

Hinxton Parish Council: Minutes of meeting held 14th April 2025

Present:

Ceri Williams

Sarah Robinson

Mike Boagey

Chris Elliott

Hugh Taylor

Anne Charteris-Clerk

Cllr Peter McDonald

Members of the Public: 4

	Part 1 : Non confidential information.
2504/0 1	To receive and approve apologies for absence
2504/02	To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda CW- Hunts Lane CE- Weir
2504/03	To elect new Vice Chair. Deferred until next meeting
2504/04	To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 10th March 2025 Minutes approved and signed
2504/05	Exclusion of the Public. To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded.
2504/06	<p>Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald.</p> <p>Five-year land supply In December the government published new planning policies which increased housing targets with no notice period to allow councils to adjust. This resulted in the five-year land supply for the Greater Cambridge area temporarily dipping from 6.5 years to 4.6 years. The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning team have published a new report which calculates the current five year land supply, which is now 5.5 years. This provides assurance that the provisions of the Local Plan are fully enforceable. https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/current-plans-and-guidance/monitoring-delivery-in-greater-cambridge/</p> <p>Warm Homes funding South Cambridgeshire District Council has been awarded several million pounds in funding from the Government's Department for Energy Security and Net Zero as part of the national Warm Homes programme. We have been allocated £8.2m as part of the Warm Homes Social Housing Fund. This fund supports social housing providers to insulate social homes, improve energy efficiency and upgrade heating systems. It will help retrofit social homes and tackle fuel poverty for residents, deliver carbon savings to progress toward net zero. Additionally, a consortium of local councils has been awarded £8.5m under the Warm Homes: Local Grant scheme. This is a fund to improve energy performance and provide low carbon heating in private homes. Congratulations to the housing teams for all their hard work in securing these funding awards. https://www.scambs.gov.uk/news/millions-secured-for-warmer-homes-in-south-cambridgeshire</p> <p>New council website The website for South Cambridgeshire District Council went through a major upgrade on 25 March. New features include streamlined navigation, improved accessibility and</p>

localisation; residents can put their postcode in and find information purely relevant to their area, such as their local councillors, the bin schedule, planning applications and local events. Please submit any feedback on the new site using the Leave feedback button at the top of each page.

New tenant in South Cambs Hall

The council has been actively seeking tenants to make best use of the space available in South Cambs Hall. From 10 April, The ICT Service, a school advisory, and support service run by the County Council, will be located on the ground floor as part of the strategy to optimise the use of South Cambs Hall for local community and business support

Local government reorganisation

There has been a great deal of discussion between local councils in this area about the possibilities for local government reorganisation. A letter was sent to the Local Government Minister as requested at the end of March to confirm that the councils in Cambridgeshire have been exploring the possibilities constructively together. This was approved by the council at an extraordinary meeting on 19 March. However, it is much too early at this stage to know what shape the reorganisation will take in Cambridgeshire. There is now a FAQ page on the council's website to explain the government's plans for local government reorganisation and the possible consequences. I will keep parishes updated as the likely outcome for this area gradually becomes clearer.

Net Zero Villages grant

Over £360k has been awarded to climate-friendly causes across the district through the Net Zero Villages scheme, which opened last December. Successful applicants included Shepreth Parish Council, which will receive £62k to improve the energy efficiency of Shepreth Village Hall and Ickleton which received £22k for the Ickleton Lion. The next opportunity to apply for funding for similar projects is the council's Zero Carbon Communities Grant, which opens for application in May. <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/news/over-360000-awarded-to-climate-friendly-causes-through-net-zero-villages-grant>

HAF Programme

Funding for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme has been extended by the Department for Education into 2025. The programme offers families the opportunity to access funded places and a meal for their child during the main school holidays of Easter, Summer, and Christmas. With a focus on providing healthy meals alongside engaging activities, this programme is ideal for children to stay healthy and more active this Easter. Any child receiving benefit-related free school meals is eligible for the programme, which will run between 7 – 17 April. Approximately 20,000 HAF eligibility vouchers were sent to families on 3 March. Each voucher offers a child 16 hours of access, for no charge, to a HAF registered holiday scheme during the Easter school holidays.

