

Annual Parish Meeting

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Thursday 8th May 2025

Hampton's Annual Parish Meeting was held on Thursday 8th May 2025 @ 18:30 at Active Hampton, Beaumont Way, Hampton, PE7 8DN.

Present – Cllr K Toynton- Ward (Chair of Hampton PC), Emily Pacey (Clerk and RFO for Hampton PC), 13 residents and three residents joined online.

01. Chair's Report 2024-2025.

Good Evening Everyone, I'd like to welcome you all to the Annual General Meeting of Hampton Parish Council, I would like to start the meeting by paying special mention to all our armed forces – past and present - on this the 80th anniversary of VE Day - they have given so much to our country for which we owe them. We thank them and honour them tonight.

I'm pleased to present a summary of our activities over the past year and to look ahead as to what's to come. Firstly, I want to thank my fellow councillors for their dedication and service to the community. Voluntary public service is not easy, often comes with little thanks and sometimes with unwarranted criticism, but your commitment and contributions make a great difference and should be praised and commended.

This year has been a year of change for the Hampton Parish Council. Councillor Otim resigned and we thank her for her contribution. We have also welcomed our new Councillors, Councillor Antunes and Counsellor Amit who have brought new ideas and fresh thinking to the Council which is never a bad thing.

In particular, I would like to thank Councillor Pratt, Councillor O'Sullivan and Councillor Fields for all their hard work on the HR Committee, Councillor Patel for chairing the F and GP Committee, and my Vice Chair Councillor Wiggins for all his support.

Unfortunately, our former Parish Clerk Jodie left in November to take up another role for and we thank her for her contribution. We are delighted to introduce our new clerk Emily Pacey who has been with us for several weeks now and we look forward to working with her in the future.

In the last year:

- we continued to provide seating areas in Hampton and if residents feel that a seat needs replacing please speak to Emily;
- we provided a large number of food hampers to the CSK Church to distribute to those in need as a Christmas treat;
- we continued to keep Hampton free of litter and fly-tipping by continuing to fund the lengths-men service, organising two bulky waste collections, and by continuing to hold regular litter-picking days for which I thank everyone who took part and Councillor Patel for the organisation;
- we supported Hampton Angling with their fun day events last summer and our grateful thanks go to Nathan Minter for energy and effort in helping to maintain the lakes in Hampton which are such an important and special part of the community in which we live.

There have been challenges too, and differences of approach about how to meet those challenges. At times, I have felt that we have not been working as the collaborative team I believe we should be, and too much effort seems to have been placed on attributing blame for things that have not gone to plan rather than seeking to learn lessons and put things right.

Looking ahead as a Council, we should be focussed on only one thing, which is making Hampton a better place to live for its residents and those who work here and on working together in a spirit of co-operation, collaboration and compromise to achieve this. I would like to see a real commitment to do this.

We are so very lucky to live in Hampton with all those lakes and its green spaces and, as a Parish Council, we will continue to strive will work with Peterborough City Council and others to ensure that Hampton remains a great place to live.

Finally, I want to thank all the residents of Hampton. Your input, whether through public meetings, emails, or informal conversations, is actually what drives our work and our future priorities. Please keep engaging with us. Your voice really does matter.

02. Ward Councillor's Reports.

Cllr C Wiggin reported the following as a Ward Councillor –

- Been appointed on the following Committees for Peterborough City Council, Vice Chair of Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee, Chair of the Licensing Committee, Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee
- The new Mayor Paul Bristow was elected last week.
- CLF funds have supported the Memorial Garden in Hampton and has provided grants for the different communities.
- My priority for 2025-2026 project is to reduce crime and anti social behaviour in Hampton.

Cllr R Antunes reported the following as a Ward Councillor –

- Been appointed on the following Committee for Peterborough City Council, Audit Committee, Planning and Environmental Protection Committee and Growth Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee.
- I am working with O&H to help improve the environment.
- I am looking at different ways to improve footpaths and cycle ways.
- Looking at different solutions to help tackle anti social behaviour.
- Looking at different solutions to help tackle the issue of parking around Hampton, which would include parking permits for residents.

Cllr J Howard written report -

Over the last year, working with ward colleagues, we have funded barriers at Vivacity reducing the anti-social vehicle use at the Premier Fitness outside of their opening hours.

Posts were installed on Hargate Way to help stop the parking on verges. CLF was invested in the Four Chimneys bus stop to replace the broken panes and make the bus stop pleasant again. Hampton is looking tidier thanks to CPC having more time and getting used to the estate, and with support from O & H they carried out a bulb-planting exercise which lifted Hamptons spring appearance.

