

Hinxton Parish Council: Minutes of meeting held 13th July 2026

Present:

Ceri Williams - Chair

Sarah Robinson- Vice Chair

Andy Brown

Mike Boagey

Hugh Taylor

Anne Charteris-Clerk

Members of the Public: 5

	Part 1 : Non confidential information.
2607/01	To receive and approve apologies for absence: Chris Elliott
2607/02	To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda None declared
2607/03	To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 8th June 2026 Approved and signed off.
2607/04	Co-option of new Councillor. Clerk has received notice that Chris Elliott will be resigning from the Parish Council. Co-option will now be held at the next meeting as there will then be 2 vacancies on the council. An Extraordinary meeting will be held on the 3 rd August.
2607/05	Exclusion of the Public. To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded.
2607/06	Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald. The report can be found in full on the HPC website, but in brief <u>Cambridge Growth Company</u> Parish Councils are probably aware that the last government and this government have both had designs on increasing the growth of housing and jobs in Greater Cambridge far beyond what we have identified through our local plan process - 150,000 by 2050 "theirs" 77,000 by 2045 "ours" This aspiration has now taken a leap forward with the Labour Government formally announcing its intention to create a Government led Development Corporation covering the whole South Cambs and Cambridge City area. This is vastly larger in geography and population than has ever been seen before anywhere in the UK. There is no doubt that this will result in loss of greenbelt land though where that might be, we cannot as yet say. If the government does not amend its plans, as they currently stand, all planning applications above 250 units will be submitted to the Devco and decided by its own planning committee which will only have 4 elected members with the majority being 'experts. This represents a huge democratic deficit, with a Westminster minister having ultimate say. We are talking to government to see if we can move this situation into something acceptable to our council and communities based upon the large amount of consultation we have conducted and the responses we have seen to their consultation, most of which align with our strongly held views. As a minimum, that would mean increasing the thresholds for housing by a significant amount and getting assurance that the Devco will concentrate its resources on sorting out the infrastructure gap that is actually slowing growth of our area.

This includes the shortage of water, electricity, health, education and transport links.

Local Plan published

Following the consultation earlier in the year, the Greater Cambridge Local Plan has now been published. It will be considered by the council's Scrutiny & Overview Committee on 14 July and by Full Council on 16 July.

<https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/proposed-submission-greater-cambridge-local-plan-committee-pack>

Local Government Reorganisation

We are expecting a decision from the government imminently on which option will be chosen from those presented last year.

Community Pantry Grant

A new grant scheme has been launched by the District Council to provide funding of up to £400 to Parish Councils and community groups to set up a Community Pantry. This is part of the council's Cost of Living Support. Pantries of this type are simple, community-run spaces that provide residents with free access to food and everyday essentials, helping to tackle food insecurity while also reducing food waste. They are generally accessible, do not usually require staffing, and are maintained by the community.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/news/community-groups-invited-to-apply-for-new-community-pantry-grant>

Support for Mobile Warden Schemes

The District Council provides funding for a number of Mobile Warden Schemes, which help people maintain independent living for longer, and is currently promoting these to help increase uptake with a video highlighting the benefits of these arrangements.

Cost of Living and Anti Poverty Support

In May 2025, Cambridgeshire's independent Poverty Strategy Commission produced "A call for a strategic approach to end poverty across Cambridgeshire", then, in June 2025, the government announced the launch of the new multi-year Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF), replacing the previous Household Support Fund (HSF), with Cambridgeshire County Council receiving £5.3m in 2026-27 and 2027-28.

The new crisis payment scheme will respond flexibly to residents in financial crisis that could prevent them from being able to manage essential costs. Once immediate needs are addressed, residents will then be linked into wraparound resilience support, aiming to reduce the likelihood of future financial shocks.

Families eligible for but not currently registered for Free School Meals will also be prioritised, as will low-income families with younger children not registered for Healthy Start vouchers.

