

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18th November 2025 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

O Oldfield (Chair) (OO)
N Burdett (NB)
P Martin (PM)
S Mailer (SM)

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

ACTION

251118 – 1 OPEN FORUM AND TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Resident Tony Baker explained the background on the recently completed resident led street survey. The PC resolved that the survey would be made an agenda item at the December meeting and discussed further.

Clerk to add item to the December agenda.
Resident Tony Baker left the meeting.

CLERK

Councilor Gardener confirmed that Highways are going to complete some maintenance on the Ford Road. The works should happen within the next 12 weeks and will include filling potholes and cutting back vegetation. Councilor Gardener also confirmed that it would be highly unlikely to get approval for the road to be shut for 6 months of the year (if it was converted to a by way) as the environmental agency would need to approve it.

Councilor Gardener also confirmed there are currently 5 options being proposed for Local Government Organisation. Councilor also confirmed that LHI bids are now open.

Two current campaigns are being run by Cambridgeshire County Council, these are Be Winter Wise, which aims to keep residents safe and healthy through the winter and Flood Resilience, which aims to assist residents at threat of flooding. Further details on both campaigns can be found on the Cambridgeshire County Council website.

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

251118 – 2 RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from RRS and VB.

251118 - 3 RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

No declarations made

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ACTION

251118 - 4 APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES (14th October 2025)
Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th October 2025.

251118-5 CO-OPTION FOR COUNCILLOR VACANCY
Resolved to defer to December meeting

CLERK

251118 - 6 MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES
Resolved to defer to December meeting
Add to website

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251118 - 7 ST NEOTS MULTI PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
PM confirmed he had attended the first meeting about the St Neots Multi Parish Neighbourhood Plan and confirmed the next one on Thursday 18th December 2025. PM also circulated the costs apportioned to Hail Weston based on residents. The cost to Hail Weston is £671.63. It is currently unclear when the invoice will be received for the costs.

251118 - 8 LHI BIDS
Resolved to agree to pay £750 contribution for successful bid for 100m of red road surface at both ends of the High Street.

Deferred whether to submit a new LHI bid to December meeting.
In addition, the PC would like to invite Resident Paul Baker to December meeting to discuss a footpath on the B465

CLERK

251118 - 9 PLANNING
Reference: 25/01338/HHFUL. Proposal: Additional section of dropped kerb to extend the existing kerb providing safe access to the front drive off the main road. Site Address: 25 Kimbolton Road, Hail Weston, St Neots.
PC approved with no objections.

Reference: 25/02137/PIP. Permission in principle for the construction of up to 3no dwellings Land Adjacent to 5 High Street, Hail Weston.

PC approved but has concerns around the large size of the houses and would prefer smaller houses which would appeal more to first time buyers. In addition, the PC commented on the suitability of the proposed access and requested that consideration be given to changes to the road layout.

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FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

- a) Approved
- b) Approved

Business Money Manager	36,792.82
Community a/c normal cheque a/c	626.32
	<u>37,419.14</u>

November 2025 expenditure	
SM Wages November SCP 29 £20.66/hr (HMRC 219.51)	864.05
Clerk Home Office Allowance	150.00
T & S Grounds Maintenance	319.00
Fresh Pay	7.80
P Baker	82.50
Hugo Fox Emails Sept 2025	20.99
Hugo Fox Emails October 2025	20.99
Clerk Poppy Purchase	59.97
Christmas Tree Purchase	100.00
Hugo Fox Website Annual Fee	287.86
Information Commissioners Office	52.00
Su Waymont – Newsletter Design	80.00
Newsletter Printing	164.00
Total Energies	48.19
Total	2174.85

- c) Resolved to approve Hail Weston Parish Council Budget 2026/27. Clerk to create a earmarked funds link in budget.
- d) Resolved to hold precept at the same amount as 2025/26. Clerk to inform HDC.

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The Clerk's Report was delivered.

A short discussion was had around:

- Dog bin
- Fete Toilets
- Children Summer Sessions

Clerk to share information with Fete Committee.

Clerk to ask Paul Baker to get quote for treatment of the fort

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EAST PARK ENERGY

It was noted by the PC that the application has been accepted for examination.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was resolved to move the December meeting forward to 9th December 2025.

2026 Hail Weston Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 20th January 2026

Tuesday 10th February 2026

Tuesday 17th March 2026

Tuesday 21st April 2026

Tuesday 19th May 2026

Tuesday 16th June 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Tuesday 15th September 2026

Tuesday 20th October 2026

Tuesday 17th November 2026

Tuesday 8th December 2026

Clerk to update website and parish notice boards.

CLERK

251118-14

DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Deferred to December meeting

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WEBSITE & EMAILS

Clerk to launch new website and emails asap.

Old website to be deactivated on 1st December 2025

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MEMBERS UPDATES

OO – Confirmed he had attended Remembrance Day service in the Garden of Rest. Also, attendance was PM, NB and VB.

NB – Confirmed the LHI bid has been successful.

