

COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th February 2026 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Langston, Cllr Laredo, Cllr Hammond and Cllr Doig

Clerk: Miss K Hanslip

Members of the public: 0

Start 7:30pm

MINUTES

26/17 Welcome

26/18 To receive and accept apologies of absence

Cllr Dupre

26/19 Councillor's Declarations of Interest

None

26/20 Public and Press Participation Session (15 minutes)

None

26/21 To receive County Councillor & District Councillor Report

Cllr Bailey and Cllr Dupre reports are available from the Clerk – please email clerk@coveneyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Bailey – updates

13th year ECDC have frozen council tax.

Local Government Reform options are now open for the Council to respond to.

ECDC is looking to make CIL funds more easily available and flexible for Parish

Councils to help support growth. Considering reducing the matching funds

requirement but the project will need to be sizeable. There is also a free PiPA audit available to check play areas for accessibility/ equipment.

Cllr Dupre – updates

Please find link to report from Cllr Dupre

www.tinyurl.com/lornasreports

26/22 Approval of minutes

- 1** To approve minutes for signature from Monday 19th January 2026 **RESOLVED** accepted and signed
- 2** Matters arising from the minutes (For information only) **NONE**
- 3** Clerk's report **NO ISSUES**

26/23 Planning applications

- 1 26/00086/VAR** - To vary condition 1 (Approved plans) of previously approved 21/01196/FUL for construction of three detached dwellings and associated works, provision of parking, and private amenity space - 26 Main Street Coveney Ely Cambridgeshire CB6 2DJ **RESOLVED** to make no comments

26/24 Progress on Planning Applications (For Information)

- 1 25/01368/VAR** - To vary condition 1 (Approved Plans), 4 (Hard Landscaping), 7 (Materials) and 8 (Energy and Sustainability Strategy) of previously approved 21/01149/RMA for reserved matters for Appearance and Landscaping of previously approved 18/01047/OUT for the erection of three detached dwellings with garages

Signed:

Dated:

and new vehicular accesses - Land Adjacent To Hale Fen House Hale Fen Lane
Wardy Hill Cambridgeshire – **APPROVED**

- 2 **24/00268/FUL** – Detached single storey annexe for holiday let use – Ebenezer
Farm West Fen Coveney Ely Cambridgeshire - **APPROVED**

- 3 **25/01309/FUL** – New raised roof with dormer window to create first floor and
porch to front – Evenos 6 Main Street Coveney Ely Cambridgeshire – **APPROVED**

26/25 Correspondence Received

- 1 Village Hall have asked about responsibility for the electrics at the MUGA and the
plan for the future. It has been agreed that now the brambles have been cut the
Clerk will look at getting a grant from the FA to replacing the lights at the MUGA
with new LED floodlights. The Clerk will respond to the Village Hall.
- 2 A response was received from Highways to the Parish Council's letter asking for
improvements to the 2 junctions on the A142 and A10. The accident record
doesn't merit safety improvements. A summary of this reply will be circulated to
the wider community. The Clerk will write again asking what maintenance
measures can be taken.

26/26 Wardy Hill Social Club

- 1 Cllr Hammond and Chri Bullen have created a survey which will be published on
the website and sent to Wardy Hill residents in due course to seek help with getting
adverse passion of the social club and gauge support for possible outcomes.

26/27 Recreational Areas

- 1 Tree wardens report **RECEIVED**
- 2 Discuss the quotes for the Wardy Hill play area **DEFER TO MARCH MEETING** Clerk
to contact ECDC to request the offer of a free PiPA audit on both playparks.
- 3 Note contractor was approved to complete clearing brambles behind the MUGA
RESOLVED Daniel Bettney carried out the works around the MUGA
- 4 Agree a dog waste bin on Straight Causeway **RESOLVED** Clerk to check resident is
happy with having this outside their house before ordering
- 5 To discuss queries from Groundskeeper **RESOLVED** To warn residents when
coming and to not park along the green in Coveney when grass is being cut.
- 6 To discuss tree and hedge planting around Coveney play area **RESOLVED** to
approve the proposal for trees to be planted. Cllr Laredo and Tree Warden to apply
to the Woodland Trust for free tree packs.

26/28 Council Administration Matters

- 1 To discuss the topics and speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting **RESOLVED** To
invite Rachel Hogger from ECDC to speak about drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan
- 2 To discuss the Bio-Diversity Policy **RESOLVED** Cllr Laredo to send Clerk new
version to update website
- 3 Agree Dispensation Policy **RESOLVED** Clerk to add onto website
- 4 Update from Cllr Laredo from training attended on website webinar **RESOLVED**
Clerk to discuss website's compliance with latest accessibility standard with
current web provider
- 5 To discuss LGR options **RESOLVED** Cllr Langston to respond to survey
- 6 Agree who will be the Village Hall representatives for 26/27 **RESOLVED** Cllr Doig
will be the PC representative
- 7 Update from Cllr Langston on meeting attended on 2nd Feb around the potholes
RESOLVED Circulated an updated that Highways are doing all they can and
although there is a 12 week turn around noted in responses, Highways will
prioritise and aim to repair potholes significantly more quickly than that.

Signed:

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26/29 Finance matters

- 1 To approve February invoices for payment as per schedule **APPROVED** Clerk to send reserves for future meetings
- 2 To approve the council's financial position up until 31st January 2026 **APPROVED**

26/30 Date of Next Meeting

- 1 Monday 16th March 2026 – Full Council meeting

Close of meeting 8:45pm

Chairman: Cllr R Langston

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

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Coveney Parish Council
PAYMENTS LIST

27 February 2026 (2025-2026)

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
105	Subscriptions	01/02/2026		Current Account		Mobile phone	Tesco Mobile	S	6.67	1.33	8.00
110	Streetlight Energy	21/02/2026		Current Account		Electricity	Valda Energy	L	153.69	7.68	161.37
106	Clerk's Salary	26/02/2026		Current Account		Salary	Miss K Hanslip	Z	476.44		476.44
106	Clerk's Expenses	26/02/2026		Current Account		Salary	Miss K Hanslip	Z	47.20		47.20
107	Streetlight Energy	26/02/2026		Current Account		Electricity	British Gas	L	8.84	0.44	9.28
108	Groundskeeper	26/02/2026		Current Account		Groundskeeping	Pat Whotton	Z	644.10		644.10
111	Groundskeeper	27/02/2026		Current Account		Groundskeeping	Daniel Bettney	Z	550.00		550.00
Total									1,886.94	9.45	1,896.39

Signed:

Dated: