

Hildersham Parish Council
Clerk: Mrs. PM Harper
17 Lewis Crescent, Great Abington, Cambridge CB21 6AG

A Meeting of Hildersham Parish Council

To be held on Tuesday 12th November 2024, **starting at 7.30pm at the Hildersham Village Hall.**

57. Ian Walters, councillor at Duford Parish Council to explain how their council have created a biodiversity policy and the actions they have taken.

58. Open Forum - Parishioners can raise any matters of concern.

59. Apologies

60. Councillors to declare any interests in the items to be discussed during the meeting? Has the Clerk granted any dispensations under section 33 (1) of the Localism Act and the basis is set out under section 33(2)?

62. Report from District Councillor John Batchelor

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64. Feedback on actions from the last meetings

- a) The resuscitation training session will take place on 19th November in the village hall.
- b) Clerk has told GAPC that this council will not be purchasing a new dog poo bin.

65. Biodiversity

a) Adoption of the draft policy as circulated and updated.

b) Management of the verge cutting- will this include cutting the plantation land?

- i) Emma Stannard of CCC- asked the council to update them on the verge areas the PC manages, frequency of cuts, how long we have managed the verges, and the contactors used. There is an option to pass management of all or some areas to the CCC.
- ii) Proposed updated grass cutting regime created by Jean Kelly.

66. Budget and precept for the council for 2025

- a) Can councillors consider the draft budget and any amendment they would like to make and adopt a version of this.
- b) Can councillors agree the precept for 2025.

67. Neighbourhood Plan.

- a) Update

68. Year end and further recommendations from the Internal Auditor

- a) Adoption of a publication scheme.
- b) The notice has been posted up as requested by the External Auditor but the audit has not been concluded.

69. Correspondences

- a) Complaint about the quality of the verge grass cutting.

70. Finance

- a) Can the Council authorise the payments and approve the financial statement dated 12.11.2024?
- b) The external auditor, Littlejohn, requested that the end of audit notice be displayed, which was posted up as requested.
- c) Expenses on Trust land and how the cost will be paid, by the council or the Trust?
 - Reducing the height of the allotment hedge
 - Clearing the recreation ground ditch
 - Pollarding the two willows on the recreation ground
 - Work on the ivy-covered tree and the tree on Mr Cross' old allotment.
 - New plantation gates and replacement gateposts on the recreation ground
- d) Can the council select a contractor to reduce the height of the allotment hedge. Quotes have been requested from three contractors.
- e) Can councillors authorise the Clerk's pay increase backdated to April 2024 to £13.91/hr, as per National Pay Agreement

71. Open Forum for Parishioners to make comments or raise items

72. Items for the next meeting's agenda on 13th January 2025

Agenda for the Hildersham Land Management

This meeting follows the Parish Council meeting

1. Maintenance of the new plantation-

- a) A gate for the new plantation should be installed. Costs to be paid by
- c) Maintenance of the plantation going forward. Does the Trust want the grass cut as part of the grass cutting contract?

2. Allotment

- a) Large tree on unleased allotment plot- does the Trust need to have this cut back or down?
- b) Inspection of the allotment plots.
- c) Creation of an allotment WhatsApp group.
- d) Update on reducing height of the boundary hedge at the far end of the allotment and reducing or cutting down an ivy-covered tree in that location.

3. South Holding

- a) Stolen bollards – an alternative to bollards at the entrance?

4. Recreation Ground

- a) New Gate post should have been installed for the gate by the bridge from the Recreation ground.
- b) Pollarding 2 willow trees near the bridge, Jon Watkins said they need doing.
- c) Clearance of ditch, now the pipe to the river is clear.

5. Finance

- a) Update on payments made from the account and the balance
- b) Does the Trust want an agreed amount of Trust funds put into a Lloyds interest account?