The new Crisis Payment scheme is expected to launch for Cambridgeshire residents in October 2026. Information about the support that's available in the interim period can be found [on our website](#).

The reports discussed by the committee can be found [on our website](#) and a recording of the meeting is available to watch on our [YouTube channel](#).

Read the Beat Reading Activities for Children

Children across Cambridgeshire can discover the joy of reading this summer by signing up to the musically themed 2026 Summer Reading Challenge.

The free Challenge at Cambridgeshire Libraries is open to pre-school and primary school-aged children of all reading abilities and encourages young readers to keep up their reading during the school holidays, building confidence and creativity along the way

Running from Saturday, 4 July, until Saturday, 5 September, the Challenge encourages children to read six books of their choice, with everything from fiction and non-fiction to audiobooks and eBooks counting towards their goal, as long as they are borrowed from the library.

[Please watch in YouTube for more accessibility options.- opens in a new tab](#)

Illegal Tobacco & Vapes

A multi-agency operation led by Cambridgeshire Trading Standards has resulted in the seizure of illegal tobacco and vapes across East Cambridgeshire.

On 23 June, officers worked alongside Cambridgeshire Police and HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) to carry out inspections at premises in Ely, Soham and Littleport. The operation led to the

2607/07	seizure of 25,000 illegal cigarettes, 6.85kg of hand-rolling tobacco and more than 138 illegal vaping products from three locations. Specialist Wagtail detection dogs, trained to locate hidden tobacco, supported the operation. The action forms part of ongoing work across the county to target the sale and supply of illicit tobacco and nicotine products. Over the past year, Trading Standards officers have seized around 3,500 illegal vapes and more than 32,000 illicit cigarettes across Cambridgeshire. Updates a. Wellcome Trust Campus Development Andy Brown attended the Community Liaison Group meeting on the 23rd June. James Tipping has left his position in the Greater Cambridge Planning Dept, replaced by Michael Sexton. Emma Hardwick remains our point of contact at Wellcome. 3 main contractors have been appointed to carry out the development; they are working with local communities. The bridges are under construction and it is expected they will be placed in their positions in November; roads will be closed over the weekend whilst this is being carried out. There will be an opening ceremony. Open access- plans have been submitted, this will result in the whole campus being open to everyone, buildings will have security at the entrances to each one, expected to be opened up in April 2028. Restaurants will have a wider menu and the current security building will be a farm shop/convenience store. A gym, 25m swimming pool, bowling and children's play area will be open to all, there will be a tiered costs with local villagers having a discount. They are tendering for bus services, may be a possibility for villagers to use this service. Parking in the village: Wellcome cannot legally stop workers parking in the village and walking to the Campus. There will be parking on the new site but it was questioned whether this will be enough, will there be parking for the new housing units? Possible solution may be residents parking permits in the village. ANPR will monitor traffic coming through villages. b. Village Hall extension. The Planning application has now been submitted. The bt survey has been done and there are no bats in the building. The report has been sent in, decision expected end of August. c. Wetlands Committee. Meeting to be held this Weds. c. Playground. The Parish Council have been awarded £2000 from the Ann Howsden Trust to help pay for a replacement SeeSaw, thanks given to the Trust. It was agreed to replace the seesaw with a metal beam rather than wood which rots. Clerk to contact Kompan to install this new piece of equipment. d. Quiet Lanes- response from Active Travel Dept: We've discussed the results as a team and would like to propose a Quiet Lane for Hinxton Road. A Quiet Lane is a designated minor rural road, usually between two villages, intended to prioritise walking, wheeling, cycling, horse riding, and other non-motorised users to enjoy using rural roads. They do this by improving safety and encouraging motor vehicles to slow down. This could involve an advisory 20mph speed limit, soft landscaping, road surface treatments and high visibility signage. For more information, you can visit our Quiet Lane webpage - - Quiet Lanes Cambridgeshire County Council. The process for designating the Quiet Lane would include consultation with local residents, councillors and stakeholders. We would hold an in-person engagement session locally to provide residents with more details on our proposal and an opportunity to raise questions and concerns. We would seek to work with yourselves throughout the process for your support and insight.
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Thanks were given to Mike Boagey for his work on this,

