks	ParkingService@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388388
Communications	news@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	
Council Tax	Council.Tax@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388030
Democratic Services	Democratic.Services@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388169
Elections	Elections@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388017
Environmental Health	Environmental.Health@huntingonshire.gov.uk	01480 388302
Facilities	FMHelpdesk@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	
Housing / Homelessness	Housingadvice@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388218
Licensing	Licensing@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 387075
Planning	crm_Planning@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388424
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Planning Enforcement	Planning.Enforcement@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388424
Planning- Trees	Trees@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388424
Street Cleaning	CRM_Ops@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388640
Residents Advice Team	residentadvice@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388584