

Hemingford Abbots Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on 29th January at 7:00pm
at Hemingford Abbots Village Hall

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

Minute taker: Diane Bayliss (Locum Clerk)

County and District Councillors: Sarah Conboy;

Members of the Public: 1

- 154. To receive and approve Apologies for Absence**
Cllr Wills – holiday; C Cllr Ian Bates; D Cllr Mike Grice; D Cllr Mike Underwood;
- 155. Councillors’ Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**
None.
- 156. Public Participation Session**
None.
- 157. Parish Councillor Vacancy**
To continue to advertise the one vacancy with a view to co-option.
- 158. County/District Councillors’ Update**
The District Councillor reported that the District Council is currently in the Overview and Scrutiny stage. The budget will be brought to the full Council meeting in February and the parish council should expect to see a 2.6% increase in the District Council share in the council tax.
- 159. Minutes of the previous meetings**
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the EOM held on 18th December 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chairman.
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the EOM held on 15th January 2019 should be approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 160. Matters arising from the previous meetings**
- The Housing Needs Survey reports are complete however, Cambridgeshire ACRE are waiting for the sponsor Accent Housing Association to clear the final version before it is sent out.
 - Cllr CN attended the focus group meeting where 9 parishes were represented. Dr Ben Clifford and Professor Janice Morphet from the Bartlett School of Planning, University College London, had been commissioned by the National Infrastructure Planning Association to undertake research on how effectively community and stakeholder engagement is being carried out after consent is granted for nationally significant infrastructure projects. The A14 is one of their case studies and they were keen to hear the views of the local community via parish and town councils in the locality.

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161. Financial Matters

a) It was **resolved** that the following payments are made:

G West	Salary			Confidential
D Bayliss	Interim Clerk's pay			Confidential
G West	Expenses	£43.37	£0.00	£43.37
D Bayliss	Expenses	£54.20	£0.00	£54.20
Viking	Protective Gloves	£31.27	£6.25	£37.52
Glasdon	Bench	£921.73	£184.35	£1,106.08

b) Financial Reports – The financial report to 31st December 2018 was received. The quarterly budget reports will be sent out after this meeting.

c) The NALC pay award of 2% was noted by the Council

162. Village Grass Cutting

Following consideration of the tenders received for grass cutting for the forthcoming grass cutting season it was **resolved** that the quotation for Option 2 from Bradgate is approved subject to clarification of item 4; and clarification of the arithmetic error in item 3; for two years starting from 1st March 2019.

It was also agreed that the council would like to be advised by text message when cuts have taken place and would also want some flexibility on the timing of the cuts to suit village events.

163. Planning

a) **Planning Applications**

APPLICATION REF: 19/00018/LBC Jennifer Cottage High Street

Proposal: Emergency repair of broken purlin in bedroom 2. Repair of leaking dormer window in bedroom 2. Removing cement-based plaster from wall and fireplace in dining room/hallway to replace with lime plaster. Replacing fibre-board ceiling between joists in dining room with fire-resistant plasterboard. Levelling of floor in bedroom 2. Change of colour of exterior masonry and doors and shutters. Replacement of main entrance door. Repair of 3 x ceiling joists in dining room.

Resolved to recommend approval of the structural works to the property but would recommend the colour of the exterior to be consistent with the neighbouring cottage, which is Merriemead, for the sake of the street scene within the conservation area.

APPLICATION REF: 18/02716/HHFUL Cherry Orchard Royal Oak Lane

Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey kitchen, chimney stack and bay window on rear elevation. Construction of new single storey extension to rear elevation.

Resolved to recommend approval of the application as an improvement to the facilities of the house subject to floodproofing/resilience and resistance techniques to be included.

164. Hemingford Peace Memorial Field

The parish council recommended not signing the document until the questions raised in it are satisfactorily answered.

Cllr MW will review the document and track the suggested amendments and arrange to meet HAPC's appointed representative, Mr Ted Burleigh, to discuss further if he wishes to do so.

165. Village Maintenance and Repairs

A quotation is still awaited for clearing the area around the splash.

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The village sign will be discussed at the next meeting

166. Highway Faults, Repairs and Issues

LHI – there is no update from CCC on the LHI

- Safety fence at A14 over Rideaway Bridge is broken in the north-east corner
(Grid Reference TL27707 69847)
- The flooding continues at Forge Corner and outside the village hall
- The pot holes in Royal Oak Lane still need to be filled.
- The white lines and ‘SLOW’ sign have still not been repainted
- The experimental pot hole filling in New Road is not satisfactory and needs re-doing
- Several emails have been circulated about the data output from the Vehicle Activate Signs (VAS) in the village. It was agreed that an article could be written for the parish magazine with an analysis of the figures gathered. The matter will be considered further at a future parish council meeting.

167. Neighbourhood Plan

It was resolved that the whole of the parish is put forward as the designated area for the Neighbourhood Plan.

The clerk will contact Mark Deas from Cambridgeshire ACRE and ask him to come and speak to the council about what is involved in creating a Neighbourhood Plan.

168. Correspondence for Information and Response

- a) Hunts Forum Annual Conference 26th February 2019 - Noted
- b) Seminar Invitation 5th March: Future Mobility and Energy – Noted
- c) County Council Survey – The PC did not respond to the survey.

169. Agenda items for the next meeting

Village Sign
VAS/Speeding reductions
The Splash quotation

170. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.02pm