

# HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7:30pm at the Hemingford Abbots Village Hall

**Present:** Erika Brown  
**Councillors:** Bridget Flanagan  
Pearl Muspratt  
Christine Nicol  
John Peters (Chairman)  
Marcus Whewell

**Clerk:** Carole Pollock

**County and District Councillors:** County Councillor Ian Bates

**Members of the Public:** 3 members of the public

**135 To receive and approve Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and approved from Councillor Alun Jones.  
Apologies were received from District Councillors Doug Dew and Alison Donaldson.

**136 Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**

None declared

**137 Public Participation Session**

A resident complained that some of the new street lighting lanterns did not illuminate the footpath and shone into some resident's properties.

A representative from the Hemingford Abbots Village Hall Committee enquired whether it was possible to have yellow lines painted on the highway opposite the Village Hall; the resident was advised to contact Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department for further information.

The Chairman gave an update on the current position with regard to obstructions on the highways and fly tipping at the old Shell Garage.

A parishioner explained that his complaint to the Local Government Boundary Commission was now at the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage and requested the support of the Parish Council. Support had also been requested from Hemingford Grey and Houghton & Wyton Parish Councils

Item 143 was brought forward on the Agenda and discussed:

**143 Vehicle Activation Signs**

Resident Mr Johnny Brown explained and demonstrated what data was extractable from the village vehicle activated signs. The units only hold 66 days of data, any previous periods data would be overwritten. Various graphs and charts were examined and discussed. The Parish Clerk to contact the suppliers to verify whether vehicles initial speed, when entering the recording zone or its leaving speed, was recorded on the data extracted. Mr Johnny Brown will collect the data from the devices monthly. **RESOLVED** that it would be helpful to share some of the data with Hemingford Grey Parish Council and that monthly data should include a traffic count, average speed and the number of vehicle speeding above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile range.

One resident left the meeting.

**138 County/District Councillors' Update.**

County Councillor Ian Bates gave an update on current Cambridgeshire County Council issues. The County Budget was in the process of being set and will be debated in February.

County Councillor Ian Bates left the meeting.

**139 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**140 Matters Arising from the previous meeting**

The Minutes Action Plan was reviewed.

**141 For Information Only**

Councillor Bridget Flanagan advised the meeting that the running of the St Ives Bridge Chapel had officially been handed over to the Norris Museum from Cambridgeshire County Council. Councillor Erika Brown stated there had been a meeting of the Personnel Committee.

