

OLD WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Mr D Costura

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OLD WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON Tuesday 13th January 2026

Councillors present: Mr D Costura (Chairman), Mrs E McKenzie, Mr T Fussell, Mrs E Penniall, Mr P Patrick and Mr A Harding.

Clerk: Mrs S Fussell (Temporary clerk)

County/Disc: Non present.

Public: 1 member of the public was present.

1. Chairman's Welcome:

Chair welcomed Ms Emma Gotts to the meeting as perspective Clerk.

2. Apologies and reason's for absence:

No apologies received.

3. Councillors declaration of interest in any item on the agenda:

Mr P Patrick re Village Hall.

4. Public and Press participation session with respect to items on the agenda:

No press attending.

5. Communication from District and County Councillors:

None in attendance.

6. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2025:

Minutes were approved and signed.

7. To consider matters arising from the previous minutes:

- i. The MP roundtable, Mrs E McKenzie will attend on 16th January and bring up the village road conditions as a topic.
- ii. Mr P Patrick gave the council an update from the speed camera data that shows traffic speed summaries linked to a day, week or month and especially the times too. This data can be used at the MP Round Table event to further the case for road repairs and the pavement in the village. The most recent data will be added for discussion on the next agenda and it was proposed that Speed Watch should start up again and to invite the MoD police from Molesworth Air Base as part of the discussion.
- iii. A very useful meeting was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th January and noted that the playground is now temporarily closed. All agreed that flyers would be a good idea to spread information to the whole village with the closure of the Village Matters monthly booklet and as not all the village is on the village what's app chat.
- iv. All the drone activity in the village has been sent to RAF Alconbury and it was noted that USAF Moleswoth Airbase has a 2 mile no fly zone.

8. Policies:

The IT Policy has been drafted and MR D Costura is working with Mr P Patrick on this.

9. Planning:

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3. Update on 25/00573/PIP and Appeal – Land South of Manor Farm - no update.
4. Update on 25/01727/PIP - Land West of Ashcroft - shows as 'refused'.
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10. Finance and Administration:

- i. Bank statements provided to the council by Mr T Fussell showing a balance of £33,088.47. Need to cover the costs of the Christmas Tree and last Village Litter Pick Up.
- ii. Payments made to website matters and to Village Matters. Mr Costura has e mailed and asked for a reimbursement from Village Matters. HMRC advised they would clarify any other payments for the previous Clerk, new De Fibrillatory pads are on order but will take time as a large backup at the moment.
- iii. Noted that a new cover is needed for the defib and council agreed to order the new part.
- iv. ICO payment has been made.
- v. CIL Annual reporting has been completed on time.
- vi. Mrs E Penniall and Mr A Harding are in progress to become bank signatories for the council.

- vii. The council welcomed Ms E Gotts as the new Parish Clerk and was witnessed signing the contract by the council. It was also proposed and agreed to buy a new laptop for the clerk with a ceiling cost of £600.00.

11. Any Other Business:

- a. To note correspondence from Hilly Redgrave and that she is interested in buying the Poor's Land. This does not come under the PC but under the Charity, Chair to inform her in reply.
- b. Mr Khan reached out again but did not attend the meeting this evening.
- c. A spring date for the Village Litter pick up was proposed on Sunday 22nd March 2026. Also to reach out to the base for volunteers as well.
- d. Noted that the Cambridgeshire Classic Cycle Race could come through the village and to wait for more information regarding this.
- e. Noted that CALPC will send what is relevant to the PC, e.g the possibility of changing the village speed limit to 20 mph. Agreed to donate to new Christmas tree lights for 2026. Lastly that the Christmas tree was donated to Hamerton Zoo for various animals food and enrichment.

The next meeting is on the 10th of March 2026 at 7.30pm

Then 12th May, 14th July, 15th September and 10th November 2026.

Meeting closed 20.30pm.