

GRAFHAM PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF GRAFHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON Tuesday 3rd February 2026

In attendance: Ian Gardener (Chairman), David Russell (Vice-Chair), Diana Thomas, Patrick Curran.

Public: 3 members of the public were present.

District / County Cllr: Cllr Liam Beckett

Clerk: Lisa Hazel

Public Forum

21/911 County and District Councillors Reports

Please see Cllr Liam Beckett's report attached Appendix: A. Cllr Stephen Cawley's report is to be circulated to members and attached to these minutes when received.

21/912 Apologies for absence

Apologies were noted and approved from Sunil Gogna and Alf Lesurf. Apologies were also noted from Cllr Stephen Cawley, District Councillor.

21/913 Declarations of interest in any agenda item

None.

21/914 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2026

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

21/915 Summer Display, MG Cars, Grafham

• To consider request from resident to host a classic MG car meeting

Chris Shurlock who was in attendance was invited to address the Parish Council. Chris Shurlock gave a brief overview of the MG club and the proposal being put forward.

The following was noted:

- Proposals for a Summer Display of MG cars in the village as a village attraction,
- Chris Shurlock is the Regional Secretary, Eastern England and lives in the village,
- The proposal is to use the playing field to display the cars.
- Suggested dates put forward were 24th May or 21st June.

The Parish Council discussed this proposal in detail and asked Chris Shurlock various questions.

RESOLVED to support this in principal subject to consultation with Huntingdon Football Club who currently hire the playing field. **Action: Clerk**

21/916 The Grafham Trout

• To consider request from committee to add additional games room

Noted Kevin Sharp and Maria Luzuriaga were in attendance as representative of The Grafham Trout. Kevin Sharp was invited to address the Parish Council.

Kevin Sharp gave a brief overview of the proposals and provide a rough sketch of the proposed plans. The following was noted:

- The proposed extension would be single storey and of the same design as the current building,
- The new addition would house a pool table and seating and would be available for use by everyone during opening hours.

RESOLVED to recommend approval with no objections.

21/917 Matters arising from previous minutes not on the agenda

- **EV Charge Update - Note ID2 form now completed** - Noted this has now been accepted by HDC Solicitors.
- **Remembrance Day Event - Update**
Confirmed Rev Duncan Goldthorpe has arranged for Jill Dighton, authorised Lay Minister, to lead the Act of Remembrance on Sunday 8th November at 10.45am.
- **MP Roundtable - Update**
The Chairman provided an update on this. Noted the main point of discussions were; proposed Brampton Cross development, Buckden roundabout and flooding.
- **LHI Bid - Note application submitted** - NOTED

21/918

Hedges

• **Children’s Play Area Hedge**

Noted an email of concern has been received from a resident over planting of laurel hedging. The Chairman confirmed advice has been sought from the Royal Horticultural Society. The RHS state serious poisoning is very uncommon in the UK. Some garden plants present a hazard, but the risk of severe poisoning, skin reaction or allergy is generally low. Given this information the Parish Council made the decision to leave the laurel hedging in place at this time. The Clerk was asked to write to the resident information them of the decision taken. **Action: Clerk.**

• **Hedge, School Hall - Update -**

NOTED this has now been cut back. Members raised they did not feel it had been cut back satisfactorily. The Clerk was asked to contact Cambridgeshire County Council to ask them to inspect the hedge to see if they feel works carried out are suitable. **Action: Clerk**

• **Wibbly Wobbly Hedgerow Cutting - Update**

Clerk confirmed she has contacted the 2 main owners asking they can cut back their section of hedging before bird nesting season.

21/919

Highways

• **Note 20MPH Funding 2026/27 Applications Now Open**

RESOLVED not to apply at this time.

21/920

MUGA

• **Update on football goal posts**

RESOLVED upon further consideration not to update the goal posts at this time. This matter is now closed.

21/921

Policies

• **Resolve to adopt Co-Option policy**

RESOLVED to adopt the policy with immediate effect with the inclusion of the following sentence: ‘The Parish Council will not co-opt new members onto the Council if it is within 3 months of the scheduled Parish Council elections’.

21/922

To Receive Written Reports for Noting:

Village Hall Committee - PC

Village Shop - PC

Playing Field / Playground IG / LH

Highways + Footpaths - SG

Trees / Hedge Cutting / Verge Maintenance AL

Wild Flower Meadow Update - AL

MVAS - DR

David Russell confirmed there is no real change in information to report each month. RESOLVED this is to be reported on annually at the annual meeting and removed from ‘written reports’

MUGA - PC

Appended to these minutes Appendix:B

21/923

Banking

1.To approve / note the following payments

Lisa Hazel Clerk Salary	£381.20
Bank Charges	£6.00
Cambridgeshire Garden & Property Maintenance - Tree Works	£264.00
Cambridgeshire Garden & Property Maintenance - Fence Children’s Play Area	£841.88
Cambridgeshire Garden & Property Maintenance - Children’s Play Area Hedge	£2,549.88
Reimbursement Lisa Hazel Postage Costs for Lease	£4.85
HMRC - Clerk Payment	£26.40
Agreed / Approved.	

2. Report on current financial position.

- **To receive financial situation of Council and to note Bank Reconciliation - NOTED**

21/924

Correspondence for Information Only

- Monthly Highway Events Diary
- East Park Energy Solar Proposal
- HDC Event invitation: How to decarbonise your fleet now - Lessons from HDC's HVO journey
- Lynne Pinn - Change to scope of Brampton Working Group
- Combined Authority Members' Newsletter - January 2026
- CAPALC Royal Garden Party 2026
- Combined District Council and Town/Parish Council Elections Update 20/1/26 - May 2026

NOTED

21/925

Any other business for information only

- The Chairman confirmed he will attend the next Brampton Cross Working Group meeting as the PC's representative.
- David Russell confirmed the outside touch-switch and the timer switch for the MUGA lights have now been replaced and seem to be working fine.
- David Russell confirmed funding for NP is being withdrawn and any future updates will need to be funded by the PC. This is to be budgeted for going forward.
- Diana Thomas highlighted there is a covenant on the playing field that will need to be taken into consideration when reaching a final decision on the summer car display.
- The Clerk highlighted the Parish Councils shredder has died. As per Standing Orders the Clerk is to buy a replacement shredder. **Action: Clerk**

21/926

Note 2026 dates for meetings: 3rd March, 7th April, 12th of May (APM).

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.