

GRAFHAM PARISH COUNCIL
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Chair: Mr I Gardener, 5 Haycraft Close, Grafham
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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF GRAFHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON Tuesday 7th April 2026

In attendance: Ian Gardener (Chairman), David Russell (Vice-Chair), Diana Thomas,
Alf Lesurf, Patrick Curran and Sunil Gogna

Public: No members of the public were present.

District / County Cllr: Cllr Liam Beckett

Clerk: Lisa Hazel

Public Forum

None present

- 21/944 County and District Councillors Reports**
Cllr Liam Beckett gave a verbal report on proposed warehouse development Newlands Park, Brampton. Noted the proposed development is for 8 warehouses and there is local opposition due to traffic concerns.
- Cllr Liam Beckett also offered his support to residents if they need any help or advice on school places, September.
- 21/945 Apologies for absence**
Cllr Stephen Cawley.
- 21/946 Declarations of interest in any agenda item**
The Chairman declared an interest in item: 948 as a resident of Haycraft Close.
- 21/947 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd of March 2026**
The minutes were approved as a true record and signed.
- 21/948 Playing Field Boundary Adjacent to Haycraft Close**
The Chairman reported some residents of Haycraft Close have been in verbal contact as they believe their rear property line is incorrect. They believe the property line extends further into the playing field than it currently does and they wish to reclaim back their land. Noted Residents were invited to attend this meeting to discuss the matter further.
The Clerk confirmed she has obtained a copy of the official Land Registry document which was reviewed by all members.
NOTED - No residents were in attendance. Members confirmed as per the land registry plan the boundary line is in the correct place.
RESOLVED the Clerk is to send a letter to all of the residents who back onto the playing field confirming the rear boundary lines. **Action: Clerk**
- 21/949 Grafham LHI Design Plans 2025 / 2026**
NOTED the proposed LHI design plans have now been received Appendix: A
RESOLVED to approve the designs and give the go ahead for works to commence.
- 21/950 Grafham Village Shop**
• **Agree amended planning application fee**
David Russell gave a brief outline for the amendment. RESOLVED to approve the amended planning application fee.

21/951

Brampton Road Quietway - Update

The Chairman gave an update. The following points were noted:

- The proposed closure / works have been put on hold due to CCC's proposals to resurface the road.
- The Active Travel team were not aware of the road re-surfacing proposals until made aware by the Chairman.
- Works to the Quietway i.e. new road markings, signs etc will now be completed once resurfacing works are completed.

POTHoles - The Chairman confirmed he has personally driven around with Highways to mark up all potholes within the village for repairs.

21/952

Local Government Reorganisation - Update

- **Note Response submitted supporting Option E - NOTED**

21/953

Village Matters

- **Playing Field - Update** - No further update.
- **Wildflower Meadow - Update**

Alf Lesurf reported there was a good turnout for the new wildflower meadow planting.

Grass Cutting - The Clerk confirmed she has been approached by the Church highlighting that the new wildflower meadow will not need cutting for the first year at least and requesting if they could have an additional grass cut instead making it 3 grass cuts this year.

RESOLVED to approve the request. David Russell declared an interest in this.

21/954

Banking

1. To approve / note the following payments - Noted and Approved.

Grafham Gossip March Issue	55.00
ID Gardener Reimburse Defib Pads	77.94
Treadaway - Moss Treatment Playground	244.54
Clerks Wages	381.20
D.Russell Reimburse Bench repair	37.80
Beam - Grass Cut 1	190.00
Bank Charges	7.00

NOTED the bank charges last month were £6 and not £7 as recorded.

2. Report on current financial position.

- **To receive financial situation of Council and to note Bank Reconciliation - NOTED**
- **Consider Funding Request - Citizens Advice Bureau - RESOLVED** not to approve funding at this time.
- **Note Sovereign Play Inspection Report - NOTED**

21/955

Correspondence for Information Only

- HDC Press Release - Council Budget 26/27
- HDC Chair's Charities - Quiz Night - 18 April 2026
- Monthly Highway Events
- Combined Authority Members' Newsletter - March 2026
- National COVID Day of Reflection - HDC Grant to T&P Councils
- Garden Waste Community Initiatives
- Adult Cycle Training - Huntingdonshire
- Press Release - HDC welcomes Baltic States Ambassadors
- HDC Press Release - Portrait of Thomas Burgess rededicated in St Ives
- HDC News - Council approves funding for 10 community projects
- HDC Committed to Becoming a Carbon Net Zero Council by 2040
- HDC Press Release - Rural communities take action on climate with NZV grant scheme
- HDC Press release - The Rt Hon Sir John Major KG CH granted Freedom of the District of Huntingdonshire
- HDC News - From halls to heritage: 38 community groups backed by HDC grants
- HDC News - Contractor appointed for Hinchingbrooke Country Park redevelopment

- HDC News - Council launches new St Ives 'Shop, Drink & Dine' loyalty card to boost local business
- CCC Active Travel - Close Pass Campaign
- Huntingdonshire District Council – Consultation Response on Local Government Reorganisation
- CCC - Community Service Bulletin
- CAPALC - Oil heating and Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme Updates
- TMC Roadworks & Events Bulletin 1st - 15th April 2026
- Notification of running race - Saturday, 20th June 2026
- CCC Improve Your English - Broad Leas Centre

NOTED

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Any other business for information only

The Chairman expressed his thanks to all Cllr's and the Clerk for their hard work over the last term.

The Clerk was asked to place an article in the next Grafham Gossip reminding residents of the new food waste collections. **Action: Clerk**

Alf Lesurf highlighted there is an abandoned table and chairs at the end of the playing field in the vegetation. This is to be removed.

21/957

Note 2026 dates for meetings: 12th May - Annual Meeting

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

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