

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2024 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

O Oldfield (OO) (Chair)
R Rowley Smith (RRS)
V Bolton (VB)
N Burdett (NB)
H Morris (HM)

IN ATTENDANCE: None.

ACTION

- 240220 – 1** Open Forum - none, HDC Ward Cllr. Stephen Cawley Councillor circulated report prior to the meeting and is attached.
- 240220 – 2** Apologies accepted from SM & NF.
- 240220 - 3** No matters of Interest were received.
- 240220 - 4** Resolved to approve Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 16 January 2023.
- 240220 - 5** Planning - HDC recently approved **23/02130/HHFUL** 121 High Street, Hail Weston. HDC reply: Parish Council were consulted as part of the application and recommend approval, however HWPC raised concerns with regards to the neighbour's window. This has been addressed in the Residential Amenity Section adequately.
Outstanding Decisions by HDC
22/02269/S73 Proposal: Variation of conditions 1 (approved plans), 14 (LEMP), 15 (Soft Landscaping), 17 (Fence colour) and 24 (Archaeology) of 18/02145/S73 to vary the approved panels, drainage arrangements, landscaping and ecology management, fence colour and treatment of service cables.
Site Address: Little Staughton Solar Farm Little Staughton Airfield Little Staughton.
23/70097/SCOP Land East of Little Staughton and Land Between South Of Great Staughton And Hail Weston. Kimbolton Road, Hail Weston. HDC Status 'Unknown'.
- 240220 – 6** Clerk vacancy had been circulated to SLCC and CAPALC and on village media and website. Post had been extended to 18 March. Clerk to advertise in local publications. **Clerk**
- 240220 - 7** It was RESOLVED to approve reconciliation, bank statements, and expenditure for February & March. Account balances: Business Money Manager £58,430.99 Community a/c £4,124.90 **TOTAL £62,555.89**
February 2024 expenditure:
P Baker £50
HDC £280
Total Energies streetlight supply £67.26 (parish-owned lighting)
Clerk Wages February (J Abell) £549.41 (SCP 25) £137.59 HMRC
VHMC Hall hire £275
J Abell Clerk allowance Oct – March £150
J Abell Clover £6.60
J Abell Stinky Ink £18.67
Clean Bins clean village white B645 gates x4 £140

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	<p>The numbers quarter Internal Auditor £200 H Morris Materials for bus shelter £149 K & M Lighting £1,689 STNTC – Cemetery fees, following meeting Invoice received £1110 March Payments (no finance meeting in March, paid in March) T & S Groundsman £580 Clerk Wages March (J Abell) £549.41 (SCP 25) £137.59 HMRC P Baker £60 Total Energies streetlight supply £67.26 (parish-owned lighting) J Abell Parish Assembly costs £50 VHMC Hall hire £50 HDC £200 J Abell Clover £6.60</p>		
240220 - 8	<p>Councillor updates: VB attended VH Committee meeting, re organising Committee as some new volunteers are in post. Planning of the fete on 06/07/2024 continues, including power requirements to help with sourcing a generator. Rubbish collections to be managed on the day. RESLOVED to accept quarterly invoices from the Village Hall Management Committee for Parish Council village Hall hire for monthly meetings. RRS circulated safety checks. The following items were noted the BMX track, Fort at the playing field but low risk. There is a rotting bar on the back of the bench on the west side of the park - to be passed for Paul to deal with this month. NB & HM will be meeting to agree responsibilities for the Community Led Plan actions. OO & SM Solar meetings will be organised as required on a need-to basis with the understanding that the next potential meet could be in the “Spring” when next report is due. Bedford MP is engaged; Hunts MP is standing down, so replacement should be engaged with. PC should use opportunity to engage with residents in the months that follow.</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NB/HM</p>
240220 - 9	<p>Resolved to follow Parish Assembly format as per last year, clerk to invite speaker for Solar farm resident group, Village Hall, Neighbourhood Cafe, Garden Angels, and any other suggestions to be notified to the Clerk prior to the meeting.</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">All</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All</p>
240220 - 10	<p><u>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE</u> <u>RESIDENTS:</u> 20/01/2024 Fly tip Ford End – reported ZRLRCNSF to be cleared at Litter pick. 23/01/2024 Proposed closure of Kimbolton Fire Station - RRS offered to attend. IG aware. 29/01/2024 sign at playing field damaged 30/01/2024 Allotment 02/02/2024 artwork 05/02/2024 Thank you STNCRG 08/02/2024 Junction of Hail Weston with B645 <u>CCC:</u> 18/01/2024 Solar Lights on the cycleway adjacent to B645</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">RRS</p>

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Milestone, they have a provisional date for the siding out (removal of vegetation that has overgrown the footway) is Feb 26th.

30/01/2024 Cambridgeshire County Council Budget Seminar for Town and Parish Councils 11th January - meeting recording

30/01/2024 Dan Wiggs Meeting PROW in Hail Weston

Clerk

12/02/2024 letter regarding a proposed change to the Highways Operational Standards relating to weed control

27/02/2024 Road Closure - Bird Lane, Hail Weston - Proposed closure 04/03/2024 to 08/03/2024 - Last minute entry 8am – 7pm

HDC: 17/01/2024 Garden Waste Green Bins residents maintaining Parish land.

22/01/2024 Justin Clarke – Waste bin High Street Clerk to meet to ascertain the delay in requesting a replacement bin and location.

