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HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th July 2018 at 7:30pm at Hemingford Abbots Village Hall

Present Parish Councillors: Bridget Flanagan (Chairman)
John Peters (Vice Chairman)
Christine Nicol (Vice Chairman)
Marcus Whewell (Vice Chairman)
Alun Jones
Brian Parsons (item 56 onwards)

Minute taker: Erika Brown

County and District Councillors: None present

Members of the Public: One

48	To receive and approve Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor: Ian Bates, District Councillors: David Underwood, Sarah Conboy and Mike Grice.
49	Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests None declared.
50	Public Participation Session None.
51	Information only Councillor Nicol advised that she would be attending a meeting in August with neighbouring town and parish councils regarding the local bus services.
52	County/District Councillors' update No update provided.
53	Minutes of the previous meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting held on 27th June 2018 – approved and signed without amendment.• Meeting held on 10th July 2018 – approved and signed without amendment.
54	Matters arising from the previous meetings From the meeting held on 27 th June 2018 <u>Item 30.</u> Councillor Flanagan advised that Parish Council meetings will be moved from October onwards to the last Tuesday of the month. <u>Item 33.</u> Local Highway Improvement Scheme – the Village Hall Committee has completed a scheme form which is due to be submitted by the Parish Council by 31 st July. Councillor Peters agreed to review the application and submit it by the deadline. No matters arising from the meeting held on 10 th July 2018.
55	Planning <u>Outstanding matters</u> District Councillor Underwood had followed up with Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) on the Parish Council's concern over the considerable delay in dealing with the

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	<p>enforcement issue regarding the fence at The Meads, Royal Oak Lane. No resolution to report.</p> <p><u>Applications determined by HDC</u> – nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Applications awaiting determination by HDC</u> – nothing to report.</p> <p>It was noted that Mick George Ltd has submitted an application for the site of Hemingford Abbots Golf Course to be considered for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Draft Local Plan. The Parish Council has submitted its comments on the Draft Local Plan. The Hemingfords Action Group has submitted its objections to the Mick George proposal.</p> <p><u>New applications</u></p> <p>i. Application ref: 18/01460/NMA – amendment to 17/02652/HHFUL, The Granary, Church Lane, Hemingford Abbots, change of roof appearance. Councillors were advised that the amendment had already been approved by HDC prior to the Parish Council meeting. Resolved to make no further observation.</p> <p>ii. A new application has been received via email from HDC relating to an application at Littlebury Farm similar to one which had been previously discussed by the Parish Council. HDC has advised that this new application is to be considered agricultural rather than domestic. The Council agreed to seek clarification from HDC on the application and Councillor Flanagan will request a possible extension for the parish’s consultation.</p>
	<p>Parish Councillor and Clerk Vacancies</p> <p>Brian Parsons joined the meeting as a new member of the Parish Council.</p> <p>A further Councillor vacancy remains with one potential candidate to be followed up in August.</p> <p>A temporary Parish Council Clerk Ms Diane Baylis has been appointed until the new Clerk, Ms Justine Salazar, takes up the post from late September. The new Clerk has registered for the Introduction to Local Council Administration (ILCA) on-line training course and had made enquiries about the Clerk training course which currently clashes with her other work commitments. Training days may therefore be changed.</p> <p>The contract for the new Clerk is outstanding due to paperwork yet to be received from CPALC.</p>
<p>57</p>	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>As currently there is no Responsible Finance Officer in post all financial matters have been on hold.</p> <p>Hemingford Grey Playgroup had submitted an application for the funding of outdoor play equipment. The Council resolved to award £100 in support of the project.</p>
<p>58</p>	<p>Local Highway Improvement Scheme 2019/2020</p> <p>As reported in item 54.</p>
<p>59</p>	<p>Village maintenance and repairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglian Water has repaired the water leak in Common Lane. • John Peters has sent an email to Councillor Bates regarding the proposed works in New Road. Recent correspondence from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) has

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	<p>referred to the works has “patching” rather than “repair” – the latter which had been promised at on-site meetings with CCC representatives earlier in the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village signs refurbishment/replacement – to be discussed when new Clerk is in post.• Repair to fencing at Houghton Lock on Hemingford Abbots side has been carried out. The fencing/handrail directly above the river is now damaged and is currently being supported with temporary fencing.
60	<p>Highway faults, repairs and issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Street lighting – painting of lighting columns as required has started.• The removal of bushes in Meadow Lane is outstanding, the deadline for which has passed. Clerk to follow up with Jo Challis, CCC.• Two concrete bollards have been erected outside Barnfield, Common Lane. The property owner considers that the land on which the bollards have been placed belongs to him. Clerk to make enquiries with Jo Challis, CCC.• The Splash – the meeting was closed to discuss the condition of The Splash and nearby verges. Meeting re-opened. The Council resolved that volunteers will cut back brambles from the verges close to The Splash and re-paint the white marker posts. The Council will consider dredging of The Splash.• Monitor the tarmac which is breaking up (possibly due to extreme weather conditions) on the roads close to the A14 bridge.
61	<p>Matters for future consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Council has received notification from MAGPAS of its proposed move to Alconbury Weald and has requested the Council’s support. MAGPAS has sent a request for funds but has not submitted a formal application.• Consider a response to HDC regarding their refusal of the Parish Council’s nomination for Hemingford Abbots Golf Course to be designated as a community asset. It was noted that this decision has been made by HDC’s Community Asset Panel comprising wholly of HDC officers and no District Councillors who had previously indicated their support for the nomination. Councillor Flanagan will make enquiries with the Ward members and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.• Parish Council consultation has been received on works to trees at 3 Abbots Close, Hemingford Abbots with comments to be received by 7th August. It was noted that some trees on site have already been cut down. The application had been validated by HDC on 4th June and with the granted six week consultation period, after which and if no observations by HDC have been made, the 7th August deadline was too late for Parish input.• Shell Garage entrance off Rideaway – there is lots of general littering at the site. Lorries are regularly parking overnight. Matter of blocking entrance to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed 8.50pm.