- e. Highways. Clerk has finally heard back from highways re putting up speed signs, an application has been submitted to install 3 posts to site the speed sign.
- f. Hinxton News . Jade Sharp has taken over the position of editor of the Hinxton News. Thanks were given to Steph Lotte for her work over the past few years editing the News. We are waiting to hear if Wellcome will continue funding the News.

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Public participation time. 15 minutes allowed

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New items for discussion and correspondence.

- State of the permissive paths in Hinxton. This was brought up at the Community Liaison Group and will be asked again at the Community Forum on Thursday. The paths have now been cut, but there are a lot of overhanging branches and the path leading to the railway is impassable. New gates have been installed on the first section from the Ford, We pay Bidwells £1000 per year for the upkeep and this is not up to standard.
- Community forum to be held at the Village Hall on the 16th July. Details will be available soon. It was agreed to print some flyers to let those in the village know that this is happening, MB to print and SR and MB to it has been advertised on the PC website and Facebook, but may not have been seen by everyone.
- Additional speed signs. It was agreed to buy 2 new speed signs once posts have been installed

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FINANCE

Bank Balances at 7th July 2026

Current A/C : £8015.97

Business /AC : £ 40,986.79

Village Hall sec 106 /AC: £71,952.82

Total: £120,955.58

Payments approved..

Clerk/HMRC	salary/tax/ ink/paper /WFH expenses	confidential
Microsoft	Storage	£35.28
S Lotte	Hinxton News editor	£100.00
Hugo Fox	Website hosting	£35.99
EE	Broadband	£32.99
LLoyds	Service charge	£4.25
Auditing Solutions	Internal Audit	£354
Lynn Smith	Plants	£45
LVP Architects	Building control information	£1050

Payments Received

LLoyds	Interest.	£44.86
Wellcome Trust	Payment Hinxton News editor	£1,000.00

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AUDIT 2025-2026

The Internal Audit has been completed by Auditing Solutions. Documents have now been posted on the website and Noticeboard. Clerk draws the Parish Councils attention to the Hinxton Report by the Auditor, this has been circulated to the PC and also on

	the website. The documents required have now been sent to the External Auditor for their review.
2607/12	Planning Applications Received. Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: Reserved Matters Approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of an Energy Farm (Sui Generis use class) positioned on Parcel Q (as defined in the approved Wellcome Genome Campus Strategic Design Guide). Consisting of: erection of plant and welfare building (up to 105m² GEA), associated parking, servicing area, supporting facilities, sub-surface boreholes (located beneath Parcel S) and connections to and provision of ambient loop infrastructure, primary substation, drainage infrastructure, hard and soft landscaping including lighting, access improvements from Commercial Loop, associated engineering, earthworks and utilities works and part discharge of condition 17. Site address: Land At Parcels Q And S Wellcome Trust Genome Campus Cambridge Road Reference: 26/02312/REM Public Access Link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/02312/REM Consultation period expires: 22/07/2026 Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: Installation of a toilet inside the church vestry (permission being applied for through the Church of England faculty application process) linked to an underground waste holding tank installed within the churchyard and new external doors. Site address: St Mary And St Johns Church Church Green Hinxton Reference: 26/00737/FUL Public Access Link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/00737/FUL Comments by 21 July 2026.
2607/13	Correspondence received
2607/14	Items to report for inclusion of next meeting Setting up sub committees.working groups. Speed signs/posts
2607/15	Dates of next meetings Village Hall 7.30pm Extraordinary meeting 3rd August 2026 Sept 14th 2026 Part II: Confidential Information Exclusion of the Press and the Public: To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting. Signature: <i>Anne Charteris</i> Parish Clerk 14th July 2026