**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
 held on Friday 14 August 2020 at 7:30pm
On-Line Meeting Only**

**Present**

**Parish Councillors:** Bridget Flanagan (Chairman) Chris Nicol

 John Peters

 Marcus Whewell

 Zoe Ryall

**Clerk:**  none

**County and District Councillors:** HDC Cllr Sarah Wilson

**Members of the Public:**  None

**MINUTES**

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| **48.** | **To Receive and Approve Apologies for Absence**There were none |  |
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| **49.** | **County/District Councillors’ Update** |  |
|  | *To receive and accept reports* |  |
|  | HDC Cllr SW presented a verbal report. |  |
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| **50.** | **Councillors’ Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests** |  |
|  | *To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests from members, as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and the nature of those interests relating at any Agenda item.* |  |
|  | None received. |  |
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| **51.** | **Public Participation Session***Open Forum. A maximum of 15 minutes is permitted for members of the public to address the Council on the item on the Agenda. Members of the public may have up to three minutes each. Items to be addressed should be notified to the Clerk three working days in advance of the meeting*. |  |
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| **52.** | **Planning – to consider responses to the following applications** |  |
| 52.1 | 17/01906/FUL Barn at Royal Oak Corner. Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) – to amend the internal layout and external appearance and new double garage with loft storage above.**It was resolved to recommend refusal**: Cllrs continued to be concerned about the lack of information on the proposals for the demolition and higher rebuild of the wall fronting the High Street. Cllrs also continued to be concerned that there was insufficient information about the requirements for replacement of felled trees on the site. |  |
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| 52.2 | The PC were not officially consulted on this but wished to make an observation:18/01931/HHFUL Amendment to application (approved) 7 River Meadow: **It was resolved to make no comment for or against.** |  |
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| 52.3 | 20/00364/FUL 52 Common Lane. Demolition of existing detached bungalow to be replaced with two storey detached house. Superceded plans.**It was resolved to recommend refusal.** All Cllrs felt that the changes made in the superceded plans were insignificant and did not satisfy their strong objections made to the original application. |  |
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| **53** | **Matters Arising from the previous meetings and reports from Clerk & Cllrs** |  |
|  | List circulated and reviewed. The Street Lighting energy contract with SSE and brokered by Utility Aid is taking variable amounts by direct debit each month, despite a fixed contract. In the absence of a Clerk, the Chairman will address this matter asap.Cllr Peters is in contact with the Internal Auditor, Michael Williamson and the outgoing Clerk Ramune Mimiene with regard to some queries re the audit. |  |
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| **54.** | **Council Administration and Appointment of a new Clerk**Interview had been held today with one candidate for the position of Clerk. The other interview is scheduled for Monday 17th. The Chairman will write the article for the September Parish magazine.It was considered that meetings should continue by Zoom due to the Public Health Emergency |  |
| **55.** | **Agenda items for the next meeting** Trimming of trees in Royal Oak Lane and at the southern end of Rideaway opposite the old Bottle Bank site |  |
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| **56.** | **Dates of Next Meetings** |  |
|  | *Meetings agreed to be held on the* ***4th Monday of the Month:****28 Sep – 7pm Annual Parish Meeting / Assembly and PC meeting to follow* *26 Oct**23 Nov*  *No meetings planned Dec* |  |

*Meeting finished at 8.15pm*

*These minutes are considered draft until ratified at the next Hemingford Abbots Parish Council meeting*