

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Monday 24th February 2025 in the:

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



Present: HAPC Cllrs Marcus Whewell, Shaun Reinson, Richard Chamberlain and HDC Councillor Debbie Mickelburgh

Clerk: M. Blewett

Members of the Public: 7

2024-2025	Minutes	Meeting opened 7.05pm
148	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Members of the public expressed concern regarding the amount and frequency of flooding and the state of the drains in and around the village. It was suggested that using non-permeable materials to build new, or to upgrade existing driveways, was exacerbating the flooding and, in the longer term, should the development south of the A1307 progress, the existing drainage system would not cope.</p> <p>Cllr MW said there are parishioners who are concerned about the impact of the proposed development south of the A1307 on the village and that HAPC may invite Moats Way Limited to come and give a presentation on their plans.</p> <p>Cllr MW and Hemingford Grey Cllr Robin Waters planned to visit CCC in the next couple of weeks to help identify the location of the watercourses.</p> <p>Following a meeting with Highways last year HAPC were informed that 90% of H/Abbots drainage system would need replacing, however getting an action plan for this is proving difficult.</p> <p>It was suggested that we contact Cllr Sarah Conboy to ask her how the new Godmanchester development has impacted on flooding in Godmanchester.</p>	
149	<p>District Councillors Report</p> <p>HDC Cllr Debbie Mickelburgh provided a synopsis of the HDC Town and Parish Council Report on the PC website: https://hemingfordabbots.org.uk/huntindon-district-councils-town-and-parish-newsletter/</p> <p>Main topics: ERs NI impact on the HDC budget. The Active Travel Public Engagement. Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework and the impact it is having on HDC. The Local Government White Paper on devolution of local government (meaning a merging of the District and County Councils), which is expected to be implemented in the second phase (2027).</p>	
150	<p>Presentation on the Hemingford Hopper Bus</p> <p>David Cope gave a short presentation on the progress made and the funding required for the Hemingford Hopper Bus pilot. DC answered questions on the research that had been carried out to determine the demand for the service, and also on what route the HHB would take.</p>	
151	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Eddie Halls and Cllr Rie Hargreaves. Proposed by Cllr SR, seconded by Cllr RC, all in favour.</p>	
152	<p>Councillors' Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None</p>	
153	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>Resolved to approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th January 2025. Proposed by Cllr RC, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.</p>	
154	<p>Planning Applications & Appeals</p> <p>NEW (Property)</p> <p>a) 23/00627/OUT Proposal: Land Between Houghton Grange And The How Houghton Road Houghton. Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the construction of up to 120 homes (Use Class C3) with associated public open space, landscaping, play areas, surface water attenuation, roads, car parking, pedestrian and cycle routes, utility infrastructure and associated works. Responses to HDC Planning by 7/3/25.</p>	

	<p><u>Resolved to recommend refusal of this proposal</u> for the reasons given in our response of the 22nd October 2024 in which we voiced our concerns about this development. Our concerns have not changed since last October (2024) and we see no fundamental difference in this application, other than the density of the housing which has increased to 30 houses per hectare. Proposed by Cllr SR, seconded by Cllr MW, all in favour.</p> <p>NOTED - NEW (TREES) b) <u>25/00216/TRCA</u> 3 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN. Works to Tree in a Conservation Area. Proposal: P1 (Lombardi Poplar) - Fell. L1 (Lime) - Remove deadwood, laterally reduce by up to 3m to re-balance canopy, crown raise to 4.5m, no reduction to height. HAPC was not asked to comment.</p> <p>NOTED - APPROVED BUILDING WORK c) <u>24/02342/HHFUL</u> Hemingford Park Hall Hemingford Park Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AS. 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.</p> <p>d) <u>24/02343/LBC</u> Hemingford Park Hall Hemingford Park Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AS. 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.</p> <p>NOTED - APPROVED TREE WORKS e) <u>24/02231/TREE</u> The Hermitage Rideaway Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AG. Beech - crown reduce branches to improve the shape of tree by 1-2m but in case of one over-extended branch by 5m and removing pegs from previous pruning.</p>
155	<p><u>22/02453/HHFUL Hemingford Park Common Lane Hemingford Abbots.</u> Proposal: Retention of greenhouse for uses solely incidental to the residential use of the main dwellinghouse. Refused in December 2023. <u>Resolved to write to HDC Planning Enforcement to understand:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The current status of the greenhouse at Hemingford Park and what corrective action (if any) has been undertaken - The process for managing refused (built) planning applications and the timescales involved. For clarification, we would particularly like to understand the options for HDC to demand changes to a building that has an application refused after work was completed before the planning application was approved. - <p>Proposed by Cllr SR, seconded by Cllr RC, all in favour.</p>
156	<p><u>Feedback on Meetings attended:</u> Cllr MW shared the following information following his attendance at HDC's Housing Land Supply meeting where the NPPF and NPPG changes were discussed: Housing requirements will rise in Huntingdonshire from 874 to 1213 a year for the next five years. HAPC will seek clarification on how the housing gap will be addressed (i.e. will the Call for Sites be revisited to find the development land?). Tilted balance will be introduced under the new NPPF, meaning planning officers will look more favourably on approving applications, unless there is a very strong reason for refusal. One strong reason for refusal will continue to be the risk of flooding. All Councillors are encouraged to read the full information.</p>
157	<p><u>Finances</u></p> <p>a) Resolved to authorise the invoices for February (salaries, standing orders and DDMs for payment as listed at the end of the agenda. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.</p> <p>b) Resolved to approve and accept the bank reconciliation for January. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr RC, all in favour.</p> <p>c) Resolved to accept the Q3 budget report. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.</p> <p>d) Noted that a VAT claim for £900.96 was received from HMRC and was credited to the current account on the 6/2/25.</p> <p>e) Resolved to accept the insurance renewal quote from Zurich before the next PC meeting (24/3/25) if the clerk does not receive feedback from Cllrs. and/or is unable to find an alternative provider who will confirm their run-off period (for all risks). Proposed by Cllr RC, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.</p>

