



# HOUGHTON REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

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9<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**To:** **Members of the Community Safety Sub-Committee**  
**Cllrs:** E Cooper, Y Farrell, M Herber, T McMahon, C Slough  
**Police** Sgt Mark Payne

## Notice of Meeting

You are hereby summoned to a Meeting of the **Community Safety Sub-Committee** to be held at the Council Offices, Peel Street, on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026, at 11.00 am.**

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting may do so in person or remotely through the meeting link below.

To attend remotely through Teams, please follow this link: [MEETING LINK](#)

**Clare Evans**  
Town Clerk

**THIS MEETING MAY  
BE RECORDED \***

## AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS**
- 2. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

In accordance with approved Standing Orders 1(e) – 1(l), members of the public may make representations, ask questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.

The total period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 15 minutes, and an individual member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.

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### 3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the member's register of interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of any such interest.

Members are invited to submit any requests for Dispensations for consideration.

### 4. MINUTES

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To approve the Minutes of the first Community Safety Sub-Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**Recommendation: To approve the Minutes of the Community Safety Sub-Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026, and for these to be signed by the Chairman.**

### 5. REDEPLOYABLE CAMERA LOCATIONS

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Members will find attached a schedule of redeployable camera locations.

In light of the police report, members are invited to consider whether the redeployable cameras should be moved to different locations or remain in situ.

**Recommendation: To agree, on the advice of the police or other reliable information, on the location of the redeployable cameras.**

### 6. "WATCH" SCHEMES UPDATE

To receive a verbal update in respect to the "Watch" schemes within the Parish.

*This report is provided for information purposes only.*

### 7. THE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES UPDATE

To receive verbal feedback with respect to the potential target areas, highlighted to Fire & Rescue Services at the March '26 meeting.

### 8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

- Police Update
- Pre Op Hanna SLA 26/27 Discussion
- Frequency of meetings

**Recommendation: In accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item set out below on the**



**Houghton Regis Town Council**  
**Community Safety Sub-Committee**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 11.00 am**

Present: Councillors: Y Farrell (Chairman)  
E Cooper  
M Herber  
T McMahon  
C Slough

Officers: Ian Haynes Head of Environmental & Community Services  
Bianca Nagle Project Manager

Also Present: J Carroll

**CS21 APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS**

None.

**CS22 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**CS23 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**CS24 MINUTES**

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

**Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026, and for these to be signed by the Chairman.**

**CS25 REDEPLOYABLE CCTV CAMERA LOCATIONS**

Members received a schedule of redeployable camera locations.

The Head of Environmental and Community Services had been in contact with Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) regarding the Service Level Agreement (SLA) and the delays in responding to requests for camera relocations. Members were informed that a number of issues within CBC had caused the delay, but that the situation was likely to improve in the near future.

Members questioned whether Houghton Regis Town Council could withdraw from the contract if CBC was failing to deliver on the SLA, and whether there were alternatives worth pursuing. The Head of Environmental and Community Services reminded Members that ongoing discussions were underway on an outstanding resolution regarding CCTV. HRTC had already expressed disappointment with service provision and informed CBC that alternatives were being explored following a recommendation from Bedfordshire Police. Members were advised that HRTC could request the work to be done at pace, and the situation would be revisited in May.

Members enquired whether consideration should be given to purchasing a more sophisticated camera model. The Head of Environmental and Community Services acknowledged that this could be explored, but advised making a final decision on potential alternatives to CCTV before proceeding.

Cllr McMahon proposed that the addition of 'to request CBC proceed at pace with the current request and provide an update ahead of the May meeting' be made to the resolution.

Seconded by Cllr Slough  
In favour: 5

Members were requested to vote on the substantive:

Proposed by: Cllr McMahon                      Seconded by: Cllr Slough

Members voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

- Resolved:**
- 1. To agree, on the advice of the Police or other reliable information, on the location of the redeployable cameras.**
  - 2. To request CBC proceed at pace with the current camera relocation request and provide an update ahead of the May meeting.**

## **CS26            "WATCH" SCHEMES UPDATE**

Members received a verbal update on the "Watch" schemes within the Parish.

Cllr Herber had formed part of Street Watch patrols in Bedford Square. There had been continued incidences of shoplifting. ASB and damage, especially during the half-term.

## **CS27            ACCESS FOR THE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES**

Members were asked to discuss potential target areas where poor parking might prevent Fire & Rescue Services' access in an emergency.

HRTC had been in contact with the local Fire Service Manager who had requested Members discuss the areas where access was an issue and to decide on those to be targeted.

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The Head of Environmental and Community Services suggested that, to maximise impact, focus should be on those streets with a single route of access. After some discussion, Members agreed that precedence should be given to the following locations: Cumberland Street, Clarkes Way, St Michaels Avenue, Houghton Park Road and Elm Park Close.

Proposed by MH                      Seconded by: EC

Voted in favour: 5

**Resolved: To agree on the advice on priority areas.**

**CS28                      EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Members voted on the exclusion of the press and public:

Proposed by: Cllr Herber                      Seconded by: Cllr McMahan

Votes in favour: 5

*Cllr Carroll left the meeting.*

**Resolved: In accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

**CS29                      POLICE REPORT**

Members received an update regarding Operation Hana.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 12:05 pm**

**Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026**

**Chairman**



# COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE

## Redeployable Cameras Locations April '26

Month	Camera #	Location	Reasons for installation	Leave or redeploy	If redeploy where, and why
April	1	Sundon Road looking towards Hillborough Crescent column No 24	Reduce and prevent ASB and reduce nuisance motorbikes.		
	2	Parkside Drive Column No 13	Reduce the fear of crime and increase vehicle-related crime.		
	3	Tithe Farm Road, looking towards Tithe Farm Recreation Ground	Reduce ASB and protect assets; it is a high-demand area for policing.		
	4	The Green, looking towards the Village Green Pavilion	Reduce the fear of crime and increase vehicle-related crime.		