

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15th September 2026 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

N Burdett (Chair)	(NB)
V Bolton	(VB)
Dawn Milne	(DM)
S Milonas (Clerk)	(Clerk)
J Milonas (Assistant to Clerk)	(JM)
Councillor Stephen Cawley	(SC)
Resident + Carer	(Resident)

O Oldfield (OO) arrived at 7.36pm and assumed role of Chair.

R Rowley-Smith (RRS) arrived at 8.04pm.

ACTION

260915 – 1 OPEN FORUM AND TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Report from Huntingdonshire District Council Councillor Stephen Cawley (attached).

A Resident spoke about the possibility of purchasing some community land. This item is to be placed on the next agenda.

CLERK

260915 – 2 RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

PM – Holiday

260915- 3 RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

None

260915 - 4 APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES (21st July 2026)

Approved

260915-5 ALLOTMENT RENTS 2026/27

Rents will remain the same as 2025/26, Clerk to send payment request to tenants.

CLERK

260915- 6 SPEED CAMERA REPORTS

Reports were noted.

260915 – 7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANSATION

Noted.

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ACTION

260915 - 8 EAST PARK ENERGY
It was noted that the examination timetable has been extended.

260915 - 9 PLANNING
None.

260915-10 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE
a) Approved
b) Approved
c) B was selected, Clerk to purchase

CLERK

260915-11 MEMBER AND CLERK UPDATES

CLERK – discussed toilet hire and cleaning for next year. It was discussed and agreed that the October meeting would move to Tuesday 27th October 2026 to accommodate Councillor availability. Discussed more sand for the sand pit and the purchase of more dog bags for the village. Clerk to forward Town and Parish Forum email to NB.

CLERK

VB – The village fete was hugely successful. There are plans to renovate the village hall toilets.

RRS – Open space checks were completed.

NB – None

OO – None

DM – Hedge trimming has continued around the village where suitable. DM has spoken to several residents about the current Councillor vacancy. DM has also been doing some broad research on improving the mobile signal in the village.

260915-12 COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Noted
- b) Noted

260915-13 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Land Purchase
Councillor Vacancy

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.18pm.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEPHEN CAWLEY

Parish Council Update – August/September 2026

Food Waste Collection Proves a Success

Five months after the launch of weekly food waste collections, HDC reported that residents had diverted around **1,500 tonnes of food waste** from general rubbish. The waste is processed into renewable energy and fertiliser rather than going to landfill. The council has also launched a publicity campaign explaining what can be recycled through food waste caddies.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/food-waste/>

Dog Control Consultation Opens

A new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation has been launched on dog control measures across Huntingdonshire. Residents are being invited to comment on how dogs should be managed in public spaces.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/consultations/pspo-dog-control-public-consultation/>

Extraordinary Council Meeting: Leadership Challenge

An Extraordinary Council meeting was held on 1 September following a motion of no confidence in Council Leader. Much of the debate centred on the Capital & Centric regeneration consultation and concerns over governance, accountability, communications and project oversight.

- Raised questions about council leadership and governance.
- Highlighted significant public concern regarding regeneration proposals.

Capital & Centric Regeneration Debate Continues

At the Full Council meeting on 9 September, councillors will consider a motion regarding regeneration projects involving Capital & Centric and key sites in St Neots, Huntingdon and St Ives. The motion calls for greater transparency regarding spending, deliverables and future decisions, and proposes ending further work under the current arrangements if considered necessary.

Affected sites include:

- Tebbutts Road car park, St Neots
- Princes Street bus station and car park, Huntingdon
- Former cattle market square and gatehouse, St Ives

Local Plan to 2046 Moves Forward

Council will consider the Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046 together with supporting sustainability and consultation documents at the meeting on 9 September. The Local Plan will guide decisions on housing growth, employment land, infrastructure and the protection of the environment across the district up to 2046.

If Council supports the Plan, it will then go forward for further, final consultation before submission to Planning Inspectorate by 31 December 2026.

Why it matters

- Will shape where homes and jobs are located.
- Influences roads, schools, health services and community facilities.
- Affects towns and villages throughout Huntingdonshire.

