

Hinxton Parish Council: Minutes of meeting held 9th June 2025

Present:

Ceri Williams

Sarah Robinson

Mike Boagey

Chris Elliott

Andy Brown

Anne Charteris-Clerk

Members of the Public: 9

	<p>Part 1 : Non confidential information.</p>
2506/0 1	<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence Hugh Taylor Cllr Peter McDonald -Approved.</p>
2506/02	<p>To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda Ceri Williams: Hunts Lane Chris Elliott: Weir</p>
2506/03	<p>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 12th May 2025 Approved and signed</p>
2506/04	<p>Exclusion of the Public. To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded.</p>
2506/05	<p>Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald. Full report can be found on the website but in brief: Home Accessibility Disabled residents and people with long-term health conditions can now access more support to live independently at home. Increased funding is available from the District Council through the Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency, a shared service operated with Cambridge City Council and Huntingdonshire District Council. Low-income Family Tracker update The Council's innovative Low-Income Family Tracker (LIFT) software identifies households likely to be eligible for benefits but not claiming them. They are then sent a letter or text encouraging them to apply – with follow-up phone calls also made. A report to be discussed at the upcoming Scrutiny and Overview Committee outlines how hundreds of South Cambridgeshire residents are now getting extra money as a direct result of the Council's support and advice. For example, the Council has helped over 110 households who were eligible for Pension Credit but weren't claiming it. Pension Credit is a benefit for people over State Pension age (currently 66) with low incomes. It provides extra money for living costs and can lead to other support. If they remain eligible for the rest of their lives, these households will receive up to £3.2 million in Pension Credit between them. Meanwhile, South Cambridgeshire has seen the biggest increase in NHS Healthy Start claims in the country, following a similarly targeted approach by the Council using LIFT. This scheme provides eligible parents with free food and milk. The Council's recent intervention is projected to distribute nearly £60,000 of previously unclaimed funds to people eligible but not claiming. The next areas of focus for the Council's Data Team – using the LIFT software – will include encouraging more eligible residents to claim grants to retrofit their home with energy efficiency measures. There will also be a campaign to raise awareness of Cambridge Water's 'Assure Tariff' – which offers discounts on water bills for those eligible.</p>

County Adults Services OFSTED Report

Learners and apprentices studying through Cambridgeshire County Council's adult learning services thrive due to the warm, nurturing and inclusive learning environment and substantial new knowledge and skills they learn, according to an Ofsted report published May 29th.

Cambridgeshire Skills offers education and training for adult learners in the county, the largest programmes of which are tailored learning, adult skills and family learning. Courses are run by sub-contractors and are offered online and in around 87 community venues across Cambridgeshire, including community centres, libraries and schools. The service works closely with the county council's Learning and Development team to provide apprenticeship opportunities.

The Ofsted inspection of the two teams, which took place in late April and early May, found the overall effectiveness of the service to be 'Good.' It judged the behaviour and attitude of learners to be 'Outstanding', with a rating of 'Good' awarded in every other category.

You can read the report in full at [50278231](#).

Find out more about Cambridgeshire Skills at [Cambridgeshire Skills - adult learning | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

King's Award for Enterprise

Applications for the 2026 King's Awards for Enterprise are now officially open.

The King's Awards for Enterprise, previously known as the Queen's Awards, have been recognising and encouraging excellence in business since 1966.

You can check if your business is eligible on the [gov.uk website](#).

Award recipients are granted the right to use the esteemed Royal Emblem for five years, which may be displayed on websites, marketing materials, uniforms, and company vehicles. Recipients are also invited to a Royal Reception in the summer.

Past awardees have reported significant benefits, including enhanced brand recognition, increased press coverage and improved access to investment.

Applications for The Kings Awards for Enterprise must be submitted by 9 September 2025, with the winners being announced on 6 May 2026.

To apply please visit [The King's Awards for Enterprise: Apply - GOV.UK](#)

Or email kingsawards@businessandtrade.gov.uk

2506/06

Updates

a. Wellcome Trust Campus Development. Nothing happening at present.

b. Village Hall extension.

The structural engineer has surveyed the hall, costs have been verified and consultation with Village Hall Committee, Parish Council and members of public carried out.

If the proposal is approved then the next stage can be started: detailed planning and the release of the next sum of money from the sec106 agreement. The cost of the sec106 is index linked. The cost of the build now stands at approx. £700,000 excluding VAT. Advice is being sought from a VAT consultant but it seems that we may be able to claim VAT back if we become VAT registered.

Current costings do not include solar panels but these may be funded by grants available for zero carbon initiatives. The new design now features an L shaped Hall and provides approx. 12 car parking spaces. The lawn area will then be opening onto the playground- fence will be removed and provide a safer area for children to play. Other plans are for a storage area at the north end of the Hall and a window put in so that the Playground can be seen from inside the Hall.

The next stage is detailed planning, a 3d model and then a presentation will be held in the Village Hall. A design brief is available on the website under Local Developments/Wellcome Trust Building will take approx. 1 year. Whilst building work is carried out, the Playground and allotments will still be accessible but through a different entrance- to be decided.

CE Proposed, CW seconded and all in favour to approve the following motion:

Hinxton Parish Council resolves to proceed to the design and pre-application planning stage of the proposed extension to the Hinxton Village Hall.

Thanks were given to Andy Brown and Toni and Colin Moses for all the hard work that has been done.

c. Wetlands Committee. The Trout club have been clearing the banks. There will be a big cut later in the year.

