

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9th December 2025 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

O Oldfield (Chair) (OO)
N Burdett (NB)
S Maller (SM)
R Rowley-Smith (RRS) Arrived at 8.05pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Cambridgeshire County Councilor Ian Gardener, Huntingdonshire District Council Councillor Stephen Cawley and Sarah Milonas (Clerk).

ACTION

251209 – 1 OPEN FORUM AND TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cambridgeshire County Council Councillor Ian Gardener presented his report (attached)

Huntingdonshire District Council Councillor Stephen Cowley presented his report (attached).

251209 – 2 RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from VB & PM.

251209 - 3 RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS No declarations made

251209 - 4 APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES (18th November 2025) Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th November 2025.

251209-5 CO-OPTION FOR COUNCILLOR VACANCY Resolved to defer to January meeting

251209- 6 MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES Resolved to defer to January meeting Clerk to rename NB responsibility to Highways

CLERK

251209 – 7 ST NEOTS MULTI PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Next meeting date was noted

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ACTION

- 251209 - 8** LHI BIDS
Decline to apply to this application round.
Clerk to establish when next funding round opens. Once this is established Parish Council to consider a leaflet drop of Bird Lane and Green Lane to ascertain whether the residents would like the roads to be one way

CLERK

- 251205 - 9** PLANNING
None

- 251118-10** FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE
a) Approved
b) Approved

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| Business Money Manager | 44838.82 |
| Community a/c normal cheque a/c | 3089.29 |
| | <u>47,928.11</u> |

| December 2025 expenditure | |
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| SM Wages December SCP 29 £20.66/hr (HMRC 219.51) | 864.05 |
| Fresh Pay | 7.80 |
| P Baker | 292.50 |
| Hugo Fox Emails Dec 2025 | 20.99 |
| Hugo Fox Website Build | 238.80 |
| Strength & Balance | 164.00 |
| Water Allotments Aug-Nov 2025 | 143.80 |
| K&M Lights Maintenance 2025/26 | 157.08 |
| Total | 1889.02 |

- c) Approved
d) Approved option 3, Clerk to inform Village Fete Committee

CLERK

- 251209-11** COMMUNITY LED PLAN REVIEW
The Parish Council actions contained in the Community Led Plan were discussed and it was agreed that all that were feasible had been delivered.

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| 251209-12 | EAST PARK ENERGY OO to register on behalf of the Parish Council and circulate a draft for comment. SM to respond to email and consider attending zoom call on joined up Parish response. | OO SM |
| 251209-13 | HAIL WESTON ROAD AND PATH ASSESSMENT 2025 Councillor Gardener to invite Highways officer to a meeting I the village and confirm. | |
| 251209-14 | DRAFT LOCAL PLAN Clerk to resubmit Parish Council's previous comments | |
| 251209-15 | WEBSITE & EMAILS Agreed | |
| 251209-16 | MEMBERS UPDATES RRS – Open space checks will be completed next week in line with original meeting date, NB – None SM – None OO – None | |
| 251209-17 | COMMUNICATIONS a) OO confirmed attendance and confirmed photo and video consent. Clerk to confirm. b) PC to regretfully decline due to space. Clerk to reply. | CLERK CLERK |
| 251209-18 | MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA - Member Responsibilities There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.46 pm. | |

Cllr Ian Gardener

Monthly Report December 25

Local Government Reorganisation

All the Local authorities in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough have submitted their preferred options to Government regarding Local Government Reorganisation, which has resulted in four options being submitted

The Options put forward to Government are Option A , by the County Council which is for 2 unitaries, made up as follows -

Option A – Unitary 1 - Peterboro City, Huntingdonshire & Fenland
Unitary 2 – Cambridge City, South Cambs and East Cambs

Option B has been submitted by Cambridge City, South Cambs and East Cambs, which is again for 2 unitaries, made up of -
Option B - Unitary 1 – Peterboro City, Huntingdonshire, Fenland and East Cambs

