

# Hinxton Parish Council: Minutes of Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Present:

- Ceri Williams - Chair
- Sarah Robinson- Vice Chair
- Andy Brown
- Mike Boagey
- Hugh Taylor
- Chris Elliott
- Cllr Peter McDonald
- Anne Charteris-Clerk
- Members of the Public: 2

	<p><b>Part 1 : Non confidential information.</b></p>
2604/01	<p><b>To receive and approve apologies for absence:</b> None received</p>
2604/02	<p><b>To receive members’ declaration of interest for items on this agenda.</b> Andy Brown- Ann Howsden</p>
2604/03	<p><b>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b> Minutes were approved and signed.</p>
2604/04	<p><b>To discuss submitting a request for financial assistance re a new or replacement piece of playground equipment for the Ann Howsden Trust committee meeting on June 9th.</b> It was agreed to request financial assistance to replace the seesaw in the Playground. SR to fill in the form.</p>
2604/05	<p><b>Exclusion of the Public.</b> To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded.</p>
2604/06	<p><b>Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald.</b> The report can be found in full on the HPC website, but in brief:  <b>Local Government Reorganisation</b>                      Four options for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) were submitted to the government in November. The Ministry of Housing, Communities &amp; Local Government consulted on these in March.                      We are expecting a decision from the government on which option will be chosen in July. Parish Councils will not be affected directly by the legislation, although the election cycle is likely to change and parishes will only be served by one councillor where today they are served by two.  <b>Energy Efficiency Award</b>                      The District Council was Highly Commended in the East of England 2026 Regional Energy Efficiency Awards, based on significant energy efficiency improvements at South Cambs Hall, in our social housing stock, and at the Waterbeach Renewable Energy Network   <b>New Cabinet appointed</b>                      The Cabinet for the new District Council administration has been confirmed as:  <a href="https://www.scamb.gov.uk/councillors-and-committees/our-cabinet-members">https://www.scamb.gov.uk/councillors-and-committees/our-cabinet-members</a>   <b>Zero Carbon Grants</b>                      The eighth round of the Council’s Zero Carbon Communities Grant is now open, offering a share of £152,000 to projects across the district that will reduce carbon emissions and foster community</p>

engagement around climate change. The scheme is open to Parish Councils and a wide range of community groups, offering grants of between £2,000 and £19,500.

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/news/council-pledges-more-money-for-zero-carbon-communities-grants>

#### **East West Rail consultation**

The East West Rail company's final consultation is still open until 9 June. This will be the last opportunity for our communities to have their say on the plans and help shape the final design.

<https://eastwestrail.co.uk/news/latest-stories/east-west-rail-announces-details-of-final-consultation>

#### **Woodland Initiative**

Cambridgeshire County Council is inviting communities, landowners and farmers to come forward if they have land suitable for new woodland, hedgerow creation, and nature recovery, as part of a campaign to rebuild the county's depleted tree cover.

The project delivers a wide range of benefits including climate resilience, carbon storage, flood management, improved biodiversity, cleaner air and better public health.

Priority will be given to:

- Lower-grade agricultural land
- Sites next to existing habitats such as woodland, wetlands or meadows
- Land that can help connect ecological networks across Cambridgeshire.

Those interested are encouraged to complete the secure online form by 30 June 2026 for the 2026/27 planting season. Further information about the offers to support the delivery of these woodlands will be available over the next couple of months: [Woodland Creation | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

#### **Quality of Life Survey**

Cambridgeshire County Council has launched its annual [Quality of Life survey](#), inviting residents to share their views on life in Cambridgeshire and the issues that matter most to them and their communities.

Alongside the random sample, all residents are encouraged to take part via the council's website at: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/quality-of-life-survey](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/quality-of-life-survey)

The survey will remain open into the summer and close on 5 August 2026, after which responses will be analysed and shared with councillors and the public in the autumn.

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#### **Updates**

a. **Wellcome Trust Campus Development.** Nothing new to report.

b. **Village Hall extension.** The planning application has now been submitted. Andy Brown is in conversation with Bidwells to confirm the actual size of the land belonging to the Village Hall, although this will not have any impact on the extension.

c. **Wetlands Committee.** Minutes have been posted on the website.

d. **Playground.** It was agreed to submit an application for funds from the Ann Howsden charity to replace the seesaw which has been reported to have cracking in the wooden beam. Following the safety report, some items in the playground will be removed. Tim Robinson has cut down some branches which were hanging over some of the equipment, thanks to him for doing this work.

e. **Quiet Lanes.** Nothing to report yet, however the recent problem with traffic through the village due to an accident on the A505 highlights the need to do something to deter cars from using the village as a rat run.

f. **Highways.** No feedback yet re the New Road junction. Clerk to continue to chase up Highways to install new posts for siting the speed sign. Thanks to Neil Davison for putting up the sign in Duxford Road. A505: South Cambs District Council, County Council officers and Wellcome Trust are in talks to discuss how much to spend on this, possibly in the region of £10 million.

g. **Hinxton News** Mike Boagey will be meeting with Emma Hardwick from Wellcome Trust to discuss the funding of the Hinxton news. Steph Lotte is sadly stepping down from Editing the Hinxton News, thanks given to her for all her work over the past 2 years. An expression of interest to take over the editorship of the News was received from one of the residents present, which was welcomed.

h. **Planting of whips.** The 6 whips need to be planted into their final position, sites were discussed, possibly in Ancient Lane. Clerk to contact Wellcome to see if we could do this.

**2604/08 Public participation time. 15 minutes allowed**

**2604/09 New items for discussion and correspondence.**  
 Potential roadway from Wellcome Campus to Whittlesford parkway. Clerk to contact Robert Evans to ask that we be included in any discussions about this, it has been mentioned several years before to create a corridor for autonomous vehicles.

**2604/10 FINANCE**  
**Bank Balances at 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026**  
**Current A/C : £9351.84**  
**Business /AC : £ 40,970.51**  
**Village Hall sec 106 /AC: £71,952.82**  
**Total: £122.275.17**

**Payments were approved and signed off.**

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
Playsource	Playground safety inspection	£90.00
Planning Portal	Village Hall planning application	£1006
Cloudnext	Domain and dot gov emails	£179.98
Castle Hill Ecology	BNG report village Hall	£1995.00
SEE	Gas & electric	£160.44
C Frankau	Grass cutting- 4 years	£3300.00
Bidwells	License	£816.44

**Payments Received**

Lloyds	Interest.	£49.49
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**2604/11 Planning Applications Received.**  
 Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council  
 Proposal: Upgrade, extension and refurbishment of Hinxton Village Hall including partial demolition.  
 Site address: 51 High Street Hinxton Cambridgeshire  
 Reference: 26/01981/FUL  
 Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/01981/FUL>  
*Parish Council in full support.*

**2604/12 Correspondence received.**  
 Invoice received for plants provided at the Telephone kiosk, Clerk to arrange payment

**2604/13 Items to report for inclusion of next meeting:**  
 Purchasing 2 more speed signs  
 Co-option of new Councillors

**2604/14**

**Dates of next meetings Village Hall 7.30pm**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 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: *Anne Charteris* Parish Clerk 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026