

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15th April 2025 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

N Farnden	(NF) (Chair)
O Oldfield	(OO)
N Burdett	(NB)
V Bolton	(VB)
R Rowley-Smith	(RRS)

IN ATTENDANCE: CCC Councillor Ian Gardener, HDC Councillor Stephen Cawley and Sarah Milonas (Clerk).

ACTION

250415 – 1 OPEN FORUM AND TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The Chairman opened the meeting.

Cllr Gardener confirmed he will chase the officers allocated to dealing with the flood gates.

Cllr Gardener confirmed that Cambridgeshire County Council was only one of two councils across the UK that declined to submit future Local Government reorganization plans to Central Government, citing insufficient time to prepare.

Cllr Gardener also confirmed the County council elections would go ahead on 1st May but there was still uncertainty about the district level elections and Parish elections next year.

Cllr Cawley delivered his report (see attached)

NB raised some points that have been raised by residents regarding the bus service through Hail Weston. Cllr Gardner confirmed that the buses come under the new Mayor who will be elected on 1st May 2025.

250415 – 2 RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from SM due to holiday commitments, and HM due to childcare responsibilities.

250415 - 3 RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

Declarations were received from NF and VB regarding item 250415-6 Planning item d.

250415 - 4 APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES (February 18 2025)

Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 February 2025.

250218-5 CLERKS REPORT

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ACTION

250415 - 6 PLANNING

- a) It was resolved to recommend approval.
- b) It was resolved to recommend approval.
- c) It was resolved to recommend opposing the application, based on the size of the houses applied for. It was noted that the PC would support any applications for starter homes or homes that provided opportunities for downsizing.
- d) It was resolved to recommend approval.
Clerk to inform HDC.

CLERK

250415 – 7 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

- a) It was resolved to approve reconciliation, bank statements and expenditure for March 2025.
- b) Resolved to approve Account balances:

Business Money Manager: £40946.87

Community account: £3242.59

TOTAL £44189.46

Resolved to approve payments on finance reports: March & April 2025.

March 2025 expenditure	
Fresh Pay	£6.00
P Baker	£509.50
SM Wages SCP 29 £20.02/hr (HMRC 159.34)	£783.92
Strength & Balance Classes	£156.00
CAPLAC	£369.40
Parish Refreshments	£71.00
Clarks Allowance	£150.00
Dog Poo Bags	£14.99
Electricity	£364.19
Mole Removal	£240.00
April 2025 expenditure	
SM Wages SCP 29 £20.02/hr (HMRC 191.82)	£816.60
Fresh Pay	£7.80
Strength & Balance Classes	£195.00
P Baker	£232.50
T & S Grounds Maintenance	£319.00
Cambridgeshire County Council	£6288.91
Clerk Stationary	£12.99
Table Tennis Table	£710.00
ROSPA Inspection	£187.50
PC Hall Hire Jan-Mar	£60.00
S&B Hall Hire Jan-Mar	£180.00
Total	11599.00

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	c) It was resolved to appoint Nicola Hagerman as Internal Auditor	
	d) It was resolved to purchase option 2, Clerk to order.	CLERK
250415 - 8	SPRING PLACE LAND Deferred to the following meeting	
250415 - 9	MATTERS RAISED AT PARISH ASSEMBLY	
	- Refresh village sign, it was resolved for the Clerk to investigate when this was last done and report back at the next meeting. The PC are to visit the sign to check appearance.	CLERK ALL
	- Speed limits on Ford End, it was resolved for the Clerk to investigate applying for the Ford End to be a Byway.	CLERK
	- Dog Bins on Highstreet/Hubble Highway, it was resolved that the Clerk to contact HDC to investigate placing a bin on the corner between B465 and High Street.	CLERK
	- Electric Bus Signs, it was resolved for the Clerk to write to the resident and provide an update.	CLERK
	- Treat and paint fort in playing fields, it was resolved to revisit this once the ROSPA recommendations are completed.	
250415-10	ROSPA INSPECTION It was resolved to accept the ROSPA inspection report. RRS has adapted the risks and outdoor checks spreadsheet.	
	- It was resolved for the Clerk to co-ordinate with Handyman to discuss recommendations,	CLERK
	- It was resolved for Clerk to ask installation company to perform service on adult gym equipment	CLERK
250415-11	RESOLVE TO SELECT AND APPROVE ONE TABLE TENNIS BASE QUOTE It was resolved to award the job to Leaf it to us. Clerk to inform Leaf it to us. It was resolved for VB to speak to the Village Hall Committee regarding the village fete and table placement. NB, VB and Clerk to meet and look at table placement. Clerk to get exact dimensions of table tennis legs from Table Tennis England	CLERK VB NB,VB & CLERK CLERK
250415-12	MEMEBERS UPDATES VB confirmed the floor in the village hall has been replaced. OO None NB suggested the PC consider that the allotments become a standing agenda item, it was agreed that it would remain a standalone report on September's agenda.	