Unitary 2 – Cambridge City & South Cambs

Option D has been submitted by Peterborough City and Fen; [and Fenland District Council](#) ; which would split Cambridgeshire & Peterborough into 3 unitary councils which are :

Unitary 1 – Greater Peterborough - Peterborough City & North Hunts including the Kimbolton Ward

Unitary 2 - Mid Cambs – Fenland, East Cambs and South Hunts including St Neots, Godmanchester, St Ives, Ramsey & Great Staughton Ward including Hail Weston

Unitary 3 – Cambridge – Cambridge City & South Cambs

Proposal D sees Huntingdonshire split in two

Option E has been submitted by Huntingdonshire which would also be 3 Unitaries with Huntingdonshire as a Unitary Authority in its own right

Unitary 1 – Huntingdonshire

Unitary 2 – Peterborough City, Fenland & East Cambs

Unitary 3 - Cambridge City & South Cambs

So now it is Options A, B & D and E that government will have to consider.

Consultation on the proposals will be undertaken between Jan26 and post May 26 elections.

Government will then announce its proposal for LGR in Cambridgeshire before the Summer recess, with the necessary legislation being put before Parliament to approve after the Summer 26 recess.

With Elections to the new Shadow unitary Authorities taking place in May 27. The new Unitary Authorities will take over running all services in April 28.

BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET PROPOSALS 26-27 to 28-29

Cambridgeshire County Council will present its draft Business Plan and Budget Proposals for 26-27 to 28-29 at the meeting of the Councils Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee on Thursday 11th December, which will be live streamed on the Councils YouTube Channel.

The Council is inviting all Parish and Town Councils to attend an Online session on Thursday 11th December between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. You can register your attendance via the link on the Cambridgeshire Matters November edition

Guided Busway

Fencing is being installed to separate the Busway from the Maintenance track/the active travel route that runs along side the busway. This is a commitment to Health & Safety on the Busway. Travel times on the Busway have increased whilst this work is implemented. People are reminded whilst this work is proceeding they should keep to the maintenance track and only cross at formal crossing points.

Solar powered EV Charging points are now available at the St Ives Park & Ride site. Nine Chargers 22kw chargers have been installed, 8 of which are available for everyone to use with the ninth charger designated for disabled drivers. The chargers use renewable energy produced by solar panels mounted on canopies over the Park & Ride Site.

Highways

A New Highways reporting system went live on 22nd September. The new system known as Aurora reporting system introduces several improvements that will enhance the customer experience. All Highways defects should be reported on the County Councils Highways Report It tool so that all faults are logged and can be processed according to severity.

Highways defects include potholes, blocked gullies, flooding, trees, overgrown hedges, obscured signs etc

LHI Bids for 26/27 will open on 10th November 25 and close on 16th January 26. Feasibility studies will be undertaken between Feb and May 26 on the bids. With the panel meetings and decision date to be confirmed.

20mph scheme applications will open on 26 January 26 and close on 27th March 26. With the prioritization programme being undertaken between April and July 26. With the successful schemes going for approval at the October 26 Committee meeting. The County Council is currently preparing its Asset Management Strategy which will set out the approach to managing and maintaining each asset to secure best value, safety and asset longevity going forward. It is expected to present the final plan to committee in Spring 26 ie the March, Highways & Transportation Committee meeting.

Missing out on Pension Credit

In Cambridgeshire up to one in three people who are eligible for Pension Credit are not claiming it. The average Household could get around £186 per month.

Pension Credit is extra money to help with living costs if you're over State Pension age and on a low income. Claiming Pension Credit can also unlock other benefits including the Winter Fuel Payment, help with NHS dental treatment, glasses and hospital transport costs.

You can check eligibility and claim Pension Credit on the GOV.UK website.

Cllr Ian Gardener – CCC Alconbury &
Kimbolton Division

