

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday, 14th October 2026
in The Hub, Home End, Fulbourn.

Present: Councillor Smith (Chair), and Andrews, Baruch, Brown, Beckett, Bramwell, Colyer, Drage, Howell (Vice chair), Johnson, Lockwood, Saunders and Ward.

Absent:

Clerk: Mrs E Sullivan

Members: 15 (0 vacancies) Quorum 5

Members of the Public: None

In attendance: County Cllr Morgan, Assistant Clerk A Mclellan, RFO T Fretwell

Meeting opened at 19:30

57 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and **APPROVED** from Cllrs Lacey and Anderson Craig due to work commitments and personal reasons, respectively. Apologies from District Councillors Wills-Eve, Hofman and Farrar were noted.

58 Declarations of interest

a. Disclosable pecuniary interests: There were none.

b. Other registerable interests: There were none.

c. Non-registerable interests: Cllr Baruch declared a non-registerable interest in 67 (Orchards Community Building) due to his spouse working at the neighbouring School.

d. Grant any dispensations required: Cllr Baruch requested a dispensation to participate in discussions and voting on item 67 (Orchards Community Building). The Council unanimously agreed to grant the dispensation for this item.

59 Minutes

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9th September 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Prop: Lockwood Cllr Sec: Cllr Johnson

60 Public Forum

No members of the public or press were present, and no comments were raised by councillors.

61 Reports from other authorities

61.1 CCC: County Councillor Matthew Morgan

No written report was received.

Cllr Morgan confirmed that the proposed East West Rail Train Care Centre at Fulbourn would no longer be progressed, with alternative arrangements being considered at Cambridge Station. The potential benefits for the local area following this decision were discussed.

It was noted that the East West Rail Section 106 and Section 278 agreements had not yet been completed, with potential funding for cycle routes discussed.

Formal thanks were expressed to Cllrs Colyer and Andrews for their work with the Save Fulbourn campaign.

Cllr Morgan confirmed that South Cambridgeshire District Council had requested a formal business case from East West Rail.

The Fulbourn Greenway public consultation will take place on Wednesday 21st October, where the proposed designs will be presented.

61.2 SCDC: A written report was received. No District Councillors were present to provide a verbal report.

Cllr Brown arrived at this point.

62 Matters arising (for information only)

62.1 Fairhurst Park and The Orchards: A meeting is scheduled for 20th October, attended by Cllrs Smith, Brown and the Clerk. Requests have been made to include the pond, emergency access, bus shelter and the removal of excess soil from The Orchards on the agenda.

62.2 Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) and Speed watch: An advertisement seeking Speed watch volunteers has been published in The Pump. Clerk to put an edited version with correct email address on website and social media.

62.3 Swifts Section 106: Damage to play equipment was noted, but no updates from Accent on this. No update from solicitors on the Parish Council taking ownership of the park and green spaces.

62.4 Local Highways Improvement (LHI) Funding: Funding has been awarded for the Manor Walk scheme. Ongoing concerns were raised about a red Audi that remains parked on Manor Walk, to be reported by Cllr Colyer. No further updates have been received regarding Coe's Corner LHI.

62.5 Hub Driveway: Awaiting paperwork from the contractor.

62.6 High Street/Pierce Lane: No update from Highways.

62.7 Play Park: Clerk is awaiting quotes for new matting and potential new equipment at the recreation ground play park.

62.8 Planning Complaint – 35 Bird Farm Road: Works to reinstate original boundary commenced on Monday and remain ongoing. A formal inspection was requested to confirm that the footings have been reinstated correctly and are safe.

62.9 Weighbridge: Cllr Drage is contacting the Mill to establish how frequently the weighbridge is used.

62.10 Wilbraham Road: Clerk is waiting to hear from Michael Martins.

63 Clerks report

The Clerk's report was received and note.

64 Pump Track

The Assistant Clerk and Cllr Beckett provided a verbal update on the project. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the final contract award recommendation as detailed in the report.

Prop: Cllr Ward Sec: Cllr Andrews

65 Library

The Clerk outlined the library's request for a reduction in its contribution towards electricity costs and the Swifts building. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to reduce the library's contribution to 25% of the relevant electricity bills, effective immediately.

Prop: Cllr Howell Sec: Cllr Johnson

66 Fulbourn Hub

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to open the Hub for community use on two mornings per month, on the first Tuesday and third Friday.

67 Orchards Community Building

Cllr Drage and the Assistant Clerk provided an update on the project. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the progress made and authorise the working group to continue its research.

- 68 Correspondence**
68.1 Kingsway Solar: It was noted that the Development Consent Order (DCO) application is expected to be submitted at the end of October.
68.2 Community Payback Scheme: The Council considered potential projects suitable for the Community Payback Scheme, including filling potholes at the Recreation Ground car park and assisting with cemetery gardening. The Clerk was asked to obtain further information about the scheme.
- 69 Financial matters**
69.1 To note and approve payments: It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that all accounts listed below be approved for payment.
Prop: Cllr Lockwood Sec: Cllr Drage
69.2 RFO reported on the External audit comments.
Cllr Morgan left the meeting at this point.
- 70 Reports**
70.1 Committees:
ACE Cllr Johnson noted the meeting has been rearranged to 10th November.
Highways It was noted that the committee had met on 30th September and the minutes are available on the website (and in councillor packs)
70.2 Working Groups
Speed watch: The group met on 6th October, with meeting notes available on the website and in councillors' meeting packs. It was noted that the group has been renamed the Speed watch Working Group. The Clerk will forward the names of interested volunteers. Cllr Saunders reported that village Speed watch signage had been discussed, along with the possibility of including funding for a second MVAS in the next precept.
Save Fulbourn: Cllr Colyer confirmed that the working group will continue in case similar proposals arise in the future.
Swifts User Group: The group met on 7th October, with minutes available on the website and in councillors' meeting packs. Following discussions, the Assistant Clerk requested that a music licence for The Swifts and a finishing time for parties be included on the next agenda.
70.3 Community group representatives/officers
No reports made
- 71 Matters to report (for information only)**
The Clerk asked council to consider the different committees/sub committees / working groups. This will be added as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Cllr Lockwood raised concerns about possible excavation works to the rear of the scaffolding company's premises on Shelford Road. Further enquiries will be made.
- 72 Date of next Full Council Meeting**
To note that the next full council meeting will be held at 7:30pm, Wednesday 11th November 2026, at the Fulbourn Hub, Home End, Fulbourn, CB21 5BS.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:25.

Issued by the Parish Clerk: Emily Sullivan Friday 16th October.

Signed:

Date:

Attached reports: