

OLD WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

To Members of the Council:

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Meeting of Old Weston Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 10th March 2026, 7.30pm at Old Weston Village Hall** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Members of the Press and Public are invited to attend and participate. If you wish to address the Council, please inform the Chairman prior to the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. To receive apologies and reasons for absence
A Harding.
3. Councillor's Declaration of Interest in any item on the agenda
4. Public and Press participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Dave- Issue with flooding and sewerage, bad smell, health issue. Knows where the blockage is, house is refusing to fix. Septic tank drains into drain, when blocked the septic tank drain overflows the pavement. Damage to pavement.

Public b – historic problem
now getting worse, first raised issue in 2015, believes that the fields also drain into the drain. Parish council should take the lead to get this resolved.

Public C –(FRED) requested a grant application Mick George funding £27,500 matched by village hall £8,000.00 reserves. Requested £1,300.00 from Parish council. Total project cost £37,000.00 drylines and insulates the village hall, LED lighting, replaces the 2 heaters, a small amount to go towards the playground. Work to start September if funding successful. Requested a meeting with council to discuss with trustees.

5. Communication from District and County Councillors.
Johnathon Gray
Budget meeting at district council – 60% increase to revenue, 5% increase to pay structure, not following the NJAC pay scale. District council elections in May. HDC will be replaced by a new council, campaigning for option E, can respond online. Recommends option E is the best option. Old Weston part of Kimbolton Ward.

Comment on public comments – apply for CIL money for this as a project. Get to the bottom of who is putting what into the river. Have all the facts before approaching HDC.

Food Bins – supposed to be issued by 01.04.26 as that is when scheme starts.

Local government reform – Election May 7th Councillors and Parish councillor, putting his name forward as councillor for re-election for this area. Wants to end well with HDC.

6. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th January 2026.
Approved and signed

7. To consider matters arising from the previous minutes

Speed Watch – Whatsapp message look for volunteers. If no volunteers, then scheme cannot go ahead. Need to be trained and commit to doing it.

Speed camera data – council to review and publish data every 3 months via website.

Use data too see if speed watch is required.

8. Governance

- a. Policies and documents

- b. Council approval of the new employee starter document
Approved.

- c. Signing new Clerk/RFO starter form in relation to right to work in the UK.
Approved

- d. Format of minutes and agenda
Approved – from new financial year

9. Community Engagement

- a. Discussion of expanding communication through social media
Facebook existing account waits for next meeting to decide what is published. Use village matters as another advertising platform.

- b. Discussion of identity as a council through an emblem.
Circulate images to councillors and put back on next agenda

- c. Village clean up scheduled 22nd March 2026
Advertise in Whatsapp nearer the time.
RAF Base have been informed.
Add cleaning gates and signs in the Village Clean up.

- d. Defibrillator Training available for Cllr's and residents
Fred to propose dates

- e. Village Matters – update
Recent ones distributed. Litter pick dates and village clean up have been put in. Add Village matters to each agenda.

10. Planning

- a. The Willows planning
We did not comment, as 2 councillors did not request an extraordinary meeting. No updates

11. Highways

- a. Parish council raised concerns regarding drainage and subsidence Environment Agency worth approaching for Grant and pollution issues with broken drain, draining into the river. Council agreed. Consider Develop neighbourhood plan, would aid CIL requests. Add to next agenda – there is a plan that has already been started. Write a letter to homeowner, with broken drain. Septic tanks concerning, how many homes still on old septic tanks?
- b. New portal to report issue, best way to communicate to residents
Add to facebook, add to Village Matters.

12. Finance and Administration

- i. Update on banking signatories and adding the new clerk/RFO to the bank account.
Added to bank account but needs amending. Waiting for log on to be issued for clerk
- ii. Christmas Lights
Outdoor 30 metres, warm white, collate some quotes
- iii. Changes to Unity Bank fees, charges and FSCS limit.
- iv. Bank reconciliation to be approved
approved
- v. Approval of clerk's membership fees to SLCC £89.00 and ILCA qualification cost of £168.00 - approved
- vi. Request for funding from Village Hall committee of £1,300.00 to go towards grant on Village Hall grant. – approved on condition of grant approval.
- vii. Employers pension
Approached CAPALC for guidance.
- viii. Clerks' salary payments for approval and mileage claims.
Approved.

ix. Payment listing approval
approved

13. Any other Business for information only

- a. Civic and Community engagement meeting at Alconbury is being re-scheduled to 25th September 2026
Ben Ob MP video to be advertised, for options in regarding to unitary council choices. – approved
Food waste bins to be 01.04.26 on WhatsApp and Facebook to advertise.
Clerk needs existing Facebook log in details.
Add to agenda of purchasing of coffee pot from village hall.

14.

- a. Dates of next meeting: 12th May, 14th July, 15th September and 10th November 2026.

Meeting closed 21.30