

# Hinxton Parish Council: Minutes of Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Present:

Ceri Williams

Sarah Robinson

Hugh Taylor

Mike Boagey

Chris Elliott

Anne Charteris-Clerk

Members of the Public: 0

	<b>Part 1 : Non confidential information.</b>
<b>2502/01</b>	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b> Apologies received and approved from Andy Brown Peter McDonald
<b>2502/02</b>	<b>To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda</b> Ceri Williams- Hunts Lane, Chris Elliott-Allotments
<b>2502/03</b>	<b>To elect new Vice Chair.</b> Deferred until all members are present
<b>2502/04</b>	<b>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 13th January 2025</b> Minutes were approved by all and signed off.
<b>2502/05</b>	<b>Exclusion of the Public.</b> To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded.
<b>2502/06</b>	<b>Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald.</b> The report can be found in full on the website, but in brief: <b>Local government reorganisation</b> On 16 December the government published a White Paper called English Devolution which included a push towards conversion to unitary councils in two-tier authority areas such as Cambridgeshire. In this region our two tiers are Cambridgeshire County Council and the district councils. The White Paper included a requirement for local authorities to submit proposals for reorganisation at the end of March. A letter from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has been promised to define the expectations from government in more detail. In the meantime there have of course been many conversations between the various branches of local government. The government has indicated that it will be adopting a phased approach to this reorganisation with an initial focus on areas where the current system is clearly failing. On this basis, and given the focus on delivering local growth, it seems unlikely that Cambridgeshire will be selected for early reorganisation. However, little is known for certain at this stage.  <b>Increased funding for electric vehicle chargers</b> The funding available from the Council's electric vehicle (EV) charging grant has increased from £5,000 to £12,000 per project. The grant is open to parish councils, community groups and charities and can be used to fund the installation of EV chargers in car parks associated with community buildings <b>Green bin collection</b> The green bins will be collected once in February (on 4 February) alongside the blue recycling bins, with a blue-bin-only collection taking place on 18 February. From the beginning of March, they will be emptied fortnightly again.

**Council housing and its allocation**

South Cambridgeshire District Council is responsible for around 5600 Council houses across the district. The Council is building new housing stock at a rate of around 75 houses per year to help rebuild the social housing supply that has historically been in decline. This year, over £1 million is being spent on improving the insulation and heating for existing Council houses.

The allocation of Council houses is managed by Home-Link, a shared service that covers Cambridgeshire and West Suffolk. The allocation policies are designed to allow people seeking social housing to exercise choice in deciding where they wish to live and in the type of property they prefer, while prioritising by housing need and making the best use of the housing available. Anyone can apply for Council housing at [www.home-link.org.uk](http://www.home-link.org.uk) or via a paper form.

**Four-day working week consultation**

The Council began a consultation on the four-day working week on 27 January which runs for eight weeks until 23 March. The aim is to gather data from residents and businesses on how the quality of the Council's services has changed since January 2023, when the trial of the new working practices began. This will be used alongside the other extensive sources of data on the Council's costs and performance to decide the next steps for this working practice. The aim of the trial was to improve value for money in the light of the difficulties in recruiting and retaining permanent staff, especially in the Planning service.

<https://engage.scams.gov.uk/en-GB/folders/four-day-week>

**Bus Franchising**

Bus franchising took the next step with the report to the Transport & Infrastructure Committee. Item 7.

<https://democracy.cambridgeshirepeterboroughca.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=138&MIId=126&Ver=4>

**OxCam Corridor and Super-Cluster**

The Chancellor announced a re-hash of the OxCam corridor which is to be Chaired by Lord Vallance and I attach a link to the report.

<https://oxcamsupercluster.publicfirst.co.uk/Oxford%20%20Cambridge%20Scenario%20Modelling-2.pdf>

**LED Street Lighting**

Work started in earnest in the New Year to replace the majority of our existing streetlighting with newer, more efficient LED (light emitting diode) lights – this can cut energy consumption from street lighting by more than half.

Cambridgeshire County Council is responsible for more than 53,500 streetlights across the county, approximately 47,500 of which will be replaced by LED replacements under this scheme.

You can find out more about our streetlight replacement programme [on our website](#).

Information on how to report a street lighting fault, and likely repair times are on our website: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/streetlighting](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/streetlighting)

**Frequent A & E Patients**

A new specialist team is helping to reduce avoidable visits to Accident and Emergency (A&E) departments across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Known as the High Impact Use team (HIU), the service is a partnership between NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough and Cambridgeshire County Council (who host the service) on behalf of the Integrated Care System (ICS). This service helps those who often attend A&E for reasons that extend beyond medical interventions and for needs which would be better met by other professionals.

