

Wyton on the Hill Parish Council

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A meeting of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council was held on Tuesday 11th February 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 Cilla Bhunu and Councillor Emma Bladen.

In Attendance: Ms. N. Webber (Clerk), 1 MOP

MINUTES

144-02/25 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

145-02/25 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies have been received from Councillor Gregory as he was unable to get childcare.
Councillor Looker proposed acceptance of these apologies and this was seconded by Councillor Bhunu.
Apologies have been received from Councillor Waclawyj as she is on maternity leave.
Councillor Looker proposed acceptance of these apologies and this was seconded by Councillor Bhunu.

146-02/25 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.

147-02/25 To receive and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14th January 2025.

The minutes of the meeting of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council held on 14th January 2025 have been circulated in advance following their informal approval by the Chairman. Councillor Looker proposed acceptance of the minutes and Councillor Bladen seconded the proposal. All were in favour and it was resolved to do so. The Chairman signed the minutes.

148-02/25 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.
The chair invited the MOP to talk.

The MOP wanted to mention the number of lights out on the estate. Councillor Looker told the MOP that he does an inventory of the lights every 6 months and reports back to whoever owns them. The MOP also mentioned the amount of cars that park on the kerbs and make it hard to see when driving around the estate. The Chair asked the MOP to make a list of where this happened as asked if this could be emailed into the clerk. The MOP mentioned that there are no lights at the bus stop – the Chair advised him that unfortunately this is not our responsibility it is CCC. The MOP also mentioned the large number of ash trees cut down for no reason behind the tennis courts when they did not appear to be diseased. The chair advised these could be on land owned by the base and possibly contracted out to another company.

149-02/25 To consider the co-option of a parish councillors (one vacancy).

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

150-02/25 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.

- SID Update and purchase of posts – Councillor Keane to chase up
- Council document storage – Councillor Gregory sent an email with 3 proposals. The committee discussed all options and decided to go with Microsoft Office 365 for business standard at £9.60 per month.

- Rat problem – Councillor Gregory has sent various emails and is awaiting responses.
- Email received from Gill Angel for a donation to an Airplay residential trip to Grafham Water. The council discussed this and Councillor Bladen proposed a donation of £200, this was seconded by Councillor Looker and it was agreed to do so. The clerk will email Gill.
- Vision ICT – to be discussed at a later date.

151-02/25 To discuss any updates for events and activities on Station – Gill did not attend the meeting but sent in an email as per above (150-02/25)

152-02/25 To receive an update from the Estate Caretaker – the Caretaker reported back that the bin near the tommy gun is getting very full again and is emptied 3-4 times a week. He is also still clearing the bin near the basketball court as it is always overflowing – this is not a parish council bin. Everywhere else on the estate is clean and tidy.

153-02/25 To receive an update from the local District Councillor/s on matters at HDC

Councillor Keane updated the following from HDC:

Garden Waste Renewal or Sign Up

The cost per year is £57.50 for one garden waste bin and £30 per additional bin (up to a maximum of additional bins). You can sign up for the service anytime, but the annual subscription runs from 1 April to 31 March. Even if you join mid-year, you'll be charged for the full year. Renewal is required before the next April to maintain service. Check out the link as different process for new joiners compared to renewal.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/garden-waste-subscription-service>

Mooncup

HDC is offering reusable menstrual cups, the council aims to tackle this environmental challenge by enabling residents to adopt more sustainable habits.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/reduce-your-waste/discounted-reusable-period-products>

Active for Health

A 12-week activity programme for adults (18 and over) to help you become active and move more. You can sign up for the Active for Health programme if you have a BMI of 25 or over, or 23.5 if you are from the BME community.

