

Hemingford Abbots Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on 26th September at 7:30pm
at Hemingford Abbots Village Hall

Present Parish Councillors: Bridget Flanagan (Chairman)
John Peters (Vice Chairman)
Christine Nicol (Vice Chairman)
Brian Parsons

Minute taker: Diane Bayliss (Temporary Clerk)

County and District Councillors:

Members of the Public: 1

79. To receive and approve Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllrs Marcus Whewell and Alun Jones.

Absent: CC Cllr Ian Bates; HD Cllrs David Underwood, Sarah Conboy and Mike Grice.

80. Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

Brian Parsons – **Tree Approval II.** 18/01791/TRCAT1 - 1x Bay - remove two mature stems before they break out as with rest of tree and retain basal growth. T2 - 1x Norway Maple - Fell - Poor form, distorted canopy. Historic wound at ground level on trunk. Low amenity value at 1 Braefield Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9EZ

81. Public Participation Session

82. Parish Councillor Vacancy

There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council which will continue to be advertised.

The Chairman proposed that item 90 be brought forward to this point.

83. Hemingford Abbots Golf Course

- Cllr John Peters has written to Cambridgeshire County Council pointing out that the artificial turf recycling centre adjacent to the old golf course site does not have a waste permit.
- Cllr John Peters has emailed the Environment Agency to see what progress they have made on the removal of the artificial turf on the site adjacent to the old golf course site.
- Cllr Bridget Flanagan had spoken to Daniel Buckridge about the unsuccessful nomination to register the golf course as an asset of community value (received in July). Although there is not an appeal process, because of the circumstances in this case the Parish Council can resubmit another application with further information should they so wish.

84. For Information only

- There have been two further failures at the sewage pumping station at Rideaway Drive resulting in sewage spillage in Royal Oak Lane and the High Street. Anglian Water have assured the Council that they have replaced one of the pumps in the pumping station. The District & County Councillors will be contacted and asked to take up the matter on behalf of the Parish Council with the Environmental Health Department at HDC and the Environment Agency.
- There has been a further application for the role of Clerk to the Council. A brief interview took place this evening and the applicant's CV will be circulated to all councillors before a decision is made.

85. County/District Councillors' update

County Councillor

There was no report from the County Councillor.

District Councillor

There was no report from the District Council.

86. Minutes of the previous meetings

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th August 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chairman.

87. Matters arising from the previous meetings

- Re-painting of the white lines and the unblocking of the drains on the High Street still needs to be actioned.

88. Planning

a. Planning Applications

- APPLICATION REF: 18/01898/HHFUL Erection of glazed rear extension. 57 Common Lane, Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW – the Council **resolved** not to object to the application.
- APPLICATION REF: 18/01737/HHFUL To carry out a like for like replacement of roof and ridge tiles to "The Stable Block" annex building due to deterioration of existing tiles with age and weathering. Replacement tiles will be Redland "Rosemary" machine made clay tiles of identical appearance to the existing roof at The Hermitage, Rideaway Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AG – the Council **resolved** not to object to the application.
- APPLICATION REF 18/01018/FUL Littlebury Farm, Moats Way, Hemingford Abbots – the Council **resolved** not object to the proposal in principal, however they would like a condition attached to any approval to state that the building should be used for agricultural purposes only.

b. Tree Applications

- 18/01788/TRCA Dismantle with rigging the decayed Douglas Fir (ID# 3) located at the front of house. Leave stump as close as grade as possible. The tree Ganoderma decay fungus directly at the base of roots, tree is 20 meters plus and 5 meters from nearest property, evidence of decay on at least 2 points at the base of the main stem at 40 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN – it was **resolved** to refer the application to the tree officer.
BP did not take part in the discussion for the next item.
- 18/01791/TRCAT1 - 1x Bay - remove two mature stems before they break out as with rest of tree and retain basal growth. T2 - 1x Norway Maple - Fell - Poor form, distorted canopy. Historic wound at ground level on trunk. Low amenity value at 1 Braefield, Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9EZ – it was **resolved** that as the

tree being removed is in a Conservation Area the Council would recommend that a replacement tree of suitable maturity is planted in its place.