**142 Planning**

**a Outstanding Matters**

No matters to report

**b Application determined by HDC**

- i 2 Meadow Lane – 16/02444/TRCA – G 1-3 – Lawson Cypress: remove T1 – Hawthorn – Remove.**  
**HAPC: N/A** **HDC: Consent**
  - ii 4 River Meadow – 16/02422/TRCA – T1 Willow: pollard at 6 metres. Tree is growing at an acute angle over the river. Pollarding will prevent it uprooting and causing an obstruction whilst maintaining it a feature on the river frontage**  
**HAPC: N/A.** **HDC: Consent**
  - iii 4 Common Lane – 16/02424/TRCA – T1 Maple: Fell. The tree is dead. G1 Row of Yews: reduce height to circa 15ft. This row is an overgrown hedge, the works are to return them to a maintainable hedgerow. T2 White Popular: Remove secondary stem. The secondary stem is becoming co-dominant and extending out of the crown. Removal would improve the appearance of the tree and remove the risk of future limb failure.**  
**HAPC: N/A** **HDC: Consent**
  - iv The Hermitage, Rideaway – 16/02284/TRCA – 1 3no. Birch – fell and grind stump – avoiding damage to liquidamber and Hickory, clear all rising grindings 2a Leaning/failed Birch – fell and clear 3 Lawsons cypress on the boundary – fell and grind stump 7a Ash dead but with low live stem – fell live stem and grind stump b fell dead stems to 2.5 metres 8a Ash – fell 9; 3 populars a)remove low limb over apple b)remove stem leaning from fence line c) large tree in tree belt over Hazel – dismantle to ground level and clear 12. 2no populars closer to building – fell in sections and treat stumps if required**  
**HAPC: N/A** **HDC: Consent**
  - v 86 Common Lane – 16/02460/TREE – Elm: fell close to ground level**  
**HAPC: No decision could be made.** **HDC: Consent**
  - vi 68 Common Lane – 16/02456/TREE – Multi-stemmed Ash: remove 2 leaning stems**  
**HAPC: No observations for or against** **HDC: Consent**
  - vii 70 Common Lane – 16/02455/TREE – White Willow: fell close to ground level**  
**HAPC: Approval** **HDC: Consent**
  - viii 10 Rideaway Drive – 16/02454/TRCA – Remove conifer tree down to ground level because of dangerous position close to house, shading etc.**  
**HAPC: No decision could be made.** **HDC: Consent**
  - ix 2 River Meadow – 16/02348/TRCA –Prunus – crown reduce height by approximately 3m. Crown reduce east side of canopy by approx. 3-4 metres. Shape into remainder of canopy 2. Weeping Willow – crown reduce height by approx. 4-5 metres. Crown reduce spread on north side by approx. 3-4 metres. Crown reduce spread on northeast side by approx. 4-5 metres. Crown reduce spread on the south side by approx. 1-2 metres to shape and balance. Remove all deadwood.**  
**HAPC: No observations for or against** **HDC: Consent**
  - x Ash Meadow, Meadow Lane – 16/02363/FUL – Demolition of detached 1970's bungalow and erection of two detached 5 bedroom houses with double garages. Construction of a new crossover on to Meadow Lane.**  
**HAPC: Refusal** **Applicant: Withdrawn**
  - xi 43 Common Lane – 16/02222/S73 – Amendment to condition 4 on application number: 16/01497/FUL to use flat roof area as private balcony area with screening to neighbouring boundary.**  
**HAPC: Refusal** **HDC: Permission**
- c Application awaiting determination by HDC**
- i Land Between Houghton Grange and The How, Houghton Road, Houghton 1301056OUT - Hybrid application. Outline permission for 224 dwellings and retail unit (details of access and layout included) and full permission for roads, pathways, Public Open Space, associated landscaping, lighting and drainage.**  
**HAPC: Refusal**

- ii **Axe & Compass, High Street – 1401175FUL** – Erection of outbuilding for food and beverage preparation.  
**HAPC:** No observations for or against
  - iii **Royal Oak Corner, High Street – 16/00176/TREE** – All Willows to be pollarded to 6-8m, remove all Leylandii, fell all Poplars that are more than 5m from boundary, T1:Beech tree –fell, T2-Thorn –fell, T3- Horse-chestnut – fell and other works.  
**HAPC:** Refusal
  - iv **Selwyn Cottage, Rideaway– 16/01383/TRCA** – Removal of small Yew Tree and remove.  
**HAPC:** No observations for or against.
  - v **6 Rideaway Drive – 16/00782/TRCA** – Removal of a Monkey Puzzle tree.  
**HAPC:** No observations for or against.
  - vi **18 Common Lane – 16/02181/TREE** – Various tree works  
**HAPC:** No observations for or against.
  - vii **The Stilts, Meadow Lane – 16/02191/FUL** – Erection of dwelling house and associated works and infrastructure following demolition of existing  
**HAPC:** Approval
- d New Applications**
- i **65 Common Lane – 17/00003/HHFUL** – Extension of the rear and raising of the roof ridges.  
**RESOLVED** to recommend approval as the proposed building works would be an improvement to the property.

**143 Vehicle Activation Signs**

This item was discussed after item 137.

**144 CCC - Draft Corporate Energy Strategy Consultation**

The content of the Strategy was discussed  
**RESOLVED** that no response was necessary.

**145 Electoral Review of Huntingdonshire: Final Recommendations**

The various options available to the Parish Council were discussed  
**RESOLVED** to make a complaint to the Local Government Boundary Commission as it had not fulfilled its statutory obligation as it had recommended splitting historic and local community ties.  
**RESOLVED** to organise a village petition, resident Mr Ian Muspratt agreed to assist the Parish Council. The Parish Council to fund the cost of printing and Councillor Erika Brown to inform all residents included on the village database. Individual petition leaflets to be delivered to residents. Councillor Marcus Whewell to draft a letter to our local MP.

