

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2 Jun 2020 at 7:30pm

On-Line Meeting Only

Present

Parish Councillors:	Bridget Flanagan (Chairman) John Peters Marcus Whewell Zoe Ryll Christine Nicol
Clerk:	Ms Ramune Mimiene
County and District Councillors:	None
Members of the Public:	2

MINUTES

1. **To Receive and Approve Apologies for Absence**
No Parish Councillor apologies for absence received.
HDC Cllrs sent apologies for absence.
2. **County/District Councillors' Update**
To receive and accept reports
None.
3. **Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**
To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests from members, as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and the nature of those interests relating at any Agenda item.
None received.
Cllr MW declared Personal Interest in Planning item 5.2.
4. **Public Participation Session**
Open Forum. A maximum of 15 minutes is permitted for members of the public to address the Council on the item on the Agenda. Members of the public may have up to three minutes each. Items to be addressed should be notified to the Clerk three working days in advance of the meeting.
2 residents joined the meeting and presented their opposing statements regarding Planning item 5.2.
5. **Planning**
 - 5.1 *Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of application 17/01906/FUL - to amend the internal layout and external appearance and new double garage with loft storage above. Site Address: Barn Royal Oak Corner High Street Reference: 20/00593/S73 – received 14 May 2020, comments by 5th Jun 20.*
HAPC resolve to recommend **refusal**.
 1. HAPC is concerned that the bulk, scale and height of the proposed double garage with loft above is excessive and too dominant in relation to the original barns.
 2. HAPC also recommend refusal because the application has insufficient information on:
 - a) the materials to be used for the proposed rebuild of the external original wall facing the High Street ('the Garden Wall') and its raising by four brick courses.
HAPC wishes to see the existing bricks retained when the wall is demolished and rebuilt. HAPC is concerned that the additional bricks to be added for this wall should be stipulated to be appropriate to the existing heritage brickwork.
 - b) the details of design and materials for the proposed gates and 1.8m wall at the front entrance to the site
All points of 1 and 2a & b are important to the street scene and nearby Listed Buildings in the Conservation Area

3. Trees: HAPC is concerned that the location of the proposed garage is impractical given the requirement to replant a tree in the same place as the TPO-protected Chestnut tree that was recently removed.

HAPC wishes to see appropriate replanting schemes to replace the trees felled on the site. Currently these are marked TBC.

Proposal **Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr CN, All in favour, and it was RESOLVED to recommend Refusal to the above planning application.** **Carried**

Note since meeting: PC comments submitted on 5 Jun 20

Cllr MW withdrew himself from the meeting, discussion and voting on Planning item 5.2.

5.2 Variation of Condition 2 for application reference: 1401175FUL to allow for the preparation and sale of cold food from the outbuilding Site Address: Axe And Compass High Street Hemingford Abbots Reference: 19/00683/S73 comments by 11th Jun 20

HAPC resolved to recommend approval of this application.

HAPC is aware of neighbours' concerns, but feels that the preparation of cold food (salad, sandwiches and sharing boards), the holding of hot food that has been prepared and cooked in the Pub's indoor kitchen, and the serving of pre-packaged soft drinks, is acceptable and should not be disruptive or upsetting to neighbours' amenities.

HAPC notes that is opposed to the serving of alcohol, and the preparation and cooking of all hot food on the out-building site.

HAPC had responded to this application in May 2019, before additional information was supplied by the applicant. HAPC has now made its revised recommendation with regard to that additional information which was undated, but posted on HDC website on 13.6.2019.

HAPC is very concerned that the revised application is only now being processed, almost a year after the additional information was received. The applicants have told HAPC that they queried it in December 2019 and Feb 2020 when HDC said this was due to 'staff shortages'. HAPC will ask HDC if this is correct.

Proposal **Proposed by Cllr JP, seconded by Cllr CN, one Cllr abstained, All other Cllrs in favour, and it was RESOLVED to recommend approval to the above planning application.** **Carried**

Note since meeting: PC comments submitted on 5 Jun 20.

Cllr MW re-joined the meeting

2 members of the public left the meeting.

5.3 Response from HDC re: Tree works in the village

PC agreed that meeting with HDC is required. Cllr BF will liaise with Distr Cllr Sarah Wilson and contact Tamsin Miles, officer at HDC.

BF

6. To Consider Safeguarding Policy

Cllr MW agreed to contact the Hemingford Hub seeking the clarification promised to HAPC as to what is expected from HAPC regarding that document required for the Application to the Cambs Coronavirus Community Fund. HAPC were given the impression that the policy has to be more orientated towards the safe keeping of money, in which case HAPC are happy to share our Financial Regulations and to not adopt a new policy unless it is helping the Hemingford Hub.

It was agreed to adopt the Safeguarding Policy re the Playing Field.

MW

Proposal **Proposed by Cllr JP, seconded by Cllr CN, one Cllr abstained, All other Cllrs in favour, and it was RESOLVED to recommend to approve the above policy.** **Carried**

7. To consider C-option to fill the 2 vacancies on parish Council

Potential candidates been approached.

8 Highway Faults

Rumble strips in High Street – been reported to CCC, the Highways Officer inspected the site, further actions are going to be confirmed.

PC agreed to add the 3rd Rumble Strip located in Rideaway that needs CCC Highways attention – Cllr JP agreed to provide the National Grid Reference for the location.

Clerk to inform CCC.

Note since meeting: Clerk submitted the details.

JP
Clerk

Feedback from Highways Officer received: The photographs of the area taken by CCC, and emailed to CCC Highways Network management team.

9 Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence received on Corona virus and further PC actions

9.2 PC received email from the resident re: bicycles on the footpaths. The email stated that the path between the High Street and Chapmans Close is very narrow and there have been several occasions when pedestrians have had to leap out of the way. At the moment, there is a constant stream of people walking and jogging along this path.

It was agreed to contact CCC and seek to install 'No cycling' signs to be put at the High Street end and on the kissing gates between the fields. Hemingford Grey has them at both ends of the river path.

The 'No Cycling' signs are required at either end of the footpath, Cllr JP agreed to provide the Grid references Clerk to inform CCC.

Note since meeting: CCC notified.

CCC response received, suggestion for HAPC to apply via LHI scheme.

JP
Clerk

10. Agenda items for the next meeting

Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 s12 10(2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore, the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for discussion.

11. Date of Next Meetings

*Meetings agreed to be held on the **4th Monday of the Month:***

22 June

27 July

28 Sep

26 Oct

23 Nov No meetings planned for Aug and Dec

Meeting finished at 8.46pm

These minutes are considered draft until ratified at the next Hemingford Abbots Parish Council meeting