

HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

I hereby give notice that the Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 18 February 2026 at 7.00 pm at The Cabin at St Mary's

The Public and Press are cordially invited to be present. The order of business may be varied at the Chairman's discretion.

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below.

Ben Stoehr

Mr Ben Stoehr, Acting Clerk,
12/02/26

AGENDA

Open Public Session to enable residents and the public to make representations and comments to the Parish Council on items on this agenda and to receive reports from the County & District Councillors

- 1 To receive apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of interest**
 - 2.1 To receive declarations of interests from Cllrs on items on the agenda
 - 2.2 To receive and consider any written requests for dispensations for items on this agenda
- 3. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 21 January and the budget meeting on 14 January**
- 4. Matters arising or deferred from the last or previous meetings for discussion/decision**
 - 4.1 (4.1) Biodiversity funds received – to consider options for spending (standing item)
 - 4.2 (4.2) Website update, Parish Council emails update and consideration of IT policy as required by Assertion 10 ^(SR)
 - 4.3 (5.2) Proposal for improvements to the Worcester Avenue play area ^(PJ, AG)
 - 4.4 (7.3) To consider report on the Millennium Footpath ^(PJ)
 - 4.5 (7.3) Lighting near the Church – to note response from maintenance contractors
 - 4.6 (8.1) Resident complaint about roots/suckers encroaching into garden – update ^(AG)
 - 4.7 (8.2) Proposal for a new village sign – update and to consider the next steps ^(IG)
- 5. Finance, risk assessment and procedural matters**
 - 5.1 To consider any urgent work required because of risk and the Clerk's use of delegated powers
 - 5.2 To receive play areas and skate park inspection reports and consider if any work is required
 - 5.3 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills
 - 5.4 To appoint two members to authorise payments at the bank
 - 5.5 To consider arranging a tree survey 2026
- 6. To consider any planning applications and decision notices and tree works applications ***
 - 6.1 Planning applications and appeals
 - 6.1.1 26/00293/S73 – Newton House, 147 St Neots Road – S73 to vary condition 2 (approved drawings) of ref: 24/02099/FUL (Redevelopment to form 2no. one bedroom, 5no. two bedroom and with associated car parking, cycle storage (amendment to 21/01345/FUL) removal of rear balconies to bedrooms, retaining front balconies of 3sqm.
 - 6.2 To note any planning responses made between meetings using delegated powers
 - 6.3 SCDC decision and appeal notices and correspondence
 - 6.4 Tree works applications
- 7. Members reports and items for information only unless otherwise stated**
 - 7.1 New Housing Developments and Planning Obligations ^(SR)
 - 7.2 Community Centre update ^(SR)
 - 7.3 Highways Working Group Report ^(PJ)
 - 7.4 Proposal that the notice board at Grace Crescent is repaired ^(BC)
- 8. To consider any correspondence/communications requiring formal noting by or a decision**
 - 8.1 Hardwick Sports and Social Club – request for financial assistance for refurbishment
 - 8.2 Resident – various issues in the village
 - 8.3 Local Government Reorganisation consultation
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-cambridgeshire-and-peterborough>
- 9. Closure of meeting**

* NB Some planning and tree works applications may not be specifically listed on this agenda but may still be considered by the Parish Council due to the time constraints of making a recommendation to the District Council. For more information see the current planning application consultations on <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/>

REPORT TO HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 18 FEBRUARY 2026

Type or copy website links into your browser for more information.

Where supporting information is available this may be found below or in the attached supporting papers.

