

Wyton on the Hill Parish Council

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A meeting of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council was held on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 7.00pm at: Wyton on the Hill Primary School. Wyton on the Hill. Cambs.

Present: Councillor David Keane, Councillor Arron Sadler and Councillor Martin Gill.

In Attendance: Ms. N. Webber (Clerk), Gill Angel, Tony Savage (Caretaker).

MINUTES

365-04/26 Councillor Looker welcomed everyone to the meeting.

366-04/26 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies have been received from Councillor Bladen as she is working nights.

Councillor Gill proposed acceptance of these apologies, and this was seconded by Councillor Saddler.

Apologies have been received from Councillor Waclawj as she was ill.

Councillor Sadler proposed acceptance of these apologies, and this was seconded by Councillor Gill.

Apologies have been received from Councillor Pammenter as she was working late.

Councillor Saddler proposed acceptance of these apologies, and this was seconded by Councillor Gill.

Apologies have been received from Councillor Looker as he is deployed.

Councillor Saddler proposed acceptance of these apologies, and this was seconded by Councillor Gill.

367-04/26 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.

368-04/26 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th March 2025.

The minutes of the meeting of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council held on 10th March 2026 had been circulated in advance following their informal approval by Councillor Keane. Councillor Gill proposed acceptance of the minutes and Councillor Keane seconded the proposal. All were in favour, and it was resolved to accept the minutes. Councillor Keane signed the minutes.

369-04/26 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 members of the public attended the meeting.

370-04/26 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting:

- Huntingdonshire Neighbourhood Watch Association have sent in an email requesting £50 for signs (378-04/26).
- SID Update and purchase of posts update – the clerk has chased this again. She will send another email and copy in Councillor Keane.
- Election 2026 – There were no contested elections so all councillors will stand again and we do not have to have an election. Councillor Keane congratulated and thanked all councillors for their work.
- Bobby and a brew update – From the poll the date that was most popular was a Saturday morning – the clerk will email for some dates from the police and speak to the school.

371-04/26 To discuss any updates for events and activities on Station.

Gill Angel reported that the potholes in the roads around Gloucester had been filled in. April is the month of the military child and the station are supporting the school with this. They are still trying to organise a coffee with a copper. The skip on Cornwall (357-04/26) will be reported. 27th August is Station family day, there will be the red arrows, Falcons and Battle of Britain memorial flight. Gill asked if the Parish Council would like a stall. Gill will ask if the Station Commander would like to attend the June meeting.

372-04/26 To receive an update from the Estate Caretaker.

Tony Savage attended the meeting and reported that all is ok but the bin in Cornwall is overflowing. He has been taking some of the rubbish from it and Gill Angel has said she will report it.

373-04/26 To receive an update from the local District Councillor/s on matters at HDC.

Councillor Keane reported the following:

HDC Council Meetings

Development Management Committee 16 March

The main item was the Warboys affordable housing application

Development Management Committee 23 March

The largest and most strategically significant application was at Brookfield Farm, Great Stukeley. This was an outline proposal for a substantial logistics and employment development on a 126-hectare site, including storage and distribution, general industrial floorspace, a bus depot, landscaping, drainage and major access works from the A141.

Council Tax Text Messages (SMS), Email Reminders and Voicemails - HDC has introduced text, email and voicemail reminders for residents who fall into Council Tax arrears, ahead of statutory recovery action.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/council-tax-text-messages-sms-email-reminders-and-voicemails>

New Funding for Local Covid Commemoration Activities – Town and parish councils can access £250 each to support locally led activities linked to the national Covid Day of Reflection.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/new-funding-for-local-covid-commemoration-activities>

HDC hosted ambassadors and defence, government and industry leaders for events promoting Huntingdonshire's role in defence, innovation and investment.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/huntingdonshire-district-council-welcomes-baltic-state-ambassadors>

Portrait of Thomas Burgess (Bert) Rededicated in St Ives – HDC held a special event to rededicate the portrait of Thomas Herbert Burgess, former Mayor of St Ives and first Chairman of HDC.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/honouring-a-legacy-portrait-of-thomas-burgess-bert-rededicated-in-st-ives>

Voters Urged to Register to Vote Before It's Too Late – Residents planning to vote in the local elections on 7 May are being reminded to register by midnight on 20 April and to bring photo ID for polling station voting.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/voters-urged-to-register-to-vote-before-it-s-too-late>

Sawtry Swimming Pool Reopens – One Leisure Sawtry marked the reopening of the swimming pool with a free open weekend and community events.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/sawtry-swimming-pool-reopens-join-us-for-our-open-weekend>

Council Approves Funding for 10 Community Projects – The latest Community Infrastructure Levy allocations approved funding for projects across leisure, education, skills, emergency services and natural spaces.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/council-approves-funding-for-10-community-projects/>

Rural Communities Act on Climate with Net Zero Villages Grant Scheme – Eleven projects across the district shared £257,376.60 to reduce carbon emissions and improve local sustainability.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/rural-communities-take-action-on-climate-with-net-zero>

Council launches new St Ives ‘Shop, Drink and Dine’ loyalty card to boost local business – A new spring loyalty card scheme will run in St Ives from 1 April to 31 May to encourage residents and visitors to support local businesses. <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/council-launches-new-st-ives-shop-drink-and-dine>

Contractor appointed for Hinchingsbrooke Country Park redevelopment – Lindum Group has been appointed to deliver the redevelopment, with works due to begin on 13 April 2026 and continue into spring 2027. <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/contractor-appointed-for-hinchingsbrooke-country-park>

From Halls to Heritage: 38 Community Groups Backed by Huntingdonshire District Council Grants – Thirty-eight groups have received Community Chest support for local activities, facilities and community projects.

