

# Hinxton Parish Council: Minutes of meeting held 13th Feb 2023

**Present:**

Emma Senior

Chris Elliott

Hugh Taylor

Sarah Robinson

Ceri Williams

Chiara Gardner

Clerk: Anne Charteris

Members of the Public: 5

	<b>Part 1 : Non confidential information.</b>
<b>2302/01</b>	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b> Sam Nichols
<b>2302/02</b>	<b>To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda:</b> none declared
<b>2302/03</b>	<b>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023</b> Minutes approved and signed
<b>2302/04</b>	<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.
<b>2302/05</b>	<p><b>Report from South Cambridgeshire District &amp; County Councillor P McDonald</b> Cllr McDonald had sent in his report beforehand, this is available on the website but in brief:</p> <p><b><u>Budgeting &amp; Council Tax</u></b> The proposal is to approve an increase in the District element of the Council Tax of £5 per annum, giving an average Band D Council Tax of £165.31, plus the relevant amounts required by the precepts of the Parish Councils, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire Police &amp; Crime Commissioner, and the Cambridgeshire Fire Authority.</p> <p><b><u>Key Amnesty for Council Houses</u></b> Anyone misusing Council properties is being offered a one-off opportunity to return their keys without facing criminal proceedings during a month-long crackdown by South Cambridgeshire District Council. A Key Amnesty campaign called #DoTheRightThing is taking place across the district during February to give tenants the opportunity to voluntarily hand in their keys, for a limited time, with the promise of no further action being taken.</p> <p><b><u>Good news on Funding for Housing</u></b> The Council has been awarded £4.5 million as part of the Government's Local Authority Housing Fund. The funding, which will run over this financial year and into 2023-24 is to help the Council to acquire 30 additional homes. These will initially be used to accommodate refugees from Ukraine and Afghanistan, but when they are no longer needed for this purpose the homes will be available through the housing waiting list (as council houses)</p> <p><b><u>More frequent battery recycling collections</u></b> Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire households can now conveniently recycle used,</p>

