



PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Perry Parish Council Meeting held at 1900 hours on Wednesday 13th December 2023 at the Grafham Water Centre.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Chairman Sheila Brighton (SB), Vice Chairman Eleanor Abbs (EA), Nigel Noone (NN), Emma Prew (EP), Jo Shirreffs (JS), Kay Darby (KD) [from item 23/104]. The meeting was quorate.

Members of the public: twenty-one

Clerk to the Council: Eugene Smith (ES)

23/102 Apologies

Parish Councillor Chris Jones' apologies were **approved** (proposed EA, approved unanimously).

County Councillor Ian Gardener and District Councillor Stephen Cawley's apologies were received.

23/103 Local Highways Improvement Scheme

It was **resolved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously) to proceed with an LHI bid for a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) and buffer zones.

Action: ES to submit LHI bid, and also investigate Community Speedwatch activation.

23/104 Appointment of a Councillor

Kay Darby was **appointed** as a councillor of Perry Parish Council (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

23/105 Councillors' declarations of interest for items on the agenda

None.

23/106 Open forum for public participation

- a) The possibility of creating cycle path from Perry to Buckden was raised.
- b) A potentially dangerous hedge near the junction of Chichester Way and the B661 was discussed.

Action: ES to investigate and report back on both matters.

23/107 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Perry Parish Council meeting held on 8th November 2023 were **approved** as a correct record (prop. EA, app. unanimously) and signed by the Chairman.

23/108 Clerk's report

ES stated that copies of District Councillor Stephen Cawley's December report were available, and the report is attached as appendix one.

23/109 Vote of Thanks

- a) A vote of thanks was given to Perry Women's Institute for their work on the village Remembrance ceremony (prop. NN, app. unanimously).
- b) A vote of thanks was given to Ann Jackson for organising the daffodil planting along the B661 and Crow Spinney Lane (prop. SB, app. unanimously).

23/110 Parish / village matters

- a) HMP Littlehey developments
No updates.
- b) Weeds
The possibility of a village weeding session was discussed.

Action: ES to add to February's agenda, and to ask the village handyman to tackle the current weeds.

23/111 Events Working Party

JS provided a progress report.

23/112 Update on meetings and training attended

ES has continued to attend the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) training, and an Action Plan management course, both run by CAPALC.

23/113 Council administration

The amendment to Perry Parish Council's Standing Orders relating to seconding of motions was **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

23/114 Finance

- a) It was **resolved** to suspend for one year the requirement for a three-year forecast of revenue and capital receipts and payments (prop. EA, app. unanimously).
- b) The amendment to Perry Parish Council's Financial Regulations regarding authority to spend was **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).
- c) The draft budget for the financial year 2024 – 2025 was **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).
- d) Setting the precept request for 2024 – 2025 at £19,846 was **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

Action: ES to submit precept request to Huntingdonshire District Council.

- e) The application for a Unity Corporate MultiPay Card was **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

Action: ES to submit application.

- f) The following payments were **noted**, and the payment schedule signed by SB.

CAPALC training (Action Plans 28/11/2023 and New Councillor February 2024) **£115.00**

PGM Signs (Gaynes sign installation) **£150.00**

Road Data Services (traffic survey) **£594.00**

Grafham Water Sailability (PPC meetings April and November 2023) **£60.00**

SLCC Enterprises (Excel training 1st and 15th May 2024) **£288.00**

Ann Jackson (remembrance bugler refund from chairman's allowance) **£20.00**

HMRC (November income tax) **£42.23**

Colin Beesley (November Handyman's wages) **Confidential**

Eugene Smith (November Clerk's salary) **Confidential**

Eugene Smith (Working from home allowance November 2023) **£26.00**

Eugene Smith (milage to CiLCA training 22nd and 29th November 2023) (80miles @ 45p/mile) **£36.00**

Eugene Smith (stationery and dog waste bags) **£51.89**

The Christmas Decorators (Christmas tree for 2023) £2,400.00

- g) The reallocation of funds from general reserves to specific budget headings was **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).
- h) The payment of £150.00 to Banquet Inn Bars (coronation event deposit) on 17/04/2023 was **noted**.
- i) The credit of £7,500.00 received from Huntingdonshire District Council (precept) on 27/04/2023 was **noted**.

23/115 Agenda items for the next Perry Parish Council meeting

Items must be received by the clerk no later than Monday 5th February 2024.

23/116 Date of next Perry Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 1900 hours.

23/117 Motion to exclude the public and the press

Motion **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

23/118 Clerk's salary and expenses

- a) The national pay award (effective from 01/04/2023) and changes to the clerk's salary were **noted**.
- b) The correction of expense payments was **noted**.

Meeting closed at 2045 hours.

END OF MINUTES

APPENDIX ONE – REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEPHEN CAWLEY

December PC REPORT

CIL

HDC is contacting all Parish and Town Councils and infrastructure providers to advise them that they have launched a new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding round, inviting requests for funding from the

'Strategic Portion' of the CIL funds. The Strategic Funds are approximately 80% of the total monies received that have been collected by the Council as a CIL Charging Authority.

*Further information on CIL funding can be found on our website, including **guidance** (<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/community-infrastructure-levy-cil/cil-funding/guidance-on-allocation-and-spending/>) on the allocation of funding and the annual **Infrastructure Funding Statement** (<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/6807/infrastructure-funding-statement-2021-22.pdf>) which contains information on previous allocations.*

Applications may be submitted up to 23:59 on the 22nd January 2024.

Home Energy Update - Huntingdonshire

HDC's Home Energy Reduction Officer, Amber Beardshall is currently assisting the Cambridgeshire Energy Retrofit Partnership (CERP) with the delivery of the HUG2 grant scheme. She has reported having recently engaged with a framework contractor, who will be delivering marketing with in our district, Members might be approached by some residents seeking confirmation on the legitimacy of this scheme.

If you have any questions with relating to the matter above, please contact either homeenergy@huntingdonshire.gov.uk amber.beardshall@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

More information about the scheme can be found on the partnership site: <https://www.actiononenergycambs.org/>

Christmas and New Year Bin Collections

During the Christmas period, your waste collection days will change. <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/christmas-and-new-year-bin-collections/>

Garden Waste Subscription Service

As you are aware, from April 2024 HDC will be introducing a garden waste subscription service.

Residents will be able to start signing up for the service in December 2023, and an Early Bird discount will be offered to those who sign up before the end of January 2024. This discount will see residents pay £50, a discount of £7.50

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

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