



# PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Perry Parish Council Meeting held at 1900 hours on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Grafham Water Sailability Clubhouse.

## **Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** Vice Chairman and acting Chairman Eleanor Abbs (EA), Kay Darby (KD), Chris Jones (CJ), Nigel Noon (NN), Emma Prew (EP), Jo Shirreffs (JS). The meeting was quorate.

**Members of the public:** seven.

**Clerk to the Council:** Eugene Smith (ES).

## **23/137 Apologies**

Chairman Sheila Brighton's apologies were **approved** (proposed EA, approved unanimously).

## **23/138 Reports from County and District Councillors**

County Councillor Ian Gardener and District Councillor Stephen Cawley both sent apologies. Stephen Cawley's report is attached as appendix one.

## **23/139 Councillors' declarations of interest for items on the agenda**

None

## **23/140 Open forum for public participation**

Ann Jackson thanked the Chairman and council for her recent gift (for daffodil services). The subject of the deceased jubilee oak at Grafham Water was raised again.

**Action:** ES to re-contact Anglian Water.

## **23/141 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Perry Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were **approved** as a correct record (prop. EA, app. unanimously) and signed by the Chairman.

**23/142 East Park Solar Action Group**

Perry Parish Council's participation (clerk plus unspecified councillors) in this group was **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

**Action:** ES to inform the group organisers.

**23/143 Clerk's report**

Attached as appendix two.

**23/144 Parish / village matters**

a) HMP Littlehey developments

No updates.

**23/145 Events Working Party**

a) Fay Wheatcroft provided a progress report.

b) The expenditure of £1,220 for the Perry Festival and Family Fun Day was **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

**23/146 Highways**

a) The locations of two 20mph zones – B661 from the Baptist chapel to the junction with Lymage Road, and the whole of Chichester Way – were **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

**Action:** ES to submit application.

b) Parking on Crow Spinney Lane

ES thanked Colin Beesley for the work he has done on this issue.

**Action:** ES to investigate potential solutions re Passenger-Carrying Vehicles.

c) A cycle path from Perry to Buckden – item **deferred** to next meeting.

d) The potholes on the adopted section of Crow Spinney Lane were discussed.

**Action:** ES to inform Cambridgeshire County Council.

**23/147 Recycling project**

**Action:** ES to report back at next meeting with costs of container and security.

**23/148 Update on meetings and training attended**

CAPALC have postponed the Planning Events training the clerk was due to attend.

**23/149 Finance**

The following authorised and regular payments were **noted**, and the payment schedule signed by EA.

**Eugene Smith** (clerk's salary for February): **confidential**

**Eugene Smith** (working from home allowance for February):  
**£26.00**

**Eugene Smith** (dog waste bags): **£5.50**

**Cambridgeshire ACRE** (Action for Communities in Rural England) (membership for 2024): **£65.00**

**CAPALC** (Cambridgeshire And Peterborough Association of Local Councils) training (Planning Community Events): **£40.00**

**Grafham Water Sailability** (use of Clubhouse 14/02/2024): **£30**

**23/150 Date of April's Perry Parish Council meeting (and Annual Parish Meeting)**

The change from 10<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 was **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

**23/151 Agenda items for the next Perry Parish Council meeting**

Items must be received by the clerk no later than Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**23/136 Date of next Perry Parish Council meeting**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, to follow the Annual Parish Meeting at 1900 hours.

**Meeting closed at 2000 hours.**

**END OF MINUTES**

## **APPENDIX ONE – REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEPHEN CAWLEY**

### **Parish Council Update – March 2024**

#### **Festival of Huntingdonshire: Collaboration with Town and Parish councils - 19th February**

This week the Huntingdonshire Futures Team extended an invitation to Town & Parish Councils to join an online engagement session. This session has been scheduled to allow the Town and Parish Councils an opportunity to provide their thoughts and feedback on HDC's proposals for a Festival of Huntingdonshire.

For this engagement to be worthwhile; the Huntingdonshire Futures Team are understandably looking for a good turnout of representatives from Town and Parish Councils.

Monday, 1 April 2024 - Huntingdon DC 50th Anniversary

Thursday, 25 April 2024 - Huntingdonshire Day

Tuesday, 1 October 2024 - Huntingdonshire DC 40th Anniversary

#### **Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure**

Working with Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, the Combined Authority wants local opinions to help plan for more electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the region to help meet demand. The Combined Authority wants to make sure they are planned for in the right way, informed by people's views.

The survey only takes five minutes and can be found here, along with further information: <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/ev-charging/>.

People have until March 26, 2024.

#### **CA Board Approves Mayor's Precept to Fund Bus Improvements**

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board approved a Mayoral Precept of £36 a year for a Band D property. The annual sum, which equates to £3 per month per household, will be invested in improvements to dozens of bus routes

#### **Garden Waste Subscription Service**

Below is a list of the locations provisionally planned for the Saturday freighters.

Week 1

- Yaxley – Great Drove
- Stilton – High Street near golf Course

- Sawtry – Caresco
- One Leisure - Ramsey

Week 2

- Hill Rise Car Park St Ives
- One Leisure Outdoor Centre, St Ives
- Burgess Hall St Ives

### Week 3

- Eastfield House
- One Leisure - Huntingdon
- Godmanchester Yard
- Riverside Car Park, Huntingdon

### Week 4

- Catworth Layby
- Tilbrook Layby
- Paxton Pits
- Riverside Car Park, St Neots
- One Leisure – St Neots

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## **Budget 2024/25**

HDC's 2024/2025 budget was presented at a meeting of the Full Council on Wednesday, 21st February and approved for the forthcoming financial year.

The new financial plan sets out how the council will balance its budget and continue to protect vital frontline services despite decreasing government funding, along with rising costs and inflation.

The main headline is that HDC will have a balanced budget that does not spend reserves, but which does see an increase in Council Tax, the introduction of the Green Bin Tax and increases on many charges and fees.

HDC's element of the Council Tax will see Band D Council Tax go up by £5 a year from April 1 2024.

## **Free business support programme for Huntingdonshire businesses**

A new business accelerator to support entrepreneurs and early-stage businesses has been launched by HDC via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

This funding has enabled a collaboration between HDC and Deyton Bell, who have been commissioned to deliver a 12-month programme for new and existing businesses. The scheme is now open to entrepreneurs who have an idea to start a business and to those who have already started and are looking to develop and grow.

The programme offers free business support, helping people to develop their ideas, increase business survivability, access experts and peer group support in addition to a range of workshops from understanding finances, operations to marketing skills and more.

<https://hba.deytonbell.com/>

## **Recent Presentations to Overview & Scrutiny**

### **Flooding Management Update**

[https://mcusercontent.com/c12c267f6eb236cbf6c4c1a8a/files/9e8fa2e0-8327-afb4-5452-7d1fdb51c08/Flooding\\_Management\\_Update.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/c12c267f6eb236cbf6c4c1a8a/files/9e8fa2e0-8327-afb4-5452-7d1fdb51c08/Flooding_Management_Update.pdf)

## **APPENDIX TWO – CLERK'S REPORT**

- Huntingdonshire District Council's Active Lifestyles initiative at Grafham Water Centre, if approved, will have sufficient participants from the village to make it worthwhile.
- Posters re Cambridgeshire County Council's fostering and Easter holiday schemes will be displayed on the village noticeboard.
- YANA (You Are Not Alone), a rural mental health support charity will also be publicised.
- Complaints have been received re defective lampposts on the Gaynes "estate", these have been reported to the Ministry of Justice.

## **END OF APPENDICES**