

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council

Time: 7 pm Date: Wednesday 20th November 2024.

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

Present:

HAPC Councillors: Marcus Whewell, Glen Perrott, Phillip Cooke, Shaun Reinson and Peter Keen.

HDC Councillor: Brett Mickelburgh



2024-2025	Minutes	Meeting opened 7 pm
112	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>A resident raised their concerns over a new footpath being proposed across Hemingford common as part of the CCC consultation for the proposed A141 modernisation scheme: relevant matters included potential damage to an important conservation site, disturbance to local business, the appropriateness of constructing raised hard standing across a flood plain, and whether a new path is actually necessary, given the existing nearby cycle routes. The parish council said that it was consulting with other local bodies and would submit its thoughts before the consultation deadline.</p> <p>The ‘Call For Sites’ application for approximately 3,500 new homes to be built at the Lattenburys was also discussed. It was felt that this development could have a significant effect on the parish and HAPC agreed to consider how more information might be made available to parishioners to better gauge their opinions on these proposals. HAPC has already expressed our concerns to HDC over potential stress on the ageing and fragile infrastructure (drains, sewers etc), and also the potential increase in traffic through the Hemingford villages.</p> <p>HDC Cllr BM encouraged everyone to respond to the local plan.</p>	
113	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Rie Hargreaves.</p>	
114	<p>Councillors’ Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None.</p>	
115	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>Resolved to approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th October 2024. Proposed by Cllr GP seconded by Cllr PC, all in favour.</p>	
116	<p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>a) Resolved that the Chair and Clerk prepare HAPC’s response to CCC’s Capital Maintenance Programme, based on the areas prioritised and agreed during the meeting (general drainage and sewage systems and the resurfacing of the flyover on Rideaway). Proposed by Cllr PK, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.</p> <p>b) Resolved to renew HAPC’s membership with CPRE if the cost of the subscription is lower than £100. Proposed by Cllr PC, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.</p> <p>c) This item was carried forward and discussed at the end of the meeting. Email from the Local Projects Team to inform HAPC that the LHI application window for the 2025 / 2026 funding round is open. This will remain open until Friday 10th January at 5:00PM. Proposal to review and prioritise village projects and consider submitting an LHI application for 2025/26. Resolved in principle to proceed with an LHI bid for Safety Improvements at the New Road and High Street junction following consultation with the Highways Officer and resident(s) of New Road/High Street.</p>	

117	Planning Applications & Appeals
a)	NEW – Trees
	24/01467/TREE The Hermitage Rideaway Hemingford Abbots. Proposal: T1 Mature Copper Beech - Reduce overhanging limbs by 2.5m. Response to HDC by 22/11/24. Resolved neither for nor against this application. Proposed by PK, seconded by SR, all in favour.
b)	24/02007/TRCA 46 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN. Proposal: T1 Japanese Maple by pool - Reduce crown by 60-75cm. Received: Wed 30 Oct 2024 Validated: Wed 30 Oct 2024 Status: In progress. HAPC was asked to comment.
c)	24/02008/TRCA 44 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9ANT. Proposal: 1 Purple Norway Maple - reduce 1.5m laterally to boundary, or nearest suitable growth point. G1 group of small self-set Ash trees - fell close to ground level. G2 2x Leylandii: reduce height by approx. 4m. Received: Wed 30 Oct 2024 Validated: Wed 30 Oct 2024 Status: In progress. HAPC was not asked to comment.
d)	24/02114/TRCA 55 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW. Proposal: T1 Large Copper Beech - Reduce height by 2.5m, Crown lift to 4m from ground level, remove the Ivy from the whole tree and any major dead wood. Received: Thu 14 Nov 2024 Validated: Thu 14 Nov 2024 Status: In progress. HAPC was not asked to comment
e)	24/02089/TRCA 10 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN. Proposal: Re-pollard Lime tree by 4m. Received: Mon 11 Nov 2024 Validated: Mon 11 Nov 2024 Status: In progress. HAPC was not asked to comment
f)	24/01394/TRCA The Barns High Street Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AE. Proposal: Removal of a self-seeded sycamore from roadside verge. Received: Tue 06 Aug 2024 Validated: Wed 13 Nov 2024 Status: In progress. HAPC was not asked to comment
	NOTED AS APPROVED
g)	24/00542/HHFUL 6A Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN. Erection of four bay detached garage.
h)	24/01680/TRCA 84 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW. Remove Horse Chestnut tree.
i)	24/01625/TRCA Riverside House 32 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN G1 2x Cherry Plum - Fell close to ground level - Trees are heavily decayed, Crown of one has snapped off and hanging in an overhead power line.
j)	24/01612/TRCA 35 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AWT1 (Yew) - Fell and grind the stump. This is a small shaped hedge rather than a tree. T2 (willow) - Re-pollard a single limb that's growing over the fence line and all over their thatched roof. This is about 4m of growth coming of.
k)	24/01511/TREE 1 Braefield Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9EZ. T1 Oak tree in back garden: reduce over-extended section growing towards patio by approx. 2m Reason: to improve shape and allow more light to patio.
l)	24/01483/TREE 3 Abbots Close Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AP. T1 Oak L/TPO/146 - Reduce crown by 2 - 2.5m - Tree is close to building, overhangs back garden of neighbour will increase light and reduce risk of roof damage to neighbour.
m)	24/01791/TRCA 68 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW. Proposal: T1 Beech tree at side of house - Sectional fell close to ground level and remove from site.

