

# HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Time: 7 pm Date: Monday 24th March 2025.

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

### PRESENT:

HAPC Councillors: Marcus Whewell, Eddie Hall and Richard Chamberlain

HDC Councillor: Debbie Mickelburgh

Parish Clerk: M. Blewett

Members of the public: 1

2024-2025	Minutes
166	<b><u>Public Participation</u></b> Cllr David Keen, who is standing in the County Council elections introduced himself to the council. Cllr RC asked Cllr DM if Open Reach planned to upgrade the internet connections in Hemingford Abbots. Cllr DM will look into this and let HAPC know what OR's plans are for the area.
167	<b><u>District Councillors Report</u></b> LGA restructure: HDC and 6 other councils involved in the LG restructure in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have submitted a letter of agreement to work together and to use data driven reports to aid in their decision making when drawing up the boundaries for the new unitary authorities. The driving focus is on obtaining the best for residents. The next deadline set by Government is 28/11/25, when a detailed proposal for the local government reorganisation in the area will be submitted.. The HDC Budget was passed on 26/2/25C, resulting in a small increase of £3 a week for the average household. The Huntingdon Future Grants Scheme is returning, a community grant scheme through the Huntingdonshire Futures Place Strategy. Starting Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March, local organisations can apply for grants of up to £2,500. The funding aims to support the Pride in Place journey by encouraging applications for activities and events that showcase and celebrate Huntingdonshire's communities, heritage and cultural identity.. Over £257,000 has been granted to rural communities to tackle climate change.
168	<b>Proposal that we invite Michelle Sacks (CEO -HDC) to attend a parish council meeting in the next three months to share the priorities and concerns of the parish.</b> <b>Resolved</b> to offer an invitation to Michelle Sacks to attend a PC meeting in the next few months. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr RC, all in favour. MW to write a letter.
169	<b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b> Apologies received and accepted from HAPC Cllrs Rie Hargreaves and Shaun Reinson.
170	<b><u>Councillors' Declarations of Interest</u></b> None
171	<b><u>Minutes of the previous meeting and Matters Arising</u></b> <b>Resolved to approved the minutes</b> from the Parish Council meeting held on the 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr RC, all in favour.
172	<b><u>Planning Applications &amp; Appeals</u></b> <b><u>NEW (Property)</u></b> a) <b><u>25/00307/HHFUL</u></b> Oaks Corner 37A Common Lane Hemingford Abbots. Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension to dwelling. HAPC to respond by 25/3/25. <b>Resolved</b> neither for nor against this planning application. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr EH, all in favour. <b><u>NOTED NEW (Trees)</u></b> b) <b><u>25/00316/TRCA</u></b> 2 River Meadow Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AY T1 Douglas Fir - Crown lift to 5m and reduce by 2.5m (height & lateral reduction), removal of dead wood and broken suspended branches. <b><i>HAPC have not been asked to comment.</i></b> <b><u>NOTED PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED</u></b> c) <b><u>24/00219/CLED</u></b> The Old Pavilion Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN Proposal Permanent use of a gym, tennis court and surrounding land for exercising and training by/for Part A) the general public: Part B) uses incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse: and, Part C) physical training uses being lawful under Part A) and/or Part B) for a period in excess of 10 years; or Part D) public use of a gym, tennis court and surrounding land for exercising and training ancillary to the primary use of the 'Old Pavilion' dwellinghouse.