I'm glad the Parish Chair joined me to meet the Police and Crime Commissioner recently, and I am in the process of getting quotes for CCTV and lighting around the tump. The costs of these may be unviable, but when I have the quotes I will attend the soonest parish meeting if allowed by the Chair to present the figures and see if the Parish can support in any way. The Parish will have my support trying to access any youth grants for Hampton through the commissioners office.

03. Peterborough City Councils Draft Local Plan.

Cllr C Wiggin presented parts of the local plan that would affect Hampton Parish Council and advised the below is Hampton Parish Council's response to the consultation.

- *Policy LP2 - Settlement Hierarchy and the Countryside - detailing future housing growth plans across the city council area*
- *Policy LP4 - Sustainable Urban Extensions and New Settlements - detailing how new urban extensions and settlements are planned - concerns that infrastructure requirements are not sufficient and will place strains on existing settlements. Additionally point d) states that there should be "appropriate" provision for retail, leisure, social, community and health facilities, without defining what appropriate is (how much, who decides, who ensures it happens - our experience in Hampton is that land was allocated for a new GP surgery but the time limit for this happening was too short and the land was reallocated for other purposes, meaning we now have a crisis in local GP care).*
- *Policy LP13 / 7.66 Multi Occupation Dwelling - To enable the monitoring and management of new HMOs, in January 2024 the council introduced an Article 4 Direction to remove permitted development rights for small HMOs in the following areas Hampton, Fletton and Woodston area, Park area. The Parish*

Council supported the introduction of Article 4 in the Hampton Area, believes it has had a positive impact, and would like to see this continue.

- *Policy LP20 - Town Centres - noting the additional classification of Eagle Way (Hampton Centre) as a local centre and requested that parcel TC4 as appears in the Hampton masterplan be included within the Eagle Way local centre as this land is designated as a “town square”.*
- *Policy LP28 - Safeguarded land for key infrastructure - noting that there is no land safeguarded for a railway station as promised in the Hampton masterplan.*
- *Appendix 4 - Parking Standards - noting the updated parking requirements and supporting the proposal that there should be one space per bedroom for C4 HMOs.*

04. Open Forum – an opportunity for Parishioners to raise matters.

- A resident requested that the Parish Council’s comments on the PCC Local Plan consultation include a recommendation to prevent the conversion of designated parking spaces.
- A resident voiced strong objections to Cllr R Antunes idea on enforcing a parking permit scheme for residents, she advised that parking in Hampton is already a major issue. They stated that Cllr Antunes should consult with residents before pursuing such measures, they believe a consultation is not a justified use of taxpayers’ money. The Chair did confirm to the resident that parking permits for residents have not been discussed at a PC meeting. The Chair advised the PC are aware parking in Hampton is a serious issue but the PC have very limited powers, the PC have tried for a PES Officer to visit Hampton but PCC have advised there is currently no officers available.
- A resident expressed concern about the rising levels of anti-social behaviour in Hampton. The Chair informed members that Cllr J Howard is actively seeking quotes for additional lighting, particularly around the tump, as part of an ongoing project aimed at addressing the increase in crime.
- Litter, particularly glass, was highlighted as a concern in Hampton.
- A resident inquired about the delayed submission of Hampton Parish Council’s audit for 2023/2024. The Chair explained that she had initially believed the previous Clerk had already submitted the end-of-year accounts. Once the issue was identified, the Parish Council took immediate action to resolve it.
- A resident raised concerns about ongoing serious flooding issues at Hampton Vale allotments and inquired about the Parish Council’s plans to address the situation. The Chair explained that the Parish Council has already made significant financial investments in improving drainage at Hampton Vale allotments and cannot justify further expenditure of taxpayers’ money. However, she confirmed that the Parish Council will arrange a site meeting with Angling Associate and seek involvement from O&H to explore potential solutions.
- A resident inquired about why the bulky waste collection is now limited to a single location and no longer includes the allotment sites. The Clerk explained that, due to the increased cost of the bulky waste collection, the Parish Council decided to limit it to a single location. However, the Clerk had reached out to the Chairs of the Allotment Society to propose a contribution towards the cost, which would have

allowed the service to include the allotment sites. Both Chairs declined the offer, stating that it was too short notice, as their budget for the next financial year had already been finalised

The Chair thanked members of the public for attending and closed the meeting.

Closure of the meeting – 19:40