

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21st July 2026 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cambridgeshire County Council Councillors Ian Gardener, Huntingdonshire District Council Councillor Stephen Cawley (SC), Resident Hayley Doyle (HD) and Sarah Milonas (Clerk).

ACTION

260721 – 1 OPEN FORUM AND TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS

HD spoke about the planning application submitted for 15 Bird Lane.

Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillor Ian Gardener (attached).

Report from Huntingdonshire District Council Councillor Stephen Cawley

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RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

DM – Holiday
RRS- Work commitment

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RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

OO made it known he has a friendship with HD and her Husband (HD spoke in the open forum)

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APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES (16th June 2026)

Approved

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REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS

All Councillors present took copies of the form. Councillors to either return completed copies to elections or to the Clerk.

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SPEED CAMERA REPORTS & NEW EQUIPMENT

OO & NB to investigate unused equipment along B465.
Battery and charger purchase approved.

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VILLAGE FETE PARISH COUNCIL PARTICPATION

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ACTION

Parish Council stall reconfirmed.

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EAST PARK ENERGY
Noted
The Parish Council do not feel it necessary to respond to the most recent questions from the Planning Executive,

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PLANNING

26/01180/HHFUL, Proposed Outbuilding to front of the property, 15 Bird Lane Hail Weston St Neots PE19 5JP

OBJECT (Clerk to draft and send to OO)

CLERK

Ref. No: 26/01195/CLPD, Proposed single storey rear extension, chimney stack to provide lined flue for a wood burning stove and replacement dormer roof (existing flat roof replaced with pitched roof (to the front elevation), 1 Manor Way Hail Weston St Neots PE19 5LG

APPROVED

Decisions to be confirmed to HDC

CLERK

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FINNANCE & GOVERNANCE

- a) Approved
- b) Approved
- c) Approved

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MEMBER AND CLERK UPDATES

CLERK confirmed holiday dates, 4th-18th August 2026. Clerk also confirmed the children's sports sessions are filling up well. Two signs have been made for the community library to hopefully deter large book removals. It was confirmed that the standard toilet has arrived for the summer.

VB confirmed the website has been updated and is now showing accurate information for the village fete on 5th September 2026. Requested that the tree officer at CCC be made aware of the 4 large trees on Orchard Close. Clerk to contact Officer.

CLERK

PM invited two companies to come and quote for a replacement to the fort. 1 attended, 1 did not. The company that attended provided a detailed quote. Further companies will provide quotes.

NB confirmed that he would be willing to assist with any grant applications if needed.

OO None

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ACTION

Clerk to reply to highways and ask whether bus provider and Residents are to be informed of proposed diversion.

CLERK

260721-12 COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Noted
- b) Noted
- c) Noted
- d) Noted, Clerk to send a letter of support on behalf of Parish Council
- e) Noted
- f) Landowners to be spoken to and asked to maintain hedgerows

CLERK

260721-13 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Speed Cameras

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

Parish Council – County Council Report – July 2026

Anglian Water has announced a Hosepipe Plan to protect and manage water supplies. More information on this can be found at Anglian water: Temporary water use ban announced for the East of England

Regarding Local Government Reorganisation the government has decided to delay its decision until October 26. Although its thought the New Minister Angela Rayner may make a decision before the September recess on 14th September. This delay also brings into question the deliverability of the government's self-imposed timetable for LGR, of April 28.

In the absence of a decision from government there will be no changes to existing Council services these will continue to be commissioned as they are now.

Cambridgeshire County Council are again this year undertaking a Quality of Life Survey in Cambridgeshire. The survey will enable residents to share your views on life in Cambridgeshire as well as the issues that matter most to you and your community.

Residents will be asked about a range of topics, including life and community, transport, health and wellbeing, children and young people, and people's perceptions of the council and its services. The results will inform council discussions and priorities for the years ahead.

