

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21 January 2025 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

N Farnden	(NF) (Chair)
N Burdett	(NB)
S Maller	(SM)
R Rowley-Smith	(RRS)

IN ATTENDANCE: HDC Ward Cllr Stephen Cawley, and Sarah Milonas (Clerk).

ACTION

250121 – 1 OPEN FORUM AND TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The Chairman opened the meeting.

District Councillor Cawley gave his report (attached).

250121 – 2 RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from OO & HM due to major travel issues, CCC Cllr Ian Gardner (Attending Another Meeting) and VB.

250121 - 3 RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

No interests declared.

250121 - 4 APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES (19 November 2024)

Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 November 2024.

250121-5 APPROVE CLERKS PERMANENT APPOINTMENT

Resolved to approve the permanent appointment of Sarah Milonas as Parish Clerk and Responsible Officer.

250121 - 6 PLANNING

The parish Council noted HDC have rejected application:

24/01917/PIP Proposal: Permission in principle for the construction of up to 8no dwellings Site address: Land Adjacent to 5 High Street, Hail Weston.

250121 – 7 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

It was resolved to approve reconciliation, bank statements and expenditure for December 2025.

Resolved to approve Account balances:

Business Money Manager: £46,406.30

Community account: £4,007.35

TOTAL £50,413.65

Resolved to approve payments on finance reports:
December 2024 & January 2025.

December 2024 expenditure	
Fresh Pay	£6.00
P Baker	£246.57
SM Wages SCP 29 £20.02/hr (HMRC 159.34)	£624.58
January 2025 expenditure	
Fresh Pay	£6.00
SM Wages July SCP 29 £20.02/hr (HMRC 159.34)	£624.58
P Baker	£82.50
T&S Grass Cutting & Maintenance	£65.00
Hall Hire Parish Meetings	£70.00
Strength & Balance Classes	£160.50
Sue Ryder Donation – Disposal of Christmas Trees	£10.00
Grave Digging – October 2024	£1332.00
J Abell Invoice	£520.00
Total	£4066

Resolved to change the address for the bank accounts.

250121 - 8

NET ZERO VILLAGES

Resolved to make two expressions of interests 1) to change the 17-village owned streetlights to LED bulbs 2) to put solar panels on the village hall.

Clerk to complete expressions of interests and to add item to February agenda.

CLERK

250121 - 9

TABLE TENNIS FUNDING

Resolved for NB to bring an updated quote to Februarys meeting.

Clerk to make grant application to Black Cat Grants.

The Parish Council to consider self-funding.

NB

CLERK

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ACTION

250121-10 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER
The Parish Council noted the new Tree Preservation Orders.

250121-11 GARDEN OF REST
a) Resolved to approve the quote for mole removal.
b) Resolved to consider quotes for removal of current gravel, fully lining and re gravel. Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for February meeting. Clerk to add item to February agenda. **CLERK**

250121-12 NEW WEBSITE
Resolved to move forward with HUGO FOX to provide website, 10 .gov email addresses and silver support package. Clerk to notify Hugo Fox. **CLERK**

250121-13 MEMBERS UPDATES
NF a section of pavement between Pound Close and Newtown has become a trip hazard. Clerk to report to CCC. **CLERK**
NB confirmed there is one solar powered speed camera to put up. Clerk to co-ordinate placing of camera with Paul Baker and NB.
SM confirmed the village hall had agreed to have a WEEE bin sited on their grounds.
RRS Open space checks are good. Expecting a ROSPA visit in March. The one-way sign on the BMX track is still outstanding. Clerk to organise purchase and placement. **CLERK**

250121-14 CONSIDER ANY COMMUNICATION RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES FORMAL NOTING OR DECISION BY PC

250121-15 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
- Litter Pick
- Table Tennis Quotes
- Garden of Rest quotes

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.

Cllr Stephen Cawley Report

Parish Council Update – January 2025

Net Zero Villages – Launched 16th December

Net Zero Villages was launched on 16th December and will be delivered by HDC with funding from the CPCA. Applications will close on Sunday 26th January at 23:59. Grants of £5,000 and £50,000 are available for projects to assist communities in reducing their carbon emissions. The grant is aimed at rural communities and the towns of St Neots, Huntingdon and St Ives will not be included.

https://mcusercontent.com/c12c267f6eb236cbf6c4c1a8a/files/53d9d1d9-311c-b3f9-e289-5850e1c28bb9/Net_Zero_Eligibility_Criteria.01.pdf

Expressions of interest can be submitted through the following link: [Grants- Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](https://grants-huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

Approval of Council Tax Base 2025/26

In accordance with Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amounts calculated by HDC as their (net) Tax Base for the whole District for the year 2025/26 is 66,638.0, and shall be as listed here for each Town and Parish of the District.

Great Staughton Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

This is a consultation for Great Staughton Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan. 11-Dec-2024 at 9.00 AM to 05-Feb-2025 at 11.59 PM

Devolution White Paper (Members' Briefing 7 January)

Peterborough City Council is included. Constituent councils include all Districts, Unitary and the County.

ACTION

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.

We'll keep you posted.

Meeting at CC pre-Christmas

Mtg at CC with officers, Ian and Mark Middleton re enforcement issues at 5 Acres etc. Ongoing discussion. Very receptive from officers.