PM – None

SM - None

251118-17

COMMUNICATION FOR NOTING

- a) Noted, to be passed to Councilor Gardener
- b) Noted, invite Paul Baker to come and address PC December meeting
- c) Noted
- d) Deferred to December agenda
- e) Noted
- f) Noted

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MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

- Member Responsibilities
- Community Led Plan
- LHI Bids
- Draft Local Plan

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.35 pm.

Report by District Councilor Stephen Cawley

Benefits	Benefit@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388308
Fraud	Fraud@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01223 388188
Refuse Collection	CRM_Ops@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388640
Building Control	buildingcontrol@3Csharedservices.org	0300 772 9622
Business Rates	BusinessRates@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388030
Car Parks	ParkingService@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388388
Communications	news@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	
Council Tax	Council.Tax@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388030
Democratic Services	Democratic.Services@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388169
Elections	Elections@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388017
Environmental Health	Environmental.Health@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388302
Facilities	FMHelpdesk@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	
Housing / Homelessness	Housingadvice@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388218
Licensing	Licensing@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 387075
Planning	crm_Planning@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388424
Planning – Conservation	development.management@huntingdonshire.gov.uk alternative email address crm_planning@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	updated 01480 388424
Planning Enforcement	Planning.Enforcement@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388424
Planning- Trees	Trees@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388424
Street Cleaning	CRM_Ops@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388640
Residents Advice Team	residentadvice@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388584

Parish Council Update – November 2025 Environmentally Sustainable Design and Construction - Technical Advice Note

This TAN is referenced in Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2046 which is due out for consultation on 5th November. This aims to drive Environmentally Sustainable Design and Construction and

the priorities it places on: improving housing, forward thinking economic growth, and lowering carbon emissions.

Huntingdonshire to Explore Standalone Unitary Authority

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) has announced it will develop a business case for a standalone unitary authority as part of the government's review of local government in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

We will be taking ALL proposals to the joint scrutiny group, full council (19 November) and cabinet (24 November). Submission to Central Government (end November)

January to March 2026 – Government carries out statutory consultation

May 2026 – HDC Elections

July 2026 – Government announces decision

May 2027 – elections to the shadow authorities

April 2028 – Go live date for new authorities

Civil Parking Enforcement

We are now 2 months on from the Department for Transport designating Huntingdonshire as a Civil Enforcement Area which allowed us to take on on-street enforcement for a number of offences from the Police.

The team are still being met with positive reception from the public whilst out patrolling and we have also received written thanks residents who have struggled to access resident permit bays.

During August, a 4-week warning notice period was in operation.

- Off-street PCNs 111
- On-street Warning Notices 806

September has seen the move from warning notices to Penalty Charges:

- Off-street PCNs 218
- On-street PCNs 696

Capital & Centric

The Council's Cabinet confirmed in July the wish to work with Capital & Centric to look at potential sites across the Market Towns that may offer regeneration opportunities.

Capital & Centric are widely recognised in delivering socially impactful property development, with a bold vision to transform unloved spaces into vibrant, design-led communities.

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They are based in Manchester, and have delivered over 2 million sq ft of development in the past decade and are currently driving forward £2 billion worth of regeneration projects across the UK. Locally they have started work at Northstowe in partnership with Homes England, delivering homes and a vibrant town centre for the new community.

Local Plan to 2046 Update: 'Preferred Options'

Consultation starts 5th November!

The consultation page will go live on 5th November and you have until 17 December to comment.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-update/preferred-options>

Christmas and New Year Waste Collections

As we approach the festive season, waste and recycling collection days will change over the Christmas and New Year period. Details of the revised schedule along with information on Household Recycling Centre opening times, Christmas tree recycling options, and the introduction of weekly food waste collections coming in 2026 are available online. www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins.

Household Recycling Centres

The household recycling centres will close at 1pm on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Give Your Christmas Tree a Second Life!

Once the festivities are over, don't let your Christmas tree go to waste, recycle it. Either put out with your garden waste collection for kerbside collection, but make sure it fits in the bin otherwise it will not be collected, or you can also take your tree to your local recycling centre for recycling.

HDC will be informing residents of these changes and the food collection process via a bin hanger which will be placed on grey bins over the next two weeks. They will also be posting on their social media sites.

Be a Councillor Event - 9th December

HDC is planning to run a 'Be a councillor' event on Tuesday, 9 December 2025 at 7.00pm in the Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, Huntingdon. This event is to encourage residents and those who work in the District to find out what being a local Councillor entails. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to get further advice on the election/nomination process and other support available to councillors.

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More details on the HDC website later this week.

Note for Ellington & Grafham

HDC has a Local Plan Policy (LP28) which could allow small developments in villages if affordable housing is provided which is prioritised to people with a local connection.

As part of our work, HDC has a formal partnership with Cambridgeshire ACRE and they help in engagement with parish councils. They have approached Grafham and Ellington Parish Councils who in their Neighbourhood Plans, confirmed support in principle for such an initiative. ACRE has yet to receive a response. Is there interest?

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