MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16th September 2025 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

O Oldfield (Chair) (OO) N Burdett (NB) V Bolton (VB)

R Rowley-Smith (RRS) Arrived at 8pm

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

ACTION

250916 - 1 OPEN FORUM AND TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Resident Tony Baker presented his case for a walking survey to be conducted. Mr Baker proposes that a survey take place in conjunction with the Parish Council and himself and then the findings passed onto Highways at Cambridgeshire County Council. NB and Clerk to join Mr Baker for the walking survey. NB to liaise with Mr Baker to find a suitable time and date.

NB

Councillor Ian Gardener confirmed that from 22nd September 2025 a new highways reporting system will be in place. The system will allow for a smoother reporting experience. Users will receive regular updates on the issues they have reported. Cllr Gardener highlighted the County Councils Restructure questionnaire and confirmed option A is the preferred option.

Residents in Cambridgeshire County Council are eligible for a free NHS Health check. Further information can be found on the website.

Cambridgeshire is short of foster carers.

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

250916 – 2 RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from PM & SM

250916 - 3 RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS No declarations made

CLERK

ACTION

250916 - 4 APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES (15th July 2025)

Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th July.

250916-5

GARDEN OF REST PATH

It was resolved to order two bags from B&Q and for them to be delivered to SM's address. Following this a small working party will shovel the gravel onto the Garden of Rest path.

Clerk to order and co-ordinate with SM on delivery

CLERK

250916 - 6 NEWSLETTER

It was resolved that, if possible, the timeline would be accelerated. Clerk to make changes requested and circulate on email for consideration.

CLERK

NB raised the possibility of doing two newsletters a year, Spring/Summer, Autumn/Winter. This is be tabled at January's meeting for decision.

250916 - 7 ST NEOTS MULTI PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Resolved to make this a standing item until completion or PC withdrawal.

250916 - 8 ALLOTMENT RENTS & AGREEMENTS

It was resolved to increase allotment rents as follows £29 for half plot, £43 for a whole plot. This is being implemented due to raising costs of utilities.

The PC recognises that there may be a desire for tenants to keep chickens, rabbits, bees on the plots but this is not feasible due to rural location of the allotments. Clerk to inform requester that chickens are not advisable.

CLERK

250916 - 9 PLANNING

None

250916-10 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

Business Money Manager: £36,631.94 Community account: £2,966.03

TOTAL £39,597.97

August 2025 expenditure	
SM Wages SCP 29 £20.02/hr (HMRC 210.77)	£835.35
T & S Grounds Maintenance	£638.00

ACTION

Fresh Pay	£780.00
P Baker	£390.05
Children's Exercise Session	£14.60
Snacks and Water 24/07/25	
Children's Exercise Session	£4.97
Snacks and Water 31/07/25	
Children's Exercise Session	£33.00
Snacks and Water 07/08/25,	
14/08/25	
KOMPAN Adult Gym Service	£374.40
KOMPAN Hand Bike Caps	£111.36
Stregth & Balance	£164.00
Total Energies	£123.38
Zip Line Mat Repair	£600.60
Children's Exercise Session	£14.60
Snacks and Water 21/08/25	
September 2025 expenditure	
SM Wages SCP 29 £20.66/hr (HMRC 219.51)	£864.05
Clerk Back Pay	£124.80
T & S Grounds Maintenance	£638.00
Fresh Pay	£7.80
P Baker	£633.86
KOMPAN	£90.84
Water Charges Playing Field	£19.44
Water Charges Allotments	£42.14
Children's Exercise Session	£14.60
Snacks & Water 28/08/2025	
Total	£5870.64

- a) Approved
- b) Approved

250916-11

CLERKS REPORT

Clerk report was delivered highlighting:

- Newtown Resurfacing dates
- Attendance at Children's Summer Sessions
- Website and Email address timelines

250916-12 COUNTY COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE

It was resolved that Councillors would respond individually in their capacities of Parish Councillors.

ACTION

250916-13 WEBSITE

It was resolved to leave the old website active. This will be reconsidered at the next meeting following the newsletter distribution.

It was resolved that the email formats need to be changed. Clerk to action.

OO to place a banner on the old website redirecting residents to the new website.

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CLERK

250916-14 CEMETERY

It was resolved to allow the scattering of ashes. Clerk to inform family.

CLERK

It was resolved to amend the Cemetery regulations to allow future scratting of ashes with written permission. Clerk to amend.

CLERK

250916-15 WALKING SURVEY

It was resolved for the PC to complete a walking survey with Resident Tony Baker. NB to liaise with Clerk and Mr Baker to find a suitable time and date.

NB CLERK

250916-16 MEMBERS UPDATES

00 - None

VB – The village hall is looking at a new website to allow direct bookings online and online payments. VB confirmed the Hail Weston Village Fete would be held in 2026.

NB – Raised the outstanding action of changing the Primary User on the bank account. Clerk to progress. Also raised the timelines for the Community Led Plan which expires in 2027. CLP will be relisted for September 2026 agenda.

CLERK

RRS – agreed to add responsibility for the New Cemetery to current responsibilities.

250916-17

COMMUNCATION FOR NOTING

a) Offer of Christmas lights

It was established a licence would be required for CCC lampposts. Clerk to share information with requester. It is a possibility to decorate Hail Weston owned lamp posts. Paul Baker should be asked about the placement of the tree by the bench.

CLERK

CLERK

250916-18 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

- Christmas lights

ACTION

It was resolved to move the next meeting forward a week to ensure it is quorate. Clerk to publish new date.

CLERK

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.

Parish Council Update – September 2025

CIL Funding Round 2: 2025-2026

The first CIL funding round of 25/26 closed on 15th August. Decisions on those applications will be made at HDC Cabinet in October and applicants will be advised out outcomes, and next steps after Cabinet on 16^{th} September.

CIL Funding round 2

Opening date: 27th October 2025 Closing date: 19th December 2025

Outcomes: Decisions will be issued March 2026

https://mcusercontent.com/c12c267f6eb236cbf6c4c1a8a/files/82e3 bbff-4b6a-1b94-7d84-b7ee8abfaeb9/CIL Funding Round 2.pdf

Civil Parking Enforcement

HDC team commenced patrols for Civil Enforcement in Huntingdonshire beginning 4 August with the team issuing over 250 on-street warning notices. The following week saw another busy week with a further 167 warning notice issued.

The team have been met with a great reception from the public both in person whilst out patrolling, and with written thanks sent in from residents. The range of positive feedback and thanks received has come from residents who have struggled to access resident permit bays, members of the public who find disabled bays occupied by vehicles without badges, and general thanks from members of the public who have struggled with access due to problem parking.

In the ward so far visited Perry and Great Staughton.

Food Waste Collections

HDC pleased to announce the introduction of weekly food waste collections, launching in April 2026

From March 2026, all residents will receive a:

- 7-litre grey kitchen caddy
- 23-litre external grey food waste unit

ACTION

These will be provided free of charge.

Residents can place any food waste, including raw or cooked meat and bones, dairy, eggshells, tea bags, coffee grounds, vegetables and fruit, into their kitchen caddy before transferring it to the external food waste unit for weekly collection.

Further information about the service will follow later in the year. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

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Refuse Collection	CRM Ops@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	01480 388640
Building Control	buildingcontrol@3Csharedservices.org	0300 772 9622
Business Rates	BusinessRates@huntingdosnhire.gov.uk	01480 388030
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