The survey is open to residents until the 5th August. Please go to the County Council website and click on Council and Democracy, where you will find the survey to take part.

The B645 outside the Kimbolton Prep School will be closed for **7 weeks from July 20th** to allow for the complete rebuild of the culvert, which is more severely damaged than originally thought. The date has been put back by one week because of the Kimbolton Country Fayre on the weekend of the 18/19th July. The closure of the road at this time is to minimise the impact on the Kimbolton Prep School and to allow the work to be undertaken when water levels in the brook are at their lowest.

The road cannot be closed in sections as a partial closure will not provide the necessary safe working area. The blocked just north of the culvert also needs to be removed as this causes water to back up at times of flooding, which makes the situation on the B645 worst.

The designated diversion route has been amended as follows - the B660 from Kimbolton to JCT 16 A14, then the A14 to the A45 Jct at Thrapston, then at the McDonalds roundabout at Raunds follow London Road south to its junction with the B663, then follow B663 to Chelveston and then the B645 back to Tilbrook.

Please report the following road defects on the County Council website via the Report It tool, Potholes, Blocked Gullies, Vegetation obscuring signs, flooding, trees, overgrown hedges etc. Our new Local Highways Officer, Steven Bunker has started. I will be arranging meetings with him regularly to keep on top of Highways issues.

Graham Kane joined Cambridgeshire County Council at the beginning of the month as the Executive Director for Place and Sustainability which includes Highways.

The County Council has extended and varied its current contract for Highways Maintenance to allow the New Authorities under LGR to undertake the scoping and procurement of a new contract. The current contract has been extended to 2030 with improved deal for CCC taxpayers.

The new arrangements will –

Improve the quality of service

Provided better value for the Council and Council taxpayers.

Introduce incentives for high performance and financial deductions for late or poor performance.

Deliver these benefits sooner rather than waiting to 2027, when the current contract expires.

Ensure delivery of services and statutory duties through LGR

Avoids the immediate cost of running a new procurement

Allows future procurement to be shaped by the new unitary authorities.

The Grafham to Brampton road, will be closed from 27th July to 31st July to undertake pothole repairs. The resurfacing work and the installation of the Quietway furniture etc will be undertaken at a later date. Once I have details I will let the Parish know.

Family Cycle Training

From this month you can take part in free cycle training sessions across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.

You can choose between one to one, small groups or family sessions.

Everything is tailored to your ability and what you want to learn.

The training is for you, if you

1. Haven't cycled before
2. Feel nervous about cycling.
3. Want extra support to build confidence.
4. Would benefit from accessible and inclusive sessions.

The sessions are free and a bicycle will be provided, or you can bring your own.

Most sessions will take place in a traffic-free environment on tarmacked areas about the size of a tennis court. If you feel ready to cycle on local roads our trainers will support you to do so safely. You can find session locations and to book visit

<https://grafhamwater.cinolla.com/grafham-water/category/funded-cycle-training>

or for more information you can email

activetravel@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

This years Summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme HAF will be operating from 21 July to 28 August for eligible local families. Children are eligible for the scheme if they receive benefits related free school meals or where families are experiencing financial hardship.

Children will be able to access 64 hours at a HAF Holiday scheme where a daily meal, physical exercise and enriching experiences will be provided.

For more details go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf

North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust

Hinchingbrooke Hospital Redevelopment Programme have launched their public and community engagement initiative. The trust is inviting feedback on three key areas –

1. How patients, visitors and staff arrive at and move around the hospital site
2. What the future care experience should feel like, including single rooms and digital technology
3. How the wider hospital site can support community life and wellbeing.

Go to the website <https://hinchingbrookehospital.commonplace.is/>

Or scan the QR code which I will provide to the clerk.

Blood Pressure Monitor Loan scheme – Blood pressure monitors are now available to borrow from libraries across Cambridgeshire. Around 1 in 12 Adults in Cambridgeshire are estimated to have High Blood pressure without experiencing any obvious signs of symptoms. High Blood pressure increases the risk of Cardiovascular disease, and can often be lowered through simple lifestyle changes. This scheme helps residents to check and understand their blood pressure, while empowering them to make informed choices about their health

The blood pressure monitors are available to loan from all 33 libraries and three mobile libraries.

Any library member aged 18 or over can borrow a monitor for three weeks or five weeks from a mobile library. Its free you don't need to be referred by a GP. To borrow a monitor simply visit the library with your library card and speak to a member of staff. If you don't have a library card you can join at the library or online.

The Summer Reading Challenge returns to Cambridgeshire Libraries this summer Sign up opens on Saturday 4th July, its free and open to pre-school and primary school aged children of all reading abilities.

The theme for 2026 is Read to the Beat- an adventure in stories, music and sound. Children are invited to read six books over the holidays, collecting rewards along the way – they will also receive a certificate and medal when they complete the challenge.

Cllr Ian Gardener
CCC - Alconbury & Kimbolton Division

Report by Cllr Cawley Parish Council Update – July 2026

Inflatable Aquapark Hinchingsbrooke Country Park

The Council has announced the launch of a new inflatable aquapark attraction, due to open July 2026. The facility is to enhance the leisure provision and attract additional visitors to the park.

HDC also recognises that parking capacity at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park is a key concern for local residents, particularly during the busy summer months when visitor numbers are at their highest. To ensure the introduction of the aqua park does not place additional pressure on existing parking provisions, a temporary parking solution will be in place exclusively for aqua park customers throughout the 2026 season. This temporary facility will provide an additional 75 parking spaces and will be actively managed by stewards to ensure it is used solely by aqua park visitors.

WildFest Returns for a Second Year to Celebrate Huntingdonshire's Wildlife and Nature

HDC is delighted to be teaming up with Wild About Huntingdon to bring back WildFest, a free community event celebrating the incredible wildlife, green spaces and natural beauty found across Huntingdonshire.

Taking place as a free, one-day event, WildFest aims to bring together families, nature enthusiasts, local organisations and community groups

for a day of outdoor activities, entertainment and wildlife-focused experiences.

Save the date for Sunday 26 July 2026 from 11am - 5pm at Riverside Park, Huntingdon.

Local Plan Briefing

Briefing on the Local Plan on the 7th July. The briefing provided important information on the development of the local plan, what shapes it, where we are now, and information on the evidence base that sits behind it including the approach to infrastructure and viability. The plan making systems and the process and timeline for the Local Plan were discussed. The response to public consultations has been the highest ever.

The timescale to have the Plan accepted under the existing legislation is to have everything submitted by December 31 2026. If for any reason, the deadline is not met, then HDC would have to start the whole process again under the new legislation.

Public Consultation Survey: Current vs Proposed Bus Network

A public engagement on proposed changes to bus services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough opened on Tuesday 16 June and runs until 5pm on 28 July. Details are here: <https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-network-review-engagement/> - The survey should take 3-5 minutes.

Local bus services are currently being reviewed to improve reliability, connectivity and value for money. The proposals have been developed following an independent review of bus routes currently funded by the Combined Authority.

Hinchingbrooke Hospital Consultation

Hinchingbrooke has just launched a public and community engagement initiative, inviting local people to help shape the design of the new Hinchingbrooke Hospital, a brand-new hospital that will transform care for our communities for decades to come.

The Trust is inviting feedback on three key areas:

- How patients, visitors and staff arrive at and move around the hospital site
- What the future care experience should feel like, including single rooms and digital technology
- How the wider hospital site can support community life and wellbeing

Details of the project website: [Have Your Say Today - Hinchingsbrooke Hospital North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust - Commonplace where people can find out more](#)

The engagement runs until 16th August 2026

A by-election will be held on Thursday 20 August 2026 for one seat on the District Council in the Ward of St Neots Eynesbury after the resignation of a Reform Councillor.