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NF None

RRS delivered under item 250415-10

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CONSIDER ANY COMMUNICATION RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES FORMAL NOTING OR DECISION BY PC

- a) Date was noted by PC
- b) Clerk to acknowledge email
- c) Clerk to enquire how the bench would be secured
- d) Noted by the PC

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

- Spring Place Land

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.

Parish Council Update – April 2025

Garden Waste Subscription 2025

Subscriptions for Garden Waste Collection Service are now open for the upcoming service year, which will run from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. The cost per year is £57.50 for one garden waste bin and £30 per additional bin (up to a maximum of 3 additional bins).

To ensure your garden waste collections continue seamlessly from 1 April 2025, residents are encouraged to renew their subscription as soon as possible.

New subscribers: If you have not used the garden waste service before, you can sign up for the service for the period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, using the Garden Waste Subscription Form (online)

Returning subscribers (card payments): If you subscribed last year (2024- 2025) using a card payment, you will need to renew your subscription for 2025-2026, using the Garden Waste Subscription Form (online)

Returning subscribers (Direct Debit): If you signed up last year via Direct Debit, this would automatically renew each year. You do not need to sign up again.

Garden Waste Initiatives

Parish Community Bins

All parish councils can request up to 10 community bins for a community location.

These bins will be accessible for local residents to use to deposit their garden waste and will be collected as part of the normal route scheduling for fortnightly garden bin collections.

It will be the responsibility of the parish council to manage these bins, the same as a household, ie no contamination, out for collection on the collection day. To apply, please complete this FORM

The Waste Minimisation Team are happy to provide support to enable a community bin scheme within parishes.

Subsidised Home Composters Residents will pay £10 and the delivery costs directly to GetComposting.

The subsidy applies to a maximum of 2 compost converters per household. Please visit GetComposting, enter your postcode, select Blackwall 220 Litre Black Compost Converter and the discount will be automatically applied.

Parish Council Allocation for Land Management

Parish councils can request bins, which they can allocate to residents who currently maintain HDC land. Each request will be verified prior to approval and may be subject to refusal if the location is not suitable. To apply, please complete this FORM

Free Compost for Parish Councils

HDC can arrange the delivery of a skip of compost to a designated location within your parish, where the skip will be emptied. The loose compost will then be available for residents to collect in quantities as they wish.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer for your residents please email wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk with the location where you would like the compost to be dropped off. Once we have the location details, we will schedule a delivery date. Terms and Conditions of Parish Council Compost Offer.

Saturday Freighters Update

Regrettably, due to the operational challenges and employee resource constraints associated with the Saturday Freighter service, we are unable to continue offering this service.

Devolution White Paper

Peterborough City Council is included. Constituent councils include all Districts, Unitary and the County. Other public sector colleagues (Health, Police and Fire) are included in discussions.

We are in Wave 2 and must have final plan submitted by the autumn, although initial plans need to be ready by March.

CCC elections and Mayoral elections will go ahead in 2025. HDC elections in 2026 – unknown at this stage.

The process continues with an extraordinary Full Council meeting on 19 March to consider HDC's response and proposal to be submitted by 21 March.

Call for Sites

The last round of call for sites closed 31 January and awaiting their assessment. Assessments will be published in the same way the previous round were. Available online now:
<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-update/>

Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025

The Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme (HFGS) will be returning in 2025, opening for applications from Monday 24th March. HFGS will focus on supporting the Pride in Place journey, encouraging applications for events and activity that celebrate Huntingdonshire and its communities, heritage and culture. This might include focus on key upcoming dates such as the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.