

## HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

**PRESENT:**

O Oldfield (OO)  
V Bolton (VB)  
S Mailer (SM)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** HDC Ward Cllr. Stephen Cawley. CCC Ward Cllr. Ian Gardener and Clerk.

**ACTION**

**230919- 1** Open Forum and receive Councillor reports. HDC ward Cllr. report attached. CCC Ward Cllr. Ian Gardener report attached.

**230919 – 2** Apologies accepted from NF, RRS and HM.

**230919 - 3** No Declarations of Interest from members.

**230919 - 4** Resolved to approve Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 15 August 2023.

**230919 - 5** No candidates presented for parish vacancy so will be on the agenda until an appointment is made.

**230919 - 6** Planning **23/01023/PIP** HDC **Refused**. Permission in Principle for construction of 1 no. dwelling | Land Adjacent To 5 High Street Hail Weston. Reports circulated to PC Members following PC Meeting.

**Clerk**

**21/01621/FUL** Creation of Field access Land south of Kym Stables, Hail Weston. NF attended Development Management Committee Meeting held at Huntingdon District Council on 18/09/2023 to record HWPC Objection.

**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 application 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.

**23/01243/REM** Application for Reserved Matters, Appearance, Landscaping, and Scale, Land south of 11 Bird Lane, Hail Weston.

**Call for Sites** - A discussion ensued, pertaining to those relevant to Hail Weston. HDC require to assess applications.

CFS:39	Land West of No.5 High Street, Hail Weston	Hail Weston	Great Staughton
CFS:296	Land opposite Brook End Farm, 17-19 Ford End, Hail Weston, PE19 5JR	Hail Weston	Great Staughton
CFS:295	Land south of 143 High Street, Hail Weston, PE19 5JU	Hail Weston	Great Staughton
CFS:54	Land to the west of A1 and north of Kimbolton Road	Hail Weston	Great Staughton
CFS:187	The Walnuts, Hail Weston	Hail Weston	Great Staughton
CFS:182	Land South of High Street, Hail Weston	Hail Weston	Great Staughton
CFS:267	Land South West of Pound Close, Hail Weston	Hail Weston	Great Staughton

**230916 - 7** It was RESOLVED to approve reconciliation, bank statements, September expenditure. Account balances: Business Money Manager £49,812.98 Community a/c £5,512.02 **TOTAL £55,325.00**  
**September 2023 expenditure:**

P Baker £264.85  
T & S Groundsman £680  
Anglian Water £198.88  
LSK Toilet £132.48

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Bus Shelter £375  
Total Energies streetlight supply £41.79 (parish-owned lighting)  
Clerk Wages September (J Abell) £519.16 (SCP 25) £129.81 HMRC  
VHMC Hall hire £60  
Paper £6.00 cards £12.89 J Abell  
RBL Donation J Abell £25  
Fruit for children's summer activities J Abell £10.63  
Gardening group £200  
Allotment rent – Resolved to increase both size plots by 6.5% to cover increased water bills. (£40/Full £27.50 Half) Clerk to write to tenants.

Clerk

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Councillor updates: - **HM** Coronation mugs HM to liaise with pub and communicate.  
RRS circulated Health & Safety checklist. Clerk to seek tree quotes.  
PC resolved to accept handyman solution to small play area fort to prevent finger entrapment.

Clerk

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### **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **RESIDENTS:**

**17/08/2023** Volunteer litter picker  
**24/08/2023** Bird swing playing field, resolved.  
**21/08/2023** Remembrance Wreaths donation made to RBL.  
**30/08/2023** St Nicolas churchyard  
**30/08/2023** allotment request Clerk to arrange.  
**31/08/2023** Oak Tree request – to identify suitable area.  
**03/09/2023** Rubber matting consideration fort – to be considered as part of wider improvement to the fort.  
**07/09/2023** Litter pick Ford Rd.  
**06/09/2023** Poppy Wreath  
**10/09/2023** Ford Road repair request reported to CCC.  
**12/09/2023** Flood Pound Close request reported to CCC.

#### **CCC:**

**THE LIBRARY PRESENTS:** **02/09/2023** <https://www.library.live/the-library-presents>

**Cllr. Steve Count:** Weeds survey

**08/09/2023** Weed Spraying Policy - Letter from Frank Jordan

**11/09/2023** 00442079, 00442077, 00442075, 00442218 – Repair ordered

**HDC: 21/08/2023** *How to reduce waste in Huntingdonshire*

21/09/23 5:30 – 6:30 pm, Pathfinder House

**25/08/2023** Food Waste Pledge + Contamination

**01/09/2023** Health Inequalities

**06/09/2023** Invite to Development Management Committee 18th Sept 2023

**09/09/2023** HDC Democratic Services Update

**Stephen Cawley** District Councillor for Great Staughton Ward:

**25/08/2023** Cabinet Members approve new garden waste subscription service, Teams invites circulated following the meeting.

Clerk

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE MATTERS: 30/08/2023** [Cambridgeshire Matters - August 2023 \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.cambridgeshirematters.com)

**COMMUNITY BENEFIT ASSOCIATED WITH THE HIGH WOOD SOLAR**

**PROJECT: 23/08/2023** Proposed solar farm at High Wood (Bedford ref 22/01998/MAF, Hunts ref 22/01998/MAF) Resolved to Approve this. OO, SM and Clerk completed paperwork.

**CAMBS ACRE: 16/08/2023** held virtually on 27/09/2023

**CAPALC: 01/09/2023** Model Financial Regulations Consultation

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE ARCHIVES:** Minutes and Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S NEWS: 06/09/2023** [Catch up on the Commissioner's latest news \(govdelivery.com\)](#)

**230919 - 10** LHI Bid

**The meeting closed at 8.46 pm.**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17 October.

**Stephen Cawley, Huntingdon District Councillor for Great Staughton Ward**

**Green Bin Waste Subscription Service** Cabinet Members Approve New Garden Waste Subscription Service. At a meeting of the council's Cabinet Members, it was agreed that a new garden waste subscription service will be introduced in April 2024. **Compost Bin Offer**

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/additional-garden-waste-bin-and-composting/>

**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 reducing 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> **Food Recycling Bin Offer**

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/additional-garden-waste-bin-and-composting/>

**Investment in Hinchingsbrooke Country Park** The investment plans for Hinchingsbrooke Country Park are now available for you to view and comment on. Check out the plans in person at the Countryside Centre on the following dates: September: 8th, 9th, and 10th. The plans are also available via the Council's planning portal using; Ref no: 23/01377/FUL

<https://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RY5JL3IKGGB00>

Read more about the investment via the HDC Website

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/investment-in-hinchingsbrooke-country-park-plans-published/>

**Licensing** It is not a requirement by statute unlike Planning to notify and we need to be careful with any formal notification as there needs to remain a clear

distinction between HDC and the licensing authority and any such formal notification may compromise their position and potentially may expose HDC to Legal challenge.

Following feedback, the Licensing Team notify all ward councillors for all applications and in addition to this, the plan is to send communications to all Town and Parish Councils to encourage them to check the Licensing Portal of live applications on a regular basis and to share this on their websites and any newsletters circulating in their area.

**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. 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-Needingworth, remaining areas of Kimbolton, Sawtry, Somersham and Warboys from the existing North West Cambridgeshire constituency.

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

Conservatives in process of selecting candidate by end of September.

### **Ian Gardener, Cambridgeshire County Councillor:**

I am pleased to report that the new Public Rights of Way Officer for Hunts starts in October. The Council also hopes to appoint the New Green Infrastructure Manager towards the end of this week. Next week interviews will be held for the two vacant Green Infrastructure Technical Officer Roles.

I am also pleased to report that our new Local Highways Officer is due to start in October. I will continue to have regular meetings and site visits with her. I look forward to introducing her to the PC. Once I have a start date and name of the person, I will let you all know.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership have now come up with their revised proposals for the Congestion charge in Cambridge following the consultation.

The proposals are that:-

Congestion Charge will operate between the hours of 7am and 10am and the 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday, The cost will be £5.00 for cars, £10.00 for vans and £50 for HGV's.

Motorists will get 50 free days per annum, however this means drivers/commuters will still pay in excess of £1000 to commute into Cambridge on a daily basis.

There will also be a 50% discount for locally owned small to medium businesses using HGV's and vans. Its not yet known whether this is just for Cambridge City

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businesses or for all businesses in Cambridgeshire.

There will also be a 50% discount for people on low incomes, this however will still mean that these residents will have to find in excess of £500 to commute into Cambridge per annum

There will also be exemptions for most people who have, to travel to Addenbrookes, the Royal Papworth and Rosie Maternity Hospitals, as these hospitals will remain in the zone. As, yet we don't know how this will operate and who will not be exempt. There will also be exemptions for those in receipt of Carer benefits and personal mobility benefits.

Also, motorbikes will be exempt from the charge.

These proposals are not being supported by the Conservative Group on the County Council , the Labour Group on Cambridge City Council and the Lib Dems on South Cambs Council.

I have received a large amount of complaints about weeds along the edges of our roads, if the PC consider this an issue, as Cambridgeshire County Council are no longer carrying out annual /cyclic weeding due to it being cut from the budget, back in February.

I would suggest that the PC circulates the petition to show the Cllrs in charge that this is an important issue The link to the petition is <https://shorturl.at/dkFTZ>

I would also ask that the PC consider writing to object to this policy and request that it is reversed. I would suggest you write to Stephen Moir, Chief Executive, Frank Jordan, Executive Director Place and Sustainability and Cllr Alex Beckett, chair of Highways and Transportation.

With regard, to next year's Local Highways Improvement Bids Parishes will be able to submit applications from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 23 until noon on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.