Active for Health Xtra is a new 12-week activity programme for adults (50 years and over) who have at least two of the additional risk factors of Cardiovascular Disease; diabetes, are a smoker, high blood pressure, have an unhealthy diet, have high cholesterol, family history of heart disease, are from a Black, Asian or minority background, are inactive, drink alcohol to excess, are overweight or obese.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/leisure/active-for-health>

Civil Parking Enforcement in Huntingdonshire

Work is progressing to implement Civil Parking Enforcement in Huntingdonshire which will see on-street enforcement for a number of parking offences transition from the Police to District Council in 2025.

To enable this to take place, on-street sign and line corrective works will be taking place over the coming months. As these highway work packages are approved by the County Council and dates scheduled, we will provide further updates to those Town and Parish Councils impacted by works; this will include details of which roads will be affected.

Please note that District Councillors and County Councillors that cover a specific Ward affected by on-street sign and line corrective works, will be copied into the notification of scheduled works sent out to Town & Parish Councils

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact ParkingService@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

154-02/25 Notification of planning items: There were no applications for planning

155-02/25 Finance

155-02/25.1 To approve accounts for payment: 01 February 2025

Date	Ref. No.	Payee	Description	Amount
01/02/25		HMRC	PAYE (Month 9)	£181.00
01/02/25		Mr A Savage	Caretaker Services (Jan 2025)	£262.76
01/02/25		Mr A Savage	Caretaker mileage expenses – Jan 2025	£9.00

01/02/25		Ms N Webber	Parish Clerk/RFO Services. 30 hours, Jan 2025	£460.80
01/02/25		Ms N Webber	Working from home allowance and expenses Jan 25	£43.19
01/02/25		Enviroplantcare	Maintenance of the front of the estate – Jan 2025	£110.00
01/02/25		CCC	Stay & Play (Jan 2025)	£180.00
01/02/25		Viking Direct	Caretaker consumables	£35.97

156-02/25 Finance

- 156-02/25.1 To approve accounts to be paid on 11 February 2025
The chair approved and signed the invoices.
- 156-02/25.2 To note any income received: None
- 156-02/25.3 To authorise bank reconciliations dated 11 February 2025
The chair approved and signed the bank reconciliation.
Balance on accounts: Instant: £37,016.49
Current: £11,907.33
Payments to go out: £1,282.72

157-02/25 Personnel matters

- 157-02/25.1 To receive an update from Ms Webber (Clerk).
The clerk advised the councillors that they had been set up again with Unity Trust Bank and they should receive all their letters very soon. Another email has been received about the caretaker role should Tony ever be unavailable. The clerk will keep the details on file. The clerk ordered the flowers for Councillor Wacławcyj to say congratulations to her and her husband on the birth of their baby. The clerk's outlook has not been working so she can only access emails via the Vision ICT page at present – this should be rectified with the new change to Microsoft 365. A transfer was made from the Instant Access Account to the Current account to cover payments.

158-02/25 Correspondence and Communications

An email has been received from CCC re funding, Care Together

An email has been received from CAPALC after a question by the clerk to ask if Councillors can attend meetings on zoom if they are unable to attend in person. CAPALC replied that there is no legislation which permits hybrid meetings.

An email has been received from South Cambs District Council regarding Cambridge Art Exhibition and sale on 8th February 2025.

An email has been received from Ayor of Cambs & Peterborough about the decision to introduce bus franchising in Cambs and Peterborough. This is due to begin late 2027.

An email has been received from Hunts Society for the Blind regarding coffee mornings and a newsletter

An email has been received from CCC regarding a new inpatient partnership group

An email has been received from WOTH Primary School re E chargers at the school

An email has been received from HDC about tree planting at Priory Park in St Neots

An email has been received from CAPALC on training for neurodiversity

159-02/25 To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.

No decisions can be made under this item.

Councillor Keane met with someone who does STEM training and he has offered to do a session for free for the Parish Council. Councillor Keane to pass the details on.

Councillor Keane mentioned the planning application from Bellway Homes for the corner of Sawtry Way.

160-02/25 Matters for future consideration.

No decisions can be made under this item.

161-02/25 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th March 2025

Close of meeting at 20.18