

# HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Time: 4 pm Date: Tuesday 13th August 2024.

Venue: Hemingford Abbots Village Hall, High St, Hemingford Abbots, PE28 9AH.

### Present:

HAPC Councillors: Marcus Whewell, Peter Keen, Phillip Cook, Glenda Perrott, Rie Hargreaves.

HDC Councillor: Brett Mickelburgh

Clerk: Maxine Blewett



| 2024-2025 | Minutes  | Meeting opened at 4 pm |
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| 75        | <p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>After consulting with experts and colleagues, a representative from PROVE asked the Parish Council to support their efforts to encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend the Hemingford Park Appeal hearing on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of September at HDC, Pathfinder House, Huntingdon. Parishioners who cannot attend the whole hearing are encouraged to be present to hear the opening statements at 10 am on the 5<sup>th</sup> September as this will help to demonstrate the strength of opinion and seriousness there is in the village against the planning appeal. PROVE will be emailing and posting information flyers throughout the village ahead of the appeal hearing. Cllr PC suggested also using the parish WhatsApp group.</p> <p>Plans submitted to HDC by Artisan do not appear to be correct. The original (approved plans from 2014) have not been provided, and there is no record of a revised block plan on the HDC Planning Portal. The only plan showing is for the existing (illegal) plan*, as built. Also noted is that only a small section of the house is shown on the plans, which is now understood to be between 5% and 6% smaller than the was declared on the planning application*.</p>   |                        |
| 76        | <p><b>County/ District Councillors' Reports</b></p> <p>None.</p>   |                        |
| 77        | <p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Apologies received and accepted from HDC Cllr Sarah Conboy and HAPC Cllr Shaun Reinson.</p>   |                        |
| 78        | <p><b>Councillors' Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>None</p>  |                        |
| 79        | <p><b>Planning Applications &amp; Appeals</b></p> <p>a) <u>APPEALS</u></p> <p>To discuss and agree the format and individual roles and responsibilities with regard to the participation of HAPC at the Planning Inspectorate Appeal in relation to Hemingford Park: "Retention of pool building, basement car park, lift and enclosure, external courtyards, pond and associated hard and soft landscaping (revised siting), phased alterations to pool building (reduction in height), removal of staircase, removal of glazed balustrade to pond and alterations to fenestration of main facade of pool building." to be held on September 5th and 6th at Pathfinder House.</p> <p>The Chair gave a brief account of his telephone conversation with our representative from Buckles Solicitors (SK). The following was agreed:</p> <p><b>Representation</b></p> <p>SK will represent us at the hearing, including making the 3 minute opening speech on behalf of HAPC. SK will send over a draft verbal submission by the 26th for our approval. SK hopes to join the 'top table' for the extended discussion with the planning inspector for block 'A' (planning). SK believes block 'A' will take up much of day one and if this is completed within this timetable, he will not attend day 2. Buckles still await confirmation of the final format of the hearing, which is still to be confirmed by the Planning Inspector.</p> |                        |

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|           | <p><b>Amended Drawings</b></p> <p>Despite Artisan's statement that the main building was incorrectly represented on the initial 2014 plans (and hence the need to submit a new set), we are still missing a new block plan. .</p> <p>The reduction in size of 5%-6% in the main (listed) building makes the annex even more unsuitable as a householder application (due to the relative scale).</p> <p>Buckles have suggested that HAPC write to HDC this week to ask whether they have received a new site plan and if so, can it be published on the portal. (Action: MW/Clerk) by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024).</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chair that SK speaks on behalf of the PC at the appeal hearing and that HAPC write to HDC Planning to ask for a copy of the Block Plans. HAPC Resolved to appoint Buckles (SK) to represent HAPC at the appeal hearing and for HAPC to write to HDC Planning to request copies of the Block Plans.</p> <p>Cllrs PK and PC stressed the importance of asking HDC Planning why the approved plan from 2014 were missing from the Planning Portal, as the information available to the Planning Inspector only compares what has been built since 2014, and not the original 2014 approved plans.</p> <p>Cllr PK mentioned that there were a number of other outstanding planning cases awaiting a decision from HDC Planning.</p> |
| <b>80</b> | <p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024. Proposed by Cllr PC, seconded by Cllr GP, all in favour.</p> <p><b>b) Matters/Actions arising from the previous meeting</b></p> <p><b>i</b> Agenda item 63(a) Proposals 1&amp;2: A legal letter containing full details of other outstanding appeals AND previous applications, including HAPC's recommendation has been sent to HDC Planning Officer assigned to case <a href="#">24/01218/P3MPA, Hemingford Park Barn Conversion</a>.</p> <p><b>ii</b> The Chair attended the Environment Agency meeting re. the Sluices, notes from the meeting will be sent to all following the PC meeting.</p> <p><b>iii</b> A meeting has been arranged with HDC Highways at 1pm on 27/8 in HAVH.</p> <p><b>iv</b> A link to the HDC Town and Parish Newsletter has been added to HAPC's website.</p>  |
| <b>81</b> | <p><b>Administration</b></p> <p>Noted that the proposal to move the regular PC meeting day from the fourth Monday in the month to the third Wednesday in the month will be effective from 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024.</p>  |
| <b>82</b> | <p><b>Matters for future consideration</b></p> <p>Cllr PC asked that HAPC consider ways in which the opinions of the wider population of Hemingford Abbots could be carried out to gauge public opinion on important village matters..</p> <p>The Chair asked that HAPC consider what can be done to conserve and enhance biodiversity in our community, to comply with Section 40 of the Environment Act 2021. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Considering what we can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.</li> <li>- Agree policies and specific objectives based on our considerations.</li> <li>- A plan to deliver and review our policies to achieve our objectives.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>83</b> | <p><b>Closure of the Meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 4.50 pm.</p>   |
| <b>84</b> | <p><b>Date of the next Meeting:</b></p> <p>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at 7 pm in the Village Hall, High Street, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AH.</p>   |

Signed.....Chair Cllr Marcus Whewell

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