2502/07	<p><b>Updates</b></p> <p>a. Wellcome Trust Campus Development. Nothing new to report except for roadworks continuing.</p> <p>b. Village Hall extension. The GPS survey has been done. The contract with architects has been signed. More details next meeting when Andy Brown will be present.</p> <p>c. Wetlands Committee. Meeting to be held 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.</p> <p>d. Playground. It was noted that there are a lot of molehills in the playground, Clerk to ask Charles if there is anything which can be done about this.</p> <p>e. Quiet Lanes. Mike Boagey has a meeting with Duxford Parish Council on Thursday. The next step is to collect data.</p> <p>f. Bus Service in the Village. Nothing to report. the 7a service is under threat, Peter McDonald to be asked about this.</p> <p>g. Highways. A505 report released- Clerk to ask Peter about this.</p> <p>h. Weir- meeting to be arranged.</p>
2502/08	<p><b>Public participation time. 15 minutes allowed</b></p> <p>No public present.</p>
2502/09	<p><b>New items for discussion and correspondence.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Urban &amp; Civic on the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025: discuss questions to ask at the meeting Clerk to collate questions to be asked.</li> <li>• Letter received from resident re Industrial Action affecting pupils at Hills Road Sixth Form College, consider/discuss response. Chair to draft a letter to our MP expressing concern about the ongoing industrial action at Hills Road Sixth Form College and the impact it is having on their children's education.</li> <li>• Flying a commemorative flag at/near the war memorial on VE and VJ Days 2025 (80th anniversary). It was proposed by Hugh Taylor to buy 2 flags, seconded by Ceri Williams, all in agreement.</li> <li>• Hinxton Fest 25. This is to be a week of celebration, starting with the Fireworks at Wellcome Trust on the 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, continuing with the Remembrance celebration, an Art Café all week, a Quiz, Art show, Light Show, Auction and Children's Party, ending with a Grand Finale of Music and Comedy. More details nearer the time. The Parish Council welcomed this initiative and hopes it will become an annual event. A couple of issues were raised- parking and where to store the large tables during this week. This to be discussed and hopefully storage can be found for this week.</li> <li>• Friendly Friday at the Red Lion was well attended and more of these evenings are hoped to be arranged.</li> <li>• Litter Pick: this was agreed to be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April, between 9 and 11am, refreshments afterwards. Clerk to order the equipment.</li> <li>• Making the Red Lion a Community Asset, such as was done for the Ickleton Lion. Chris Elliott to raise this with Alex Clarke - more details and discussion at the next meeting.</li> <li>• Allotments: we now have 1 spare allotment plus the 2 near the village Hall. One allotment was left in a very bad state, covered with roofing tiles, wood and other rubbish. Clerk has been unable to contact the plot holder so this has now been taken over by another person. There is a cherry tree that has become too large for the area and is blocking light on the allotments, Clerk to investigate getting this pruned back asap.</li> <li>• Reports of increasing amount of dog mess in the village, may need more signs, another bin and a notice put in the Hinxton News asking people to clear up after their dogs.</li> <li>• Peter McDonald had suggested at a previous meeting that we may like to invite our MP, Pippa Heyling, to meet with residents at the Village Hall, this would be a Q &amp; A style meeting and not at the same time as the Parish Council meetings, Clerk to contact her to find out some possible dates when she could attend.</li> </ul>

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**FINANCE****Bank Balances at 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025****Current A/C : 5019.90****Business /AC : 41,584.08****Village Hall sec 106 /AC £5406.49****Total: £52,010.47**

2502/12

Clerk/HMRC	salary/tax/ ink/paper /WFH expenses	confidential
CPRE	Subscription	£36
Water bill for allotments		£96.00
S Lotte	Hinxton News	£100

**Payments were approved and signed off.**

2502/13

<b>Payment Received</b>		
Lloyds	Interest	£39.88
Allotments	rents	£20.00
HMRC	VAT Refund	£394.52

2502/14

**Planning Applications Received.**

Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council

Proposal: Submission of details required by partial discharge of condition 5 (Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)) of planning permission 23/00482/FUL

Site address: Wellcome Trust Genome Campus Cambridge Road Hinxton

Reference: 23/00482/COND5

Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/00482/COND5>

2502/15

**Items to report for inclusion of next meeting**

Discuss making the Red Lion a Community Asset.

New dog poo bin for High Street on the northern part of the village, clerk to source bin and see where it can be sited.

2502/16

**Dates of next meetings 7.30 Village Hall****March 10<sup>th</sup> 2025****April 14<sup>th</sup> 2025**

2502/17

**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.

Signature *Anne Charteris* Parish Clerk 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025