



COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 20th July 2026 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Langston, Cllr Winfield and Cllr Doig

Cllr Bailey also in attendance

Clerk: Miss K Hanslip

Start 7:30pm

MINUTES

26/88 Welcome

26/89 To receive and accept apologies of absence

None

26/90 Councillor's Declarations of Interest

1 None

26/91 Public and Press Participation Session (15 minutes)

1 None

26/92 To receive County Councillor & District Councillor Reports

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

Cllr Dupre's report can be found at

www.tinyurl.com/lornasreports

Clerk has been asked to contact Cllr Dupre regarding the West Fen road works and to raise the need for improved communication and advance notification for future projects.

Cllrs have also raised a concern with regards to the potential reduction of local bus services and asked whether the Tiger on Demand would also be affected.

Cllr Bailey's report can be requested from the Clerk

Local Government Reorganisation

An update was received on the delayed Government decision. The delay is creating significant pressure on the timetable for implementation, elections and boundary changes. A decision is expected by October. Normal council services will continue in the meantime. Members expressed concern about the impact of the delay and requested that a decision be made as soon as possible.

Local Heritage List

Members welcomed the new Local Heritage List and noted that additional buildings and structures can be nominated for inclusion.

Green Drove Planning Enforcement

An update was received on the planning enforcement matter at Green Drove. A revised planning application is awaited. Members expressed concern about the apparent breach and agreed that a letter should be sent.

26/93 Approval of minutes

- 1 To approve minutes for signature from Monday 15th June 2026 **RESOLVED** accepted and signed
- 2 Matters arising from the minutes (For information only) **NONE**
- 3 Clerk's report **NO ISSUES**

26/94 Planning

- 1 **26/00765/FUL** - Single storey side extension - 11A Main Street Coveney Ely Cambridgeshire CB6 2DJ **NO COMMENT**

26/95 Progress on Planning Applications (For Information)

- 1 **26/00491/TPO** - T1 Ash - Fell, leave at approximately 2 metres high. The tree has lost several large limbs and has excessive decay. Ideally will replant with a native species tree to be confirmed with Tree Officer. Tree is back garden but over hanging road on a corner - Drovers 1 Jerusalem Drove Wardy Hill Ely Cambridgeshire - **APPROVED**
- 2 **26/00086/VAR** - To vary condition 1 (Approved plans) and remove condition 4 (Remediation scheme) and condition 5 (Remediation report) of 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 – **SUPERSEDED**
- 3 **26/00361/CLE** - Conversion of attached double garage and loft over double garage and utility to provide home office and annexe including replacement of garage doors with insulated wall and windows and installation of 3x roof-lights - Bramble Lodge 10C Gravel End Coveney Ely Cambridgeshire – **APPROVED**

26/96 Correspondence Received

- 1 To report any correspondence received from residents **RESOLVED** A matter concerning reservoir safety at Wardy Hill has been brought to the Council's attention following unforeseen circumstances. Cllr Langston has spoken with both the Environmental Agency and the RSPB, who have requested further information to understand the situation. Cllr Langston will manage all communications with these organisations while the Council continues to gather details and assess any required actions.

26/97 Wardy Hill Social Club

- 1 To provide an update on the Social Club **RESOLVED** Cllr Hammond will distribute a letter to Wardy Hill residents regarding support for progressing the project.
- 2 To discuss the parking at the Social Club **RESOLVED** Clerk to email contractors advising that parking is at their own risk and arrange signage. Friends of Coveney will be asked to help remove brambles outside the club.

26/98 Recreational Areas

- 1 To accept Tree Warden's report **ACCEPTED**
- 2 To discuss hemlock at the Orchard/ allotments **RESOLVED** Issue now resolved. Cllr Laredo will circulate details of a proposed fibreglass water tank for the orchard.
- 3 To approve quote from Handyman for jobs at play area **RESOLVED** Clerk to speak to handyman and remove tasks already completed and requote.
- 4 To provide an update of the WH play area **RESOLVED** Clerk to begin grant applications to fund replacement of the climbing frame and contact groups for supporting letters.

- 5 To discuss the fence behind 4 School Lane **RESOLVED** Another letter to be sent asking for plans and timeframe for replacement, and offering support if needed.
 - 6 To discuss the usage/ development of land beside the Village Hall **RESOLVED** Councillors discussed future development. The Village Hall Committee is not planning an extension. A letter will be sent regarding access to properties and usage of sheds owned by the Parish Council.
 - 7 To discuss the mole situation at the Pond **RESOLVED** Moles have now gone; no further action required.
- 26/99 Council Administration matters**
- 1 To note the new NJC mileage has increased to 55p and payment will be backdated from April 26 **NOTED**
- 26/100 Neighbourhood Plan**
- To discuss the Neighbourhood Priorities Statement **RESOLVED** Cllr Langston handed out the roadmap and will start looking at forming a steering group to get the process started.
- 26/101 Finance matters**
- 1 To approve May invoices for payment as per schedule **APPROVED**
 - 2 To approve the council's financial position up until 30th June 2026 **APPROVED**
 - 3 To review the quarterly budget **APPROVED**
- 26/102 Date of Next Meeting**
- 1 Monday 21st September 2026 – No meeting in August

Close of meeting 8.52pm

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

25 July 2026 (2026-2027)

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
40	Clerk's Salary	21/07/2026		Current Account		Salary	Miss K Hanslip	Z	385.04		385.04
40	Clerk's Expenses	21/07/2026		Current Account		Salary	Miss K Hanslip	Z	47.80		47.80
41	Clerk's Expenses	21/07/2026		Current Account		Mobile phone	Tesco Mobile	S	7.07	1.41	8.48
36	Misc	21/07/2026		Current Account		Administration	Littleport and Downham In	Z	55.00		55.00
39	Misc	21/07/2026		Current Account		Connexions newsletter printing	Claire Langston	Z	10.00		10.00
43	Training	21/07/2026		Current Account		Training	AJSG Limited	Z	14.95		14.95
37	Running costs	21/07/2026		Current Account		Groundskeeping	Glover Group (East Anglia)	S	343.00	68.60	411.60
37	Maintenance	21/07/2026		Current Account		Groundskeeping	Glover Group (East Anglia)	S	343.00	68.60	411.60
38	Groundskeeper	21/07/2026		Current Account		Groundskeeping	Glover Group (East Anglia)	S	471.47	94.29	565.76
42	Maintenance	21/07/2026		Current Account		Village Improvement	Robert Langston	S	82.75	16.55	99.30
42	Repairs	21/07/2026		Current Account		Village Improvement	Robert Langston	S	133.32	26.67	159.99
Total									1,893.40	276.12	2,169.52