

## HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15 October 2024 HELD IN HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm.

#### PRESENT:

O Oldfield	(OO) (Chair)
N Burdett	(NB)
S Mailer	(SM)
R Rowley-Smith	(RRS)
V Bolton	(VB)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** HDC Ward Cllr Stephen Cawley, and Sarah Milonas (Clerk).  
Guy Warner attended for items 1-5

#### ACTION

- 241015 – 1** OPEN FORUM AND TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS  
The Chairman opened the meeting.  
District Councillor Cawley report attached.
- 241015 – 2** RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE  
Apologies were received from NF (Prior Commitment), HM (Work Commitment), and CCC Cllr Ian Gardner (Attending Another Meeting).
- 241015 - 3** RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS  
It was noted that all Councillors reside in Hail Weston and may have an indirect interest in the proposed sites in the Local Plan.
- 241015 - 4** APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES (17 September 2024)  
Resolved to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 September 2024.
- 241015-5** LOCAL PLAN – PROPOSED SITES/RESOLVE CONSULATION  
It was resolved to hold a public consultation event on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 7.30-9.30pm on the Local Plan.
- 241015 - 6** PLANNING  
It was resolved to approve **24/01830/HHFUL** Proposal:  
Proposed first floor extension over existing garage, site address: 14 Manor Way, Hail Weston, St Neots, PE19 5LG
- 241015 – 7** FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE  
It was resolved to approve reconciliation, bank statements and expenditure for September 2024.  
Resolved to approve Account balances:  
Business Money Manager: £41893.14  
Community account: £3382.58  
**TOTAL £45,275.72**

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Resolved to approve payments on finance reports: October 2024

<b>October 2024 expenditure</b>	
Fresh Pay	£6.00
P Baker	£270.00
Total Gas Energies	£40.71
Village Hall Hire	£255.00
SM Wages July SCP 29 £19.41/hr (HMRC 151.40)	£605.59
T&S Grounds Maintenance	£580.00
Wave Utilities	£117.59
GP Print	£163.00
Su Waymont	£90.00
Clerk Training- FICA	£144
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2266</b>

It was resolved to purchase two poppy wreaths at a cost of £40 plus delivery.

It was resolved to add the new Clerk's signature to the Parish Council Bank Accounts.

- 241015 - 8** MOBILE SIGNAL AND BROADBAND IN THE VILLAGE  
The Parish Council noted that the broadband and mobile signal in the village was at times inadequate.
- 241015 - 9** APPROVE EXTENDING CLERKS PROBATION  
It was resolved to extend the Clerk's Probation for another 3 months until 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- 241015-10** THE ROACH CLUB DONATION  
It was resolved to make a one-off donation of up to £250 to the Roach Club, conditional on the following factors:
- The donation being ringfenced for equipment purchase,
  - A briefing taking place for the Parish Council to understand how the money will be spent.
- Clerk to inform The Roach Club

**Clerk**

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- 241015-11** COUNCILLORS UPDATES
- NB** confirmed he is attending the Town and Council Forum next week Wednesday at Burgess Hall.  
NB explained that the Parish Council did not secure a grant from Sport England regarding the Table Tennis table, other funding streams will now be looked at. NB suggested that the table tennis table could be funded by the Parish Council and should be revisited in January 2025. Clerk to note for the January 2025 agenda. **Clerk**
- NB spoke with K&M lighting who explained that the Parish Council owned lights could be dimmed to match the Cambridgeshire County Council, but it would require extensive changes in equipment which presently isn't feasible.
- VB** it is the Village Hall AGM on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The Village Hall Committee is looking for more volunteers.
- SM** led a short discussion on East Park Energy.
- RRS** confirmed open space checks are all completed. RRS confirmed the BMX track has been approved and is safe. RRS requests the Clerk asks Paul Baker to tighten the top screws to lift the gate to the playing fields. **Clerk**
- 241015-12** CONSIDER ANY COMMUNICATION RECEIVED THAT REQUIRES FORMAL NOTING OR DECISION BY PC
- a) The Parish Council declined to make any additions to the Cemetery gates.
  - b) The Parish Council concluded this is a highways issue and should be reported to them.
  - c) The Parish Council declined the request. **Clerk**
- It was resolved for the Clerk to ask Paul Baker to treat/paint the fences surrounding the New Cemetery. **Clerk**
- 241015-13** MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
- No matters raised
- There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.55 pm.

## **Report by Cllr Stephen Cawley Parish Council Update – October 2024**

### **Land Availability Assessment – Local Plan**

The Council has assessed the sites submitted through a Land Availability Assessment and a Sustainability Appraisal. The results of these assessments do not guarantee that a site will be allocated in the next local plan, but instead provide a selection of sites that have potential.

The final selection of sites will be based on a number of additional factors such as a chosen growth strategy, a final settlement hierarchy and evidence-based documents such as transport studies, strategic flood risk assessments, water cycle studies, employment land studies, climate change reports etc.

It is now proposed that these assessments are consulted on alongside the Further Issues and Options consultation document and the Sustainability Appraisal to allow members of the public, statutory consultees, landowners, developers and interested parties to see the results of the Land Availability Assessments and to provide comments.

The consultation is proposed to be held over 10 weeks between 18 September and 27 November 2024.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/search/?q=land+availability>

### **Annual Town & Parish Council Forum 2024**

This year's Annual Town & Parish Council Forum will once again take place at the Burgess Hall in St Ives, and planning is underway to provide Town & Parish Council representatives with an informative and interactive session that is intended to be of great benefit to all.

Tickets still available via Eventbrite

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/town-and-parish-forum-2024-tickets-1008395326567?aff=oddtcreator&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=sparkpost&utm\\_campaign=postpublish](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/town-and-parish-forum-2024-tickets-1008395326567?aff=oddtcreator&utm_source=email&utm_medium=sparkpost&utm_campaign=postpublish)

When: Wednesday, 23 October 2024 (09:00)

Where: Burgess Hall, St Ives

### **O&S Performance and Growth 2 October**

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### ACTION

The Council invited the Local Government Association (LGA) to undertake a Corporate Peer Challenge in May 2024. The Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC) is a highly valued improvement and assurance tool that involves a team of senior local government councillors and officers undertaking a comprehensive review of key finance, performance and governance information and then spending three days at a council to provide robust, strategic, and credible challenge and support. Recommendations received and action plan drafted.

#### **Corporate Director Vacancy – Oliver Morley**

Final member of the previous Senior Mgmt team left and recruitment process for replacement begins.