- iii. 18/01956/TRCAT1 - 1x Eucalyptus - Fell - Bifurcated at base, outgrowing location, low amenity value T2 - 1x Holly - Fell - Lapsed pollard, poor form, sparse crown - will replant with flowering cherry, more suitable for raised bed at 15 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN - it was **resolved** that as the tree being removed is in a conservation area the council would recommend that a replacement tree of suitable maturity is planted in its place.
- iv. 18/01725/TRCA Elm Tree (T1) - Fell to ground as it has elm disease and many dead branches after the hot summer. It is besides the grass verge on Common Lane and the dead branches hang over the road where many people walk every day. It poses a risk to the public as branches fall down and in a high wind it could fall down. It also poses a big risk to the people who come to the Hemingford Abbots Flower Festival. Silver Birch (T2) - Fell to ground as it has recently started leaning badly in recent hot weather. The roots are by the water and gas pipes and also the sewerage drain to main sewer. Should the tree fall it will rip up the water, gas and sewerage pipes and create a serious risk including a fire risk. It will also take down the neighbours BT telephone line and damage any cars parked in our driveway. The tree roots also enter the sewerage pipe and requires periodic removal. The top of the silver birch is rotten and detrimental to other nearby trees. Silver Birch (T3) - Fell to ground. The tree is over 12 m tall and within 1m of our house and 3m of the neighbour's house. The tree is now too tall for high winds which whip between the houses and should it fall it will damage our house and the neighbours as it hangs over their porch. The roots also pose structural damage risk to the foundations and walls of both houses. 11 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN - it was **resolved** that as the tree being removed is in a Conservation Area the Council would recommend that a replacement tree of suitable maturity is planted in its place.

89. Hemingford Abbots Golf Course

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

90. Financial matters

a. It was resolved that the following payments are made:

Michael Williamson – Internal Audit - £60

CAPALC Clerk's Salary and Travel - £379.20

b. The financial report will be brought to the October meeting for approval.

c. As no invoice for the grant for the grass cutting at the Peace Memorial had been received this matter was deferred until October meeting.

91. GDPR Update from CAPALC

It was proposed by Cllr John Peters and seconded by Cllr Chris Nicol that the Council join the CAPALC General Data Protection Membership Scheme.

CARRIED

92. Resolution to Approve Bank Account Signatories

It was proposed by Cllr Bridget Flanagan and seconded by Cllr John Peters that the Clerk to the Council will be the primary contact for the bank account, able to view and submit payments, and that Cllr Brian Parsons should also be able to view and submit in the absence of the Clerk. Cllr Chris Nicols will be an additional signatory on the account able to view and authorise. Cllrs Bridget Flanagan & John Peters will continue to be signatories able to view and authorise payments.

93. Village maintenance and repairs

- The fencing has been replaced on the Houghton lock gate which had been down for most of the summer however the next post along and other posts are also unstable. The Clerk will email the Clerk at Houghton and Wyton Parish Council to see if they are aware of any plans to repair the fencing over the lock.

94. Highway faults, repairs and issues

The Parish Council will write letters to Emma Cichy and Jo Chalice at the County Council West Highways Dept asking them for a follow up meeting about the repairs to New Road.

95. Housing Needs Survey

The Parish Council confirmed their agreement for Accent to sponsor the Housing Needs Survey which will be undertaken by Cambridgeshire ACRE.

96. Correspondence for Information and Response

- i. CAPALC AGM Thursday 11th October 2018 7pm Cottenham Village Hall – Cllr Brian Parsons will attend on behalf of Hemingford Abbots Parish Council.
- ii. CAPALC Bulletin (Noted)
- iii. Cambridgeshire Matters Newsletter (Noted)

97. Matters for future consideration

- The Regatta Committee are offering the Parish Council a damaged, redundant boat which might be used in the village for flowers at the junction of Royal Oak Lane and the High Street.
- Clearing the area around the Splash.

98. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 30th October 2018 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.07pm