

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2023 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

N Farnden (NF)
O Oldfield (OO)
R Rowley Smith (RRS)
S Mailer (SM)
V Bolton (VB)
N Burdett (NB) Following Item 5

IN ATTENDANCE: HDC Ward Cllr. Stephen Cawley, one resident and Clerk.

ACTION

- 231121- 1** Open Forum and receive HDC Ward Cllr. Stephen Cawley Councillor report, see attached.
- 231121 – 2** Apologies accepted from H Morris.
- 231121 - 3** NF Declared Item 231121-6a as a Personal Interest.
- 231121 - 4** Resolved to approve Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 17 October 2023.
- 231121 - 5** Nigel Burdett presented at the meeting. RESOLVED to Co-opt. Clerk to notify HDC. **Clerk**
- 231121 - 6** Planning
- a. It was RESOLVED to approve **23/02130/HHFUL** Rear single-storey flat roof extension, 121 High Street Hail Weston PE19 5JS. Clerk to notify HDC that no resident objections were received prior to or at the PC Meeting. PC observations to include that the abutting neighbour appears to have a window facing the proposal. Please can Planning Officer check. **Clerk**
- b. It was RESOLVED to approve **23/02085/HHFUL** Erection of a rear single-storey extension and side first-floor extension on top of the existing garage with associated landscaping. 1 Hayle Close Hail Weston. Clerk to notify HDC that no resident objections were received prior to or at the PC Meeting. **Clerk**
- c. **RNA Energy Ltd** (applicant) proposed the development East Park Energy. Two consultations (RNA & The Planning Inspectorate) to be completed by 28.11. SM & OO to draft for circulation to all on 27.11. RESOLVED that SM & OO to participate in wider sessions with the local parishes. **SM & OO Clerk**
- Allocation of addressing to 3 new dwellings in Bird Lane, Hail Weston, to be known as 13, 15 & 17.
- Outstanding Decisions by HDC
- 22/01813/FUL** Installation of solar farm (generating up to 50MW) Land East and West of Little Staughton, Solar Farm, Kimbolton Road, Hail Weston. Solar Farm applicant has recently amended the application and may likely be re-consulted to comment again. Incorporated additional screening measures and claimed public rights of way, as well as added a proposed permissive path which will link into the existing network of paths in and around the site.

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- 231121 - 7** It was RESOLVED to approve reconciliation, bank statements, for October and November & December expenditure, December payments are highlighted in bold (below) to be paid 12.12.23. Account balances: Business Money Manager £62,333.91 Community a/c £4,765.69 **TOTAL £64,522.03**
November 2023 expenditure:
P Baker £63.50
HDC **£234**
Total Energies streetlight supply **£52.54** (parish-owned lighting)
Clerk Wages November (J Abell) **£549.41 (SCP 25) £137.59 HMRC**
VHMC Hall hire **£80**
P Baker **£280.00**
Clerk wages back pay April-Oct. £218.54 HMRC £54.46
Christmas trees + 1 set of lights £140.00
SLCC Membership £144.00 (to be paid 01/01/2024)
K & M Lighting £171.36
MVAS speed camera battery £156.00
Wave allotments £22.86
Verge tree £136.48
Following discussion and year to date financial expenditure it was RESLOVED to approve no increase to precept 2024-25. Clerk to notify HDC.
- 231121 - 8** Councillor updates: -
VB attended first V hall meeting, redecorating of hall due in December, ongoing discussing village fete 2025, finances were 'secure' and so looking hold event for villagers with monies raised for village benefit.
RRS circulated safety checks. The following items were carried the mound, BMX track, Fort at the playing field and potential table tennis installation.
NF, OO attended planning development management training at HDC and recent solar East Park Meeting and summarised salient points. It was resolved to interview two candidates for Clerks Job, and Interviewers would be NF & RRS.
SM attended recent Climate Conversation Event hosted by HDC and stated it was excellent. Much for HWPC to engage with including funding, advice, and continuation of the climate conversation.
- 231121 - 9** **PARISH MEETING DATES for 2024-2025** RESOLVED 20.02, 19.03, 16.04, 21.05, 18.06, 16.07, 20.08, 17.09, 15.10, 19.11, and 21.01.2025
- 231121 - 10** **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**
RESIDENTS:
18/10/2023 Memorial Trees on village verge
22/10/2023 donation thanks
31/10/2023 G of R request water butt
05 & 11/11/2023 Garden of Rest Water Butt
CCC:
03/11/2023 LHI Q&A session 5th January 2024 at 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
03/11/2023 Cambridgeshire County Council Older Adults Social Inclusion Grants now live

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06/11/2023 LHI Application live until 12/01/2024
13/11/2023 Concessionary Fare Passes promotional posters
20/11/2023 Upcoming LHI Q&A session Local Highways Meeting 5th January 2024 beginning at 10:30AM

HDC:

31/10/2023 Michelle Sacks Parish/Town engagement
23/10/2023 SUMMER PARISH SESSIONS REPORT 2023
06/11/2023 Promote our Climate Conversation Event
17/11/2023 Planning and Development Management Training
06/11/2023 Climate Emergency Scorecard Councillor Lara Davenport-Ray, said: "We are pleased with our 27% score this year and the improvement we have made. CEUK scored HDC's climate action at 0% in 2021. This improvement shows that our council's efforts and initiatives are indeed moving us in the right direction.