2302/06	<p>small batteries weekly, thanks to changes to waste collections. Adjustments to bin lorries mean that small plastic bags containing used batteries can now simply be left on top of green, black or blue bins for collection by crews on their usual rounds.</p> <p><b><u>New funding for defibrillators</u></b></p> <p>The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced £1 million of funding to increase the number of automated external defibrillators in communities – providing an estimated 1,000 new defibrillators in community spaces in England</p> <p><b><u>Homes for Ukraine: Hosts still needed for guests already in South Cambridgeshire</u></b></p> <p>Hosts are still desperately needed across South Cambridgeshire to support families who have already arrived from Ukraine, with hosts eligible to receive up to £500 a month as a thank you payment. Around 770 people from Ukraine have already arrived in South Cambridgeshire and with the war continuing - and it not being safe for many families to return - there is an ongoing demand to provide them with a safe place to stay.</p> <p><b><u>New “Energy Bills Discount Scheme” for businesses announced</u></b></p> <p>On 9 January the government announced a new energy scheme for businesses, charities, and the public sector, ahead of the current scheme ending in March. The scheme will mean that all eligible UK businesses and other non-domestic energy users will receive a discount on high energy bills until 31 March 2024.</p> <p><b><u>Bus Services &amp; Precept</u></b></p> <p>At the Combined Authority Board meeting on 25 January the Board approved the Mayor’s draft budget for 2023/24 incorporating a Mayoral General Precept to support buses across our region. The Mayoral General Precept, will be an annual charge of £12 for a band D property and, based on forecasts from collection authorities would raise £3.6m in 2023-24. The precept is in response to the financial pressure facing the Combined Authority across its supported bus services. Stagecoach withdrew from 18 bus routes and reduced a further 5 citing that declining bus travel compounded by the pandemic made these routes financially unsustainable.</p> <p><b><u>Households to get new cost-of-living payments from spring 2023</u></b></p> <p>The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has announced more detail on the payment schedule for the next round of cost-of-living support unveiled in the Chancellor’s Autumn Statement on 17 November. The £900 payment for over eight million eligible means-tested benefits claimants (including those on Universal Credit, Pension Credit and tax credits) starts in spring. Payments will go directly to bank accounts in three payments over the course of the financial year. There will also be a separate £150 for over six million disabled people and £300 for over eight million pensioners on top of their winter fuel payment. Payments will be made automatically if individuals are eligible and there will be no need to apply.</p> <p><b>Great Chesterford Hardcore Site : ESS/109/22/UTT</b></p> <p>This was refused. Planning Appeal:  <a href="https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?CaseID=3306988&amp;CoID=0">https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?CaseID=3306988&amp;CoID=0</a></p> <p><b>Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Parish Review- deferred until a later date.</li> <li>b. Wellcome Trust Campus Development. Planning application has been sent in now, the application ref is SCDC Reference 23/00482/FUL. This will be looked at in detail by Sam Nichols and planning advisor.        All responses by HPC with regard to applications can be found on the HPC website under Local Developments, as well as slides from recent Community Forums. A reminder that residents can sign up for news alerts on the website.</li> <li>c. Village Hall extension: no further news</li> </ul>
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	<p>d. Local Wellcome matters: Wetlands Committee. The Minutes will be posted on the website once received.</p> <p>e. Playground. The repairs have been done and the new gate waiting to be installed. The annual safety inspection will be carried out in the next few weeks.</p> <p>f. Highways. Main Topic of conversation was the state of the roads, below are the comments received recently from County Council.</p> <p><u>Potholes- comment from County Council:</u></p> <p>Potholes have worsened dramatically following the December freeze and continuing wet weather, unsurprisingly given the effects of freezing temperatures and water on long neglected infrastructure resulting from decades of underfunding and a policy of 'managed decline.' Last summer's drought has had an additional impact on soil beneath road structures, causing further problems.</p> <p>We have been working closely with our Local Highways Officer to log potholes for action and we would encourage everyone to please check on the 'Cambridgeshire Report a Fault' webpage <a href="https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/">https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/</a> to find out whether potholes you are concerned about have already been logged. If not, please do log the pothole and note the reference number. If there is a problem with the reporting page do let us know. Please note that currently, when the subcontractors go out to fill potholes, they can only address what has been logged on the system, though the council is looking at whether this can be changed.</p> <p>You'll be interested to know that in one week in January 5586 potholes were reported – 2.5 times the normal. The dragon patchers (of which there are two) can do 100 every day, with manned teams able to do only 20 a day. We fixed more than 45,000 last year. Over 500 claims are made for compensation for vehicle damage every year of which the County Council settle approximately 85.</p> <p>g. Village Hall Nothing new to report.</p> <p>h. A505 Report- (awaiting report from meeting in Sept)</p> <p>i. Aggregate site in Gt Chesterford. The license has been refused.</p> <p>j. Any other Village matters –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defibrillator training: only 3 people interested in attending the course, needs to be 12 people to be viable.</li> <li>• Gigaclear- zoom meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> Feb and drop in event 20<sup>th</sup> Feb at the Congregation Chapel, Carmel St Great Chesterford , 4.30 – 7.30</li> <li>• Allotments- 2 have been taken by new people, still 1 available,</li> </ul>
<b>2302/07</b>	<p><b>New items for discussion and correspondence.</b></p> <p>Coronation of King Charles III. An event will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, similar to the very successful Jubilee event held last year. Details will be sent round nearer the time. The PC agreed to contribute £250 towards the event.</p>
<b>2302/08</b>	<p><b>Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed</b></p> <p>Resident asked why the bridges in the Wellcome estate had been taped up and one barricaded off, Clerk to write to WT to ask what is happening.</p> <p>Resident asked about whether there would be a Spring clean-up as held in previous years. It was agreed that the event would be on the 1<sup>st</sup> April between 9.30 and 11am, meet at the Village Hall and afterwards at the Pub- to be confirmed with the Red Lion.</p> <p>Clerk to order Pickers, gloves and black bags.</p>
<b>2302/09</b>	<p><b>Chairs Report.</b></p> <p>Nothing to add.</p>

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FINANCE

Bank Balances at 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

Current A/C £20,109.42

Business /AC £11,051.10

Village Hall sec 106 /AC £7560.49

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Payments for approval

Drax	Street Lighting	£1.94
Clerk/HMRC	salary/tax/expenses: ink/paper	£464.48
1 & 1 internet	Emails &website	£24.60
Crown gas and Power	Utilities -Gas	£37.60
Hugo Fox	Website	£35.99
CPRE	Subs	£36

Payments were approved and signed off.

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Payment Received

Lloyds	Interest	£8.03
Allotment	Rents	£20.00
CCC	Grass cutting contribution	£281.16
Village Hall Comm	Utilities	£275.66

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Planning Applications Received.

Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council

Proposal: S73 to vary condition 2 (drawings) of ref: 22/01048/FUL (Erection of storage barn and stable (resubmission of approval ref 21/04206/FUL) to show revised fenestration and provision of solar panels to roof space.

Site address: Hinxton Grange, Churchfield House Cambridge Road Hinxton

Reference: 23/00143/S73

Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/00143/S73>

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Decision Notices

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Items to report for inclusion in the next meeting

To discuss the next dates of meetings as the next 2 months coincide with Easter Monday, and in May with the Coronation and to decide whether to stay at one per month or to go back to meetings being held every 2 months.

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Dates of next Meetings 7.30pm Village Hall:

Full Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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.