



PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Perry Parish Council Meeting held at 1900 hours on Wednesday 11th March 2026 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), David Gent (DG), Chris Jones (CJ), Nigel Noon (NN), Pat Reynolds (PR), Jo Shirreffs (JS). The meeting was quorate.

District Councillor: Stephen Cawley (SC).

Members of the public: five.

Clerk to the Council: Eugene Smith (ES).

25/131 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Emma Prew and Kay Darby, and **approved** (proposed EA).

County Councillor Ian Gardener's apologies were **received**.

25/132 Councillors' declarations of interest for items on the agenda

None.

25/133 Report from County Councillor

SC delivered his report, which is attached as appendix one.

25/134 Open forum for public participation

Issues raised: ditch opposite Anglian Water Treatment Plant requires rodding, the alleyway between 8 and 10 Glebe road has overgrown trees, the pathway from Valley Road to Mander is slippery and could benefit from wood chippings being spread.

Actions: ES to contact appropriate departments.

25/135 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Perry Parish Council Annual Meeting held on 11th February 2026 were **approved** as a correct record (prop. EA) and signed by EA.

25/136 Clerk's report

Attached as appendix two.

25/137 Update from the Events Working Party

Fay Wheatcroft provided an update, the next litter pick Saturday April 25th at 1100, the garage sale will be held on Saturday June 20th 1000 - 1400, a scarecrow competition and possibly excess fruit and vegetable swap / pressing on Saturday 20th September. The next Events Working Party meeting is Wednesday 15th April at 1900.

25/138 Gaynes Estate Working Group update

DG provided an update, the second inspection has been carried out and details sent to the MoJ. The improvement in the road containing Paxton Cottages is much appreciated by residents.

Action: ES to thank MoJ for the improvements.

25/139 Planning permission consultations

a) Proposal: Second storey side and rear extension.

Site Address: 10 Welby Close Perry Huntingdon PE28 0DP.

Reference: 26/00272/HHFUL

Decision: no observations (prop. EA)

b) Proposal: Replacement of 6x existing single glazed windows with double glazed windows on frontage of the property.

Site Address: 36 West Perry, Perry, Huntingdon.

Reference: 26/00314/LBC

Decision: recommend approval (prop. EA)

Actions: ES to inform HDC.

25/140 Update on meetings and training attended

ES has completed online training re Data Protection and Cyber Security, and attended a training session re Canva.

25/141 North Huntingdon Cumulative Impacts Group participation

It was **decided** not to provide a representative from Perry Parish Council (prop. EA).

25/142 Staffing Committee

a) The amendments to section a)i of the Staffing Committee Terms of Reference were **approved** (prop. EA).

Action: ES to amend Terms of Reference.

b) JS was **appointed** to fill the ensuing vacant seat (prop. EA).

25/143 Finance

a) For noting: the following approved and regular payments for February 2026:

Cambs Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) (council subscription 2026): **£74.50**

Eugene Smith (clerk's salary for January and February): **confidential**

HMRC (NIC contributions for January and February): **£131.94**

Cambridgeshire Pension Fund (pension contributions from PCC and ES): **Confidential**

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) (AGAR training course): **£35**

Unity Trust Bank (service charge February): **£6**

Lloyds Multipay card: **£8**

(SMARTY mobile phone fee January: **£10**

Monthly fee January: **£6**)

25/144 Agenda items for the next Perry Parish Council meeting (8th April 2026)

Items must be received by the clerk no later than Monday 30th March 2026.

Meeting closed at 1952 hours.

END OF MINUTES

APPENDIX ONE – REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEPHEN CAWLEY

Parish Council Update – March 2026

Food Waste Collection

Food waste caddies are on their way from 12th January, with weekly collections starting from 30th March. Food waste collection is set out in national legislation and not just a local decision. Councils across England are legally required to collect food waste separately from all households and businesses. The aim is to make recycling easier, more consistent, and available to everyone, no matter where they live.

So far, 37,000 households have had their caddies delivered, in preparation for the rollout of the new food waste collection service from 30th March. All food caddies should be delivered by 28 March.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/food-waste/>

Public consultation opens on Local Government Reorganisation in Cambridgeshire

The government's public consultation on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is now open.

The consultation is an opportunity to have your say on the options put forward for LGR in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Please respond by 23:59 on Thursday 26 March 2026.

The government will make the final decision on which option is selected and it is expected they will announce the outcome in the summer.

You can find further information on LGR and the options put forward on the Local Government Reorganisation page. <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/council-democracy/meetings-and-decision-making/local-government-reorganisation/>

The consultation will run until 26 March 2026 and residents can share their views online at: <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/cambridgeshire-and-peterborough/>

WHAT CAN I PUT IN MY CADDY?

You can recycle all your food waste, including the following:

 <p>food waste</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings 	 <p>dairy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Dairy products ✓ Cheese ✓ Eggs 	 <p>bread & pastries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bread ✓ Cakes ✓ Pastries
 <p>meat & bones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Raw meat ✓ Cooked meat ✓ Bones 	 <p>tea & coffee grounds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tea bags ✓ Coffee grounds 	 <p>fruit & vegetables</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Raw vegetables ✓ Cooked vegetables ✓ Whole fruit ✓ Peelings
 <p>fish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fish ✓ Cooked fish ✓ Bones 	 <p>rice, pasta & beans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rice ✓ Pasta ✓ Beans 	<p>Remember to recycle your mouldy and out of date food, including ready meals removed from their packaging</p>	

If you are unsure, check our A-Z:
www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/a-z-of-waste/

Please do not put any of these materials in your caddy

- ✗ Packaging of any kind
- ✗ Liquids such as milk
- ✗ Oil or liquid fat
- ✗ Any material that is not food waste



For more details, visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk, call 01480 388382, or email wasteminimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Local Plan to 2046 Update: Preferred Options Consultation

The Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046 consultation closed on 17 December 2025. Comments received from stakeholders and statutory consultees will be processed, and reviewed and further technical evidence will be gathered to inform the Proposed Submission Local Plan

HDC anticipates consulting on this in summer 2026 - For more information, please see our updated webpages. You can view the responses to our Preferred Options draft Local Plan to 2046 and Sustainability Appraisal on our online consultation portal.

APPENDIX THREE – CLERK’S REPORT

- The MVAS unit is due to be collected on Thursday 12th March
- NN’s pothole suggestion from the 11th February meeting is being progressed by Ian Gardener with the Highways Department
- Emails of thanks received from the newsletter naming competition entrants
- The pill recycling bin will be out w/c 23rd March