

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

In attendance: Ian Gardener (Chairman), David Russell (Vice-Chair), Diana Thomas,
Alf Lesurf

Public: 9 members of the public were present.

District / County Cllr: Cllr Stephen Cawley

Clerk: Lisa Hazel

Public Forum

Noted members of the public were in attendance to discuss the public footpath that runs across the rear gardens of residents in Cedar Close. It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council they had received communication proposing to stop up the public footpath.

The Parish Council acknowledge they had also received a letter from Brown & Co Property and Business Consultants with proposal to stop up the public footpath No: 103/4. It was noted by all that the footpath has not been in use for several years. Based on this and residents wishes the footpath be stopped up the Parish Council acknowledge they would respond to Brown & Co confirming they have no objections to an application being made.

21/927 County and District Councillors Reports

Please see attached Appendix:A.

Noted the majority of public and Cllr Stephen Cawley left here.

21/928 Apologies for absence

Apologies were noted and approved from Sunil Gogna, Patrick Curran and Cllr Liam Beckett.

21/929 Declarations of interest in any agenda item.

Diana Thomas declared an interest in discussion around Cedar Close as a resident of Cedar Close.

21/930 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd of February 2026

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Alf Lesurf and Debbie Russell for their works in establishing a new wildflower meadow and to David Russell for all of his efforts on the new village shop build.

It was agreed to vary the order of reference to take the following item next:

21/933 Matters arising from previous minutes not on the agenda

- **EV Charge Update - Note Lease now all complete** - NOTED - this is now closed.
- **Brampton Cross - Update**

The Chairman provided an update. Noted the Brampton Cross Working Group have proposed a re-branding and extension of the group's remit, prompted directly by the HDC Preferred Options Local Plan to 2046 and its identification of the North Huntingdon Growth Cluster. The proposal is to re-brand the Brampton Cross Working Group as a North Huntingdon Cumulative Impacts Working Group, with a wider geographic and strategic remit. The group would support parishes and residents' association, collectively or individually, in responding to the cumulative impacts of development across the North Huntingdon.

RESOLVED the Chairman is to continue as Grafham Parish Councils representative.

21/931

Summer Display, MG Cars, Grafham

• **RESOLVE to make a decision on Summer Display**

Chris Shurlock who was in attendance was invited to update the Parish Council. Chris Shurlock confirmed after meeting with the Clerk and observing the car park to the village hall that it would not be suitable to display the cars as it would be too restrictive. Use of the playing field would be preferably. The Parish Council expressed concern that if the weather was wet the cars could potentially damage the field. It was confirmed the event would be cancelled if the weather was not suitable.

RESOLVED - The Parish Council confirmed they are happy for the event to be held on the playing field subject to an indemnity being in place to cover any potentially damage that may occur. This event will be free to residents.

Noted Chris Shurlock left here.

21/932

Grafham Village Shop

• **Update on Replacement Shop**

David Russell provided an update confirming the Shop has been awarded CIL funding to the sum of £46,000 which covers approximately 60% of costs. Further grant applications and fundraising is to take place.

21/933

Matters arising from previous minutes not on the agenda

- EV Charge Update - Note Lease now all complete.
- Brampton Cross - Update

This was taken earlier.

21/934

Anglian Water Update

The Chairman provided an update. The following was noted:

- Anglian Water is to arrange for double yellow lines to be installed on both sides of the road in front of the visitors centre to prevent vehicles from parking on the grass verges causing a hazard to road users. They are currently applying for a Road Traffic Order to allow this,
- The Visitors Centre is temporarily closed for 4 months for refurbishment,
- A new grounds maintenance team is being established,
- Water is currently being pumped in and the reservoir should be 90% full by June.

21/935

Brampton Road Quietway - Update on Artwork

Noted the Parish Council has received an update from the Principal Active Travel Officer at CCC. Provisional dates have been provided for works to be carried out. The road will be temporarily closed for a period of 4 weeks to carry out works. Mock-ups were provided of the proposed artwork on the bridge and carriageway. The Clerk confirmed details of the closure has been posted on Facebook. The Clerk was asked to also place an article in the next issue of the Grafham Gossip. **Action: Clerk**

21/936

Local Government Reorganisation - Update / Consider Parish Council Response

The Parish Council were asked if they wished to provide a formal response. It was unanimously agreed the Chairman and Clerk are to respond on behalf of the Parish Council voting for Option: E and

objecting to all other proposals. **Action: Clerk**

21/937

Hedge(s)

• **Hedge, School Hall - Update**

The Chairman confirmed the Clerk has written to CCC asking for them to undertake a site survey to establish if they feel further action is required.

- **Wibbly Wobbly Hedgerow Cutting - Update** - Noted all hedges in the parish of Grafham along this road have now been cut.

21/938

Policies

• **Resolve to adopt Digital Compliance Pack**

RESOLVED to adopt with immediate effect.

21/939

To Receive Written Reports for Noting:

Village Hall Committee - PC

Village Shop - PC

Playing Field / Playground IG / LH

The Clerk confirmed she is now undertaking monthly playground inspections.

Highways + Footpaths - SG

Trees / Hedge Cutting / Verge Maintenance AL

Wild Flower Meadow Update - AL
MUGA - PC
All reports are appended to these minutes Appendix: B

21/940

Banking

1.To approve / note the following payments

Lisa Hazel Clerk Salary	£381.20
Grafham Gossip	£55.00
Reimbursement D Russell - Wildflower meadow	£332.95
Reimbursement D Russell - MUGA light switch	£51.60
Reimbursement D Russell - MAC Laptop Security	£47.99
D R Darnell Electrical Installations - MUGA light inspection	£694.48
Bank Charges	£7.00
Agreed / Approved.	

2. Report on current financial position.

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

21/941

Correspondence for Information Only

- Monthly Highway Events Diary
 - CCC Free Dr Bike Checks
 - Press Release - HDC launches 750k Community Health and Wealth Building fund
 - HDC Online parish nominations course launched
 - Cambridgeshire Flood and water newsletter January 2026
 - Community Service Bulletin
 - HDC Press Release - Public consultations opens on LGR in Cambridgeshire
 - CAPALC Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough
 - Combined Authority Members' Newsletter - February 2026
 - Adult Cycle Training - Huntingdonshire
 - Litter-pickers at the ready! Make your #GBSpringClean pledge today!
 - HDC Press Release - Planning permission approved for Huntingdon Sport and Health Hub
 - HAY Hunts February Newsletter 2026
 - Town & Parish Council Newsletter - January/February 2026 Edition - Published 21 February 2026
- NOTED

21/942

Any other business for information only

- Repair Cafe

The Clerk confirmed she has asked Repair Cafe to provide a talk at the Annual meeting with a view to holding a “Repair Cafe” in the village in the future.

21/943

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

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.09pm.

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