

# Wyton on the Hill Parish Council

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**A meeting of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council was held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.30pm at: Wyton on the Hill Primary School. Wyton on the Hill. Cambs.**

**Present:** Councillor Emma Bladen (Vice Chair), Councillor David Keane and Councillor Waclawyj, Councillor Sadler and Councillor Gill.

**In Attendance:** Ms. N. Webber (Clerk), Tony Savege (Caretaker) and 1 MOP

## MINUTES

**001-05/26 The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 19.35**

**002-05/26 To elect the Chairman of the council and to receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office.**

The Vice Chair invited nominations for Chair. Councillor Keane proposed Councillor Looker and Councillor Gill seconded this vote. Councillor Looker was unable to make the meeting but was happy to be put forward for this. All were in favour and it was resolved to appoint Councillor Looker as the Chairman of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council. The Clerk will contact the Chair to sign the declaration of office as he was absent from the meeting.

**003-05/26 To elect the Vice Chairman and to receive the Vice Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office.**

The Chair invited nominations for the Vice Chair. Councillor Keane proposed Councillor Bladen and Councillor Gill seconded this vote. All were in favour and it was resolved to appoint Councillor Bladen as the Vice Chairman of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council. The Vice Chair signed the declaration of office. All remaining councillors also signed the Declaration of Office.

**004-05/26 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Apologies have been received from Councillor Looker who is currently deployed. Councillor Keane proposed acceptance of these apologies and this was seconded by Councillor Gill. All were in favour and it was agreed to accept the apologies from Councillor Looker.

**005-05/26 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.

**006-05/26 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**

The minutes of the meeting of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 had been circulated in advance following their informal approval by the Chairman. Councillor Keane proposed acceptance of the minutes and Councillor Sadler seconded the proposal. All in favour, resolve to do so. Councillor Keane signed the minutes as Councillor Bladen was not at the April meeting.

**007-05/26 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. There was no public participation.

**008-05/26 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**

- SID Update and purchase of posts – Councillor Keane will chase again now the elections are over. The clerk has emailed CCC but not had a reply.

- The School contacted the clerk for a raffle prize for the school fete. Councillor Keane proposed a spend of £50 for Aztec Golf and this was seconded by Councillor Sadler. All were in favour and it was agreed that the clerk should purchase this.
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Bobby & A Brew update

**009-05/26 To discuss any updates for events and activities on Station** – Gill was unable to attend the meeting and sent her apologies.

**010-05/26 To receive an update from the Estate Caretaker** Tony Savage reported that the weeds around the basketball courts are very overgrown – the clerk will report this back to Gill Angel. The bins around Churchill are very full at the moment.

**011-05/26 To receive an update from the local District Councillor/s on matters at HDC** Councillor Keane reported: Firstly, I would like to congratulate all Parish Councillors who have been elected uncontested for the next administrative period, and to thank those standing down after 7 May for all their hard work and service over the previous council term. April has been a slightly different month at the District Council, with the election being called at the start of the month and valid nominations published on 9 April. As councillors will be aware, there are nine candidates standing for the two-member district ward on Thursday 7 May. Apart from Houghton & Wyton, whose meeting takes place on the Wednesday evening before polling day, parish councils will know the result by the time of their May meetings.

#### HDC Council Meetings

##### Development Management Committee — 20 April

I attended this additional meeting to determine the deferred application 25/01922/OUT, an outline application, with all matters reserved except site access, for the construction of storage and distribution development on the A141 near the racecourse and opposite Hinchingsbrooke Park.

The application had been deferred from the 23 March meeting to allow further information to be obtained from the NHS regarding any potential impact on Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, and from County Highways regarding traffic impacts on Brampton Road and Views Common Road. I voted in favour of that deferral.

At the April meeting, the whole application was reviewed again so that all eligible members, not only those present at the previous meeting, could take part in the decision. One previous committee member, who had proposed the earlier deferral, had to recuse themselves because they had stated a position on the application in campaign literature.

The NHS response was that the development would not impact their operations. The County Council highways officer also reaffirmed that, under current policy and modelling, the development would not have an unacceptable impact on Brampton Road or Views Common Road.

Although I could see no clear current planning reason to vote against the proposal, I chose to abstain because I did not feel the application met the level of confidence I would want before supporting approval. The application was approved by 6 votes to 5, with 2 abstentions.

#### Changes Coming to Planning

##### The Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025

The Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 will introduce a new national scheme of delegation for planning decisions, expected to take effect from September 2026.

This will change how some planning applications are dealt with by local planning authorities, with more decisions likely to be made by planning officers rather than automatically going to Planning Committee. The aim is to create a more consistent system across the country, reduce delays, and ensure committees focus on applications that raise significant planning issues.

For parish councils and residents, this means it will become even more important to identify clear, material planning considerations at an early stage. These may include flood risk, highways safety, design, heritage, landscape impact, drainage, residential amenity, biodiversity, infrastructure, or conflict with the Local Plan or a made Neighbourhood Plan.