15/11/2023 HDC Priorities The survey can be found online at <https://letstalkhuntingdonshire.net/council-priorities-survey> and is open until Wednesday 29 November

16/11/2023 Walking and Cycling Information session hosted by Sustrans on Monday 29th January at 12pm to 1pm, Tuesday 30th January at 6pm to 7pm, Monday 5th February at 6pm to 7pm.

16/11/2023 Sustainability of Settlements Hail Weston

20/11/2023 CE Michelle Sacks Engaging with parishes

21/11/2023 HDC Planning services

21/11/2023 Funding Available to Parish and Town Councils and Community Groups - Help Residents to Stay Healthier & Stronger for Longer

CAMBRIDGESHIRE MATTERS: **31/10/2023** [Cambridgeshire Matters - October 2023 \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com/cambridgeshire-matters-october-2023)

CAPALC: **02/11/2023** Training **06/11/2023** November Bulletin

07/11/2023 Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023,

13/11/2023 November and December Training

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S NEWS: **03/11/2023** [Your October news from Police and Crime Commissioner, Darryl Preston \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com/october-news-from-police-and-crime-commissioner-darryl-preston)

EWR **08/11/2023** Sandy, Tempsford & St Neots Local Representatives Group – Materials for meeting now available, **10/11/2023** EWR Co Community Conversations November/December 2023

INTELLIGENT ALTERNATIVES: **09/11/23** Community Benefit associated with the High Wood Solar Project signed copy received.

PLANNING POLICY BEDFORD: **06/11/2023** Greyfriars Bedford Development Brief Consultation

HIGHWAYS **03/11/2023** Important roadwork information: A1 Eaton Ford noise barrier

EAST PARK ENERGY: **18/10/2023** Delivering a New Solar Farm & Battery Storage Scheme

14/11/2023 Ian Fletcher

20/11/2023 East Park Energy and Parish Councils

THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE: **31/10/2023** EN010141 - East Park

All

Clerk

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Energy - EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation.
Playing Field, Clerk vacancy items for next agenda.
Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16 January 2024

HDC Ward Cllr. Stephen Cawley –

Changes to Postal and Proxy Voting

- **Identity checking requirements** - All absent vote applications (except for emergency proxy applications) must contain a National Insurance Number (NIN) or a reason why one cannot be provided.
- **Online absent vote applications** - From 31 October 2023 electors will be able to apply for most types of absent vote online
- **Maximum period for absent vote applications**
- **Changes to proxy voting limits** - limited to 4

A briefing note is available, which I will send to the Clerk

Question to Council about Weeds

” What are the implications for our staff workload and impact on our street cleansing equipment, (disruptions to work routine and equipment) as under the County Council’s weed policy they are not routinely removing weeds from gulley’s around the District?”

Answer from HDC Cleansing Manager

” There is some impact on the time taken to sweep each road. If there were no weeds, we would usually clear any detritus in 1 or 2 passes. With the weed growth and heavy detritus, we are having to go along the road 3 or 4 times in some areas to try and achieve a good standard.

The other impact is on the quality of the work. Even where we are going along the road 3 or 4 times, we are still not clearing everything due to the weeds trapping litter and detritus.”

Local Plan Update

Planning have published some FAQs on our Local Plan update page in response to general questions from the public and our district and town and parish councillors

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-update/>

Council Tax Support Scheme 2024/25

Report brought to Overview and Scrutiny last week and on Cabinet agenda this week - go to Full Council meeting on 13 December sets out the action taken to date to redesign the Council Tax Support scheme to leads to a recommendation that the Council approves the introduction of a new, income banded scheme for working age applicants with effect from 1st April 2024, increasing levels of support available to the most vulnerable residents across Huntingdonshire. Given that CTS is a reduction on the tax base, it should be noted there would be financial implications for all precepting authorities - Cambridgeshire County Council, Parish and Town Councils,

Police and Crime Commissioner, Fire Service and Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Mayor. £1m will need to be found across all preceptors.

<https://democracy.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/moderngov/ielssueDetails.aspx?Iid=64977&PlanId=0&Opt=3#A158749>

Licensing emails to Clerks

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

Presentation at last Overview and Scrutiny panel from Highways England updating us in Replanting Strategy.

Full survey carried out of the planting on the A14 project to date and was carried out over a three-month period by Chevron Green Services, National Highways' landscaping contractor for the East Region. The survey included the physical visual inspection of plants on the project.

As a result, we have now identified 165,000 plants that need replacing. This represents a far better survival rate compared to previous surveys.

The survey covered the planting from Alconbury through to Milton, which includes land owned by National Highways and Cambridgeshire County Council. The project's borrow pits, aquatic species and bulbs planted were not included in this survey.

- Planting season 2023/24 – Starting now
- All failed plants to be replanted where safe to do so
- Further replanting season 2024/25 - Final project replant
- Early 2025 - All soft estate to be handed over by adopting authority (National Highways Operations Directorate & Cambridgeshire County Council)

Have Your Say on Which District Council Priorities Are Important to You

HDC is inviting residents across the district to have their say on the council's priorities as we look to plan, prioritise and invest in services that are important to people.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-which-district-council-priorities-are-important-to-you/>