Further information can be found at [Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

2504/07

Updates

- a. Wellcome Trust Campus Development. There is a liaison group meeting next week at Wellcome. MB has been talking to the Social Club on the Campus and they seem keen that Hinxton residents have use to some of the facilities on the present site, these include the tennis courts, Social Club, Gym, Bollywood dancing and Taekwondo. There is the issue of security and accessing the site. MB to find out more details.
- b. Village Hall extension. The Moses's have drafted an initial design of the new Hall, this will be shown to the PC at the next meeting before being presented to residents.
- c. Wetlands Committee. A meeting was held recently, Minutes will be posted on the PC website once received.
- d. Playground. Bolts for the seesaw seat have arrived, Clerk to arrange having this repaired. Safety inspection due this month.

- e. Quiet Lanes. More data has been received but more is needed, the survey form can be found in previous Hinxton Newsletter.
- f. Bus Service in the Village. Nothing to report yet.
- g. Highways. A505 report. More talks to be held as the current plan not fit for purpose. Probably hear something in June after elections. The path to Whittlesford station should be in with these talks of improving A505 and the McDonalds roundabout.
The Highways depot at Whittlesford is due to be moved.
Clerk has applied through the Local Highway Improvement grant for Hunts Lane to become one-way, from High Street to A1301. She has also applied for the 20mph zone to include all of Hinxton including Hunts Lane.
- h. River/weir report. Martin Fordham is to give up responsibility for the sluices after he and his father before him have looked after them for more than 50 years. It has been an amazing service to the community and we thank him for all his time and efforts. Volunteers may be needed in the future to raise and lower the sluice gates, the gates themselves are hard to move due to the tree roots causing the gap for the gates to narrow. A meeting is to be arranged between Peter McDonald, Cambridge Past Present and Future, Wellcome Trust and the Environment Agency to discuss the future plans, including a possible new weir.
- i. Buying a speed restriction unit: Clerk has been looking into options and costings. A walk round of the village is to be done to see where it could go, the plan is for it to be moved to different locations in the village.

2504/08

Public participation time. 15 minutes allowed

2504/09

New items for discussion and correspondence.

- Installing another dog poo bin at northern end of the Village. It was agreed to buy 2 new freestanding litter/dog poo bins. 1 to replace the one near the Mill, one to be at the Ford parking area and the small bin from the Mill to be located somewhere at the North End Road/High St area- maybe at the bus stop or near there? Final location to be decided.
- Applying to make the Red Lion an Asset of Community Value. Clerk to follow this up.
- ANPR can we have data when the units are installed by U & C? This will be asked at the next Liaison meeting.
- Mill AGM- sluices
- Buy editing tool subscription. It was agreed to buy this subscription as it is needed to edit and format documents on the website. To be shared cost with Babraham Parish Council, £30 per annum each council.
- Purchase flags and rope for VE Day celebrations. This was voted on and all in agreement.

2504/11

FINANCE**Bank Balances at 7th April 2025****Current A/C : £3199.85****Business /AC : 41,652.47****Village Hall sec 106 /AC £4711.49****Total: £49,563.81**

2504/12

Clerk/HMRC	salary/tax/ ink/paper /WFH expenses	confidential
SSE	Electric	£192.19
Microsoft	Storage	£35.28
S Lotte	Hinxton News	£100
Hugo Fox	Website hosting	£35.99

	EE	Broadband	£29.99	Payments for approval-
	Lloyds	Service charge	£4.25	
	all approved and signed off.			
2504/13	Payment Received			
	Lloyds	Interest	£35.54	
2504/14	<p>Planning Applications Received. Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: Creation of office/R&D units (Use Class E). Site address: Land West Of Hinxton Grange Pumping Station Cambridge Road Hinxton Reference: 25/00839/FUL Public Access Link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/00839/FUL</p> <p>A site visit to be arranged and an Extraordinary meeting to be called to discuss.</p>			
2504/15	Items to report for inclusion of next meeting			
2504/16	<p>Dates of next meetings Village Hall May 12th Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 7.30 approx. June 9th 7.30 Hinxton Village Hall</p>			
2504/17	<p>Part II: Confidential Information Exclusion of the Press and the Public: To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting.</p> <p>Signature <i>Anne Charteris</i> Parish Clerk 16th April 2025</p>			