



BURY PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting: MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Date/Time: Wednesday 6th March 2024 from 7.30pm
Venue: The Committee Room, Bury Village Hall

All members of the council are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below. **Public Open Forum – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council regarding items that are on the agenda. If you wish to discuss any other matter, please contact the Clerk outside of this meeting.**

Charlotte Copley

29th February 2024

Charlotte Copley -Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Bury Parish Council

Agenda

- 0324-148 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies received in advance from Cllr Masterson (work commitment).
- 0324-149 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda as confirmed within Bury Parish Councils Code of Conduct.
- 0324-150 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
To resolve to allow up to 15 minutes (3 minutes per person) for any members of the public and Councillors declaring the existence and nature of a prejudicial interest to address the meeting in relation to the business on this agenda.
*Councillors with pecuniary interests must leave the room immediately prior to any discussion on a disclosed interest this could be during the public forum or elsewhere on the agenda. Councillors cannot remain in the room to hear the representations of others nor make any representation to the meeting. Please note: When the Council starts to discuss any item on the agenda, where a member has an interest, the member with that interest must have regard to the Code of Conduct and make the necessary disclosure and leave the meeting.
At the close of this agenda item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council.*
- 0324-151 MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR APPROVAL
Minutes for Approval of meeting 7th February 2024.
- 0324-152 CLERK'S REPORT
- 0324-153 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS
- 0324-154 PLANNING COMMITTEE MATTERS
a. To receive an update on the RAF Upwood Phase 1 development.
b. To receive any updates on the Guardroom project.
- 0324-155 PLANNING MATTERS AND PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE
a. **New applications** received from Huntingdonshire District Council Planning Authority.
24/00367/TREE - T1 oak and T2 oak - reduce by 2m to clear phone lines with 3m lateral reduction away from houses T3 oak - 5m reduction, crown raise - 37 Upwood Road Bury.
24/00348/LBC – Proposed rebuild of boundary wall – Holy Cross Church, Bury.
b. **Applications determined** by Huntingdonshire District Council.
24/00003/TRCA - H1 Cypress reduce hedge to 2.2m in height. TG4 mixed species group remove. – Bridge House, High Street, Bury - **CONSENT**
c. **Planning correspondence.** <https://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

0324-156 INFRASTRUCTURE

- a. To note Temporary Traffic Road Order application for Warboys Road, 15th – 19th April 2024. Warboys Road closed from a point 320m south of junction with Hill Estate. Details of the diversion route can be found <https://one.network/>
- b. To receive the monthly Community Speedwatch report.
- c. To receive an update from Cambridgeshire County Council on the status of the Upwood Road pedestrian crossing along with the sign and refresh works to the High Street.

0324-157 PLAY AREAS

Hedge trimming works to the Jubilee play field.

0324-158 CEMETERY

- a. To receive an update on the Church Wall project.
- b. To agree memorial application, reference F47.

0324-159 ACTIVE LIVES SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAMME 2024

To consider the summer sports scheme for this year in collaboration with Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council.

0324-160 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

(s150, s111 LGA 1972)

- a. Approve accounts for payment February 2024.
- b. Monies received.
- c. Bank reconciliation for February 2024.
- d. To agree to adopt the Action Plan.

Invoices received after issue of the agenda will be presented at the meeting.

February payments		
1). Staffing	Payroll/Contributions/Superannuation	£3719.76
2). Human Capital	HR Support	£TBC
3). AskIT	Laptop	£589.80
4). Parish Online	Membership	£120.00
Monies received		
1) CCLA	PSDF Dividends	£TBC
2) Swearers	Plot and Internment Fees J36	£605

0324-161 TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS RELATING TO ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THEIR PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

0324-162 MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA (decisions cannot be made under this item)

Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 s12 10(2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore, the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for discussion.

0324-163 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3rd April 2024, Bury Village Hall, from 7.30pm.

Agenda items to the Clerk no later than Friday 22nd March 2024.

CLERK REPORT March 2024

Correspondence and Communication

A request for an allotment space was received and the Clerk responded accordingly. The village doesn't currently have any allotment space, but 10 plots have been proposed within the RAF Upwood Phase 2 development.

An email was received from a resident asking for the zip wire to be checked as they had found it to be very stiff. Cllr Scantlebury attended during his usual inspection of the play equipment and explanation provided to the resident. It was found to be satisfactory with no noticeable change from the last check a month ago.

It does require a good weight on it before it frees off the brake, nevertheless we will now check it weekly during March and any necessary adjustments will be made.

Please find information below on the Cambridge Carbon Footprint who offer community events/activities across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The organisation was established to alleviate people's anxiety regarding climate change and help them establish events/activities to support the reduction in carbon emissions in local communities.

Their mission is to inspire people to engage with climate change and empower them, individually and within their communities, to move towards low carbon living. CCF offer a varied programme of events and activities which will inspire people to engage with climate change and empower them to join together to build a low-carbon future. Some central themes of their work are effective communication about climate change, home energy, transport, food, other consumption, and waste.

CCF can support community organisations with establishing:

- Repair Cafes
- Thermal Imaging cameras/training to look at heat leaks in homes.
- Running a Clothes Swap
- Visits to Eco Homes
- Training and loan of a Carbon Dioxide Monitor to monitor CO2 level in homes.

The link to their website is as follows:

[Home - Cambridge Carbon Footprint](#)

Please see information below and attached on the Care Micro-Enterprises that the County Council support to help adults requiring holistic homecare as well as personalised care across Huntingdonshire.

