



HARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

To Members of the Council:

I hereby give notice that a meeting of Harston Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 4th June 2026 at 7.30pm Harston Village Hall, Large Committee Room, Cambridge, CB22 7PX**

You are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out hereunder:

Members of the public and press are invited to attend.

J H Harding

29th May 2026

Clerk to Harston Parish Council

26-27/30 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

(LGA 1972 s 85(1))

26-27/31 Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda

(Localism Act 2011 s 31 s 33)

26-27/32 Open Forum for Public Participation (15 Minutes)

At the close of this item, members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless invited to do so by the Chairman

26-27/33 Minutes of Previous Meeting

- 1. Proposal:** That Harston Parish Council herewith agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th of May 2026
- 2. Proposal:** That Harston Parish Council herewith agree the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on the 21st of May 2026

26-27/34 To Receive Committee Meeting Minutes

To Receive Minutes of Finance Committee 14th of May 2026

26-27/35 County and District Councillors Report

1. County Councillors Report
2. District Councillors Report

26-27/36 Committees and Working Groups

- 1. Proposal:** To approve Working Groups and Ex Officio Membership
- 2. Proposal:** To appoint Councillor/s to the Finance Committee
- 3. Proposal:** To appoint Councillor/s to the Planning Committee

26-27/37 Terms of reference

- 1. Proposal:** To review and approve Terms of reference for:
 - a. Finance Committee

26-27/38 Parish Council Policies

1. **Proposal:** To review and approve the Standing Orders

26-27/39 Ordinary Meetings and Committee Meetings

To determine the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council and Committees up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council (May 2027)

26-27/40 Grant Requests

1. **Nature Reserve Action Group (Harston Residents Group)**

Proposal: That Harston Parish Council considers and determines the grant application submitted by the Nature Reserve Action Group.

2. **Melbourn Mobile Warden Trust**

Proposal: To consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting held on 14th of May for the grant application from Melbourn Mobile Warden Trust for 2026/2027.

26-27/41 Net Zero Grant (Deadline 24th July)

Proposal: To consider applying for external funding for new hedge planting around the Recreation Ground, Orchard and Meadow and the Cemetery, including establishment, maintenance and commissioning of a specification/design with appropriate professional input.

26-27/42 East West Rail

1. Update from working group
2. **Proposal:** That the Parish Council, as part of the South Cambridgeshire Rail Group, supports a balanced approach that reflects the issues east of Chapel Hill and further supports the rotation of the Chair position between the participating parishes.
3. **Proposal:** To receive and consider the Working Group's draft response to the East West Rail public consultation, to be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council (deadline for submission: 6 June).

26-27/43 Harston Parish Council Property Matters

1. **Recreation Ground/Play area**

- Play area inspection

2. **Orchard and Meadow**

- To receive report from Working Group
- **Proposal:** To consider arrangements for the management of the orchard, including volunteer activity and apple production for insurance purposes.

3. **Pavilion**

- **Pavilion Hire and related services**

Discussion

- **Proposal:** To purchase and install a key lock safe for the pavilion, with the purchase to be made within the Clerk's delegated powers.

26-27/44 Facebook Page

Proposal: To consider the creation of an official Parish Council Facebook Page and associated administration arrangements.

26-27/45 Clerks Report

Information only

26-27/46 Reports and items for future agenda

To receive brief reports, updates and items for inclusion on a future agenda. No decisions can be made under this item

26-27/47 Date of Next Meetings

Date/Time - 2nd of July 2026 - Finance Committee (7.00pm) Parish Council Meeting
(7.30pm)

Location - Harston Village Hall, Large Committee Room, Cambridge, CB22 7PX