158	<u>Discuss the poor state of the roads in the Parish, particularly the flyover on Rideaway over the A1307.</u> Resolved that the Clerk contact Simon Burgin, Safety Officer at CCC to arrange a meeting with HAPC to discuss and agree repairs to the numerous and dangerous potholes on Rideaway. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.
159	<u>Playing Field</u> Resolved to appoint Playsafe to carry out repairs to the play equipment and safety surfaces. Proposed by Cllr RC, seconded by Cllr MW, all in favour.
160	<u>Village Matters</u>
a)	<u>Flooding Priorities</u> Resolved to contact the HDC Local Project Team and confirm that the priorities for their investigation should focus initially on Royal Oak Lane (which has flooded persistently for the last 5 years, despite attempts to repair the broken pipes and blocked ditches) and the area of road in front of the village hall, which has suffered from excess water from flooded drains over the last 20 years. Proposed by Cllr RC, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.
b)	<u>Maintenance & Repairs:</u> Resolved to accept Dave Cook's estimate of £300 to paint of all village benches (1 Meadow Lane, 1 Common Lane and 2 in the playing field), the Kissing Gate near Chapmans and also to weed / tidy up the overgrown area near the common (to be carried out once the weather improves). Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.
c)	<u>Village Litter-Pick</u> Resolved to hold a village litter pick on Sunday 23/3/25, meeting outside the Village Hall at 10 am where equipment will be provided. Clerk to organise advertising posters. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.
161	<u>Annual Parish Meeting</u> Resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 30 th April 2025 at 7 pm. Resolved to also consider extending an invitation to the following organisations/individuals: -A representative from Moats Way Limited to give a presentation on the development south of the A1307. - Officer Andy Caruana, The Police to present on crime and prevention in the area. -The owners of Hemingford Park to present their future plans, -HDC and CCC Cllrs to present their annual report.
162	<u>NOTED</u> Invitation from CCC to attend Online Funding Workshops in March.
163	<u>Matters for future consideration</u> n/a
164	<u>Closure of the Meeting</u> 8.35 pm.
165	<u>Date of the next Meeting:</u> Monday 24th March 2025 at 7 pm in the Village Hall, High Street, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AH.

Payments for February

BACS	4070	SLCC	Clerk's annual membership renewal	£ 110.00		£ 110.00
BACS	4250	K&M LIGHTING	Annual contract renewal fee	£ 404.80	£ 80.96	£ 485.76
BACS	4305	GRANT/PROJECT	Hemingford Pavillion Play Park	£ 100.00		£ 100.00
BACS	4020					
BACS	4000					
BACS	4060					
			Sub Total	£1,169.36	£ 80.96	£1,250.32
DDM						
DDM	4250	Yu Energy Direct Debit Mandage	January's electricity supply	£ 178.03	£ 8.90	£ 186.93
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			Total	£1,360.62	£ 90.52	£1,451.14