For full details and contact information please visit the Directory on our dedicated Care Micro Enterprise Page and signpost to your service users accordingly [Help at Home: Care Micro Enterprises - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Correspondence and information received from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC), Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) and the Combined Authority (CA)

CCC

The County Council recently carried out a review of the Highways Operational Standards (HOS) in relation to weed management in Cambridgeshire. The review aimed to assess the impact of changes implemented in April 2023 and gather stakeholders' feedback to inform further improvements.

The review identified the need for revisions to the HOS and recommended their approval for consultation with local stakeholders. This aims to improve environmental performance, reduce carbon emissions, and enhance road user safety through proactive weed management.

In January the Highways and Transport committee decided to reinstate the use of chemical weed control across the county, the report findings confirmed that the use of chemical weed control remains to be the most effective method for weed control as well as being the most financially viable option.

The paper submitted to the committee can be found [here](#).

Additionally, CCC would like to inform you that a one off non-chemical weed removal program will be implemented to cleanse all areas affected by weeds. This program will serve as a deep clean measure before the cyclical chemical weed treatment program, which will take place twice per annum, is reinstated in May 2024.

HDC

22 FEBRUARY 2024

COUNCIL BUDGET 2024/25

Huntingdonshire District Council's (HDC) 2024/2025 budget was presented at a meeting of the Full Council on Wednesday 21 February and approved for the forthcoming financial year.

The new financial plan sets out how the council will balance its budget and continue to protect vital frontline services despite decreasing government funding, along with rising costs and inflation.

To enable the council to carry on providing vital statutory services, Huntingdonshire Band D Council Tax is set to go up by £5 a year to £160.86 from the new financial year starting on April 1 2024. The rise, which amounts to less than 10p a week, or 3.21%, means that the average household will pay around £3 a week for all the services provided by Huntingdonshire District Council.

Councillor Brett Mickelburgh, Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources, said: "We have set a budget which is balanced, does not spend reserves and, importantly, protects frontline services. All this at a time of decreasing government funding, rising costs and inflation, and greater pressure on our services.

"Our approach to managing the council's finances means that the decisions we have made over the last year has ensured that Huntingdonshire's future is financially stable and unlike other councils protects against service cuts.

"By building solid financial foundations, we can plan and enhance the council in line with the things that matter most to people. We believe in the protection of services for our most vulnerable people, so individuals or families avoid falling into crisis. We can achieve this through our continued approaches built on prevention and early intervention, such as the new Council Tax Support Scheme. This budget takes us another step closer to our goal for a future focused on outcomes which are enabled by sound finances."

Over the coming year, the council will continue to deliver on its priorities for the district which are around improving the quality of life for local people, looking after the most vulnerable, creating a better Huntingdonshire for future generations and delivering good quality, high value-for-money services.

Councillor Sarah Conboy, Executive Leader of Huntingdonshire District Council, added: "As more and more councils across the country face financial difficulty, I am proud that we are delivering on our promise of long-term financial sustainability. We have made some unpopular but prudent decisions to ensure that we continue to be here for our residents and provide the services they need.

"From supporting people with the cost of living and setting up warm spaces to investing in our market towns and making significant progress in addressing climate priorities, as well as improving our biodiversity in our open spaces, we have made great strides over the last 12 months. I look forward to continuing this journey in 2024 as we create a greener, fairer Huntingdonshire for all."

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC), in collaboration with Wild About Huntingdon, is pleased to announce a Community Tree Planting Day is scheduled for Thursday, 15th February. This event is set to take place at Sapley Playing Field in Huntingdon, between 10am and 2pm.

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) is pleased to announce that the Shop Front Grant Scheme is being extended to St Neots and Ramsey town centres.

The scheme is funded by the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) and is being delivered jointly by BID Huntingdon First and HDC.

The grants can be used to support local businesses to repair and improve their shop fronts. The scheme aims to improve the aesthetics and accessibility of our high streets, encouraging residents to shop locally and attract more local businesses to the area.

Last December Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) launched the Local List Validation Requirements consultation. Unfortunately, due to a technical error, some of the data captured was lost. To ensure that the results are reflective of the feedback from residents, a decision has been made to run the consultation again.

If you have previously commented please submit your comments again in the new survey.

To ensure our local requirements are up to date, Huntingdonshire is embarking on a review of the contents of the Local Lists. We are writing to you to invite you to comment on the draft proposals before presenting them to the Development Management Committee early next year. The draft proposals can be found on Huntingdonshire District Council [consultation webpage](#).

Facebook Page “Bury Parish Council, Cambs” and website.

The Councils Facebook page has been updated regularly.

CAPALC and NALC bulletins and updates have been forwarded to members accordingly.

Crime Reports

Information taken from <https://www.police.uk>

The map uses data from local forces. The hotspots give only a loose idea of where crimes happened. Actual locations and details of crimes are kept anonymous.

Please note that not all crimes that occurred can be shown on the map.

December 2023	On or near
2 x Reports of Crime	
Antisocial behaviour	High Street
Violence and sexual offence	Dehavilland Gardens

Please find below the dates for the forthcoming community engagement meetings:

5 March

11 June

10 September

3 December

If you would like to attend, please visit the neighbourhood page and click the link on the date. You will be sent to Event Brite to register for free and will be sent a meeting link - <https://www.cambs.police.uk/police-forces/cambridgeshire-constabulary/areas/campaigns/nhp/neighbourhood-policing/Huntingdonshire/>

On the neighbourhood page you will also see a survey which can be filled out by those unable to attend the meeting so all views can be taken into account.

The priorities raised at the last meeting were around weapons and drug crime, parking and speeding.