n)	<p>NOTED AS REFUSED</p> <p>24/00829/OUT 5 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN erection of two dwellings with garages, to include regrading the existing access road.</p> <p>NEW APPLICATIONS</p> <p>A new application has been received for 24/01857/LBC Abbots End High Street Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AA. Proposal: Addition of a patio and garden path which would require an EO to be held December if HAPC wished to comment. Resolved that the Clerk monitors the planning portal for any comments by the public. Clerk to feedback to the PC before the 5/12/24 and the Chair to confirm if an extraordinary meeting is required.</p> <p><i>The meeting was closed at 19.44.</i></p> <p><i>The meeting opened at 19.55.</i></p>
118	<p>Finances</p> <p>a) Resolved to approve the invoices for November (salaries, standing orders and DDMS for payment) Proposed by Cllr PC, seconded by Cllr PK, all in favour.</p> <p>b) Resolved to approve and accept the bank reconciliation for October. Proposed by Cllr PK, seconded by Cllr GP, all in favour.</p> <p>c) To consider the draft budget for 2025/26 and agree the next steps. Resolved to agree a 10% increase to the Precept to cover the 2025/26 budget. The Clerk will circulate the draft budget to all Councillors for their comment on the budget allocation with a request for responses to be emailed to Cllrs PK, MW and the Clerk before the 18/12/24. If no feedback is received the Clerk will request the Precept for 2025/26. A sub-committee will be formed If feedback is received and further work is required on the draft..</p> <p>d) Resolved to accept the Clerk's pay award in line with government legislation, back-dated to April 2024 (LGA agreed flat rate increase). Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr PK, all in favour.</p>
119	<p>Resolved to approve the changes to the Draft Biodiversity Policy and for the Clerk to add the policy to the Document Control sheet and the website.</p>
120	<p>Playing Field</p> <p>a) Resolved to accept the recommendations for remedial action (preventative maintenance) and for the Clerk to obtain quotes with the authority to spend up to £1,000 on the repairs. Proposed by Cllr PC, seconded by Cllr GP, all in favour.</p> <p>Agreed that Wicksteed carry out the following: -repairs to the surfaces (Refs: 886, 913, 906,) -renew the swing-seat connectors (Ref: 909) -remove links from the swing to ensure the clearance to ground is correct (Ref: 907).</p> <p>b) Resolved for Cllr PC to communicate with residents to gauge interest in HAPC applying for a grant for a MONKEY CHALLENGE for the playing field. Proposed by Cllr GP, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.</p>
121	<p>Village Matters</p> <p>a) Noted: The PC has written to the residents of Meadow Lane with their decision on the verge posts.</p> <p>b) Noted: The PC has responded with HAPC's feedback on the Call for Sites consultation. It may be an opportune time to consider how we might discuss the proposal for The Lattenbury's more formally.</p> <p>c) Noted: The Clerk has shared information with parishioners on the timeframe/reasons for the 40 mph limit on the A1307.</p>
122	<p>NOTED - Meetings/Training attended</p> <p>HDC Parish Council Forum (MW & Clerk). Nothing to report.</p> <p>Climate Convention – RH attended and has brought back good bio-diversity ideas for the playing field which she will cover at the next PC meeting.</p> <p>Town Council Meeting – The How was discussed and an important debate took place on the relevance and importance of the Local Plan.</p> <p>Training - New Councillor Training (RH).</p>

123	Matters for future consideration Agree a date for the Annual Parish Meeting (and potentially include the Lattenbury's on the agenda). An update on the LHI for New Road An update on repairs to the play equipment Confirmation of the Precept/Budget
124	Closure of the Meeting 9.05 pm
125	Date of the next Meeting: Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 7 pm in the Village Hall, High Street, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AH.

Payments for November

BACS	4220	Bradgates	Strimming and grass cutting in October	£ 170.00	£ 34.00	£ 204.00
BACS	4215	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.	Playing Field Inspection	£ 132.00	£ 26.40	£ 158.40
BACS	4065	HAVH	Meeting room hire for 9 hrs (Sept/Oct/Nov)	£ 54.00		£ 54.00
				Sub Total	£ 1,167.10	£ 60.40
						£ 1,227.50
DDM	4250	Yu Energy Direct Debit Mandage	September's electricity supply	£ 137.19	£ 6.86	£ 144.05
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				Total	£ 1,316.98	£ 67.89
						£ 1,384.87