Community Chest Grant Scheme

The Community Chest Grant Scheme is inviting applications from community groups and organisations that can help Huntingdonshire District Council deliver the priorities set out in its Corporate Plan 2023 - 2028.

Projects should contribute to one or more of the following priorities:

- Improving quality of life and wellbeing for everyone
- Keeping people out of crisis
- Supporting people in crisis
- Reducing carbon emissions.

Community groups and organisations seeking financial support to deliver projects that address these priorities are encouraged to apply from 3 July 2026.

The Community Chest Grant Scheme provides an opportunity for local organisations to make a positive difference in their communities while supporting the Council's strategic objectives.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/3uamuvru/community-chest-funding-criteria.pdf>

Any questions:

crm_communitydevelopment@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Parking Strategy

Huntingdonshire District Council has now brought forward its draft **Parking Strategy**, which was reviewed by the Overview &

Scrutiny Panel on 2 September. The strategy sets out a clearer, evidence-based approach to how parking will be managed across the district — including future investment in car parks, improved signage and technology, and a stronger focus on supporting town-centre vitality. Importantly, it also reflects feedback from residents and businesses gathered through earlier engagement phases. Once finalised by Cabinet, the strategy will guide how parking provision is planned, maintained and improved over the coming years, ensuring it remains safe, accessible and responsive to local needs.

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR IAN GARDENER

County Council Report September 26 Local Government Reorganisation

The Government has announced that a review has been ordered into the plans for Local government reorganisation, following legal advice, to ensure that it is robust and aligns with the new government's priorities. As a result, reorganisation in Essex, Hampshire, Norfolk and Suffolk have also been withdrawn. Cambridgeshire & Peterborough are included in this review process.

We don't yet know how long this review will take, but there will be no Shadow Elections to Proposed New Unitary authorities in May 2027. The elections to existing authorities like Fenland, East Cambs and Peterborough will be held next year.

Highways

The chevrons at the Ford have been cleared of vegetation, so hopefully no more vehicles will go straight on rather than bearing left when entering the ford from Hail Weston.

The vegetation at the junction of Bird Lane /B645 has been cut back.

Bus Services – West Huntingdonshire

Following the Combined Authority's (Mayor) recent consultation on Bus Services, it has been decided that there will be no changes to the 400 & 401 services. However further engagement will take place to provide more strategic and usable services to serve and enhance the offering for the communities to the West of Huntingdon, either side of the A14.

The proposed future change that could affect Gt Staughton is the proposal to extend the existing 28 Bus service from Bedford to Kimbolton onto Huntingdon. The service would be extended from Kimbolton to Huntingdon via Stonely, Gt Staughton, Perry, Grafham, Ellington, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and the service would be a 2 hourly service.

As far as I am aware there is no proposal to alter the 150 service from Tilbrook to St Neots.

Minerals & Waste Plan for Cambridgeshire

A consultation has commenced to help shape a new plan, which will guide how minerals and waste development is managed

across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough up to 2044 and beyond, helping to ensure future growth is planned in a sustainable way. The consultation is open to everyone and closes at 11.59pm on Monday 12th October 26. Full details of the consultation, supporting documents and how to respond are available at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mwlp-review

Help shape the future of support for unpaid carers in Cambridgeshire

Unpaid carers across Cambridgeshire are being invited to share their experiences to help shape the future of support services in the county.

The County council is keen to hear from people who provide care for family members, friends or neighbours as well as young adult carers and others with experience of caring.

These insights will help ensure future services reflect the needs of carers and the people they support.

A series of workshops will take place between September 26 and March 27, which will give participants the opportunity to develop future service priorities and how those services are delivered.

The first workshop is on Friday 18th September 26 from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Huntingdon Library.

To register your interest and find out more contact:

Commissioning.FPTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Rights of Way Improvement Plan

The ROWIP forms part of the County's Transport strategies and outlines what the council intends to do to protect and enhance our Public Rights of Way network and countryside access over the next ten years. This includes actions for a range of issues, from how we respond to development, to how we manage our rights of way data.

The Parish Council has been sent a questionnaire which I would urge the PC to complete, so that the County Council can learn what you would like to see in the revised ROWIP.

The deadline for responses is Sunday 11th October.

Cllr Ian Gardener

Alconbury & Kimbolton Division