1. To receive apologies for absence – will be reported to the meeting.
3. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 21 January and the budget meeting on 14 January– attached
4. **Matters arising or deferred from the last or previous meetings for discussion/decision**
- 4.2 (4.2) Website update, Parish Council emails update and consideration of IT policy as required by Assertion 10 ^(SR)
Draft policy attached.
- 4.3 (5.2) Proposal for improvements to the Worcester Avenue play area ^(PJ, AG)
- 4.4 (7.3) To consider report on the Millennium Footpath ^(PJ)
- 4.5 (7.3) Lighting near the Church – to note response from maintenance contractors
K & M Lighting Services are responsible for the maintenance of the lighting near the Church, (not Balfour Beatty as mentioned at the last meeting). They have looked into the timings and have responded as follows:
“As standard part-night photocells switch around the same time every night of the year, and do not change in spring and autumn when the ‘clocks-change’. Therefore, they have different switching times in GMT and BST. A unit that switches off at midnight and on again at 5:30 GMT will switch at 1am and 6:30am BST. The latest development for our part-night photocells includes automatic GMT/BST Daylight Saving correction.
The transition is achieved by observing changes in Night Length and automatically switching between GMT and BST. As the unit doesn’t know the exact calendar, it has a period of uncertainty around the spring and autumn transition. The unit compromises the OFF period during the days around this transition, to ensure that the light is never OFF more than 15 minutes before the ‘OFF’ transition, and is always ON 15 minutes after the ‘ON’ transition (within about 10 days of each transition the light may be ON for an additional hour in either the evening, or morning). Apart from this period, the unit accurately tracks GMT and BST. If DLS units are sited under heavily shaded tree canopies, they will misjudge the season and will transition between GMT and BST late and return to GMT early.
Your lights are situated near trees therefore each light will detect a different light level.”
- 4.6 (8.1) Resident complaint about roots/suckers encroaching into garden – update ^(AG)
- 4.7 (8.2) Proposal for a new village sign – update and to consider the next steps ^(iG)
5. **Finance and risk assessment and procedural matters**
- 5.1 To consider any quotes for urgent work required because of risk and Clerk’s use of delegated powers
None at the time of writing.
- 5.2 To receive play areas and skate park inspection reports and consider if any work is required
- 5.3 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills - Attached.
- 5.4 To appoint two members to authorise payments at the bank
6. **Planning**
- 6.1 Planning applications and appeals
NB Some planning applications may not be specifically listed on this agenda but may still be considered by the Parish Council due to the time constraints of making a recommendation to the District Council. For more information see the current planning application consultations and appeals on <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/>
- 6.3 SCDC decision and appeal notices and correspondence
- 6.3.1 25/04620/HFUL – 13 Coles Way – Outbuilding to the rear – Permission granted by SCDC.
- 6.4 Tree works applications

Tree works applications may now be viewed on the SCDC Planning Portal. NB Some tree works applications may not be specifically listed on this agenda but may still be considered by the Parish Council due to the time constraints of making a recommendation to the District Council. For more information see the current tree works application consultations on <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/>

7. Members' reports

7.2 Community Centre update including draft planning submission
Cllr Rose to report.

7.3 Highways Working Group Report ^(PJ)

Clerk reports the shelter order includes a hard standing. The location was given by CCC and the PC is installing within CCC requirements.

8. To consider any correspondence/communications received requiring formal noting by or a decision of the Council

8.1 Hardwick Sports and Social Club – request for financial assistance for refurbishment

"I am writing to respectfully request consideration for funding support towards the refurbishment of the social club toilets located at Hardwick sports & social club. These facilities are an important community resource, used regularly by residents, visitors & local groups.

The refurbishment project aims to improve accessibility, hygiene & overall usability of the toilets, ensuring they meet current standards & continue to serve the community effectively. The upgrades will help create safer, cleaner & more welcoming environment for all users, particularly families & older residents.

We are currently seeking financial assistance to help cover the costs, as we are a non profit organisation this will take the majority of our funds away. Any contribution the Parish Council is able to provide would be greatly appreciated & would make a meaningful difference to the success of this project.

We would be happy to provide further information including cost estimates, project timelines or to attend a council meeting to discuss the proposal in more detail.

Thank you for your time & consideration. We greatly value the Parish councils continued support of community facilities & initiatives.

8.2 Resident – various issues in the village including footpaths and roads
Circulated to all members.

9. Closure of meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 18 March 2026.

HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Jan-26

Summary of previous month

Balance brought forward

£2,042,988.02

Adjustments and amendments

Expenditure approved at last meeting/between meetings

CASS ALLEN	ACOUSTICS ASSESSMENT COMMUNITY CENT	-1,704.00
ST MARYS CHURCH	ROOM HIRE	-14.00
ST MARYS CHURCH	ROOM HIRE	-21.00
UNITY TRUST	SERVICE FEE	-8.85