**146 Hemingford Abbots Playing Fields**

The revised quotation for repairs and refurbishment of play equipment received from Wicksteed Playgrounds Ltd was reviewed.

**RESOLVED** to accept the amended quotation for the works required at the value of £3,421.58 + VAT.  
One resident left the meeting

**147 Village Maintenance and Repairs**

- a The draft grass cutting tender for 2017-19 was reviewed and agreed.
- b A hedge at the corner of Meadow Lane and Common Lane was obstructing the highway, the Parish Clerk to write to the owner to request that it be trimmed.

**148 Highway Faults, Repairs and Issues**

The Parish Clerk to report to Highways England, the poor condition of the on-slip road Rideaway to A14.

**149 Village Street Lighting**

The meeting was advised that 44 LED lanterns had now been installed. The columns and lanterns for street lights PC3, PC6 and PC31 had been replaced and were awaiting connection by UK Power Networks. Painting of the columns to be completed in the better weather.

New identification signs for each street light will be required, Councillor John Peters to investigate the options available

Following a complaint from a resident regarding the light distribution pattern, Councillor John Peters and K & M Lighting to inspect the street lights to see if any of the lanterns need rotation.

### 123 Financial Matters

- a RESOLVED** that the following accounts be approved and paid:
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| <b>i</b>   | Clerk's salary    | For January 2017                | £ 331.97            |
| <b>ii</b>  | Clerk's expenses  | January 2017 Office/Gen Exps    | £ 34.33             |
| <b>iii</b> | K&M Lighting Svcs | Street Lighting Maint. Jan 2017 | £ 75.19 plus VAT    |
| <b>iv</b>  | K&M Lighting Svcs | CU Phosco LED lanterns          | £21,403.60 plus VAT |
| <b>v</b>   | K Fergusons Ltd   | Grass cutting to 10/11/16       | £ 540.00 plus VAT   |
- b** The following income was noted as received:
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| <b>i</b> | HDC | Textile Credit | £ 78.00 |
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- c** The Parish Council reviewed the Councils workplace pension responsibilities and noted that in the current circumstances it was under no obligation to provide a pension for its employee.

### 151 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted as received

- a** Email: HPMF Agenda and Minutes
- b** Email: CCC Bulletins, News Releases & Briefings
- c** Email: Passenger Transport - Changes to Local Bus Services
- d** Email: CCC – Hunts Forum Newsletters, Bulletins & AGM Invitation
- e** Email: CAPALC/NALC Newsletters/Bulletins/Corrections
- f** Email: CPRE Newsletters
- g** Email: HDC – Interim Review of Polling Districts, Places & Stations
- h** Email: CCC – Commercial Company Covenant
- i** Email: CCC - Works & Events Notices
- j** Email: CCC - St Ives Viaduct, Harrison Way- Joint replacement - Proposed Night time closures
- k** Email: L Rushton - Planning Application Objection re 16/02363/FUL - Ash Meadow
- m** Email: HDC – Parish Conference Feedback and Notes
- n** Email: CCC – Obstruction of the Highway
- o** Email: Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership – Debate 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017
- p** Email: CCC - Consultation on A Draft Corporate Energy Strategy
- q** Email: Highways England - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Monthly Council Bulletin
- r** Email: Highways England - Layby on the A14 at Hemingford Abbots
- s** Email: Cambridgeshire County Council Gritting Update
- t** Email: Community Roadwatch(UK) C.I.C - CRW Results for St Ives & Ramsey Areas 2016
- u** Email: Wicksteed Playgrounds Ltd – revised quotation
- v** Email: HDC - Waste Collection Rounds are Changing from 27 February 2017

### 152 Publications Received

- a** Countryside Voice – Winter 2016

### 153 Matters for Future Consideration

Meeting closed at 09.24pm