

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 26 September 2022 at 7.00pm at the
Hemingford Abbots Village Hall



Present: Parish Councillors: Marcus Whewell (Chair), Phillip Cooke and Glenda Perrott.

District Councillors: Sarah Conboy

Members of the Public: 3

2022-2023	Minutes
81	<p>Public Participation (3 members of the public) The Chair (MW) opened the meeting at 7 pm and welcomed all the attendees.</p> <p>Representing The Hemingford Action Group (HAG), Iain Muspratt provided an update on HAG's activities since his last report in July. A copy of IM's report, covering the Astro Turf Site (ATS), Golf Club Car Park, Mick George Limited is available on request from the Clerk. MW will arrange for photographs of the changes at the ATS to be sent to HAPC's solicitor.</p> <p>IM expressed HAG's keenness and support for the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for Hemingford Abbots. MW said that HAPC is considering a leaflet-drop to parishioners in the autumn explaining what a NP entails. If parishioners feel it is worthy and are willing to get involved then HAPC will give their support.</p> <p>IM informed HAPC that BT are installing Fibre in the village which will result in large poles being erected, and he is hopeful that HAPC will give their support to this. IM ask HAPC to encourage parishioners to sign up to a Solar Panel Scheme, through CCC (Solar Together) when the next round opens in 2023.</p> <p>A member of the public representing the Jubilee Committee (JC) asked if HAPC could confirm who is liable should an accident happen involving the flower planters that were placed around the village for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was queried whether liability would fall to JC as the organisation who authorised the placement, or to the individual who placed them on the verges. MW advised that appropriate permission should be sought from the landowner (CCC) as a first step. SC suggested the JC make enquiries with Godmanchester in Bloom who may be able to help. MW explained the Jubilee Event on the Playing Field was covered under the PC's insurance policy because as trustees, it has custody of and manages the land, and the event organisers had completed a full risk-assessment which was then approved by the insurer.</p>
82	<p>County/ District Councillors' Reports HDC Cllr. SC presented a summary of her written report and responded to questions raised on the transport strategy. A copy of the report can be found on the HAPC website.</p>
83	<p>To receive apologies for absence Cllrs Peter Keen, Zoe Ryall and CCC Cllr Doug Dew sent apologies for absence.</p>
84	<p>Councillors' Declarations of Interest None</p>
85 a)	<p>Planning Applications NEW <u>22/01818/LBC Jennifer Cottage High Street Hemingford Abbots.</u> Proposal: Demolition of modern rear extension and erection of single storey pitched roof rear extension and flat roof link to existing cottage. RESOLVED to recommend approval of this planning application which, HAPC believe, will continue to improve the condition of this listed building.</p> <p><u>22/00519/HHFUL_30 Common Lane, Hemingford Abbots, PE28 9AN.</u> Erection of single storey side extension and alterations. RESOLVED Neither for nor against this planning application.</p> <p><u>22/01657/HHFUL Clover House, High Street, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AA.</u> Amendment to vehicle and pedestrian access to property. New porch to side elevation, with adjoining window and door positions altered. RESOLVED Neither for nor against this planning application.</p> <p><u>22/01600/HHFUL_3 River Meadow, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AY.</u> Proposed single storey side extension, change existing windows to anthracite grey aluminium windows, proposed render finish to the house and new outbuilding. RESOLVED Neither for nor against this planning application.</p>

b)	<p><u>22/01810/TRCA</u> The Hermitage, Rideaway, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AG. Works to Tree in Con Area Proposal: T1 - T3 - Mature Birth – Fell, T4 - Mature Elm – Fell, T5 - Willow – Fell, T6 - Conifer – Fell. Received: Fri 19 Aug 2022 Validated: Fri 19 Aug 2022 Status: In progress (HAPC has not been asked to comment). HAPC would like it to be noted that there has been three tree applications submitted on this property over the last three years that have involved work on, or removal of circa 10 trees. As far as HAPC is aware HDC Planning have not requested any replanting of new trees to replace the ones removed and would like to request that HDC encourage replanting on all tree removal applications, which will help safeguard the environment.</p> <p><u>22/01774/TRCA</u> 1 Braefield, Hemingford Abbots, PE28 9EZ. T1 Atlas Cedar: Fell to ground T2 Birch: crown lift to 5m to clear garage roof. Received: Mon 15 Aug 2022 Validated: Mon 15 Aug 2022 Status: In progress (HAPC has not been asked to comment).</p> <p><u>22/01650/TRCA</u> 55 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW. Proposal: Cut down laurel trunks (L1-L4) and treat the resultant stumps with stump killer. Hazel (H) will be coppiced, to bring all stems down below 0.5m in height. Stems of the remaining laurel (L5) will be cut down to 1.5m Walnut (W) needs to be completely removed. In progress. (HAPC has not been asked to comment).</p> <p><u>22/01763/LBC</u> Whitehall 24 - 26 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots. Replacement of existing fence with new early Georgian iron railings. Respond by 28th September 2022. RESOLVED Neither for nor against this application.</p> <p><u>22/01566/TRCA</u> Ash Meadow Lane, Hemingford Abbots. T1 Ash (previously reduced to 4m stump): Fell and grind out stump. Replace with Hornbeam to match other trees planted in the same area. RESOLVED Neither for nor against this application.</p> <p>APPROVED</p> <p><u>22/01722/TRCA</u> 46 Common Lane, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AN. Proposal DD - 5 Day Notice: T1 Birch: fell to ground level due to severe decay in main stem, of at least 75% trunk diameter. The tree owners have family in the garden regularly over the summer and are concerned that the tree may fall imminently. Approved.</p> <p><u>22/01188/TRCA</u> Oak Lodge, Hemingford Abbots. Ash tree to reduce to around 2m stem due to excessive shade and close proximity to building. T2 Oak tree to reduce to around 2m stem due to excessive shade and close proximity to building. Approved.</p> <p><u>21/02618/HHFUL</u> 48 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN. Construction of car-port and storage structure. The District Council has received further information in connection with the planning application that has been made for the development of the site. Refused.</p>
86	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th of August 2022.</p>
87	<p>Review and update the Action Plan. MW asked the Clerk and Councillors to update the action plan before the next meeting.</p>
88	<p>Consider replacing the meadow gate (MW). Deferred until the Clerk has established the ownership of the gate.</p>
89	<p>Report on anti-social behaviour on the playing field (MW). MW thanked parishioners for bringing this to the PC's attention and also for their continuing updates which helped Ashley Dolling (HDC) to take appropriate action to resolve the matter. HAPC also wants to thank AD for his excellent support.</p>
90	<p>Councillor Recruitment HAPC sent an email to the residents of Quiet Waters to encourage them to apply to join the PC. So far we have not had any responses. MW asked that everyone consider parishioners they may know of who might wish to become a Councillor and who would bring diversity and wider representation of the village to the Council.</p>
91	<p>Councillor Training GP AND PC confirmed they will both attend Councillor Training on Saturday 28th January 2023. Clerk to book their places.</p>
92	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) RESOLVED to approve the September Payments, which includes an additional payment of £48.96 to Bob Penney for a replacement gate part.</p> <p>b) RESOLVED to accept and approve the bank reconciliation for August..</p> <p>c) Noted: A VAT claim for £242.16 was made on 7th September 2022 for the period 1st April to 31 August 2022. Since the PC meeting the payment has credited to the current account.</p> <p>d) VAS Inspection - Consider the cost/benefit ratio of repairing the High Street VAS to enable the downloading of the data. The quote to repair the VAS is £871.00 plus VAT. RESOLVED to defer the repair until further notice.</p> <p>e) Noted: Wicksteed Limited's annual inspection of the playground took place on Thursday 22nd September 2022. Since the meeting, the Inspection Report has been circulated to all Councillors.</p> <p>f) Update on the streetlight sinking fund following the recent survey by Electrical Testing Limited (PK). RESOLVED to defer the update until PC is available.</p>

