

Wyton on the Hill Parish Council

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A meeting of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council was held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7.00pm at: Wyton on the Hill Primary School. Wyton on the Hill. Cambs.

Present: Councillor Mark Looker (Chair), Councillor David Keane, Councillor Lee Gregory and Councillor Emma Bladen.

In Attendance: Ms. N. Webber (Clerk), Gill Angel (Station) No MOP

MINUTES

125-01/25 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

126-01/25 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies have been received from Councillor Waclawyj – she has just had a baby
Councillor Bladen proposed acceptance of these apologies and this was seconded by Councillor Gregory.
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Councillor Bladen proposed acceptance of these apologies and this was seconded by Councillor Gregory.

127-01/25 To receive declarations of interest.

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Wyton on the Hill Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011. There were no declarations of interest.

128-01/25 To receive and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th December 2024.

The minutes of the meeting of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council held on 10th December 2024 had been circulated in advance following their informal approval by the Chairman. Councillor Keane proposed acceptance of the minutes and Councillor Bladen seconded the proposal. All were in favour, and it was resolved to accept the minutes. The Chairman signed the minutes.

129-01/25 Public participation.

To allow up to 10 minutes (2 minutes per person) for any members of the public and councillors declaring the existence and nature of a prejudicial interest to address the meeting in relation to the business on this agenda. No MOP attended the meeting.

130-01/25 To consider the co-option of parish councillors (one vacancy).

There have been no applications. We will continue to advertise and try and speak to people in the parish.

131-01/25 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.

- SID Update and purchase of posts – the second SID has now arrived. Councillor Keane to update in February on purchasing poles. DIO have agreed the location with Councillor Looker.
- Council document storage – Councillor Gregory to report back in February
- Rat problem – 3 emails were received after the social media post and these emails will be replied to. Councillor Gregory to look into whether this is a localised problem and contact the environment agency for advice. Gill Angel will speak with WO Smith.
- CIL payment - £5,070.60 to spend before April 1st 2025.

132-01/25 To discuss any updates for events and activities on Station
Gill Angel attended the meeting and reported back that the Station Commander can come to the March meeting is available. The houses on Cornwall Road are now occupied. There will also be a Gurkha Community hub and Military co-workers hub on Cornwall Road hopefully in place by Easter. Councillor

Looker spoke to Gill about the dog bin near the officers accommodation which has been taken away. This is probably one of the most used dog bins in the parish

and it disappeared over night. It has been all over social media. There is a significant increase in dog waste in the area which the council on occasion have emptied when over flowing. It is not a parish council bin to empty. The pole that has been left is also dangerous. Gill will look into this and provide an update.

133-01/25 To receive an update from the Estate Caretaker – Tony was unable to make the meeting and has reported that there have been no problems in the past month.

134-01/25 To receive an update from the local District Councillor/s on matters at HDC – Councillor Keane reported the following:

Devolution and local government reform.

On 16 December, the government announced they are looking to devolve and reform powers within the local government structure. Attached is the overview given to HDC members. There are a lot of unknowns at this point. Things that do seem to be certain is the Cambridgeshire county council elections will be held in May.

The reorganisation will be with the current CPCA borders and that key deadlines are March for an outline proposal and Autumn for a detailed proposal.

If all the relevant current councils can't agree a solution. One could be imposed by the minister. As you can imagine there are a lot of key things to decide - like how to divide the existing organisations is into a new unitary or unitaries and then then the actual process of doing it.

The goal is to do this within the term of this parliament. Beyond the white paper and the attached presentation, it is just a case of watch this space and lots of communication. There should be minimal impact of the PCs within the overall reorganisation, but one can imagine there will be service considerations when the process is underway.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-white-paper-power-and-partnership-foundations-for-growth>

135-01/25 Budget and Precept 2025

The clerk presented the council with a draft budget for 2024/25. A couple of amendments were made and it was proposed to accept the budget. Councillor Looker proposed this and Councillor Bladen seconded the proposal. The council discussed the precept and it was agreed to set the precept for the coming year at £22,500 to cover all costs of the Council over the coming year. Councillor Looker proposed this and Councillor Keane seconded the proposal. The clerk will send this off to HDC.

**136-01/25 Notification of planning items:
There were no applications for planning.**

137-01/25 Finance

137-01/25.1 To approve accounts for payment: 01 January 2025

Date	Ref. No.	Payee	Description	Amount
01/01/25		HMRC	PAYE (Month 8)	£180.80
01/01/25		Mr A Savage	Caretaker Services (Dec 2024)	£262.96
01/01/25		Mr A Savage	Caretaker mileage expenses – Dec 2024	£9.00
01/01/25		Ms N Webber	Parish Clerk/RFO Services. 30 hours, Dec 2024	£460.80
01/01/25		Ms N Webber	Working from home allowance and expenses Dec 24	£10.00
01/01/25		Enviroplantcare	Maintenance of the front of the estate – Dec 2024	£110.00
01/01/25		CCC	Stay & Play (December)	£135.00
01/01/25		WOTH School	Room Hire 2024	£210.00
01/01/25		PKF Littlejohn	External audit fees	£242.00

138-01/25 Finance

138-01/25.1 To approve accounts to be paid on 14 January 2025
The chair approved and signed the invoices.

138-01/25.2 To note any income received:
£262.19 was received in interest on the instant access account.

138-01/25.3 To authorise bank reconciliations dated 14 January 2025
The chair approved and signed the bank reconciliation.
Balance on accounts: Instant: £36,016.49
Current: £3,543.89
Payments to go out: £1,630.56

139-01/25 Personnel matters

139-01/25.1 To receive an update from Ms Webber (Clerk).
The clerk updated the council that the external audit had been signed off. She requested that they do not resubscribe to SSCL this year to save some money but would urge the council to continue its subscription to CAPALC. All the letters to Santa were written (by Santa) and delivered by his elf. 27 letters were received in total. The Christmas lights were taken down and the clerk found that some of the wired appeared to have been cut. The council will need to invest in some more lights for Christmas 2025.

140-01/25 Correspondence and Communications

An email has been received from a resident on the disappearing dog bin
An email has been received from Tiger Bus to say that they now cover west Hunts, Fenland and south and east Cambs. They are not quite in our area yet.
An email has been received for the precept renewal – we are tax band D
An email has been received from CIL – the amount retained is £5,070.69
An email has been received from ICT – they cannot help us with cloud storage and have suggested Google Drive or Dropbox.
An email has been received from Hicox – the insurance is due to be renewed on 1st April 2025.
An email has been received from CAPALC – the 8th May is the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.
An email has been received from Cambs Meals on wheels with promotional literature.

141-01/25 To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.

No decisions can be made under this item.
There were no matters arising.

142-01/25 Matters for future consideration.

No decisions can be made under this item.
Councillor Gregory mentioned the car parking situation at the nursery on base.

143-01/25 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th February 2025

Close of meeting