

**Minutes of Oakington & Westwick Parish Council Planning Meeting held at
Oakington Sports Pavilion, Queens Way, Oakington
Monday 23 February 2026 at 7.30pm**

Agenda No:		Action
	Present: Cllrs T Starling (Chair) J Grove, J Bailey, R Pinter, L Wellard, D O'Donovan, M Wheeler, T Westcott. Clerk: L Lawrence. Five members of the public.	
26/P8	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr S Moore (personal)	
26/P9	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None declared.	
26/P10	PUBLIC OPEN SESSION Three Baptist Chapel members had attended in relation to agenda item P11.1 and two EAG members in relation to item P13.1. The Chair permitted them to speak and respond to questions during the relevant agenda items	
26/P11 11.1	APPLICATIONS REQUIRING A DECISION <u>26/00322/FUL – Baptist Chapel, High Street</u> Creation of a car park utilising the existing land adjacent to the chapel for use of the congregation only. Edmund Buss (representing the Chapel) explained the history and then outlined the proposal to create a 9-space car park at the rear to for the congregation to use. He noted the grass area is in a poor condition and stated that a cross-grid system had been discussed for areas where vehicles would cross the green. Mr Buss also advised that permission is required from the Parish Council for the car park gates to open outward across the grass verge, as required by the Highway Authority. He confirmed that the car park would be used only for services and occasional Thursday meetings, and that the gates would remain locked when not in use. He then responded to questions. Members raised concerns regarding potential impact on the root system of the London Plane tree should vehicles traverse the green. Mr Buss advised that a cross-grid system around the tree, together with a raised mound at the crossing point, had been suggested and that the Chapel would be willing to work with the Parish Council to agree an appropriate solution. Following discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED to support the application.	
26/P12	PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECISIONS RECEIVED. None.	
26/P13 13.1	PLANNING RELATION CONSULTATIONS <u>Cambridge 25 – Additional consultation on proposals for a wider site masterplan for employment space on land off A1307.</u> Andrew Dennis (EAG/FMG) had circulated notes on their meeting with Stephen Kelly (Joint Director of Greater Cambridge Shared Planning) in response to concerns raised about flood risk to Oakington. It was noted that developers had been asked to consider increased attenuation, including	

13.2	<p>routing storm flows to a reservoir area adjacent to the brook. The planned site extension is understood to drain towards Longstanton rather than Oakington Brook</p> <p>EAG had also spoken to Mr Kelly about a new cycleway/footway along Dry Drayton Road to the A1307 cycleway and onwards to Dry Drayton village to enable sustainable travel to the site.</p> <p>Cllr Pinter spoke in support of objecting to the proposal on the grounds that it conflicts with the Government's legally binding net-zero target for 2050, noting the advantages of locating employment sites closer to rail infrastructure.</p> <p>Cllr Pinter proposed that the Parish Council object to the Cambridge 25 proposal, but that, should the Local Planning Authority be minded to approve the application, conditions should be imposed requiring enhanced flood attenuation and provision of a cycleway/footway links. Seconded by Cllr Bailey. RESOLVED unanimously.</p> <p>The Chair offered to draft a response for consideration at the 9th March Parish Council meeting.</p> <p><u>MHCLG – Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough</u></p> <p>Members noted the four options circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that parish councils would not be directly affected and would continue to operate as at present.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was RESOLVED not to submit a response.</p>	Chair
13.3	<p><u>MHCLG – Consultation on establishing a Development Corporation in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough</u></p> <p>Members noted proposals for a Greater Cambridge Development Corporation intended to deliver approximately 50,000 homes and 73,000 jobs by 2045. Concerns were raised regarding potential loss of local accountability, including possible removal of planning and development management powers from local councils on strategic sites, together with environmental and Green Belt impacts.</p> <p>Cllr Wheeler offered to draft a response for consideration at the 9th March Parish Council meeting.</p>	Cllr Wheeler
26/P14	<p>DATE OF NEXT PLANNING MEETING</p> <p>Monday 30 March – immediately after Annual Parish Meeting – if required.</p>	
	<p>The meeting was declared closed at 8.35pm</p>	