

## HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

I hereby give notice that the Meeting of the Parish Council will be held  
on Wednesday 15 April 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,  
10/04/26

### 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**
  - 4. Matters arising or deferred from the last or previous meetings for discussion/decision**
    - 4.1 (4.2) Proposal for improvements to the Worcester Avenue play area <sup>(PJ, AG)</sup>
    - 4.2 (4.4) Resident complaint about roots/suckers encroaching into garden – update <sup>(AG)</sup>
    - 4.3 (4.5) New village sign – update <sup>(IG)</sup>
    - 4.4 (4.7) Proposal that the notice board in Grace Crescent is repaired <sup>(AG)</sup>
    - 4.5 (5.2) To appoint a member to carry out the Church play area checks
    - 4.6 (8.1) Resident request for pavement/dropped kerb improvements to assist residents with mobility scooters – report on meeting <sup>(IG)</sup>
  - 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
  - 6. To consider any planning applications and decision notices and tree works applications \***
    - 6.1 Planning applications and appeals
      - 6.1.1 26/00722/FUL – 303B St Neots Road – Change of use from annex to 1 No. 2 bed 3 person dwelling
      - 6.1.2 24/020991/CONDC – Newton House, 147 St Neots Road – Submission of details required by Condition 5 (Remediation), 7 (Biodiversity lighting), 10 (Cycle parking), and 18 (Biodiversity net gain) of planning permission 24/02099/FUL
    - 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 <sup>(SR)</sup>
    - 7.2 Community Centre update <sup>(SR)</sup>
    - 7.3 Highways Working Group Report <sup>(PJ)</sup>
    - 7.4 Biodiversity S106 funds – to consider options for spending
    - 7.5 Pippins report <sup>(IG)</sup>
    - 7.6 New notice similar to the one adjacent to the Shop in Cambridge Road. <sup>(PJ)</sup>
  - 8. To consider any correspondence/communications requiring formal noting by or a decision**
    - 8.1 SCDC Community Safety Partnership – Kebab van, St Neots Road
    - 8.2 District Cllr Nieto – Suggestions from residents from the south of the village
    - 8.3 Resident – Blister Pack initiative in Hardwick
    - 8.4 CPCA – S106 query on Public Transport/Community Transport and request for meeting
    - 8.5 Resident – Management of the Spinney
  - 8.6 8.6 Resident – Gate onto Sudeley Grove
- 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 15 APRIL 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 18 March – attached
4. **Matters arising or deferred from the last or previous meetings for discussion/decision**
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Cllr Giddings to report on meeting with the resident.

Other to note:

The new bus shelter on St Neots Road has been installed.

### 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  
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- 6.2 To note any planning responses made between meetings using delegated powers  
None.
- 6.3 SCDC decision and appeal notices and correspondence
- 6.3.1 25/04861/FUL – Land adj Egremont Road – New Community Centre for Hardwick village – Permission granted by SCDC.
- 6.3.2 26/00293/S73 – Newton House, 147 St Neots Road – S73 to vary condition 2 (Approved drawings) of ref. 24/02099/FUL (Redevelopment to form 2 no.1 bedroom, 5 No. 2 bedroom and with associated car parking, cycle storage and bin storage (amendment to 21/01345/FUL) removal of rear balconies to bedrooms retaining front balconies of 3 sq m – 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/> None at the time of writing.

## **7. Members' reports**

### **7.2 Community Centre update including draft planning submission**

Cllr Rose to report.

### **7.3 Highways Working Group Report <sup>(PJ)</sup>**

### **7.6 New notice similar to the one adjacent to the Shop in Cambridge Road**

Cllr Joslin writes:

"A agenda item at Wed PC meeting 18.03.26, new notice similar to the one adjacent to the Shop on Cambridge Rd. The shop notice board was supplied and installed by Hill's site manager. Please would you email Dan ask for an update ref supply and fix a new sign to replace the now out of date sign at the church (this old sign needs scrapping).

As vice chair can I please make the following suggestion, if Dan can produce a new street plan sign PC could get Handy Man to install and scrap the old sign alternatively, if Dan could supply design etc and HPC pay for supply of sign and install. It's just that this has been an open item for many months and it needs to be resolved. More info/update for our April meeting would be great."

Dan Brown of Hill, who had previously indicated Hill's willingness to install the map, has responded to our follow up email:

"Apologies I had missed this.

Would the Parish mind resending me the map to be printed and I will get our signage company to erect this asap."

The Clerk has explained that the Parish Council does not have the artwork, as it was provided by Hill, but that the map should be the same as the ones previously installed except for the "You are here" marker.

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

### **8.1 SCDC Community Safety Partnership – Kebab van, St Neots Road**

"I have today had a call with Cllr Lina Nieto and a business owner in Hardwick over issues of vehicles and people using the kebab van on St Neots Road, Hardwick and using the business owner's car park and causing issues in it.

A potential solution we discussed was to explore if there was a different and more suitable location for this kebab van to use in the village so as not to remove the facility away from the residents. Cllr Nieto suggested that the Social Club could be considered as a location, and we wished to raise this with the Parish Council on your thoughts or any alternative suggestions. We recognise that this service is most likely appreciated by the residents of Harwick and to find solutions is the route we would like to explore.

We have not yet approached the kebab van and would do so after exploring possible solutions. Happy to have a call to discuss this if that would be easier."

### **8.2 District Cllr Nieto – Suggestions from residents from the south of the village**

"I am writing on behalf of residents in the southern part of the village to share some suggestions for facilities and services that we feel would greatly benefit our community.

There is a strong interest in developing more local amenities that support health, wellbeing, and social connection. In particular, residents have expressed a desire for:

- Tennis courts
- An outdoor gym
- A youth club
- A social club
- Access to a dedicated youth worker

In addition, improved transport links within the village would be highly valued. A bus service connecting the south of the village to the north would make it easier for residents to access existing facilities, services, and community activities.

Thank you for considering these suggestions. We would welcome any opportunity to discuss these ideas further or support their development.”

8.3 Resident – Blister Pack initiative in Hardwick

“Would it be possible to have a slot on the April PC agenda to discuss starting a blister pack initiative in Hardwick.

Background

I took over collecting blister packs last year with residents dropping off their packs directly to our house. It worked well with me collecting around 6 shopping bags per month.

I took them to Superdrug in Cambridge for recycling but it became increasingly difficult for them to take them often relying on which Pharmacist was on duty. I had to stop collection.

Girton has a successful blister pack initiative and I have met with Stuart Marshall who is the coordinator. Stuart is happy to take our packs while we decide whether to take it on ourselves.

I would propose we set up bins around the village say at Nisa, The Cabin and Social Club which I could empty and get Girton to process them with their own.

I am checking Stuart's availability for the 15th to attend with me who would be able to answer any detailed questions the councillors may have.”

8.4 CPCA – S106 query on Public Transport/Community Transport and request for meeting

“I am a Network Development Planner at the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA), focusing on improving our regions bus network. The CPCA have had multiple queries regarding S106 funding currently held by Hardwick Parish Council. Here at the CPCA, we do run Tiger on Demand services (DRT) and support Community Transport (among other responsibilities). Queries have suggested that there is funding available within Hardwick Parish Council for a community bus.

The CPCA hopes to invite Hardwick Parish Council representatives to discuss this available funding, how much is left and how we can ensure effective allocation of this funding going forward to deliver a reliable transport link.

The breakdown of funding below:

The nominal figures will have been enhanced by indexing and bank interest.

Total S106 funds received:-

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S/1694/16/OL Meridian Fields	£45,000
S/3064/16/OL Capstone Phase 1	£20,000
21/01832/FUL Capstone Phase 2	£2,967
Nominal total	£67,967

Please let me know a convenient time to meet and I'll set up a team's call.”

Amber Bereznyckyj

Network Development Planner- Investment and Growth

8.5 Resident – Management of the Spinney

Yesterday I had occasion to walk slowly through The Spinney from my home at the southern end of Sudeley Grove, and was concerned by how many trees have been cut down, and the great amount of material piled up on both sides of the path. I know it is good for biodiversity to leave log piles and some branches, but the amount piled up there now seems excessive. I fear it is going to reduce the growth of plants as the sunlight can't reach ground level until a lot of it has rotted down.

Please could you let me know the logic behind the way this has been handled? I am a member of the Hardwick Climate Action Group who was involved in the planting and maintenance of the young trees planted there a few years ago and still keeps an eye on them.

#### 8.6 Resident – Gate onto Sudeley Grove

A few days ago I noticed that one of the homes along Cambridge Road that backs onto Sudeley Grove has had a gate fitted in the fence at the far end of their garden. Is the Parish Council aware of this gate, which opens onto Parish Council land? This gate is close to the small group of homes at the very end of Sudeley Grove.

It has been suggested to me that the people who had it put in place may not have permission to do that. If they do have permission, I am concerned that others may do likewise, which might compromise the vegetation in that area of Parish Council land. And worse, I have also heard that if someone is allowed pedestrian access there, they may in future open it up to vehicular access, which would be a significant danger.

I look forward to hearing from you about this matter.

#### 9. Closure of meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 20 May 2026.

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 7.00 pm at the Cabin.

# HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Apr-26

## Summary of previous month

Balance brought forward **£2,048,573.15**

## Adjustments and amendments

SALARIES -£380.96

## Expenditure approved at last meeting/between meetings

ICO	RENEWAL FEE	-47.00
UNITY TRUST	SERVICE CHARGE	-7.65
ALLAN PYKE	COMMUNITY CENTRE CDM DUTIES	-240.00
ST MARYS CHURCH	GRANT	-449.00
HSSC	GRANT	-15,000.00
MACTIMBERS	TIMBER VILLAGE SIGN	-267.00
SUFFOLK CC	STREETLIGHTING ENERGY	-534.67
HANDYMAN CONTRACTOR	BENCH REPAIR LIMES ROAD	-89.90
UNITY TRUST	SERVICE CHARGE	-8.05
CAPALC	AFFILIATION FEE	-762.06

## Misc credits

NS&I	BANK INTEREST	£2,356.99
HSSC	LEASE RENT	£2,000.00
UNITY TRUST	BANK INTEREST	£1,901.89

## Total Adjustments

Balance revised after adjustments -£11,527.41

£2,037,045.74

## Bank Reconciliation to last statement

Account	Funds	Statement	Outstanding
Unity Trust Current Account	£9,528.96	£25,291.02	-15,762.06
Unity Trust Deposit Account	£356,995.77	£356,995.77	
Cambridge & Counties Bank - 31 Day	£416,815.50	£416,815.50	
Cambridge & Counties Bank - 95 Day	£253,705.51	£253,705.51	
NS&I Income Bond	£1,000,000.00	£1,000,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<u>£2,037,045.74</u>	<u>£2,052,807.80</u>	<u>-£15,762.06</u>

## Expenditure for approval

SALARIES		749.02
MR GROUNDSMAN	REC PITCH SPRING DECOMPACTION	840.00
GW SHELTER SOLUTIONS	BUS SHELTER CAPSTONE	11041.20
I GIDDINGS	EXPENSES BENCH	65.93
LGS SERVICES	ADMIN SUPPORT	1578.94

## Total expenditure

Balance c/f £14,275.09

£2,022,770.65

## Notes:

### Outstanding at bank:

HSSC	GRANT	15,000.00
CAPALC	AFFILIATION FEE	762.06
		<b>15,762.06</b>

## **HPC Highways WG monthly report April meeting 15.04.26.**

### **Greenways Hardwick - Update**

Is a village meeting with Greenway Jonathan Camp of GCP being arranged? Residents need to be advised date and venue of update meeting. Clerk to press Greenways for a village meeting as residents are concerned that Hardwick is being left out. **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. **No Update** Clerk to advise? **Open Item**

Has a revised plan of all village owned lights, marker numbers location etc. maintenance contractor reporting information? **Open Item**

Hardwick PC village lights owned

2 lights on Millers Way

1 light in Main Street outside Gazes

3 lights on St Marys Green

St Neots Road

3 lights from Capstone 2

4 lights from contract with BB

Light in Passage is now working but resident who lives nearby report to PJ on Sat 7th Mar at Pippins that the light is now alight 24hrs, could clerk report to SC accordingly. Is there any update, daylight correction - SC.? **Open item**

Three Lights near church still not turning off (06.04.26) at midnight which is part of the original contract with BB. These three lights should not be on between the hours of 12 midnight and 5:30am depended on the time of sunrise. March HPC meeting Clerk confirmed that K&M are being employed to resolve this issue. update needed **Open Item**

### **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 seems delayed again no date given for inspector's decision.

PJ attending CPPF meeting speakers Cambridge Growth Company, SC and local councillors. PJ circulated details in the form of a Utube briefing of the meeting Monday 23.03.26 Wolfson College. Do councillors have any questions. **Open Item**

## **Bus shelter**

7K plus interest HPC received 19.11.25, Arun shelter ordered and now installed by contractor. Item closed

Millers Way bus shelter bottom front panel missing, request Clerk contact supplier to repair. alternatively, PC Handyman. **Open Item HWG Query supply the panel and install date**

## **EWR**

Haslingfield PC have meeting arranged with Rail Minister at Government Offices London details and date to be confirmed - PJ will update **Open Item**

**EWR** - 'Keeping you connected' meeting update planned at Belfry Cambourne Saturday 30.05.26 11:00-18:00 PJ will attend **Open Item**

## **Village Plan Notice Board - at Church**

New site location map plan at Church to be supplied by Hill, do we have an update PJ suggest HPC use alternative source - **Open Item**

**Village Sign** new wooden sign is being sourced by Ian with repairs to the 'sheep' artwork planned. **Open Item**

## **Millennium ROW**

PJ has emailed and made contact with landowner. Two new marker/directional Posts are needed, supply and install will be an agenda item when contractor access route is confirmed with farm manager. **Open Item - more T/F**

## **Hardwick Village Road Repairs**

Many Village Potholes now repaired, but residents still concerned ref paths not safe for disabled residents both walking and using scooters. PJ suggest Clerk to contact Highways for their input. **Open Item**

**General Note** PJ now able to log onto to new hardwickparish.gov.uk email, will we be given training, as I am still not 100% confident. **Open Item**

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