

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16th of May 2024 at the Hemingford Abbots Village Hall, Hemingford Abbots, PE28 9AH.



Present:

HAPC Cllrs: Marcus Whewell, Glenda Perrott, Shaun Reinson, Peter Keen and Philip Cooke

HDC Cllrs: None

Members of the Public: Five

Clerk: Marcus Whewell (standing in for Maxine Blewett)

2023-2024	Minutes	Meeting opened at 8.30pm
16	<p>Public Participation Four members of the public expressed their strong support for the main item on the agenda, saying that there were pleased to see that the Parish Council was considering legal representation for the forthcoming Planning Inspectorate appeal regarding Hemingford Park, referencing the 134 letters of objection submitted by various parishioners.</p>	
17	<p>Apologies and Vacancies To receive any apologies for absence. None required (all Councillors present).. The absence of the clerk was noted and accepted.</p>	
18	<p>Councillors' Declarations of Interest None.</p>	
19	<p>Proposal: That Hemingford Abbots Parish Council employs the services of a solicitor in relation to the outstanding appeal for Hemingford Park, including applying for Rule 6 status, and legal representation for any related planning matters - to include preparation, attendance and representation at the appeal hearing, to be heard on 5th September Planning Application Ref: 23/01739/HHFUL Planning Appeal Ref: 24/00003/NONDET Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/H0520/W/23/3335991.</p> <p>Each Parish Councillor was invited to share their thoughts, and a general discussion was then held regarding the importance of this matter to the parish. All Councillors expressed that they were in favour of the proposals.</p> <p>It was therefore RESOLVED: (i) That HAPC should apply for a Rule 6 status with regard to the appeal. The resolution was proposed by PK, seconded by PC, and carried unanimously.</p> <p>(II) That the Chair be authorised to request an engagement letter for appropriate legal advice and representation with regard to the hearing, and if appropriate any additional planning and related matters with respect to Hemingford Park and that any two councillors including the Chair be authorised to sign an engagement letter or letters on behalf of HAPC. The resolution was proposed by PK, seconded by GP, and carried unanimously.</p>	
20	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting Resolved to approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on the 22nd of April 2024. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr PC, all in favour.</p>	
21	<p>Closure of the Meeting: 9.05 pm.</p>	
22	<p>Date of the next Meeting: The HAPC Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 29th May, 2024, in the Village Hall, High Street, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AH.</p>	

Signed.....Chair Marcus Whewell

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