



PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Perry Parish Council Meeting held at 1900 hours on Wednesday 10th June 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 Chris Jones (CJ), Sheila Brighton (SB), Kay Darby (KD), David Gent (DG), Pat Reynolds (PR), Jo Shirreffs (JS). The meeting was quorate.

County Councillor: Ian Gardener (IG).

District Councillor: Stephen Cawley (SC).

Members of the public: four.

Clerk to the Council: Eugene Smith (ES).

26/33 Apologies

The apologies received from Councillors Nigel Noon and Emma Prew were **accepted** (proposed EA).

26/34 Councillors' declarations of interest for items on the agenda

None.

26/35 Reports from District and County Councillors

SC and IG delivered their reports, which are attached as appendices one and two respectively. CJ raised the Chichester Way road markings with IG.

26/36 Open forum for public participation

Ed Groome from Grafham Water Centre provided an update. PR asked about the overgrown footpath running from the main road to the Centre, Ed will raise this with the Centre's grounds team.

26/37 Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the Perry Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Perry Parish Council Meeting, both held on 13th May 2026 were **approved** as correct records (proposed EA) and signed by the Chairman.

- 26/38 Clerk's report**
Attached as appendix three.
- 26/39 Events Working Group update**
Fay Wheatcroft provided an update, the next meeting is on Monday 15th June and the garage sale is on Saturday 20th June.
- 26/40 Gaynes Estate Working Group update**
DG provided an update.
Action: ES to draft an email to the MoJ and circulate to group.
- 26/41 Planters Working Group**
PR provided an update including options and costings for replacement planters.
Action: PR to send ES details for ordering.
- 26/42 Highways, green spaces and environment**
a) Replacement "no parking" signs for the village green.
Action: ES to circulate designs to the council.
b) Chichester Way road markings.
Dealt with under 26/35.
c) Aeroplane noise pollution.
No action.
- 26/43 Update on meetings and training attended**
ES attended a Rights of Way course (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils).
- 26/44 Risk Management Policy**
Perry Parish Council's Risk Management Policy was **reviewed** and **approved** (prop. EA).
Action: ES to update policy.
- 26/45 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)**
a) The Annual Internal Audit Reports for the financial year ended 31st March 2026 were **received** and **noted**.
b) The Annual Governance Statement was **completed** (prop. EA) and signed by EA and ES.
c) The Accounting Statements were **approved** (prop. EA) and signed by EA, having previously been signed by ES.
d) It was **noted** that the period of public rights for the accounts etc. related to the financial year ended 31st March 2026 will run from Monday 22nd June to Friday 7th August 2026.

Actions: ES to publish the completed AGAR and associated paperwork, and send to the external auditor.

26/46 Finance

a) A budget amendment for 2026 – 2027 was approved (prop. EA).

Action: ES to update budget documents.

b) The following authorised and regular payments for May 2026 were **noted**:

Eugene Smith (clerk's salary for May): **confidential**

Eugene Smith (working from home allowance for May): **£26.00**

HMRC (NIC contributions for May): **£65.97**

Grafham Water Sailability (Clubhouse use for May): **£30**

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

CAPALC (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils, training courses x 2): **£85**

Hiscox Insurance (council insurance 26-27): **£491.94**

Antony Abbs (Four Seasons grass cuts 3,4,5): **£640**

Unity Trust Bank (service charge): **£7**

Lloyds Multipay card: **£27.48**

(SMARTY mobile phone fee May: **£5**

Protective gloves: **£19.48**

Monthly fees May: **£3**)

c) A credit of **£1,130.68** (VAT reclaim) received from HMRC on 20th May was **noted**.

26/47 Agenda items for the next Perry Parish Council meeting (8th July 2026)

Additional items must be received by the clerk no later than Monday 29th June 2026.

Meeting closed at 2040 hours.

END OF MINUTES

APPENDIX ONE – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Parish Council Update – June 2026

Inflatable Aquapark Hinchbrooke Country Park

The Council has announced the launch of a new inflatable aquapark attraction, due to open July 2026. The facility is to enhance the leisure provision and attract additional visitors to the park.

Annual General Meeting

Following the May elections, at which there was no overall control, the Council held its AGM at which a new Leader and Cabinet formally took office. This kicks off a new administration period.

Partnership Agreement at UKREiif to Support Delivery of the Huntingdonshire Defence Cluster

A partnership agreement supporting the delivery of the Huntingdonshire Defence Cluster and Project FAIRFAX was reaffirmed at the UK Real Estate Investment and Infrastructure Forum, as CPCA, Urban & Civic and Newlands Developments formally joined HDC and the Ministry of Defence in committing to the project's future success.

The agreement demonstrates growing momentum behind the Huntingdonshire Defence Cluster and a shared commitment to unlocking the full potential of Project FAIRFAX and the wider North Huntingdon Opportunity Zone.

The cluster will build on the district's unique strategic assets, including FAR Wyton, RAF Alconbury and RAF Molesworth, helping to create a world-leading ecosystem for defence, intelligence, innovation, geo-spatial technologies, and advanced manufacturing.

Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding round 1 2026/27 now open, and round 2 date released

The first Strategic CIL funding round 2026/27 opened 2nd June, with invites going out to all Town/Parish Councils and Infrastructure Partners. This round will close 31st July 2026, with decisions in October 2026 for applications for funding of over £100,000.00.

The second Strategic CIL funding round will open 1st September 2026, close 18th December 2026 with decisions for applications for funding of over £100,000.00 in March 2027

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/community-infrastructure-levy-cil>

APPENDIX TWO – COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Awaits

APPENDIX THREE – CLERK'S REPORT

- HMP Littlehey have provided an update regarding the Release on Temporary Licence scheme, 10 prisoners have been working with no security issues. They are also looking for a cleaner.
- On Sunday 28th June there will be a Swim Run at the Anglian Water site, expect increased road usage.

END OF APPENDICES