Agenda item: 0626.32.

The Alconbury Brook Flood Group

Some of what we have done during June 2026

Phew! Finishing touches to Waterloo Pond

Waterloo Pond is nearly complete, a large and significant new pond south of Alconbury Weston. It is an offline pond taking water from a large ditch that collects surface water from the hills around Buckworth. Altogether it has a catchment of 3.4km^2 or about 4% of the whole Alconbury Brook catchment. Water from the ditch is the first to reach the Alconbury Villages during a flood. The pond is designed to hold water until flood levels have fallen. Waterloo Pond has also been created as a new high quality freshwater habitat containing water year-round. Parts of the bank will be seeded with marginal plants and the top of the banks with a damp meadow mixture. Where the excavation spoil has been spread, the field will be restored with a deep-rooted pasture mix enhanced with deep rooted wildflowers to improve drainage. The new pond will be surrounded by livestock fencing to prevent damage by sheep**.**

We are particularly pleased that this project is nearly complete. It was a bit more complex to organise given the size and potential archaeology. We are very grateful to Milton Estates, the Baxter's, and to Rob for archaeological advice, Bob for plans and Mike and LWEG for ensuring the project funding.

Waterloo Pond is part of a larger project with at least 3 more ponds due to be constructed this autumn, all storing water from the Buckworth Hills improving water quality, and providing wildlife havens. These will be funded by the Anglian Water thriving Communities Fund.

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Further ecological surveys yield some excellent results.

We have continued our pond survey work. A number including those recently constructed have shown excellent recovery with low levels of phosphate and nitrate and amazing biodiversity indicating good water quality. Some are full of dragonfly larvae, damsel flies and young newts. We also monitor birdsong as an indicator of biodiversity close to our ponds. Last week we detected a nightingale in Winwick. Many thanks to Andy, Neil and Gordon for their help.

Agenda item: 0626.033.

Parish Council – County & District Council Report – June 2026

Regarding the PC complaint regarding the Newlands Planning Application, I have not received any response.

Regarding the Brampton Hut junction and the traffic assessments regarding the Newlands Logistic Park and the wider Huntingdon North Growth cluster. I have asked for an update, and I am waiting a response.

Regard to Children walking to Alconbury Weald as the catchment area for the New School does not include Alconbury. The route for obtaining bollards/barriers would be via an LHI Bid

At HDC, I will sit on the Overview & Scrutiny Panel – Performance & Growth along and the Licencing committee.

I have also been selected as the HDC representative on the Upper Ouse Management Board IDB and the Kimbolton School, which includes the Alconbury Brook.

The Government consultation period on the 4 options has now closed. The Government is expected to announce its proposal for LGR in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough in mid/late July 2026. With the necessary legislation being put before Parliament to approve in Autumn 26

The final decision as to which proposal if any, becomes the governments preferred option, is that of the government.

The Government also notes that it has a very ambitious timetable for LGR in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Shadow elections for the New Unitary authorities will take place in May 2027 with the new Local Government structure coming into effect on 01 April 2028.

Please report the following road defects on the County Council website via the Report It tool, Potholes, Blocked Gullies, Vegetation obscuring signs, flooding, trees, overgrown hedges etc

Graham Kane joined Cambridgeshire County Council at the beginning of the month as the Executive Director for Place and Sustainability which includes Highways.

Family Cycle Training

From this month you can take part in free cycle training sessions across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.

You can choose between one to one, small groups or family sessions.

Everything is tailored to your ability and what you want to learn.

The training is for you, if you

1. Haven’t cycled before
2. Feel nervous about cycling.
3. Want extra support to build confidence.
4. Would benefit from accessible and inclusive sessions.

The sessions are free and a bicycle will be provided, or you can bring your own.

Most sessions will take place in a traffic-free environment on tarmacked areas about the size of a tennis court. If you feel ready to cycle on local roads our trainers will support you to do so safely.

You can find session locations and to book visit

https://grafhamwater.cinolla.com/grafham-water/category/funded-cycle-training

or for more information you can email activetravel@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

This year's Summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme HAF will be operating from 21 July to 28 August for eligible local families. Children are eligible for the scheme if they receive benefits related free school meals or where families are experiencing financial hardship.

Children will be able to access 64 hours at a HAF Holiday scheme where a daily meal, physical exercise and enriching experiences will be provided.

For more details go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf

Horth West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust

Hinchingbrooke Hospital Redevelopment Programme have launched their public and community engagement initiative. The trust is inviting feedback on three key areas –

1. How patients, visitors and staff arrive at and move around the hospital site
2. What the future care experience should feel like, including single rooms and digital technology
3. How the wider hospital site can support community life and wellbeing.

Go to the website https://hinchingbrookehospital.commonplace.is/

Or scan the QR code which I will provide to the clerk.

Cllr Ian Gardener

Alconbury & Kimbolton Division

Help shape the next chapter

Our plans will ensure:

- ✔ All-single en-suite rooms built to international standards, designed for privacy, dignity and safety
- ✔ Clinical spaces, corridors and public areas designed to modern standards, accessible and welcoming for all
- ✔ Joined-up digital care with one patient record across every ward and site, bedside terminals, NHS App integration, smart monitoring and virtual care at home
- ✔ A site that plays a positive role in the wider community and makes it easier than ever to get the right care, in the right place

You can still influence the proposals for Hinchingbrooke Hospital. To have your say, please get involved via the information here.

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Scan the QR code and complete our survey

WEB: https://hinchingbrookehospital.commonplace.is/

EMAIL: nwangliaft.trustprojects@nhs.net

CALL: 07542 016586

Attend one of our events and talk to a member of the engagement team

Alconbury Parish Council

Prepared by: Alison Brown (Clerk/RFO) Date: 15th June 2026

Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: Cllr Robert Johnson (Chair) Date: 23rd June 2026

Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

	Bank Reconciliation at 31/05/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026			80,847.28
	ADD			
	Receipts 01/04/2026 - 31/05/2026			23,193.03
				104,040.31
	SUBTRACT			
	Payments 01/04/2026 - 31/05/2026			13,511.40
A	**Cash in Hand 31/05/2026** (per Cash Book)			**90,528.91**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	31/05/2026	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank Current T1	31/05/2026	52,517.66	
	Unity Trust Bank Instant Access	31/05/2026	38,011.25	
				90,528.91
	Less unpresented payments			
				90,528.91
	Plus unpresented receipts			
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**			**90,528.91**
	A = B Checks out OK			

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