Misc credits

NS&I	BANK INTEREST	£2,768.77
HMRC	VAT REFUND	£6,318.25
CAMBS AND COUNTIES	BANK INTEREST	£3,198.97

Total Adjustments

£10,538.14

Balance revised after adjustments

£2,053,526.16

Bank Reconciliation to last statement

Account	Funds	Statement	Outstanding
Unity Trust Current Account	£18,855.58	£18,855.58	0.00
Unity Trust Deposit Account	£365,093.88	£365,093.88	
Cambridge & Counties Bank - 31 Day	£415,871.19	£415,871.19	
Cambridge & Counties Bank - 95 Day	£253,705.51	£253,705.51	
NS&I Income Bond	£1,000,000.00	£1,000,000.00	
Total	£2,053,526.16	£2,053,526.16	£0.00

Expenditure for approval

SALARIES		599.84
GREENBARNES	NOTICEBOARD	1217.22
LGS SERVICES	ADMIN SUPPORT JAN 26	1680.31

Total expenditure

£3,497.37

Balance c/f

£2,050,028.79

Notes:

Outstanding at bank:

HPC Highways WG monthly report February meeting 18.02.26

Greenways Hardwick - Update

PJ has emailed Jonathan Camp of Greater Cambridge Partnership 14.01.26 saying Comberton Greenways now seem to be completed, Coton is almost complete. proposed date for Hardwick to be started, PJ expecting email reply a date confirmation.

Open Item

Speed-Watch/MVAS

MVAS are still operating, location 25 SNR and Main St. A Speed watch coordinator is still needed, suggest advertisement in monthly HH. Monthly sessions volunteers still wishing to take part

Village Lighting

Hills new lights along SNR near Capstone new development, has a plan been received **Open Item**

Light in Passage not working for a number of years, Lina informed SC who own the light, repair action planned, no date given. PJ will email remind SC promise date needed **Open item**

Three Lights near church (08.02.26) still not turning off at midnight which is part of the original contract with BB. Maintenance company to attend **Open Item**

I attach the BB site plan giving location details etc.

Copy of BB lighting agreement ref 3 lights near church - Now attached Alan Everitt email addressed to HPC, Chivers, dated 09.05.22 reads as follows

The main concerns of Conservation was that the lighting was sensitive to the Listed Surroundings so we settled on the Lantern style attached. Lanterns will be installed on a 5m height black column to match the lantern and the black Grade 2 listed water pump. On behalf of Ecology, they advised that the lights must be switched off automatically at midnight to respect the local wildlife.

Pedestrian Islands - funds - Two Islands Now Completed

Funds now received including interest from Tam parry, HPC awaiting invoice for the two islands, **Open Item**

C2C Busway - Inquiry

Inspectors decision will be announced Spring 2026. **Open Item**

Bus shelter

7K plus interest now received, agenda item HPC 19.11.25, Arun shelter has been ordered. HWG assume Highways have been consulted concerning location, no written agreement received from Highways? Item 4.5, November draft mins shelter ordered, still to be installed, **Open Item HWG Query will new hard standing be installed, Agent (Arun) to confirm**

Bourn Airfield Dev - Update

Is Hardwick not expecting additional traffic, no additional village buses? . **Open Item**

PJ attended talk at SC 04.02.26 present Liz Watts Chief Ex SC - chair, speakers Peter Freeman chair of Cambridge Growth Company, Stephen Kelly - SC planning Jennifer Thomas - Peter Freeman spoke saying their objective is to protect villages, to report between Cambridge - Westminster Sec of State and to local government. Attending approx. 50 local parish councillors who asked questions for approx. 1 hour we were encouraged to complete Public Consultation - future development of Cambridge opening 04 Feb for 7 weeks. PJ asked question 'updated ref Girton Interchange - Highways Eng is it being considered as its essential to move traffic from our village roads'

EWR

More information will be reported when known. PJ hopes to attend Haslingfield meeting 19th Feb - update T/F **Open Item**

Village Plan Notice Board - at Church

Programmed delivery and install date to be confirmed - **Open Item**

Asset Register

An up-to-date asset register of items owned by HC and their approx value, which I assume are needed for insurance purposes. **Open Item**

These Items marked in red if not resolved will be carried forward to the HPC March meeting. Pauline Joslin HWG