

Hinxton Parish Council: Minutes of Meeting held 12th October 2026

Present:

Ceri Williams - Chair

Sarah Robinson- Vice Chair

Andy Brown

Mike Boagey

Anne Charteris-Clerk

Members of the Public: 8

	Part 1 : Non confidential information.
2610/01	To receive and approve apologies for absence. Hugh Taylor, Jade Sharp, Neil Davison, Cllr Peter McDonald
2610/02	To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda Ceri Williams- planning application for removing hedge.
2610/03	To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 14th Sept 2026 Approved and signed.
2610/04	Exclusion of the Public. To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded.
2610/05	Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald. The full report can be found on the Babraham PC website, but in brief: <u>Delay to Local Government Reorganisation</u> On 7 September the government announced a delay in the process of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). For the past two years, local councils in Cambridgeshire have been preparing for the process of reorganisation into Unitary Authorities that was announced by the government in 2024. We had been working hard to meet a challenging timetable, as elections to these new authorities had been scheduled for May 2027, followed by a handover of control in 2028. This involved significant outlay of council officer time and money in preparing the business plans for the proposed new councils and preparing council operations for the anticipated handover. The details of the delay have still not been clarified, but the information so far indicates that there will be no elections to the new Unitary Authorities in 2027 as previously planned. Instead, we are expecting the local elections scheduled for existing councils to take place next May (this includes Cambridge City Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council). <u>New tool to help Planning applicants</u> Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has launched a new online tool called PlanX to help residents work out what permission they need for changes to their property. Planning permission may be required for some developments, but other proposals can be carried out under permitted development rights without the need for a formal planning application. The new service has been introduced to help residents access clear guidance before starting a project, without having to pay the fees associated with formal planning advice. https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/check-if-i-need-planning-permission <u>People's Emergency Briefing showings</u> In November 2025, the National Emergency Briefing brought together leading experts to present the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis to politicians and other influential people in Westminster. The People's Emergency Briefing brings together people in local communities across the UK to hear the evidence and discuss how to respond, together with their local representatives. A live map of briefings lists showings in Thriplow, Great Shelford, Fulbourn, Hardwick and several in Cambridge during October and November.

Transformation Programme secures £11.9 million in savings over 5 years

The council launched its Transformation Programme in 2020 to ensure that it could continue to deliver high-quality services despite rising demand and reduced central Government funding. A report presented to Cabinet in September illustrates how the programme has generated efficiencies worth around £11.9 million, with more than £8.2 million directly benefiting the District Council. The rest is shared with Cambridge City Council through joint services, including Greater Cambridge Shared Planning, which is now recognised nationally for its innovative use of technology, customer focus and service performance.

<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s144455/Transformation%20report%20Cabinet%20sept%2026.pdf>

Financial hardship funding of £180k secured

A package of targeted support to help low-income households facing financial hardship build long-term financial resilience has been agreed by Cabinet. The funding comes from the new Crisis and Resilience Fund, a national Government scheme. It will support a range of initiatives across South Cambridgeshire, including baby boxes for low-income households, emergency supermarket vouchers, travel support, debt reduction schemes and a savings incentive scheme. The work of the council on tackling poverty via the Low Income Family Tracker was recognised recently with an award at the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation.

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/news/council-confirms-180000-to-help-residents-facing-financial-hardship>

Budget & Spending

Cambridgeshire County Council has launched a public engagement survey to ask for residents' opinions on where it should prioritise spending and savings in the years ahead.

Every year, the council must set a legal budget which balances spending needs against income from council tax, which accounts for around one-third of council funding, business rates, government grants, and fees and charges for some services. These funding sources collectively support a wide range of services including children's and adult social care, education and SEND services, libraries, highways, public health, regulatory services and waste management and recycling.

Follow this link to have your say: Business Plan and Budget 2027-28 to 2029-30: Phase 1

Engagement - Your Voice - Cambridgeshire County Council - Citizen Space

<https://yourvoice.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business-planning/27-28-phase-1-engagement/>

Flood Warnings

As the season changes into autumn, Cambridgeshire County Council is urging local residents to think about whether their property is at risk of flooding and take time to prepare for potential flooding.

Anyone can check whether their property is at risk of flooding by visiting the Gov.uk website.

<https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/location/cambridge-cambridgeshire>

By typing in a postcode you can discover the long-term risk of flooding in that area, how climate change might increase the chance of flooding and how to manage a flood risk.

Roadworks Overruns

The number of days roadworks overran in Cambridgeshire fell by almost half during 2025/26, as Cambridgeshire County Council stepped up enforcement, issuing more than £424,000 in fines and charges to utility companies and other organisations.

The council issued 1,443 Fixed Penalty Notices, generating £196,286, for offences including working without the necessary permit or failing to comply with permit conditions. A further £228,350 was recovered through charges for works that overran their agreed duration.