Clerk

30/01/2024 Festival of Huntingdonshire: Collaboration with Town and Parish councils

02/02/2024 Shop Front Grant Scheme extended to St Neots and Ramsey

02/02/2024 Stephen Cawley RNA Energy, East Park Energy - Viewpoint Photography

06/02/2024 MZTWVNDV waste is on private land, it is the responsibility of the landowner to dispose of it.

08/02/2024 Get Active in 2024 Hail Weston

09/02/2024 Town & Parish Council Newsletter - February 2024

09/02/2024 School holiday and Parish sessions

16/02/2024 Re-consultation of a Review of the Huntingdonshire Local List

CAMBRIDGESHIRE MATTERS: 30/01/2024 - [Cambridgeshire Matters - January 2024 \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com)

CAPALC: 17/01/2024 power to fund works to property relating to affairs of the church or held for an ecclesiastical charity (England only)

22/01/2024 Need training, Check out these upcoming opportunities

24/01/2024 Section 137 limit 2024/2025 £10.81

25/02/2024 Level Up with our February Training Courses

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S NEWS: 31/01/2024 [Your January news from Daryl Preston, Police and Crime Commissioner \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com)

HUNTS FORUM: 30/01/2024 In the Loop Winter 2024

CAMBRIDGESHIRE ACRE: 30/01/2024 - Staying in Touch - Jan-2024

EAST WEST RAIL: 06/02/2024 Keeping You Connected - Edition 12

PLACE-BASED COMMISSIONER FOR HUNTINGDONSHIRE, CARE TOGETHER PROGRAMME:

06/02/2024 Cambridge Carbon Footprint alleviate people's anxiety regarding climate change and help them establish events/activities to support the reduction in carbon emissions in local communities. Invitation to Mental Wellbeing Symposium.

Even

Funding for Learning and skills for adults aged 19+ Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

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SLCC: 12/02/2024 celebrating the new reign of His Majesty The King, the Cabinet Office announced a government-funded voluntary scheme throughout the United Kingdom to allow public authorities to apply for a free, framed portrait.

EAST PARK ENERGY: 16/02/2024 proposed to undertake statutory consultation on the East Park Energy project this summer non-statutory consultation that we consult the British Horse Society, RSPB, and Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum, and we will add these to our list, but if you as Parish Councils wish to identify any further groups, suggestions required by 06/03/2024.

Litter Pick- organised and advertised as 24/03/2024.

Allotments – all now taken.

All

240220– 11 BMX track to be discussed next meeting tarmac (£31k) or limestone (£16k) Budget planning to see what we have and what we need to plan for. HWPC is awaiting from HDC the form to nominate two green bins under the 'land allocation scheme' for the use of the Garden Angels volunteers.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Stephen Cawley HDC Ward Cllr Report:

Festival of Huntingdonshire: Collaboration with Town and Parish councils - 19th February

This week the Huntingdonshire Futures Team extended an invitation to Town & Parish Councils to join an online engagement session. This session has been scheduled to allow the Town and Parish Councils an opportunity to provide their thoughts and feedback on HDC's proposals for a Festival of Huntingdonshire. For this engagement to be worthwhile; the Huntingdonshire Futures Team are understandably looking for a good turnout of representatives from Town and Parish Councils.

Monday, 1 April 2024 - Huntingdon DC 50th Anniversary

Thursday, 25 April 2024 - Huntingdonshire Day

Tuesday, 1 October 2024 - Huntingdonshire DC 40th Anniversary

HDC Taxi Consultation

HDC, in its capacity as the Licensing Authority, has the responsibility for ensuring the public travel in safe, well-maintained vehicles driven by competent drivers, as well as providing a fair and reasonable service for the taxi and private hire trade. To meet this responsibility, the Council has committed to reviewing the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy every 5 years or sooner.

All information can be found on the HDC website:

[HackneyCarriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2024 Consultation -Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

Garden Waste Subscription Service

Below is a list of the locations provisionally planned for the Saturday freighters.

Week 1

- Yaxley – Great Drove

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- Stilton – High Street near golf Course
- Sawtry – Caresco
- One Leisure - Ramsey

Week 2

- Hill Rise Car Park St Ives
- One Leisure Outdoor Centre, St Ives
- Burgess Hall St Ives

Week 3

- Eastfield House
- One Leisure - Huntingdon
- Godmanchester Yard
- Riverside Car Park, Huntingdon

Week 4

- Catworth Layby
- Tilbrook Layby
- Paxton Pits
- Riverside Car Park, St Neots
- One Leisure – St Neots

Budget 2024/25

Budget season is now upon us and papers are published on the HDC website and it went through Overview and Scrutiny on Wednesday 31 January.

The main headline is that HDC presents we a balanced budget that does not spend reserves and, importantly, protects front line services. Recent analysis shows that four in 10 councils are at risk of issuing a Section 114 notice over the next five years.

It is proposed that Band D Council Tax will go up by £5 a year from April 1 2024. The rise amounts to less than 10p a week and means that the average household will only pay around £3 a week for the service HDC provides.

<https://democracy.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/moderngov/ie/ListDocuments.aspx?MId=8229&x=1>

Recent Presentations to Overview & Scrutiny

Flooding Management Update

https://mcusercontent.com/c12c267f6eb236cbf6c4c1a8a/files/9e8fa2e0-8327-afb4-5452-7d1fdb51c08/Flooding_Management_Update.pdf

Alternative Land Management Update (grass cutting)

https://mcusercontent.com/c12c267f6eb236cbf6c4c1a8a/files/9935a084-92a5-a823-9ab5-5d7c645cb8e5/Alternative_Land_Management.pdf