

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council

Time: 7 pm Date: Monday 20th January 2025.

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

PRESENT: HDC Councillors: Marcus Whewell, Shaun Reinson, Rie Hargreaves and HDC Councillor Brett Mickelburgh.

Clerk: M. Blewett

Members of the Public: 8



| 2024-2025 | MINUTES | Meeting opened at 7 pm |
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| 136 | <p><u>Public Participation</u> None.</p> <p>HDC Councillor Brett Mickelburgh gave an update on Local Government Reform. It is quite possible that HDC and CCC will cease to exist in 2027/28 and a new Unitary Authority will be formed. Mayoral oversight will encompass a broader set of responsibilities. Cllr BM will report back on how might potentially impact on Town and Parish Councils.</p> | |
| 137 | <p><u>Apologies for absence</u> None.</p> | |
| 138 | <p>Mr. Richard Chamberlain and Ms E. Halls of Hemingford Abbots wish to put themselves forward for co-option to the role of Parish Councillor. Resolved that HAPC appoints Mr. R. Chamberlain and Ms E. Halls as Councillors under the co-option rules. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr RH, all in favour.</p> | |
| 139 | <p><u>Councillors' Declarations of Interest</u> <u>None.</u></p> | |
| 140 | <p><u>Minutes of the previous meeting and Matters Arising</u> Resolved to approve the minutes from the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 9th December 2024. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.</p> | |
| 141 | <p><u>Planning Applications & Appeals</u> <u>NEW (Property)</u></p> <p>a) & b) 24/02343/LBC & 24/02342/HHFUL Hemingford Park Hall Hemingford Park Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AS. Proposal: 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 façade. Received: Fri 13 Dec 2024 Validated: Fri 20 Dec 2024 Status: In progress. HAPC to respond by 27/1/25.</p> <p>Resolved neither for nor against this application given that the majority of the plans that have been submitted have been accepted by HDC and Heritage England. Proposed by Cllr SR, seconded by Cllr RH, all in favour.</p> <p>We wish to record the following:</p> <p>HAPC strongly supports HDC's requirement that the newly laid tarmac is lifted and replaced with a more suitable surface in keeping with a heritage site.</p> <p>HAPC will request that HDC Building Control carries out an audit on the completed work to ensure that it has been carried out to the proposed specifications and meets the required standards.</p> <p>HAPC will separately write to HDC Planning regarding the road that has been built across the front of the historic grade 2 star listed building (without planning permission), that sits outside this planning application.</p> | |

