

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on the 9th September 2023 at 9.30 am

at the Hemingford Abbots Village Hall



Present:

Parish Councillors: Marcus Whewell (Chair), Zoe Ryall (Vice Chair), Peter Keen, Phillip Cooke, Glenda Perrott, Shaun Reinson.

Parish Clerk: Maxine Blewett

Members of the Public: 3

2023-2024		MINUTES
75	<p>MW (Chair) opened the EO meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed all parties, then explained the public representation process.</p> <p>Two residents expressed their concerns regarding planning application (78a), explaining that it will overshadow their garden and affect their outlook. The size, scale and position ("like a tenement block") of the proposal to erect four additional garages up to the boundary line will result in the removal of a mature hazel hedge and a TPO'd tree ("all greenery will go"). The residents feel that the proximity of the new garages to their garden will greatly affect their amenities and asked if consideration could be given to placing the garages elsewhere on the neighbouring plot. Cllr PK asked whether the removal of the tree with a TPO requires a separate planning application. the Clerk is to confirm once she has spoken to HDC. Cllr PC asked if the neighbour had spoken with them about their plans before proceeding with the planning application (they had not). Cllr MW thanked everyone for their comments.</p>	
76	<p><u>Apologies and Vacancies</u> <u>To receive any apologies for absence</u> None</p>	
77	<p>Councillors' Declarations of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda - For declarations of interest received, Councillors to inform the Chair if they wish to speak on the matter during public participation and/or at the agenda item prior to discussion. -To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) -To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. <p>None</p>	
78	<p><u>Planning Applications</u> <u>NEW</u></p> <p>a) 23/01450/HHFUL 6A Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN. Proposed construction of a new four bay garage. Response due 2/9/23 but an extension has been requested and agreed. RESOLVED to strongly recommend refusal of this planning application on the grounds of its scale, dominance and the overbearing position of the proposed garages. The Parish Council would like to request that consideration is given to the repositioning the garages, so that the removal of the mature hedge and TPO'd tree in the HA Conservation Area be avoided and that the neighbours adjacent to the proposed building plot do not suffer from loss of light and amenities. HAPC wishes to draw your attention to the letter dated 30th August from the neighbours objecting to the application, and in particular the photographs displayed on pages 8 to 10 of that letter which in our opinion provide strong evidence of the overbearing nature of the proposed development.</p>	
79	<p><u>Minutes of the previous meeting</u> RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th July 2023.</p>	
80	<p><u>Administration</u></p> <p>a) Noted: The last 5 years PC Minutes have been bound into one book and the Clerk is to arrange for the minute book to be archived with HDC after the 25th of September PC meeting.</p> <p>b) RESOLVED for a formal letter of complaint to be issued to HDC Enforcement.</p>	
81	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>a) RESOLVED to approve the payments made on the 25th of August.</p> <p>b) RESOLVED to accept and approve the bank reconciliation for August.</p> <p>c) Noted: That the Annual Governance & Accountability External Audit was completed by PKF Littlejohn and that the closure papers were uploaded to the website.</p> <p>d) Noted: That the Standing Order to SSE ended in July 2023 and that SSE were contacted for a statement of account (no response has been received from SSE yet).</p>	

e)	Noted: That the new electricity contract with Yu Energy (via Clear Utility Solutions, Broker) began on the 1/9/23. Payments will be taken by direct debit mandate.
82 a)	Playing Field Noted: That the Clerk emailed Safeplay Ltd. and they confirmed that the replacement dome will be fitted within the next 4 weeks. Cllr MW explained that an invoice had been received that the Clerk was querying and that the PC will be kept informed of progress at the next meeting.
83	Closure of the Meeting: The meeting closed at 10.30 am.
84	Date of the next Meetings: HAPC Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm Monday 25 th September 2023, in the Village Hall, High Street, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AH.

Payments (81) Finance

Payments to be approved & paid:		AUGUST 2023 PAYMENTS			
			Net	VAT	Total
BACS ✓	4000 Clerk's wages				
BACS ✓	4020 HMRC				
BACS ✓	4060 Working from home allowance	Working from home allowance	£ 20.00		£ 20.00
BACS ✓	4125 Mileage (Clerk)	Travel to and return from Cambridge (3/9 and 24/9) Minutes for last 5 yrs bound	£ 16.20		£ 16.20
BACS ✓	4055 JS Wilson and Son (bookbinders)	5 years of PC minutes bound	£ 76.00		£ 76.00
BACS ✓	4095 PKF Littlejohn LLP	Conclusion of AGAR	£ 210.00	£ 42.00	£ 252.00
			£ 907.98	£ 42.00	£ 949.98

Signed.....

Chair Marcus Whewell

Date.....