



HEMINGFORD ABBOTS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at the Hemingford Abbots Village Hall

Present: 5 Parishioners, Hemingford Abbots Cllrs: Marcus Whewell (Chair, Zoe Ryall (Vice Chair), Peter Keen, Phillip Cooke and the Parish Clerk.

1 Welcome and introduction

The Chairman of Hemingford Abbots Parish Council, Cllr Marcus Whewell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 To receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from District Cllrs Sarah Conboy, Debbie Mickelburgh and Brett Mickelburgh and County Councillor Doug Dew.

3 To approve the Minutes of the last Parish Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 26 May 2021 were approved.

4 Reports

i) Chairman of Hemingford Abbots Parish Council, Cllr Marcus Whewell presented a summary of his 2021-2022 report. A copy of the report is available on the website, www.hemingfordabbots.org.uk.

ii) County Councillor Doug Dew's written report is available on the website, www.hemingfordabbots.org.uk

iii) The District Councillors written report is available on the website, www.hemingfordabbots.org.uk.

iv) Village Groups and Organisation

River Warden

Iain Muspratt's written report is available on the website www.hemingfordabbots.org.uk.

Hemingford Abbots Village Hall

Councillor Christine Nicol presented her report on the Hemingford Abbots Village Hall.

Hemingford Peace Memorial Field

Ted Burleigh presented his report on the Hemingford Peace Memorial Field.

5 Retirement of Bridget Flanagan and John Peters

Bridget Flanagan and John Peters stepped down as Councillors in May. Both have chaired Hemingford Abbots Parish Council and have served the community in several other capacities. For over 20 years Bridget and John have discharged their duties enthusiastically, loyally and with complete dedication. A profound debt of gratitude is owed to them both and on behalf of parishioners past and present and HAPC, we would like to say a big thank you to them both for all they have done.

Copies of full written reports are available from the Parish Clerk on request.

6 Any other parish matters including any resolutions

None.

7 Open Forum

A parishioner asked if there were reports on Trees and Footpath.

Cllr MW advised that tree and footpath reports were not carried out for 2021-22. Cllr MW confirmed that HAPC has been advertising for a Tree and Footpath Warden for the last few months and that Anne-Marie Farmer has recently been appointed to the role of Footpath Warden. The Tree Warden role remains to be filled and if anyone is interested to please contact the Parish Clerk.

Two parishioners provided an update on past and future actions of a group of village residents who are against a Change of Use Planning Application 21/01768/FUL, Hemingford Park, Common Lane, Hemingford Abbots.

A parishioner recalled that at the last Parish Council meeting a discussion took place on the benefits of developing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for Hemingford Abbots.. MW explained that creating a NP would need to be a parish-led initiative (not Parish Council – for legal reasons) and that HAPC welcomes hearing from any parishioners willing to be part of the project team.

Meeting closed 7.30 pm

Chairman

Date