

# Wyton on the Hill Parish Council

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**A meeting of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council was held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 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 Pricilla Bhunu and Councillor Emma Bladen

**In Attendance:** Ms. N. Webber (Clerk), Tony Savege (Caretaker) and 5 MOP

## MINUTES

**180-04/25 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting**

**181-04/25 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Apologies have been received from Councillor Waclawyj due to childcare

Councillor Keane proposed acceptance of these apologies and this was seconded by Councillor Bhunu.

Apologies have been received from Councillor Gregory due to childcare

Councillor Keane proposed acceptance of these apologies and this was seconded by Councillor Bhunu.

**182-04/25 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. Councillor Keane declared an interest as a HDC Councillor on the planning application 190-04/25. There were no other declarations of interest

**183-04/25 To receive and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

The minutes of the meeting of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 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.

**184-04/25 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 MOP to talk. All MOP who attended the meeting wanted to discuss the proposal for planning on the Wyton Airfield. A MOP asked if the council knew what was being proposed. Councillor Keane answered this question saying that there is a assessment of an application in the local plan. There is a link on the HDC website of what is being proposed on the site. It is only outline at present but there was a previous application in 2019 but it would not necessarily be the same. A MOP said they were worried about the infrastructure, hospitals, doctors, roads etc which are all full now. Another MOP said they have heard numbers of houses could be up to 6,000. A MOP asked if the site was safe to build on, would the ground be contaminated as oil appears on the field near it when it floods. A briefing should have been out this week but it has been postponed.

The Chair advised the MOP that he recently went to Westminster to meet with our local MP and he is very aware that everyone locally has an opinion on infrastructure. Our local MP is engaging with the housing minister so that they understand the issues.

**185-04/25 To consider the co-option of a parish councillors (one vacancy).**

The Clerk has sent out 2 applications but none have been received as of yet.

**186-04/25 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**

- SID Update and purchase of posts – This is ongoing
- Rat problem – there is no update from Councillor Gregory as he has heard nothing.
- Cambridge Innovation Foundation – STEM evening. The school would like to get involved with this with the council. The clerk will try and arrange a taster session.
- Bin update – The Chair reported that DIO were not aware that the contractors had broken the bin and that this should have been resolved by the contractors. As such DIO were not responsible for removing the bin. However DIO are going out of their way to resolve this out of their own funds as this will likely be a quicker way to provide a physical solution and in the interest of ensuring positive ongoing community relations.
- Development proposal on Wyton Airfield – This was discussed earlier 184-04/25

**187-04/25 To discuss any updates for events and activities on Station – Gill did not attend the meeting.****188-04/25 To receive an update from the Estate Caretaker** Mr Savage reported that all the bins are clear and up to date. There was a problem with the lock on the bin in the car park at H&W where we dispose of the waste. Our bags were left and HDC didn't pick them up. There is a VW vehicle near Devonshire with a notice on to tow away.**189-04/25 To receive an update from the local District Councillor/s on matters at HDC.** Councillor Keane reported as follows:

Upcoming Elections – County Council and Mayor.

Elections will be held on Thursday 1 May 2025 for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and Cambridgeshire County Council for 17 divisions in Huntingdonshire.

East Cambridgeshire District Council is the lead authority for the Combined Authority Mayoral election.

Nominations opened on Tuesday 25 March 2025 and closed at 4pm on Wednesday 2 April 2025.

**Local Government Reorganisation**

HDC is a signatory to a joint letter sent a letter to the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution, setting out progress on plans to move towards a new system of local government. The letter, signed by the leaders of Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, is in response to the invitation from government for councils to work together to develop a proposal for local government reorganisation. <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/council-leaders-issue-joint-letter-on-local-government-reorganisation>

**HDC Economic Growth Strategy Survey.**

HDC is encouraging local business owners to take just 15 minutes to share their insights, to help ensure our strategy truly reflects their needs, tackles key challenges, and helps drive investment into our area. Link to survey below <https://jsjvlcrqs0n.typeform.com/to/Nkr5WacS>

**Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 - Launched 24th March**

Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme (HFGS) 2025 is now open for applications.

HFGS will focus on supporting the Pride in Place journey, encouraging applications for events and activity that celebrate Huntingdonshire and its communities, heritage and culture. This might include focus on key upcoming dates such as the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

It is open until 30th June 2025, or sooner if the fund is exhausted. A total of £40,000 is available in grants of £500 - £2,500 to local organisations for activities, and events that showcase and celebrate Huntingdonshire's communities, heritage, and cultural identity.

Further information, including eligibility criteria and application form, is available here <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/council-democracy/grants/>

**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 3 additional bins). Residents can sign up for the service anytime, but the annual subscription runs from 1 April to 31 March. Renewal is required before the next April to maintain service. Check out the link as different process for new joiners compared to renewal.

