



## **COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm

**Attendees:** Cllr Langston (Chair), Cllr Laredo, Cllr Hammond and Cllr Doig

**Clerk:** Miss K Hanslip

**Members of the public:** 2

Start 7:30pm

## **MINUTES**

**25/88 Welcome**

**25/89 To receive and accept apologies of absence**

Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Gilmore and Cllr Hammond

**25/90 Councillor's Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Doig 25/97

**25/91 Public and Press Participation Session (15 minutes)**

None

**25/92 To receive County Councillor & District Councillor Reports**

- 1** Cllr Bailey and Cllr Dupre to give report updates – Both Cllr reports are available from the Parish Clerk.

### **Cllr Dupre –**

Full Council composition has changed again. One of the Reform councillors is to be investigated after being charged with making a false statement about an opposing council candidate.

Local Government Reorganisation continues – County Council decided option A by majority. Fenland District Council has now gone for option D, which leaves East Cambs with Fenland and half of Huntingdonshire. Peterborough's full council has also recommended for option D. On the 20th of this month, East Cambs and Cambridge both meet are going to go for option B. South Cambs will meet on the 24th and go for option B. and Huntingdonshire, We're not clear yet whether they're going to go for options C or option E.

Customer care will now be 2 stages instead of 3 which has been bought in from the ombudsman. This makes it much quicker and more efficient.

There is still a struggle with adult social care costs, children's social care costs, special educational needs costs, home to school transport costs, and all of those are needs led services. You can't predict what's going to be out there until it comes and it's coming in greater numbers and it's more severe. The government had also said it would do its bit for the SEN spending issue by providing 2 new special schools, one in March and one in Gamlingay. These are now delayed without a date. Which means that it's going to continue to be much more difficult for us.

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The Poverty Commission is a fantastic piece of work that came up with a lot of ideas for supporting people to maximise their income. To be included digitally, to be held in conditions of rural poverty, transport, loneliness, and isolation, affordable housing. To also help with housing, homelessness, children and families, and mental health. All authorities need to pull together along with other partners and including the college sector to make it all happen.

Footpath 3 is finally finished, and the bridge is in place.

Cllr Dupre had bought some leaflets from the county council about highways works, which are available from the Clerk and in the Village Hall.

**Cllr Bailey –**

One update to report regarding the Tiger on Demand, bus services on Thursday. The Combined Authority Officers will be getting on the bus at some point to discuss with the users of the bus service. The new service will go live the new year.

**25/93 Approval of minutes**

- 1 To approve minutes for signature from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 **RESOLVED**  
accepted and signed minutes
- 2 Matters arising from the minutes **NONE**
- 3 Clerk's report **NO ISSUES ARISING**

**25/94 Planning applications**

- 1 None

**25/95 Progress on Planning Applications (For Information)**

- 1 25/00181/ FUL - 3 bedroom chalet dwelling (self build) – Site To North Of 4 Main Street Wardy Hill Cambridgeshire **APPROVED**

**25/96 Correspondence Received**

- 1 To report any correspondence received from residents **RESOLVED**
  - Sent thank you email to residents who helped cut the hedges in the orchard
  - Received an email from a resident regarding the 125 bus – Cllr Langston will respond.
  - Update sent to Wentworth Parish Council regarding Land South of Wilbey Hill Farm Long Causeway Coveney
  - Resident has contacted the Parish Council regarding the possibility of getting a dog waste bin on straight drove, Way Head – Clerk to investigate

**25/97 Groundskeeper Tender to be discussed and approved**

**RESOLVED** – It was agreed that Glover Group would be appointed as the new Groundskeeper for Coveney.

**25/98 To review the budget draft for 26/27**

**RESOLVED** – the first draft of the budget was discussed. Clerk will update and present at the December meeting for final approval

**25/99 Council Administration Matters**

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- 1 To discuss and approve moving to a .gov domain **RESOLVED** Clerk to instruct website provider move to a .gov domain
- 2 To discuss Parish Council dates for 2026 **RESOLVED** All 2026 dates were agreed
- 3 To discuss the Street lights contract **RESOLVED** New contract will be in place after current provider has gone into administration. Clerk to contact broker to review other deals.
- 4 To discuss Councillor vacancies **RESOLVED** we still have 2 vacancies. Cllrs to contact other possible residents to join and advertise vacancies

**25/100 Wardy Hill Social Club**

- 1 To provide an update on the Social Club **RESOLVED** Clerk to arrange date with solicitor to start the process of finding who owns the land. Cllr Langston and Cllr Laredo to arrange the electricity bill payment and get the account closed down.

**25/101 Recreational Areas**

- 1 Update on Tree Wardens report **RESOLVED** no further actions
- 2 To discuss LHI applications **RESOLVED** clerk to send application for mirror and 40mph buffer.

**25/102 Finance matters**

- 1 To approve October invoices for payment as per schedule **RESOLVED** invoices approved
- 2 To approve the council's financial position up until 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025 **RESOLVED** approved. Clerk to provide the reserves at all meetings

**25/103 Date of Next Meeting**

- 1 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Full Council meeting

Close of meeting: 9:03pm

**Chairman:** Cllr R Langston

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

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**Coveney Parish Council**  
**PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST**

11 November 2025 (2025-2026)

| Vouche       | Code               | Date       | Minute | Bank            | Cheque No | Description    | Supplier                    | VAT Type | Net           | VAT          | Total         |
|--------------|--------------------|------------|--------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 84           | Subscriptions      | 03/11/2025 |        | Current Account |           | Mobile phone   | Tesco Mobile                | S        | 11.31         | 2.26         | 13.57         |
| 82           | Clerk's Salary     | 18/11/2025 |        | Current Account |           | Salary         | Miss K Hanslip              | Z        | 476.44        |              | 476.44        |
| 82           | Clerk's Expenses   | 18/11/2025 |        | Current Account |           | Salary         | Miss K Hanslip              | Z        | 39.50         |              | 39.50         |
| 83           | Streetlight Energy | 18/11/2025 |        | Current Account |           | Electricity    | Tomato Energy               | L        | 2.29          | 0.11         | 2.40          |
| 85           | Equipment          | 18/11/2025 |        | Current Account |           | Groundskeeping | Fenland Spirit Services Ltd | S        | 317.50        | 63.50        | 381.00        |
| <b>Total</b> |                    |            |        |                 |           |                |                             |          | <b>847.04</b> | <b>65.87</b> | <b>912.91</b> |

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