The Rt Hon Sir John Major KG CH Granted Freedom of the District of Huntingdonshire – Sir John Major was formally admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the District at a civic ceremony hosted by HDC on 25 March. <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/the-rt-hon-sir-john-major-kg-ch-granted-freedom-of-the-district-of-huntingdonshire/>

Garden Waste Subscription Renewal – Subscriptions for the 2026–2027 garden waste service remain £57.50 per bin, with £30 for additional bins. Residents are encouraged to renew early to ensure uninterrupted service. <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/garden-waste-subscription-service>

374-04/26 Notification of planning items:

25/00616/OUT – Land East of Houghton Hill Farm

Councillor Keane reported that there are no further updates as yet.

375-04/26 Finance

375-04/26.2 To approve accounts for payment: 14th April 2026

Date	Ref. No.	Payee	Description	Amount
14/04/26	357457622	HMRC	PAYE (Month 12)	£213.39
14/04/26	572101100	Mr A Savage	Caretaker Services (Mar 2026)	£271.12
14/04/26	672101100	Mr A Savage	Caretaker mileage expenses – Mar 2026	£9.00
14/04/26	203124709	Ms N Webber	Parish Clerk/RFO Services. 30 hours, Mar 2026	£475.50
14/04/26	203124709	Ms N Webber	Working from home allowance and expenses Mar 26	£26.00
14/04/26	151585234	Enviroplantcare	Maintenance of the front of the estate – Mar 2026	£110.00
14/04/26	660134442	CCC	March Stay and Play	£180.00
14/04/26	203124709	Ms N Webber	Microsoft 365 annual subscription	£138.24
14/04/26	203124709	Ms N Webber	Vouchers for Easter Competition	£25.00
14/04/26	410223463	Arthur J Gallagher	Insurance	£489.06

376-04/26 Finance

376-04/26.1 To approve accounts to be paid on 14th April 2026

The Chair approved and signed the invoices.

Balance on accounts:

Current: £3,199.60

Instant: £40,723.45

Payments to go out of current account: £1,937.31

Transfer of £5,000 from Instant Account to Current Account Reference 799923202

376-04/26.2 To note any income received: £208.95 interest

376-04/26.3 To authorise bank reconciliations dated 14th April 2026

Coucillor Keane approved and signed the bank reconciliations for the above.

377-04/26**Personnel matters**

377-04/26.1

To receive an update from Ms Webber (Clerk).

All the forms were completed and handed into HDC for the elections. A big thank you to Councillor Keane and Nell Webber for taking the forms in and sorting out any anomalies. All were uncontested so will be re-elected at the May AGM.

The audit questionnaire is to be completed by the clerk.

From the poll on Facebook for Bobby & a Brew there were 5 votes for a Saturday morning, 1 vote for a Saturday afternoon and no votes for midweek.

There was 1 entry for the Easter Competition – the clerk will get the prize to the entrant.

The stay and play figures for March were:

Date	Adults	Children	Total
4/3/26	2	3	5
11/3/26	3	4	7
18/3/26	4	4	8
25/3/26	3	4	7
Total	12	15	27

378-04/26**Correspondence and Communications**

An email has been received from the local Neighbourhood watch group asking for a donation of £50 for street signs. This was proposed by Councillor Keane and seconded by Councillor Gill – all were in favour and it was agreed to donate £50. The clerk is to ask whether the MOD will be contributing as well and to ask which streets the signs will go on.

An email has been received from CCC on a flooding webinar on 29th April 2026

An email has been received from CCC on a flooding workshop on 5th May 2026

An email has been received from How are you Hunts (HAY) with their newsletter

An email has been received from HDC on a grant opportunity for the national covid day of reflection.

An email has been received from CAPALC on the Cambs Local Assistance Scheme (CLAS) from 1st April Citizens Advice will support households in need of essential items and crisis support. This has been added to the website

An email has been received from HDC on the official government response to the local government re-organisation and an email from District Councillor Keane supporting option E.

An email has been received from Councillor Keane on how to report potholes – this has been posted on the website and on social media.

379-04/26**To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.**

No decisions can be made under this item.

There were no matters arising

380-04/26**Matters for future consideration.**

No decisions can be made under this item.

There were no matters for consideration

381-04/26**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th May 2026 (Annual Parish Meeting & AGM)**

Close of meeting 19.39