

MINUTES OF GREAT WILBRAHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING NUMBER 39

Held at Wilbraham's Memorial Hall on 26th May 2026.

Present: Councillor Hilary Burton; Councillor Andy Martin; Councillor Rob White; Councillor Chris Page; Councillor Noreen Caine.

Members: 7 (1 vacancies) Quorum 3

Members of the public: 0

In attendance: District Councillor Farrier, District Councillor Hofman.

Clerk: Mrs S Chambers-Turner

Meeting opened at 7.30 pm

692. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(LGA 1972, s85(1))

Councillor Linda Maurice

693. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

694. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present to raise any points.

695. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

696. CO-OPTION

No members were present to be co-opted.

697. DISTRICT AND COUNTY REPORTS

District Councillors Farrar and Hofman were present to introduce themselves to the Council after the recent District Elections. An annual report had been provided and circulated to the Council. Verbal discussion focused on the proposals of East West Rail for a train care centre to be site between Fulbourn and Great Wilbraham. County Councillor Morgan was not present at the meeting but had submitted an annual report which was circulated before the meeting.

Item 702 was moved to directly after this item.

698. MATTERS ARISING/CHAIRMAN, COUNCILLORS AND CLERK REPORTS INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (FOR INFORMATION ONLY).

- Correspondence had been received that Kingsway Solar was preparing to submit information to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

699. FINANCES INCLUDING APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

- It was proposed by Councillor Burton, seconded by Councillor Page and resolved that the bank reconciliation for March and April 2026 be approved.
- It was note that the following were received:

Precept: £25000.00

Vat Reclaim: £376.32

- It was proposed by Councillor Burton, seconded by Councillor White and resolved that the outstanding accounts for May 2026 be approved. **Action:** *Clerk to submit payments for authorisation.*

700. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

The Clerk prepared and circulated the Year End paperwork to all Councillors in advance of the meeting. The Council reviewed the submission and assertions and **It was therefore proposed by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor White and resolved that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 25-26 be signed and submitted to the External Auditor.** **Action:** *Clerk to submit paperwork to PKF Littlejohn on behalf of Great Wilbraham Parish Council.*

701. PLANNING

None

702. EAST WEST RAIL PROPOSALS

This matter was discussed after item 697

The proposals for a train care centre between Fulbourn and Great Wilbraham were further discussed with the limited information provided. It was noted that originally 52 sites were earmarked for consideration, which was taken down to 2. It was agreed that the Parish Council wished to have further details on the selection process and scoring matrix of the sites. They also wished to know the frequency of trains travelling to and from the site, number of trains to be sited overnight, and that a visual image should be provided before the Parish Council could formulate its response. **Action:** *Councillor Caine to work with TWG to request the information outlined.*

703. HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND CYCLING

Councillor Page reported that Speedwatch was going well and more sessions are booked in. A bus survey has been prepared for circulation, 500 copies will be ordered once the final design is agreed. **Action:** *Clerk to arrange for the printing.*

704. ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY

Councillor White reported that the water collection for the land up Butt Lane has now been completed and that the deer fencing is due to be installed as soon as the supply issue has been addressed. The working party responsible for clearing the trod to the Common will be holding another session in the coming weeks. Furthermore, communication has been held with a local resident about the painting of the cemetery gate and the replacement of the signage. Councillor White also asked if would be possible for the Community Payback team to come and assist with the general maintenance of the Cemetery. **Action :** *Clerk to arrange a visit with the Community Payback co-ordinator.*

705. COMMUNITY MATTERS

- The Community website working group are continuing to work together to prepare the community site. Further details to be made available for the next meeting.
- Councillor Burton circulated the collated data from the village organisations which was requested in preparation of the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that Councillor Burton would write back to the individual organisations thanking them

for their report and to enquire where they could benefit from assistance from the Parish Council.

- Councillor Burton furthered this discussion on the attendance and interaction of the residents during the Annual Parish Meeting. The meeting was once again well attended. Furthermore, the Parish Council were grateful that EWR attended to present to the residents about the proposals of the train care depot to be potentially be sited between Great Wilbraham and Fulbourn.

706. COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

- **It was proposed by Councillor Burton, seconded by Councillor White and resolved that CAPALC be appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2026-2027.**
Action: *Clerk to complete paperwork with CAPALC.*
- It was discussed that some policies would require reviewing and updating over the next few months. It was therefore requested that the Clerk prepares the policies for review by full council and approval at a future meeting.

707. AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Items for inclusion on next month's agenda to be sent to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting.

- *Church clock proposal*

708. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm 28th July 2026, Full Council meeting at Wilbraham's Memorial Hall

Meeting closed 9.30pm