



PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Perry Parish Council Meeting held at 1900 hours on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at the Grafham Water Sailability Clubhouse.

Please note that minutes are formal records of official acts and decisions. They are not verbatim reports of discussions or decision-making processes.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Chairman Eleanor Abbs (EA), Vice Chairman Sheila Brighton (SB), Nigel Noon (NN), Emma Prew (EP), Jo Shirreffs (JS). The meeting was quorate.

County Councillor: Ian Gardener (IG).

Members of the public: eleven.

Clerk to the Council: Eugene Smith (ES).

24/128 Apologies

Apologies from Parish Councillors Chris Jones and Kay Darby were **approved** (proposed EA, approved unanimously).

District Councillor Stephen Cawley's apologies were received.

24/129 Councillors' declarations of interest for items on the agenda

None.

24/130 Report from County Councillor

IG delivered his report, which is attached as appendix one. The co-design meeting for the Grafham / Brampton road scheme is due to be held on Thursday 6th March, 1500 – 1900 hours, Grafham Village Hall.

24/131 Guest speakers from HMP Littlehey

Governor Matthew Tilt, Head of Reducing Reoffending Jenna Owen and Head of Security Jody Williams provided an update on and answered questions relating to HMP Littlehey.

Action: when received, ES to publish summary on parish council website.

24/132 Open forum for public participation

None.

24/133 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Perry Parish Council meeting held on 11th December 2024 were **approved** as a correct record (prop. EA, app. unanimously) and signed by the Chairman.

24/134 Clerk's report

Attached as appendix two.

24/135 Events Working Party

Fay Wheatcroft provided an update.

Action: ES to publicise next litter pick (12th April).

24/136 Parish / village matters

The absence of communal garden waste bins was reviewed and will remain for now, pending a further review in February 2026.

Action: ES to place on relevant agenda.

24/137 Highways and green spaces

a) Chichester Way line painting

EA asked IG (under item 24/130) for any updates re this, IG will raise it at the next Highways Meeting.

24/138 Anglian Water

A representative will attend the next PPC meeting (12th March)

24/139 20mph zone(s)

Discussed, decision to be made at next meeting.

24/140 Grants policy

The grants policy was approved (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

Action: ES to place on parish council website.

24/141 Invitation to The Wheatsheaf's management

It was **decided** to invite a representative to a future PPC meeting.

Action: ES to send invitation.

24/142 Update on meetings and training attended

Kay Darby and ES attended the 4th February Sustrans online councillor briefing re the Brampton / Grafham road.

24/143 CiLCA award

The award of the Certificate in Local Council Administration to ES was **noted**.

24/143 Finance

a) The following authorised and regular payments were **noted**.

Eugene Smith (clerk's salary for December and January): **confidential**
Eugene Smith (working from home allowance for December and January):
£52.00
Colin Beesley (handyman's wages for December): **confidential**
HMRC (December and January income tax): **£199.20**
Unity Trust Bank (service charges): **£12.00**
Grafham Water Sailability (December and February Clubhouse use):
£60.00
The Christmas Decorators (Christmas tree 2024): **£2,592.00**
Cambridgeshire ACRE (Perry subscription 2025): **£72.00**

EA **signed** the payment schedule.

b) a refund of **£120.00** received on 25th November from Cambridgeshire County Council for the Access Protection Marking application fee, paid into the parish council's Multipay card account was **noted**.

c) the bank reconciliation for Quarter 3 (Oct-Dec24) was **noted**.

24/144 Agenda items for the next Perry Parish Council meeting (12th March 2025)

NN raised the possible discontinuation of Life and Diaries Magazine.

Action: ES to add publications as a standing item

Additional items must be received by the clerk no later than Monday 3rd March 2025.

Meeting closed at 2030 hours.

END OF MINUTES

APPENDIX ONE – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Awaits.

APPENDIX TWO – CLERK'S REPORT

- All the works that PPC are responsible for are in hand and contractors are being assessed as appropriate.
- The loose metal barriers on the Chichester Way footpath will be repaired by Cambridgeshire County Council by the end of the current financial year.
- The overgrown walkway between Glebe Way and Whitehall Way is under investigation by CCC.
- The missing road sign at the junction of Glebe Road, Valley Drive and Lymage Road is being dealt with by Huntingdonshire District Council.

END OF APPENDICES

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