

Wyton on the Hill Parish Council

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A meeting of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council was held on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7.30pm at: Wyton on the Hill Primary School. Wyton on the Hill. Cambs.

Present: Councillor Emma Bladen (Vice Chair), Councillor Sadler and Councillor Gill.

In Attendance: Ms. N. Webber (Clerk), Councillor Julie Kerr and 1 MOP

MINUTES

020-06/26 The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

021-06/26 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies have been received from Councillor Looker as he is on deployment
Councillor Bladen proposed acceptance of these apologies, and this was seconded by Councillor Sadler
Apologies have been received from Councillor Coulter as she has no childcare
Councillor Bladen proposed acceptance of these apologies, and this was seconded by Councillor Gill
Apologies have been received from Councillor Keane as he has a prior family engagement
Councillor Bladen proposed acceptance of these apologies, and this was seconded by Councillor Sadler

022-06/26 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.

023-06/26 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th May 2026.

The minutes of the meeting of Wyton on the Hill Parish Council held on 12th May 2026 were circulated in advance following their informal approval by Vice Councillor Bladen. Councillor Bladen proposed acceptance of the minutes and Councillor Sadler seconded the proposal. All in favour, resolve to do so. The Chairman signs the minutes.

024-06/26 To consider the co-option of one parish councillor (one vacancy).

The council were to consider the re co-option of one person for the vacancy as this candidate was unable to stand in the election in May. Councillor Sadler proposed the co-option of Lucy Pammenter and this was seconded by Councillor Bladen. All were in favour and it was resolved to co-elect Councillor Pammenter. The clerk will get the forms signed.

0025-06/26 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 MOP wanted to talk.

026-06/26 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.

- SID Update and purchase of posts – the poles have been ordered and are with the contractor
- Neighbourhood watch – Paul Simpson updated the council that it is rather quiet at the moment on the neighbourhood watch front. He requested the signs to be on the next agenda and informed the council that there may potentially be more projects on the horizon.
- Bobby & A Brew update – this could be done jointly with the station. The clerk is to look at some dates possibly in September to tie in with the school.
- Audit/AGAR – the internal audit has been completed and the report is back with some recommendations. The clerk read out the report. It was proposed to accept the AGAR by Councillor

Bladen and seconded by Councillor Gill. All were in favour and the chair and the clerk signed the forms for the AGAR which will need to be sent to PKF Littlejohn by 1st July 2026.

- IT Policy – this is to be on the next agenda when more coucillors can attend.
- Sapley Park Village – This is regarding the 7400 homes between Tesco in Abbots Ripton and the crematorium in Sapley.

027-06/26 To discuss any updates for events and activities on Station

Gill apologised as she had tried to get the station commander to attend this meeting to discuss Project Fairfax but he was unable to do so – he will hopefully attend the July meeting. Thursday 27th August is families day and there could be potential traffic issues with the red arrows flying over. A footpath may have to be closed but Gill will advise on which one closer to the time. Paul Simpson advised Gill of the graffiti on the mugar, this has been flagged and will be cleaned soon. Airplay have been out litter picking. Gill will try to progress the coffee morning with the police and the parish council as per 026/-6/26

028-06/26 To receive an update from the Estate Caretaker

Tony was unable to attend the meeting as he is not currently able to drive. He has not bee able to empty the bins for 2 weeks so this has been taken on by Councillor Pammenter who will need to be reimbursed for her time and travel. This will be discussed at the July meeting.

029-06/26 To receive an update from the local District Councillor/s on matters at HDC

With the new municipal year now underway, May has focused on the first council meeting and re establishing committee membership and the cycle of committee meetings. I continued parish engagement and work on a range of highways, transport and local development issues across the division. Alongside local casework, discussions continue across Cambridgeshire regarding transport infrastructure, public services and the future shape of local government.

Highways, Transport & Development

A141 / St Ives Improvement Scheme

I continue to monitor the scheme as it progresses towards the next business case stage. Strong support remains for safer active travel links, improved public transport and targeted road capacity improvements through the corridor. I am working with Cllrs Bulat and Kerr to ensure parish councils and residents have clear opportunities to feed into the next stage, particularly where the scheme interacts with the HDC Local Plan and democratic oversight across different tiers of government.

Wyton-on-the-Hill – Sawtry Way

As this is on the border of HW I wanted to give an update. I have had residents' comment on the speed and safety on the road outside the entrance to Pine Hill Park and the Village. Also, the danger of crossing the road to use the two bus stops. I have raised this with the local police liaison to see what initial action can be taken – such as a mobile speed camera.

CCC Committee & Council Work

Full Council – 19th May

Cambridgeshire County Council held its Annual Council meeting on 19 May 2026. Much of the meeting was taken up with the formal business required at the start of the municipal year, including the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of Council, agreement of committee allocations, appointment of committee chairs and vice-chairs, appointments to outside bodies, and approval of the calendar of Council meetings for the year ahead.

Council also considered recommendations from the Environment and Green Investment Committee relating to the Recycling in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (RECAP) partnership. These covered the Interim Resources and Waste Strategy 2025–2031 and the Waste Management Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document. Both items are intended to support a more consistent approach to waste management, recycling, planning and future service delivery across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Two motions were debated.

The first motion concerned the Armed Forces Covenant. It recognised the duty owed to serving personnel, veterans and their families, and the importance of ensuring they are not disadvantaged when accessing

public services. The debate also highlighted the wider contribution made by former service personnel, many of whom bring leadership, discipline, resilience and practical skills into public service, business and community life after leaving the Armed Forces. The motion supported renewed commitment to the Covenant, greater awareness of available support, annual reporting on progress, and continued support for the Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Coordinator role.

