

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 27th July 2016 at 7:30pm at the Hemingford Abbots Village Hall

Present: Erika Brown
Councillors: Alun Jones
Pearl Muspratt
Christine Nicol
John Peters (Chairman)
Marcus Whewell

Clerk: Carole Pollock

County and District Councillors: County Councillor Ian Bates

Members of the Public: None present

43 To receive and approve Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Councillor Bridget Flanagan and apologies were received from District Councillor Doug Dew.

44 Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

Councillor Pearl Muspratt declared an interest in item 57d

45 Public Participation Session

None present

46 County/District Councillors' Update.

County Councillor Ian Bates gave an update on the proposed Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Devolution and the related Consultation. Councillor John Peters felt that there was very little concrete information, details or definite proposals in the consultation document. Councillor Erika Brown warned that the electronic consultation survey did not allow for the survey to be revisited if logged out prior to completion.

County Councillor Ian Bates advised the meeting on the current position of the phased stages of the A14 improvement scheme, which had been recently announced. The Viaduct in Huntingdon would be removed in the last phase.

Highways England would be starting construction work on the A428 between the Black Cat and Caxton's Gibbet to improve the road by 2020.

47 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 20th and 29th June 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed.

48 Matters Arising from the previous meeting

The Minutes Action Plan was reviewed.

49 For Information Only

Councillor Erika Brown had received an email from a resident concerning a neighbours planning application, (approved by Huntingdonshire District Council) and the massive impact the building had on the neighbours privacy.

50 Electoral Review of Huntingdonshire: Draft Recommendations

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/6932>

The Parish Council discussed the proposal to join Hemingford Abbots with Godmanchester and the Offords as a new ward with three District Councillors and made the following comments:

- The statutory criteria concerned the equality of representation, reflecting community interests/identities and providing for convenient and effective local government, the proposal failed on the last two criteria.
- The current ward included the villages of Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey and was known locally as 'The Hemingfords'. Traditionally Hemingford Abbots had been joined electorally with Hemingford Grey and sometimes also with Houghton & Wyton, all these villages front the Great Ouse and had similar issues.
- If Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey together were represented by one District Councillor with 3,070 electors, the District Councillor would represent just 4% above the average of 2,931 electors.
- Hemingford Abbots, Hemingford Grey, Hilton and Houghton have 5,600 electors with 2 District Councillors, which equates to 2,800 per District Councillor (just 4% below the average of 2931 electors).
- There was no separation of development at the boundary between the villages of Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey
- The Conservation Area was entitled 'The Hemingfords Conservation Area' and encompassed the whole of the village of Hemingford Abbots and most of the village of Hemingford Grey.
- Children from Hemingford Abbots attended the Hemingford Grey Primary School.
- Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey are joint custodians of the Peace Memorial Playing Field located adjacent the boundary between the villages.
- Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey together promote the Hemingford Regatta – the oldest continually run rowing regatta in the UK – run since 1901.
- Hemingford Abbots had no shop or Post Office – the nearest were located in Hemingford Grey
- Hemingford Abbots was separated from Godmanchester by the A14 trunk road dual carriageway; the busiest two lane dual carriageway in the country, carrying 90,000 vehicles per day.
- There was no public transport connecting Hemingford Abbots and Godmanchester, the current bus service connects Hemingford Abbots with Hemingford Grey and St Ives.
- St Ives was the local facilities centre for both Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey whereas Huntingdon was the main centre for Godmanchester
- Hemingford Abbots was a small rural village with (by 2021) 531 electors; Godmanchester is a town with more than 6,500 residents, a Town Council, a Mayor, shops, surgeries, schools, a frequent public transport service and with a major development of 750 houses under way, which was a wholly and completely different environment with different priorities.

Councillor Erika Brown to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council and all residents are to be encouraged to also respond.

51 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Devolution Consultation

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/devosurvey/>

The Parish Council discussed the "Devolution Deal for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough".

52 A14 Community Fund (www.cambscf.org.uk/A14.html)

The scheme was discussed and suggestions received included an adult outdoor gym and village herb garden. Details of the fund to be included in the Parish Magazine plus a request for suggestions from parishioners.

53 Village Maintenance and Repairs

- a The brambles at the Chapmans footpath still need to be cleared, the Clerk to contact the contractor again to chase. The lock on the gate from the Regatta Field to Winter's Spinney needed attention, it was **RESOLVED** to instruct M & G Gardening Service to attend to it.

- b The Parish Council discussed residents' complaints concerning late evening noise and disturbance at Hemingford Abbots Playing Fields and in the village. A request to be placed in the Parish Magazine reminding all residents to be considerate about noise in the village and the impact on neighbours.