Even if residents join mid-year, they will be charged for the full year.

<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.

Disposable menstrual products contribute significantly to landfill waste, with the UK producing 200,000 tonnes annually. In 2019 alone, the 180,000 residents Huntingdonshire sent about 260 tonnes of these products to landfill. By offering reusable menstrual cups, the council aims to tackle this environmental challenge by enabling residents to adopt more sustainable habits.

There is a discounted charge of £5. <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/reduce-your-waste/discounted-reusable-period-products-initiative/>

#### Active for Health

A 12-week activity programme for adults (18 and over) to help residents become active and move more. Sign up for the Active for Health programme if a resident has a BMI of 25 or over, or 23.5 if 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/>

#### Staying Active

Staying Active is a new 9-week activity programme to help residents become more active and move more. The programme will include a range of activities to help improve mobility, socialise and ultimately improve overall wellbeing. Participants will be aged at least 55 years of age and meet at least two eligibility criteria, check out details: <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/leisure/staying-active/>

#### Civil Parking Enforcement in Huntingdonshire

For an update on the schedule of work in advance of a proposed August launch clerks can email [ParkingService@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:ParkingService@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

#### 190-04/25 Notification of planning items:

##### Site Address: Land between Houghton Grange and The How Houghton Road, Houghton

There is still not date for this to go to the planning committee. H&W Parish Council are also very focussed on this.

#### 191-04/25 Finance

191-04/25.1 To approve accounts for payment: 08 April 2025

Date	Ref. No.	Payee	Description	Amount
01/04/25	986959294	HMRC	PAYE (Month 11)	£181.00
01/04/25	884084686	Mr A Savage	Caretaker Services (Mar 2025)	£262.76
01/04/25	884084686	Mr A Savage	Caretaker mileage expenses – Mar 2025	£9.00
01/04/25	141801952	Ms N Webber	Parish Clerk/RFO Services. 30 hours, Mar 2025	£460.80
01/04/25	141801952	Ms N Webber	Working from home allowance and expenses Mar 25	£10.00
01/04/25	649192986	Enviroplantcare	Maintenance of the front of the estate – Mar 2025	£110.00
01/04/25	83155511	CCC	Stay & Play (Mar 2025)	£180
01/04/25		AJG Community Insurance	Insurance	£487.23
01/04/25	258868760	Viking Direct	Caretaker consumables, printer paper	£73.73

#### 192-04/25 Finance

192-04/25.1 To approve accounts to be paid on 8 April 2025

The chair approved and signed the invoices.

- 192-04/25.2 To note any income received: £216.18 Interest on Instant Access Account
- 192-04/25.3 To authorise bank reconciliations dated 8 April 2025
- Balance on accounts: Instant: £32,232.67  
Current: £3,575.37

**193-04/25 Personnel matters**

- 193-04/25.1 To receive an update from Ms Webber (Clerk).

The clerk spoke with Gallagher as the quotation for the years insurance came in at £1,410.68. This was triple the cost of last year. When the clerk queried this she was told the quote was incorrect and a new figure was quoted of £487.23 which was less than £2 more than last year. Councillor Bladen proposed we accept this quotation and Councillor Bhunu seconded the proposal. The clerk will accept the quotation and the payment can be authorised. The clerk is currently working on the VAT return and the audit.

The stay and play figures for March are:

Date	Adults	Children	Total
5/3/25	8	11	19
12/3/25	7	9	16
19/3/25	7	10	17
26/3/25	5	9	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>66</b>

**194-04/25 Correspondence and Communications**

An email has been received from CAPALC about VE Day for councils on 8<sup>th</sup> May – they are asking councils to get together on the 5<sup>th</sup> May.

An email has been received from the new Blue Diamond Garden Centre for their opening on 10<sup>th</sup> April – Councillor Keane will attend.

An email has been received regarding a dementia learning day on 16<sup>th</sup> May – the clerk will share on social media and the website.

An email has been received from a member of the public regarding the bust stop lighting on Sawtry Way. As the council is not responsible for this they are advising to contact Stagecoach or CCC.

An email has been received from a member of the public regarding the proposal of housing on the Wyton Airfield. The MOP sent in detailed documents regarding issue and queries and these were discussed earlier 184-04/25. The clerk invited the MOP to the meeting and was delighted he attended.

**195-04/25 To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.**

No decisions can be made under this item.

The Chair mentioned the meeting at the Houses of Parliament and how they discussed SEN, the Armed Forces Covenant and raised the issue of deployment for councillors.

**196-04/25 Matters for future consideration.**

No decisions can be made under this item.

There were no matters for future consideration.

**197-04/25 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Annual Parish Meeting 7pm & AGM 7.30pm)**

**Close of meeting 20.32**