The second motion concerned freight and logistics. It noted the growing impact of freight-intensive development on local roads, congestion, road safety, air quality, flood risk and communities. The motion asked the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to consider commissioning a strategic freight study, including the potential for greater use of rail and multi-modal freight to reduce pressure from heavy goods vehicles. The County Council's role would be to provide evidence and officer support within existing resources, with any findings reported back to the Highways and Transport Committee.

Adults & Health Spokes Meeting – 26th May

Members reviewed current service developments and emerging issues ahead of future committee business. Adult social care continues to be one of the most significant areas of expenditure and demand facing the County Council.

Pension Fund Work

I continued participation in Pension Fund briefings and preparatory work relating to governance, investment performance and future strategy for the Cambridgeshire Local Government Pension Scheme.

Key News from Cambridgeshire County Council – May 2026

Be Water Smart Campaign Launched

Cambridgeshire County Council has launched its new “Be Water Smart” campaign ahead of the summer months. The initiative aims to help families understand the risks associated with open water, including rivers, lakes and gravel pits, and provides practical safety advice for children and parents enjoying water-based activities.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/council-launches-new-campaign-to-help-families-enjoy-watersafely-this-summer>

Council Strengthens Support for Armed Forces Community

At its Annual Council meeting, Cambridgeshire County Council unanimously reaffirmed its commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant. Councillors also agreed measures to improve awareness of support available to serving personnel, veterans and their families, alongside annual reporting on progress.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/council-strengthens-support-for-armed-forces-community-and-calls-for-action-on-the-impact-of-freight-across-the-region>

Freight and Logistics Impact Motion Agreed

The Council also supported a motion calling for further work on the impact of freight and logistics across the region. The motion seeks greater understanding of how freight movements affect congestion, road safety, air quality and local communities, with particular interest in opportunities to move more freight by rail.

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Quality of Life Survey Opens

Residents are being invited to take part in the County Council's annual Quality of Life Survey. The survey gathers views on local services, community wellbeing, safety, transport, health and the wider issues that affect daily life across Cambridgeshire.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/quality-of-life-survey-launches-to-gather-resident-views-across-cambridgeshire>

030-06/26 Notification of planning items:

There were no planning items to discuss

031-06/26 Finance031-06/26.1 To approve accounts for payment: 9th June 2026

Date	Ref. No.	Payee	Description	Amount
9/06/26	770654203	HMRC	PAYE (Month 02)	£213.19
9/06/26	985378851	Mr A Savage	Caretaker Services (May 2026)	£271.32
9/06/26	985378851	Mr A Savage	Caretaker mileage expenses – May 2026	£6.75
9/06/26	966321708	Ms N Webber	Parish Clerk/RFO Services. 30 hours, May 2026	£475.50
9/06/26	966321708	Ms N Webber	Working from home allowance and expenses May 26	£26.00
9/06/26	666890355	Enviroplantcare	Maintenance of the front of the estate – May 2026	£110.00
9/06/26	995821710	CCC	Stay & Play (May 2026)	£90.00
9/06/26	889093512	Helen Symmonds	Internal Audit	£225.00
9/06/26	966321708	Ms N Webber	Voucher, bin bags, new bin key	£69.91
9/06/26	242115624	Viking	Caretaker consumables May	£68.41

032-06/26 Finance032-06/26.1 To approve accounts to be paid on 9th June 2026

The Vice Chair approved and signed the invoices.

Balance on accounts: Current: £4,194.24 Instant: £59,348.45

Payments to go out of current account: £1,556.08

032-06/26.2 To note any income received: None

032-06/26.3 To authorise bank reconciliations dated 9th June 2026

The Vice Chair approved and signed the bank reconciliations for the above.

033-06/26 Personnel matters

033-06/26.1 The clerk was pleased with the result of the internal audit and will work on any outstanding issues raised. The paperwork has been signed 026-06/26 and will be sent off with all other information requested such as the explanation of variances and Making Provisions for the exercises of public rights to PKF Littlejohn by the deadline of 1st July 2026. The report will be published on the website. The clerk ordered more supplies to help Councillor Pammenter who has been helping to stand in for the caretaker in his absence. He will be paid the 2 weeks he has taken off as annual leave and this will be reviewed in July should he still be off.

The stay and play figures for May were:

Date	Adults	Children	Total
6/5/26	6	8	14
13/5/26	3	3	6
20/5/26	No club – CFC Staff Training		
27/5/26	No group – school holidays		
Total	9	11	20

034-06/26 Correspondence and Communications

An email has been received from HDC regarding Parish council bins and a community initiative.

An email has been received from St Ives Town Council regarding shredders to use at the Town Hall.

An email has been received from Ouse Valley Radio to promote them. The clerk is to invite them to the July meeting.

An email has been received from CAPALC with their bulletin.

An email has been received from Cambs Gov on summer activities.

An email has been received from Cambridgeshire Acre on rural housing week.

An email has been received from the Flood & Water Group about a meeting on 24th June.

An email has been received from the newly formed North Huntingdon & St Ives cumulative impacts group.

An email has been received from Hunts Police about a meeting on 22nd June.An email has been received regarding a water system management event at the Burgess Hall on 14th July.

- 035-06/26** **To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.**
No decisions can be made under this item.
There were no matters arising.
- 036-06/26** **Matters for future consideration.**
No decisions can be made under this item.
There were no matters for future consideration.
- 037-06/26** **Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th July 2026**

Close of meeting @ 19.50