	<p>There is a problem with dog mess not being cleared up and dogs let off leads, please abide by the rules as it would be awful if dogs were banned from this beautiful area.</p> <p>Please keep dogs on lead and do not let them in the water as the dog flea treatment can kill wildlife in the water.</p> <p>The results of the bird survey have not been released yet; however, grass snakes and orchids have been seen.</p> <p>The regular Weds walks continue to be popular. Clerk asked for details of events to be sent to her so that they can be posted on the website.</p> <p>d. Playground. Thanks given to Tim Robinson for cutting the trees by the climber. The large cherry tree needs trimming back, it was hoped that Wellcome may be able to help but no decision yet, quotes are being obtained from tree surgeons.</p> <p>e. Quiet Lanes. There have been a flurry of survey results coming in, however less encouraging from Duxford. There was a lot of traffic last week due to a problem on the A505.</p> <p>f. Bus Service in the Village. Nothing to report.</p> <p>g. Highways. A505 report Nothing to report as Cllr McDonald not present.</p> <p>h. River/weir report. Nothing new</p> <p>i. Buying a speed restriction unit which can be moved around the village. Research and quotes obtained, it was decided to buy a unit from ElanCity. This will be able to show speeds of vehicles but more importantly collect data of numbers of vehicles using the village, Extra mounting bars will be purchased so that the unit can be moved around the village, so not permanently sited.</p> <p>j. Hinxfest Illumination of the Church, this is planned to run up to Christmas, however it may be decided to be more permanent if its popular. The cost is quite expensive, as will be advertising the even with eg posters. The Parish Council are supportive of this but would need to know actual figures before its decided how much to donate. MB to bring the figures to the next meeting.</p>
2506/07	<p>Public participation time. 15 minutes allowed</p> <p>Junction of A1301 and New Road, this continues to be a problem as it is much tighter than the original junction, especially difficult coming off the roundabout as cars are indicating left to leave the roundabout, then immediately having to slow down to turn left into New Road, cars following may think that the car is going straight on. The junction is being looked at and it is hoped that it may be made less tight.</p> <p>The permissive footpaths continue to be a problem, mainly due to the state of the fences, in places the paths are blocked, as well as the public footpath being blocked with hurdles. Clerk has repeatedly contacted Bidwells about these problems, including the large willow tree that has fallen across the path and in the river. It is hoped that this will be addressed soon, the fences are the responsibility of the tenant who has the sheep in the fields. The Parish Council pay a lot of money towards the upkeep of the paths so it is very annoying when the paths cannot be used. There have also been problems with the sheep and lambs escaping, it is hoped that once the fences are fixed, then the number of escapees will be down.</p> <p>An email was received re the local footpaths, the one across the water meadows to Ickleton was only classed as priority 3. Clerk to reply that this should be a higher priority as it used by many people.</p>
2506/08	<p>New items for discussion and correspondence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge next to the Mill which needs repairs costing over £20,000. Clerk has added the fund raising appeal to the Hinxton website if people would like to donate. The PC can also donate to charities using the sec 137 power. • Water leaks in the village- are they connected to works being done along A505? Clerk to contact Cambridge Water to ask about this and to say that the pressure in the hydrants is not sufficient for use by Fire Brigade. • Clerk to investigate whether the PC can donate towards the Bridge appeal and buying lights for HinxFest. The PC can donate to charities using the sec 137 power.

2506/09

FINANCE**Bank Balances at 2nd June 2025****Current A/C : £13,546.32****Business /AC : 41,715.25****Village Hall sec 106 /AC £3757.49****Total: £58,999.06**

2506/10

Payments for approval: approved and signed off.

Clerk/HMRC	salary/tax/ ink/paper /WFH expenses	confidential
P Breen	Reprint of Hinxton News	£192.19
Microsoft	Storage	£35.28
S Lotte	Hinxton News editor	£100
Hugo Fox	Website hosting	£35.99
EE	Broadband	£29.99
LLoyds	Service charge	£4.25
Scribe Starboard	Accounting package subscription	414.72
CAPALC	Subscription	£245.18
Martyn Leeks	Cost plan Village Hall	£954.00
H Taylor	VJ Day flag	£100.14
Auditing Solutions	Auditor	£336.00

2506/11

Payment Received

LLoyds	Interest.	£31.78
Urban &Civic	Newsletter	£600.00

2506/12

Results of Audit for year 2024/2025

Report received from Auditor and distributed to Councillors and posted on website and noticeboard. Councillors thanked Clerk for the excellent report .

2506/13

Planning Applications Received.

Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council

Proposal: Erection of a replacement gas enclosure.

Site address: Wellcome Trust Genome Campus Cambridge Road Hinxton

Reference: 25/01873/FUL

Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/01873/FUL>

Comments by 12th June

Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council

Proposal: Reserved Matters Approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of Parcel D (as defined in the approved Wellcome Genome Campus Strategic Design Guide) for the development of 20,752 sqm. (GEA) of Research and Translation Uses and food and beverage uses (Use Class E) including ancillary floorspace comprising (but not limited to) plant, cycle parking, supporting facilities, storage and servicing areas, details of the continuation and eastern landing of the southern bridge and continuation of the car park roof / parapet, lighting, hard and soft landscaping works including courtyard garden, pedestrian and cycle access, servicing and vehicular access including access to the undercroft car park, drainage infrastructure, roof mounted solar array, associated engineering and utilities (including connections to site wide networks) and ground remodelling works, and part discharge of Condition 17.

Site address: Parcel D Wellcome Trust Genome Campus Cambridge Road

Reference: 25/00823/REM

Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/00823/REM>

Information only

2506/14	Items to report for inclusion of next meeting CW sent his apologies for the July meeting
2506/15	Dates of next meetings Village Hall 7.30pm 14th July 2025 8th September 2025
2506/16	Part II: Confidential Information Exclusion of the Press and the Public: To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting. Signature <i>Anne Charteris</i> Parish Clerk 12th June 2025