

Hinxton Parish Council: Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 12th May 2025

Present:

Ceri Williams

Sarah Robinson

Mike Boagey

Chris Elliott

Hugh Taylor

Andy Brown

Anne Charteris-Clerk

Cllr Peter McDonald

Members of the Public: 5

	Part 1 : Non confidential information.
2505/01	To receive and approve apologies for absence None received
2505/02	To Elect a Chair & Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing year Ceri Williams was proposed as Chair by Chris Elliot, seconded by Andy Brown, all in favour Sarah Robinson was proposed as Vice Chair by Andy Brown, seconded by Ceri Williams, all in favour.
2505/03	To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda Ceri Williams- Hunts Lane Chris Elliott- Weir
2505/04	To sign and approve minutes of meetings dated 14th April 2025 and the Extraordinary meeting held 24th April 2025. Both sets approved and signed
2505/05	Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald Available in full on the BPC website, but in brief: Zero Carbon Communities The seventh round of South Cambridgeshire's Zero Carbon Communities (ZCC) grants launch today (May 5) offering a share of £125,000 to successful applicants. The grant scheme supports projects which help reduce carbon emissions or 'lock up' carbon, as well as projects that foster community engagement on climate change. Closing date for applications is 5pm on Tuesday 1 July 2025. Applications can be made using the online form on the grant webpage . Updated grant information and application guidance documents have been made available to help applicants. An online application workshop takes place from 5 - 6:30pm on Wednesday 21 May 2025. This will be an opportunity to pose any questions to the grant team and discuss project ideas. To sign up, please email zcc@scambs.gov.uk NHS Healthy Start Campaign South Cambridgeshire has seen the biggest increase in NHS Healthy Start claims in the country, following a targeted campaign by the District Council encouraging eligible parents to sign up for free food and milk support. The three-week campaign is projected to have distributed nearly £60,000 of previously unclaimed funds. The Healthy Start scheme is offered by the NHS to parents receiving certain benefits but were estimated to go unclaimed by more than a third (38%) of eligible parents in South Cambridgeshire which is why the District Council campaign was launched. The easiest way to apply for the Healthy Start scheme is online . If residents are unable to apply online, they can call the Healthy Start helpline on 0300 330 7010 and a member of staff will help complete an application.

Cambs County Council**May 1st Elections**

Cambridgeshire County Council's largest political group are the Liberal Democrats following yesterday's elections. The final results, declared at counts across the county (Friday, 2 May), saw the Liberal Democrats win 31 seats. The Conservatives won 10 seats, Reform UK won 10, Labour won 5, the Green Party won 3, and 2 seats were won by independent candidates.

The council will agree key political roles – including the Leader of the Council and all key committee appointments – at its Annual General Meeting of the local authority which will be held on Tuesday, 20 May at New Shire Hall, Alconbury Weald.

The full list of election results is available on our website.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/elections>

I am very grateful to the 1500 residents who supported me:

Primary School Places

A total of 94.5 per cent of Cambridgeshire children will be going to their first preference primary school this September, above the national proportion of 93.2 per cent from 2024.

This is marginally down from the 95.9 per cent offered their preferred choice in Cambridgeshire last year. The proportion offered a place at their first, second or third choice school has also slightly fallen – from 99.1 per cent last year to 98.9 per cent this year.

Just over 1 per cent of pupils (76 children in total) have been allocated places at other schools, outside of their expressed preferences, the second lowest number in the last four years.

2505/06**Exclusion of the Public.**

To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded.

2505/07**Audit To review draft documents and, if agreed, to resolve to submit to Auditors and Regulators**

The documents had been circulated prior to the meeting, these were approved and signed off.

2505/08**Updates**

- a. Wellcome Trust Campus Development. The roadworks have been completed to date, although there may be more later. There is a new person in Charge of the development who seems to be very amenable to co-operate with the village, the New Road junction has been test driven and it was agreed that there seems to be a fault with the design, it is hoped that it will be corrected soon.
- b. Village Hall extension. The plans have now been received from the Moses's, they have been shown to the Village Hall Committee and some of the immediate neighbours, there are some updates to be made and they will then be available for everyone to look at and comment on. It is hoped that a presentation will be arranged at the Village Hall later. The cost with VAT is much higher than expected, Clerk will see if we can reclaim VAT and AB will also investigate this as it will make a big difference.
A message has been received to see if there was anything that the village needed- ie the Mill. This would be passed on to Cambridge Past Present and Future as there is an urgent appeal for money to repair the brick bridge which will cost approx. £20,000.
- c. Wetlands Committee. Walks continue regularly, **dates can be found on the website**
- d. Playground – report following inspection of playground, it is still saying that the Carousel is not t the correct height despite having been installed by the company that supplied it. The trees over the climber need cutting back, Sarah to see about getting this done. The seesaw has now been fixed.
- e. Highways – nothing new to report.
- f. Bus service in village- nothing to report.
- g. Quiet Lanes. Some response have been received following the request in the Hinxton News for people to help. There were not many responses but thanks given to those who had helped. No definite conclusion can be drawn, mainly due to minimal data and seasonal variations. More people walking at lunchtime- probably from local businesses and the Campus. It was decided to continue the survey, contact local landowners and raise awareness of the intent to apply for Quiet Lane status.

- h. Buying a speed restriction unit- deferred to the June meeting.
- i. River/weir . No meeting has been arranged as yet, this needs to be between all parties involved.
- j. Dog poo bins. 2 bins to be ordered and installed, Clerk to arrange this.
- k. War Memorial has now been cleaned and the lettering reinstated. The railings have been straightened as much as possible, but they really need to be completely removed which means chipping them out of the concrete. Clerk to get a quote on this being done and raising the height of the corner posts and railings.
- l. Village Litter pick. This went very well with a good number of people attending. It was heartening that not much litter was collected, in part due to the volunteers who regularly pick up litter around the village and along the A1301. Thanks were expressed to those attending, the organisers and to Alex at the Red Lion for providing refreshments afterwards.

2505/09 New items for discussion

Drainage problems in North End/High St. This has been an ongoing problem for several years, despite the drain being cleared, the water has nowhere to go and when there is heavy rain, the ditch overflows onto the property next to the ditch. This is a complicated issue as several different parties involved, it was proposed by CE, seconded by HT and all in agreement that Clerk will write a letter of support for the residents involved, with hopes that this will soon be sorted out.

2505/10 Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed

Thanks were given to Brad Charteris who does a splendid job keeping the website up to date and also to the Clerk for her hard work.

2505/11 FINANCE

Bank Balances at May 7th 2025

Current A/C £15,535.22

Business /AC £41,686.70

Village Hall sec 106 /AC £4711.49

Total £61,933.41

2505/12 Payments were approved and signed off.

Clerk/HMRC	salary/tax/ ink/paper /WFH expenses	confidential
Hugo Fox	Website	£35.99
ROSPA	Playground inspection	£153.60
ICO	Data protection	£47
S Lotte	Hinxton News	£100
Bidwells	Footpath License	£1000
EE	Broadband	£34.16
Lloyds	Service charge	£4.25
Yorks Tax Bureau	Payroll	£180
Stan Reynolds	War Memorial	£2000
Hugh Taylor	VE Day Flag	£100.14
Paul Bell	Playground seesaw repair	£30

2505/13 Payment Received

Lloyds	Interest	£38.10
SCDC	Precept	£16585.00

2505/14 Planning Applications Received.

The following proposals were discussed and a visit to Stephen Kelly at SCDC was arranged. The Parish Council has sent a letter of objection to these plans

Signature *Anne Charteris* Parish Clerk 15th May 2025