54 Highway Faults, Repairs and Issues

- a Grass required cutting in Royal Oak Lane near the Playing Fields and around the stone cross plus the hedge between the White Cottage and Royal Oak Corner need to be trimmed as it obstructed the street light; all items to be reported to CCC Highways.
- b It was **RESOLVED** to respond to the letter received from Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department on the issue of obstructions of the highway in the village.

55 Village Street Lighting

Quotations received for the upgrade and repair village street lighting stock and its phasing and extent to be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

56 Financial Matters

- a **RESOLVED** that the following accounts be approved and paid:

July 2016

i	Clerk's salary	For July 2016	Chq: 300153	£ 331.97
ii	Clerk's expenses	July 2016 Office/Gen Expenses	Chq: 300153	£ 34.78
iii	UK Power Networks	Street Light reconnection chgs	Chq: 300153	£ 880.00 plus VAT

August 2016

i	Clerk's salary	For August 2016	Chq: 300153	£ 331.97
ii	Clerk's expenses	August 2016 Office Exps	Chq: 300153	£ 26.00

- b Income noted as received:

i	HMRC	2015/16 VAT refund	£ 2,466.40
ii	Unity Trust	Dep Interest 30/6	£ 25.80

- c The Parish Council reviewed and considered the Financial Reports

57 Planning

a Outstanding Matters

No matters to report

b Application determined by HDC

- i **20 Common Lane – 16/01223/TRCA** – Removal of a Damson Tree and small Birch Tree
HAPC: No observations for or against. HDC: Consent
- ii **Southview, Rideaway – 16/01178/TRCA** – Cypress tree: fell and remove.
HAPC: No observations for or against. HDC: Consent

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 **Fairways Lodge, Cambridge Road – 15/01563/FUL** – Change of Use of golf course to National Centre for Great War (NCGW), revised access arrangements, provision of a car park and coach park, erection of buildings for museum (replica training camp), erection of fishing lake/balancing pond and internal watercourse, excavation for replica trenches, erection of earth bunds, laying of track for narrow

gauge railway, creation of memorial garden, erection of trenches for use as film set.

HAPC: Refusal

- iv 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 h other works.

HAPC: Refusal

- v Selwyn Cottage, Rideaway – 16/00358/TRCA** – Remove a Scots Pine.

HAPC: No observations for or against.

- vi 6 Rideaway Drive – 16/00782/TRCA** – Removal of a Monkey Puzzle tree.

HAPC: No observations for or against.

- vii 36 High Street– 16/00988/HHFUL** – Loft conversion and alterations to roof pitches to rear of property including forming of gable on rear elevation.

HAPC: No observations for or against.

- viii 6A Common Lane – 16/01073/HHFUL** - Amendment to position of glazed link to approved pool extension by Anthony Rickett Architects, planning ref 1301337 REP, dated 8 October 2013, due to position of air conditioning units, to existing house.

HAPC: No observations for or against.

d New Applications

Councillor Pearl Muspratt left the meeting at 9:32pm

- i Selwyn Cottage, Rideaway– 16/01383/TRCA** – Removal of small Yew Tree. and remove.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to make no observations for or against.

Councillor Pearl Muspratt returned to the meeting at 9:34pm

58 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted as received

- a** Email: LGBC – Electoral Review of Huntingdonshire: Draft Recommendations
- b** Email: CCC Bulletins
- c** Email: A14 Improvement Scheme Bulletins
- d** Email: CCC – Recycling Event
- e** Email: HDC - 2nd Weed Treatment of adopted Highways
- f** Emails: Wyton New Town/Local Plan
- g** Email: CCC – News Releases
- h** Email: Passenger Transport – Changes to Local Bus Services
- i** Email: Connecting Cambridgeshire Update July 2016
- j** Email: CCC – CC Minutes – Devolution Proposals
- k** Email: HPMF Agenda and Minutes
- m** Email: CCC – Devolution Consultation
- n** Email: T Stocker – obstructions of the highway
- o** Email: Came & Co – change of name
- p** Email: HDC – Address Mgt Officer – Hemingford Park Cottages
- q** Email: A Murfin – Street Lighting
- r** Email: Hunts Forum Newsletter
- s** Email: A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme Stakeholder update
- t** Email: Street Lighting upgrade and repair Quotations.
- u** Email: M Francis & M Shiew – Noise & disturbance at HA Playing Fields
- w** Email: H&WPC – Wyton Development
- x** Email: Greater Cambridge City Deal newsletter
- y** Email: C & T Beresford– Noise levels in late evening/night
- z** Email: CAPALC Bulletins/newletters
- aa** Email: HDC -Devolution Proposals Meeting.

59 Publications Received

None received

60 Matters for Future Consideration

Meeting closed at 09:35 pm