

Hemingford Abbots Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on 28th November at 7:00pm
at Hemingford Abbots Village Hall

Present Parish Councillors: Bridget Flanagan (Chairman)
John Peters (Vice Chairman)
Christine Nicol (Vice Chairman)
Brian Parsons
Josephine Wills
Marcus Whewell

Minute taker: Georgina West (Clerk)

County and District Councillors: County Councillor Bates
District Councillor Conboy

Members of the Public: 1

123. To receive and approve Apologies for Absence

None

124. Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

None

125. Public Participation Session

The resident present expressed concerns regarding planning application 16/01674/HHFUL: no other close boarded fences in the vicinity and is not in keeping with other properties on the lane and suggested close wire fencing screened by planting as appropriate.

126. Parish Councillor Co-option

To continue to advertise vacancy with a view to co-option.

127. County/District Councillors' update

County Councillor

County Councillor Bates joined the meeting at 7.20pm.

County Cllr Bates spoke of the preparation of the budget. He also spoke of the relocation of Shire Hall with employees being relocated nearer to their client bases. County Cllr Bates informed Council that this would release in the region of £47 million to be re-located to front line services. No written report received.

County Councillor Bates left the meeting at 7.50pm.

District Councillor

District Cllr Conboy – HDC now in process of budget setting. It is likely that this will have impact on Parish Council budgets. One of the areas being looked at more closely is recycling. Planning is another area of concern. No written report received.

128. Minutes of the previous meetings

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 30th October 2018 and 20th November 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chairman.

129. Matters arising from the previous meetings

30th October 2018 meeting – none

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20th November 2018 meeting - none

130. Financial Matters

a) It was **resolved** that the following payments are made:

G West	Salary			Confidential
D Bayliss	Interim Clerk's pay			Confidential
G West	Expenses	£66.90	£0.00	£66.90
D Bayliss	Expenses	£50.80	£0.00	£50.80
HAVH	Room Hire charges	£96.00	£0.00	£96.00
RIALTAS	Finance package	£389.00	£77.80	£466.80
VIKING	Office supplies	£73.76	£13.15	£86.91
VIKING	Office supplies	£17.98	£3.60	£21.58
LexisNexis	Reference book	£136.99	£0.00	£136.99
Peace Memorial Playing Field Trust	Grant	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00

b) Financial Reports – The financial report to 31st October 2018 was received.

c) It was **resolved** to renew membership to SLCC.

131. To discuss and approve budget for 2019/2020.

a) It was proposed by Cllr Whewell that a precept request of £18,912 be submitted to HDC. Seconded by Cllr Parsons. Agreed unanimously.

132. Planning

a) **Planning Applications**

APPLICATION REF. 16/01674/HHFUL

Retrospective application for the erection of a garden fence

The Meads Royal Oak Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AF

The Council resolved to recommend **refusal**. From the information given it would appear that the retaining wall is to remain in place which the Council consider is fixed to the highway and to which the Council objects. The Council consider that the close boarded fence even if covered in greenery is not appropriate to this street scene in the conservation area. The Council would welcome more information if discussions continue between HDC and the applicant.

b) **Tree Applications**

APPLICATION REF. 18/02325/TREE

T1 - 1x oak - thin by 20% and prune around to tidy appearance

T2 - section of laurel - reduce height to match rest of hedgerow, circa 2m in height

T3 - 1x rowan - reduce by circa 20% 1.5m and remove 3m epicormic growth within crown

37 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW

The Council **resolved to not object**.

133. Village Maintenance and Repairs

a) To review and consider areas of maintenance and repairs that are needed to be carried out in the village.

The hedges around the playing field need to be cut. Clerk to contact Mr Barnett who has undertaken this work previously.

b) It was **resolved** to purchase a new bench (<https://uk.glasdon.com/stanford-tm-seat>) for Common Lane. £921.73 (excl VAT) from Glasdons and that an installation quote from Paul Witten of £485 (excl VAT) be accepted.

134. Highway Faults, Repairs and Issues

Cllr Peters will attend The Huntingdonshire Local Highway Improvement Panel on 13th December 2018 and will petition for yellow lines outside the Village Hall.

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Cllr Wills asked that council consider a new direction sign post for the New Road and the High Street cross roads. Cllr Wills to investigate cost, feasibility etc
The pot holes in Royal Oak Lane were discussed. Clerk to contact County Council Highways.

Cllr Nicol reported that the VH will now offer to contribute up to 30% for the proposed yellow lines outside the VH under the LHI bid.

The Clerk will report blocked drains on the both sides of the High Street near the eastern Parish Boundary at Forge Corner, outside the village hall, and opposite Manor Lane.

135. Correspondence for Information and Response

Cllr Nicol discussed the bus to Morrisons Supermarket.
The Hemingfords Action Group sent an update.

136. Agenda items for the next meeting

To agree payment for the playing field hedges to be cut by S Barnett.
To discuss HA having a neighbourhood plan.
Parish Online – continue with subscription.
Clerk to source and invite tenders for grass cutting for the 2019 season.

137. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm