



COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 21st July 2025 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Hammond and Cllr Doig (standing in as Chair)

Clerk: Miss K Hanslip

Members of the public: 2

Start 7:30pm

MINUTES

25/44 Welcome

The Chairman welcomes everyone to the meeting

25/45 To receive and accept apologies of absence

Cllr Langston and Cllr Laredo

25/46 Co-option for Coveney Parish Council

Non attendance to the meeting

25/47 Councillors' Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hammond 25/51 2

25/48 Public and Press Participation Session (15 minutes)

None

25/49 To receive County Councillor & District Councillor Report

It was agreed that Cllr Bailey and Cllr Dupre send their reports to the Clerk who will put these in the notice boards outside the village hall should anyone want to read them in more detail.

A copy can also be obtained from the Clerk via email.

Reports –

Cllr Bailey

Government's Fair Funding Review

The Government has published its final consultation on fundamental reforms to the local government funding model. It is an important consultation with big changes and implications for District Councils in particular and the whole of local government. It is expected that East Cambs District Council will be one of the most negatively impacted councils in the country.

Abolition of the Committee System

And in yet further changes to local government, the Minister for Local Government has announced his plans to abolish the Committee system in England, meaning that all Councils like East Cambs that are using the Committee system will have to move to the Cabinet based system of governance. The timing of this change is not yet clear, but it is thought it may be a requirement in advance of the move to Unitary councils.

Local Government Reorganisation

Three options for the reorganisation of Councils in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have now been published as below. Three additional options were considered but discarded as not being financially viable.

Option A

Unitary 1: Peterborough City Council, Hunts District Council, Fenland District Council

Unitary 2: East Cambs District Council, South Cambs District Council, Cambridge City Council

Option B

Unitary 1: Peterborough City Council, Fenland District Council, Hunts District Council, East Cambs District Council

Unitary 2: South Cambs District Council, Cambridge City Council

Option C

Unitary 1: Peterborough City Council, Fenland District Council, East Cambs District Council

Unitary 2: Hunts District Council, South Cambs District Council, Cambridge City Council

Cllr Dupre

Some Parish councils haven't been receiving emails and this is being looked into and updated. A system needs to be put in place to help keep emails up dated. Gravel End to Downham Hythe works should be carried out in October for this will not be affected by the Anglian water works.

A142 Mepal bridge closure – will be closed again this coming weekend.

25/50 Approval of minutes

- 1 To approve minutes for signature from Monday 16th June 2025 **RESOLVED** accepted and signed minutes
- 2 Matters arising from the minutes – None
- 3 Clerk's report – No issues arising

25/51 Planning applications

- 1 25/00649/FUL - 18A Main Street Coveney - Demolition of existing single storey boot room and construction of two storey extension to the rear **RESOLVED** comments sent to planning
- 2 25/00627/FUL – Hereward House, 6A Main Street Wardy Hill - Raised roof with flat roof dormer on rear, loft conversion, single storey extension to rear, solar panels, new windows and doors **RESOLVED** The current design is not in line with other properties in the Parish

25/52 Progress on Planning Applications (For Information)

- 1 25/00460/FUL - Justlee 1 Gravel End Coveney – Single story side extension - **APPROVED**

25/53 Council Administration Matters

- 1 Correspondence update from village **RESOLVED** it was decided that there will be no further actions regarding the yellow lines.

25/54 Wardy Hill Social Club

- 1 To update the council on the Social Club status – feedback from Cambs Acre **RESOLVED** it was discussed that we need to collect all the evidence regarding the social club and see some legal advice on the next steps and decide what would be done with the club once obtained by the Council.

25/55 Recreational Areas

- 1 Update on Orchard **RESOLVED** It was discussed that we need more detail on the work being carried out from the groundskeeper.



- 2 Update on Tree Warden's report – grass verge **RESOLVED** Clerk to discuss with Miles
- 3 Update on Allotments **RESOLVED** Clerk has now made contact with Lesley and will review the allotment plots in September
- 4 To approve base for bench at the pond **RESOLVED** Another quote to be obtained next week and will meet with Cllr Laredo to discuss location of bench
- 5 Update council on basketball backing **RESOLVED** Clerk to obtain a quote to get the backing ROSPA inspected and to also see how much it would be to get the backing from a company who specialise in this.

25/56 Finance matters

- 1 To approve July invoices for payment as per schedule **RESOLVED** approved
- 2 To approve the council's financial position up until 30th June 2025 **RESOLVED** Clerk to also provide the precept expenditure for future meetings

25/57 Date of Next Meeting

- 1 Monday 15th September 2025 – Full Council meeting

Close of meeting 8:30pm

Chairman: Cllr R Langston

Clerk/RFO – Miss K Hanslip, 60A Cannon Street, Little Downham CB6 2SS.

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Coveney Parish Council

15 July 2025 (2025-2026)

PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

Vouche Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
36 Subscriptions	02/07/2025		Current Account		Mobile phone	Tesco Mobile	Z	8.57		8.57
40 Clerk's Salary	22/07/2025		Current Account		Salary	Miss K Hanslip	Z	524.88		524.88
38 Insurance	22/07/2025		Current Account		Insurance	Clear Insurance Managem	Z	873.59		873.59
42 Clerk's Expenses	22/07/2025		Current Account		Expenses	Miss K Hanslip	Z	49.60		49.60
43 Audit	22/07/2025		Current Account		Audit	CAPALC	Z	145.18		145.18
37 Subscriptions	22/07/2025		Current Account		Administration	Claire Langston	Z	10.00		10.00
39 Repairs	22/07/2025		Current Account		Play area	ONLINE PLAYGROUND	S	119.00	23.80	142.80
41 Groundskeeper	22/07/2025		Current Account		Groundskeeping	Pat Whitton	Z	645.00		645.00
Total								2,375.82	23.80	2,399.62

SIGNED

DATED