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| | <p>The Chair requested that item 144 be brought forward for discussion</p> <p>NOTED - APPROVED</p> <p>c) 24/01856/HHFUL Abbots End High Street Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AA. Proposal: Addition of a patio and garden path alongside additional alterations to the design and layout of the garden.</p> <p>NOTED - WITHDRAWN</p> <p>d) 24/01467/TREE The Hermitage Rideaway Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AG T1 Mature Copper Beech - Reduce overhanging limbs by 2.5m. Received: Thu 15 Aug 2024 Validated: Tue 08 Oct 2024.</p> <p>e) 24/01857/LBC Abbots End High Street Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AA Addition of a patio and garden path. Ref. No: Received: Mon 07 Oct 2024 Validated: Thu 14 Nov 2024.</p> <p>NEW (TREES)</p> <p>f) 25/00008/TREE 63 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW. Walnut (T6) 022/92 - Prune damaged branch 750mm back to undamaged bark and lateral branch, prune dead wood and reduce length of adjacent limb by 3.5-4m - Reduce colonisation of bacteria/fungi, pockets of decay and further risk of branches falling from damaged branch and reduce the risk of injury from limb failure. Received: Fri 03 Jan 2025 Validated: Mon 06 Jan 2025 Status: In progress. HAPC to respond before the 27/1/25. Resolved in favour of this planning application as this demonstrated positive action on the owner's part to support the health of a distressed tree. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.</p> <p>g) 25/00006/TRCA 78 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW. Proposal: Ash Tree, remove. Received: Fri 03 Jan 2025 Validated: Mon 06 Jan 2025 Status: In progress. HAPC was not asked to comment.</p> <p>h) 24/02332/TRCA Barn Hall, Rideaway Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AG. Proposal: T1 is a silver birch tree – remove. Application Received Fri 13 Dec 2024. In progress. HAPC was not asked to comment.</p> <p>i) 24/02348/TRCA 60 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW. Proposal: T1 Fir -Reduce laterally 1-2m. T3 Pine -Remove hanging branch in lower canopy. Received: Mon 16 Dec 2024 Validated: Tue 17 Dec 2024 Status: In progress. HAPC was not asked to comment.</p> |
| 142 | <p>Finances</p> <p>a) Resolved to approve the invoices for January and to ratify two payments (CPRE £36, paid in December and Buckles Solicitors £3801.60 (inc. VAT), which was paid early on the 6th January 2025. Proposed by Cllr RH, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.</p> <p>b) To approve and accept the bank reconciliation for December. Resolved to accept Quarter 3 bank reconciliation. Proposed by Cllr SR, seconded by Cllr RH, all in favour.</p> <p>c) To receive the Q3 budget report. Item carried forward.</p> <p>d) Noted: that an LHI Bid has been submitted for an extension of the 20 mph extension between Hemingford Grey and Abbots, and up to the village gates on New Road. On behalf of HAPC, the Chair thanked J. Willis for her help in preparing HAPC's application. Resolved that £1500.00 is allocated from the Projects budget (should the LHI bid be successful). Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr RH, all in favour.</p> <p>e) Consider an email from CPRE asking HAPC for a donation. (Appendix 4). Resolved that HAPC cannot support a donation due to current demands on the budget. Proposed by Cllr SR, seconded by Cllr RH, all in favour.</p> <p>f) Consider a letter from the fundraisers of Hemingford Park Pavilion Playpark (HPPP) asking HAPC for a donation toward the new Playpark. Resolved to support HPPP with a £100 donation and a letter of support from the Parish of Hemingford Abbots. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr RH, all in favour.</p> <p>g) Complete and sign UTB's administration form to remove signatories Peter Keen and Phillip Cooke from the Unity Trust Bank Account. Resolved to sign the paperwork. Proposed by Cllr SR, seconded by Cllr MW, all in favour.</p> <p>h) To approve an Internal transfer of £5,000 from the UTB savings account into the UTB current account. Resolved the internal transfer of £5,000 from savings to current account. Proposed by Cllr SR, seconded by Cllr RH, all in favour.</p> |
| 143 | <p>Playing Field</p> <p>Noted: Following the November PC meeting where it was agreed that HAPC would allocate £1,000 for the recommended repairs following the Wicksteed Inspection, the Clerk is gathering quotes for the repairs to the Wet Pour areas and the swings. Dave Cook has been asked to look at the wooden bench/seat and confirm if it can be repaired or needs replacing. Noted. Clerk to follow up and report at the next meeting.</p> |

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| 144 | <u>Village Matters</u> |
| a) | Consider a request from the organisers of the Flower Festival to allow dogs (on leads) be allowed on the playing field during the Flower Festival weekend 28th & 29th June, 11am - 5pm each day. Resolved to approve the request subject to the following conditions: i) Owners are asked to keep dogs on leads at all times and to clear up after their dogs (with the poo bags provided); ii) Temporary dog waste bins are provided by the FF organisers and placed around the perimeter of the playing field. The FF organisers will arrange for the removal of the waste bins at the end of the FF weekend; iii) The play equipment / children's play area is fenced off from dogs. iv) Someone is appointed to inspect the field after the event to ensure it is clean for children. Proposed by Cllr SR, seconded by Cllr RH, all in favour |
| b) | Consider a request from the Hemingford Arts Group to have an information page on the Parish Council website. Resolved in favour of allowing the Hemingford Arts Group a web page. Clerk to inform the organiser and agree access arrangements. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr RH, all in favour. |
| 145 | <u>Matters for future consideration</u> Annual Parish Meeting. Set the date between 1/3 and 1/6, agree the topic/presentations. |
| 146 | <u>Closure of the Meeting</u> Meeting closed at 8.15 pm |
| 147 | <u>Date of the next Meeting:</u> Monday 24th February 2025 at 7 pm in the Village Hall, High Street, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AH. |

Payments for January

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| BACS | 4275 NET NERD (REIMBURSE CLERK) | Annual domain cost to NET NERD 1/1/25-31/12/25 | £ 56.98 | £ 11.40 | £ 68.38 |
| BACS | 4096 Buckles Solicitors | Planning Appeal Hearing | £ 3,168.00 | £ 633.60 | £ 3,801.60 |
| BACS | 4020 HMRC | PAYE for December | £ 20.20 | | £ 20.20 |
| BACS | 4000 Staff Costs | | | | |
| BACS | 4060 Working from home allowance | | | | |
| | | Sub Total | £ 3,878.58 | £ 645.00 | £ 4,523.58 |
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| DDM | 4250 Yu Energy Direct Debit Mandage | December's electricity supply | £ 168.33 | £ 8.42 | £ 176.75 |
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| | | Total | £ 4,059.87 | £ 654.07 | £ 4,713.94 |