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Updates

- a. Wellcome Trust Campus Development including report from meeting with WT.
An informal meeting was held between Matt Nicholson, Ceri Williams and Andy Brown.
Changes to New Road junction: unlikely to change as according to Highways report, there is no problem with the layout. It may change in the future if needed with any other road

	changes, but not for some while. Peter McDonld has been asked for the report re this junction. Permissive footpaths- a date to be confirmed when Matt will join Councillors and walk these paths to point out problems. Quiet Lanes- nothing WT can do to help with this at the moment. Awaiting final clarification of how much land is owned by the PC at the Village Hall, it has always been thought that the first 2 allotments belonged to the PC, but needs to be confirmed, although this will not affect the extension. Proposed autonomous/guided bus from the Camous to Whittlesford station. A lot of work has been done at the station end: extending platform south of the A505, however no route has been decided on yet. Next meeting in December. b. Village Hall extension. Plans for the recosting of the build have been received, some changes were needed and specificity changes, the amount has risen considerably and more than expected, so no documents have been sent out yet for tender. The plans are being looked at again to see where savings can be made. Clerk to look into savings account where the money for the Hall can be deposited to get as much interest as possible. Dates for building works: it is hoped that the plans can be sent out for tender early next year, building to start in the spring/summer and finished by Christmas. In the meantime the Hall can still be booked out for events. c. Wetlands Committee. Nothing to report. d. Playground. New seesaw installed, thanks to Ann Howsden charity for donation £2000 towards the cost. It has been noted that the seesaw is very squeaky, Clerk to contact the installers to have a look at it and fix the squeak. e. Quiet Lanes- Duxford Road. Nothing to report. f. Highways. Update Hunts Lane one way and 30mph speed application. Local Highway application for 20mph, we ended up at position 25 out of 85 applications, only 7 applications were likely to be granted 20mph status. Clerk will apply again next year. Hunts Lane: following a call with Cambs County Council, their design team have said that we can't have it made one way as that would stop larger lorries eg waste, removals and delivery lorries going down from the main road, if they were to go down they would be breaking the law. If the lorries turned in from the High St, then this would be too tight for them to enter. County Councils suggestion is to put a sign at each side of Hunts Lane from the A1301 as an advisory that its not suitable for large vehicles. If they then go down, get stuck or cause damage, it will be their responsibility not the Councils. We can have the speed changed to 30mph, this will now go back to the design team, we will be sent the plan for approval and then once sent back to them, they will put it on the list to be done. there were about 130 traffic orders when we applied last year, we are about number 60 on the list, so will not be done yet.
2610/07	Public participation time. 15 minutes allowed Concern regarding the new building going up, this seems larger and closer to the road than expected.
2610/08	New items for discussion and correspondence. Bus service in Hinxton- There will be a review of the 7A which also looks at school transport. It's not saying it will be cut but that there will be new services (the 7 service remains but was integrated with Sawston school transport).

2610/09

<https://democracy.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/documents/s7450/Bus%20Services%20Reimagined%20-%20Service%20Change%20Proposals.pdf>

There is also consideration of the needs of the IWM as it covers this and if the AvTech is approved the bus service provision for 28/29 will be crucial

Approval of Ann Howsden Trustee- the Council voted to approve the new Trustee, Mary Munday

FINANCE

Bank Balances at 6th Oct 2026

Current A/C : £4678.32
 Business /AC : £ 41,038.46
 Village Hall sec 106 /AC: £49,478.06
Total: £95,189.64

Payments approved and signed.

Clerk/HMRC	salary/tax/ ink/paper /WFH expenses	confidential
Microsoft	Storage	£35.28
J Sharp	Hinxton News editor	£100.00
Hugo Fox	Website hosting	£35.99
EE	Broadband	£35.99
Lloyds	Service charge	£4.25
SSE	GAS	£81.60
Andrew Firebrace	Structural survey	£5916.00
Clear Insurance	Insurance	£1326.35
Kompan	Seesaw purchase and installation	£5070.44*

*To be paid, not included in balance.

Payments Received

Lloyds	Interest.	£44.27
Village Hall Comm	Utilities	£853.03
Ann Howsden	Donation towards seesaw	£2000

2610/10

Planning Applications Received.

Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council

Proposal: Demolition of existing side extension and proposal of two storey side/rear extension with changes to fenestration and internal remodelling

Site address: Sky Cottage 8 High Street Hinxton

Reference: 26/03478/HFUL

Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/03478/HFUL>

Council had no objection

Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council

Proposal: T1 - Cherry Tree - Crown reduction by approx. 1.5m

T2 - Swedish Whitebeam - Crown reduction by approx. 2m

T3 - Bay - Crown reduction by approx. 1.5m

Site address: 33 High Street Hinxton Cambridgeshire

Reference: 26/1084/TTCA

Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/1084/TTCA>

Council had no objection

	Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: T1 = Silver Birch - Reduce crown by 2 metres Site address: 87 High Street Hinxton Cambridgeshire Reference: 26/1023/TTCA Public Access link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/1023/TTCA <i>Council had no objection</i> Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: Hedgerow removal of up to 8m of hedgerow Site address: Land To The South-west And East Of Hinxton Grange Cambridge Road Hinxton Reference: 26/03773/TTHR Public Access Link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/03773/TTHR <i>Council had no objection but said that the hedge should be replanted afterwards</i>
2610/11	Correspondence received From a Hinxton resident, has been passed on to Wellcome: Over the last couple of days, I have noticed several large grab trucks operated by S W Harradine travelling from the site along the A1301 towards Pampisford. The A1301 is subject to a 50 mph speed limit. On Tuesday, I followed one of these vehicles, registration AY67 NKK, which was travelling at approximately 60 mph. My understanding is that LGVs are generally subject to a 56 mph speed limiter, so the vehicle appeared to be travelling at or beyond its maximum permitted speed. Yesterday, I again encountered a vehicle from the same company travelling at a similar speed. I appreciate that these vehicles are operating as part of the construction works, but I would be grateful if a message could be passed to the site management and relevant contractors reminding them of the need to respect local speed limits and to drive considerately through the surrounding communities. This was sent to the Wellcome Trust who will be looking into it.
2610/12	Items to report for inclusion of next meeting
2610/13	Dates of next meetings Village Hall 7.30pm 9th November 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 6th Oct 2026