General concern or local opposition may not be enough to secure committee consideration unless the issues raised are clearly planning-related and significant. Parish councils will therefore need to ensure their comments on applications are precise, evidence-based, and linked to relevant adopted policy.

The development plan will remain the starting point for decision-making, including the Huntingdonshire Local Plan and any made Neighbourhood Plans, but the route by which some applications are decided is likely to become more officer led.

Employment Committee — 22 April

The Employment Committee meeting scheduled for 22 April was cancelled.

#### News Updates

##### East West Rail Final Consultation

East West Rail Company has launched its final public consultation on the project. The consultation opened on Tuesday 14 April and closes on Tuesday 9 June 2026. This eight-week consultation gives communities a further opportunity to share their views before a Development Consent Order application is submitted in 2027.

<https://eastwestrail.co.uk/news/latest-stories/east-west-rail-announces-details-of-final-consultation>

##### Weekly Food Waste Collections

Weekly food waste collections have now started. Residents can look up their collection day using the bin calendar for their property here. Anyone who has not yet received a food waste caddy, or who has received more than one, should contact HDC by calling 01480 388382, emailing [wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk) or using the online form. Please include a full address when making contact.

##### Food Waste information:

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/food-waste/>

##### Garden Waste Subscription Renewal

Subscriptions for the 2026–2027 garden waste service remain £57.50 per bin, with additional bins charged at £30 each. Residents are encouraged to renew early to ensure uninterrupted collections.

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

**012-05/26 Notification of planning items:** There were no planning items.

#### **013-05/26 Finance**

013-05/26.1 To approve accounts for payment: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Date	Ref. No.	Payee	Description	Amount
12/05/26	105287479	HMRC	PAYE (Month 01)	£213.19
12/05/26	630046243	Mr A Savage	Caretaker Services (Apr 2026)	£271.32
12/05/26	630046243	Mr A Savage	Caretaker mileage expenses – Apr 2026	£9.00
12/05/26	904771829	Ms N Webber	Parish Clerk/RFO Services. 30 hours, Apr 2026	£475.50
12/05/26	904771829	Ms N Webber	Working from home allowance and expenses Apr 26	£26.00
12/05/26	490165642	Enviroplantcare	Maintenance of the front of the estate – Apr 2026	£110.00
12/05/26	66332163	CCC	Stay & Play (Apr 2026)	£135.00
12/05/26	137774739	Capalc	Registration, NALC & DPO Scheme	527.54
12/05/26		Vision ICT	Website hosting July 26 – June 27	£288.00

#### **014-05/26 Finance**

014-05/26.1 To approve accounts to be paid on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

The Chair approved and signed the invoices

014-05/26.2 To note any income received: £23,625.00

014-05/26.3 To authorise bank reconciliations dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

The Chair approved and signed the reconciliation and bank statements.

Balance on accounts: Instant: £59,348.45

Current: £1,528.01

Payments to go out of current account: £2,055.55

015-05/26

**Personnel matters**

015-05/26.1

To receive an update from Ms Webber (Clerk). The clerk informed the council that she is working on the internal audit at the moment. The website has changed over to a new system and the councillors have all been issued with new passwords to access their emails. There was a problem with the clerks emails working for a couple of weeks but this has now been sorted out.

Stay and Play figure are:

	Adults	Children	Total
April 15 <sup>th</sup> 2026	2	3	5
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2026	3	5	8
April 29 <sup>th</sup> 2025	3	5	8
Total	8	13	21

016-05/26

**Correspondence and Communications**

An email has been received from the HDC councillor regarding a post of social media of speeding and drifting on Sawtry Way.

An email has been received from Neighbourhood watch on the crime data for March 2026 – 4 crimes were reported this month, 2 of violent or sexual offence, 1 theft and 1 criminal damage.

An email has been received from H&W PC on the closure of Houghton Hill Road

An email has been received from the HDC Councillor on the works on Harrison Way in St Ives

An email has been received from CCC regarding the Envar application for planning and a submission of an application to discharge the pre commencement conditions.

An email has been received from CCC regarding the LED lights used in street lights to cut energy consumption.

An email has been received from HDC on Garden Waste Community Initiatives.

An email has been received from CAPALC with training dates

An email has been received from Cambs County Show on 30<sup>th</sup> May.

An email has been received from Ramsey Communities Neighbourhood Plan which is available to read.

An email has been received from the Traffic Management Officer – an update on traffic news

An email has been received from the school regarding a raffle prize (008-05/26)

An email has been received from CCC regarding the Library presents – 29 events in 24 towns.

017-05/26

**To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.**

No decisions can be made under this item.

A question was asked if we had a graffiti wall that could be used and asked if the fairy woods still exists?

018-05/26

**Matters for future consideration.**

No decisions can be made under this item.

The question was asked if there could be a police speed van on Sawtry Way?

019-05/26

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Close of meeting at 20.31**