d)	<b><u>NOTED APPROVED TREES</u></b> <b><u>25/00006/TRCA</u></b> 78 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW Ash Tree – Remove.
e)	<b><u>24/02132/TREE24</u></b> Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN G1 Lime to be reduced by 3-4 metres to bring the tree back into shape.
173	<b><u>Finances</u></b>
a)	<b>Resolved to approve the invoices for March</b> (salaries, standing orders and DDMs for payment as listed at the end of the agenda – see additional item for £52.60 for Litter Picking refreshments -highlighted in blue). Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr RC, all in favour.
b)	<b>Resolved to approve and accept</b> the bank reconciliation for February. Proposed by Cllr EH, seconded by Cllr MW, all in favour.
c)	<b>Resolved to renew HAPC'S Insurance</b> with Zurich Insurance Company Ltd. in one week, if no alternative is recommended by neighbouring PCs. The period of cover will be from 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026, premium £1131.47.
d)	<b>Resolved to renew our annual membership with CAPALC/NALC</b> , including Data Protection cover for the period 1/4/25 to 31/3/25 (Premium £380.53). Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr EH, all in favour.
174	<b>Report on the recent parish council forum</b> held at Westminster hosted by Ben Obese-Jecty, MOP for Huntingdon (MW). Our MP, Ben OBESE-JECTY is holding a series of forums at Westminster, inviting parish councils from across his constituency. Cllr MW attended the first session on behalf of the parish. There was a common consensus around flooding, and also issues around planning (lack of consultation, infrastructure not being in place before building work starts, and local needs being ignored).  There was also a discussion around the lack of protection for parish councils and councillors, including threats of intimidation and violence which almost every council in the room had suffered. BOJ invited any parishioner who feels threatened and unable to express their views to write directly to him. HAPC will share BOJ's invitation with parishioners in an agreed format within the next two weeks.
175	<b><u>Playing Field</u></b> <b>Noted:</b> Safe Play will complete the repairs to the play equipment and surfaces by the end of April 2025.
176	<b><u>Village Matters</u></b>
a)	<b>Noted: Flooding</b> - HAPC informed HDC that the flooding issues on Royal Oak Lane should be prioritised. HDC have confirmed that an investigation will be carried out in the area during 2025/25.
b)	<b>Noted: Village Litter-Pick-took place on 23/3/25</b> – Thank you very much to the 23 brilliant volunteers who helped to collect over 20 bags of litter. A special thanks to two of our district councillors Debbie and Brett Mickelburgh, who came along to help with the LP.
c)	<b>Noted: that the Pot Holes on Rideaway will be</b> filled in by mid-April. HAPC has been informed that this stretch of Rideaway will be fully resurfaced sometime in 2025/26.  Cllr EH also suggested that we consider producing a leaflet, containing useful information for distribution throughout the parish.
177	<b><u>Annual Parish Meeting</u></b> <b>Noted:</b> We have spoken to Moats Way Limited and they have provisionally agreed to come and present their plans for 'the land south of the A1307'.  We will also be inviting at least one other party to speak about another significant project in the parish, should they wish to do so.
178	<b><u>Noted: Correspondence Received</u></b> 18/3/25 Email received from Clara Kerr, CPO at HDC regarding planning application 22/02453/HHFUL. To be reviewed and followed up at the next PC meeting if we have not heard from CK or Enforcement.
179	<b><u>Matters for future consideration</u></b> Huntingdon Futures Grant
180	<b><u>Closure of the Meeting</u></b> <b><u>7.50 pm</u></b>
181	<b><u>Date of the next Meeting:</u></b> <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7 pm in the Village Hall, High Street, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AH.</b>

## Payments for March

BACS	4070	CAPALC/NALC	HAPC's annual membership renewal	£ 380.53		£ 380.53
BACS	4020	HMRC				
BACS	4000	Staff Costs				
BACS	4060	Working from home allowance				
BACS	4065	HAVH	PC Meetings - room hire December to March	£ 144.00		£ 144.00
BACS	4275	TRAVEL EXPENSES	Chair's travel expenses to London for MP Round Table Meeting	£ 51.00		£ 51.00
BACS	4055	VIKING LIMITED	Two packs of Litter Picking gloves for the village LP 23/3/25	£ 11.04	£ 2.21	£ 13.25
BACS	4305	LITTER PICK EXPENSES	Chair's outlay for 'thank you' refreshments to LP volunteers 23/3/25	£ 52.60		£ 52.60
BACS	4055	VIKING LIMITED	Office supplies (cartridges for printer/plastic sleeves)	£ 148.71	£ 29.74	£ 178.45
			<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£1,504.84</b>	<b>£ 31.95</b>	<b>£1,536.79</b>
<b>DDM</b>						
DDM	4250	Yu Energy Direct Debit Mandage	February's electricity supply	£ 11.86	£ 0.59	£ 12.45
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			<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,670.67</b>	<b>£ 40.24</b>	<b>£1,710.91</b>