

# HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7:30pm at the Hemingford Abbots Village Hall

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

**Clerk:** Carole Pollock

**County and District Councillors:** None present

**Members of the Public:** 5 members of the public

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

Apologies were received from District Councillor Alison Donaldson.

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

Councillor Erika Brown declared an interest in item 183d(i) & (ii).

**178 Public Participation Session**

A resident expressed concern over the potential future development of a Waste Transfer Station on the Hemingford Abbots Golf Course by Mick George Ltd. He was concerned about the 4 metre plus fence to surround the boundary, the visual impact of the site, vehicle traffic and related dangers, damage to older properties as a result of increased traffic through the village, cement dust, hours of operation and the access to the site. It was noted that Mick George Ltd had leafleted the village with the details of a public meeting to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April on the subject.

Another parishioner asked the Parish Council to consider installing CCTV cameras in the village. A neighbour of The Old Pavilion, felt that the proposed building on the site would result in a loss of privacy for the neighbour and that the new house would be very close to their western boundary resulting in increased noise. They were also concerned about increased flooding risk to their property because of this development. The owner of The Old Pavilion hoped that the proposed plans would enhance The Old Pavilion and reinstate it as a prominent building on its site and Hemingford Park as well as become a heritage asset for the village. He believed that the plans were of a high standard and quality design. A screen of boundary trees should ensure privacy for neighbours, although neighbouring residents felt the trees would not screen enough.

Four residents left the meeting.

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

None present

**180 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**181 Matters Arising from the previous meeting**

The Minutes Action Plan was reviewed.

**182 For Information Only**

Councillor Alun Jones to attend the Town/Parish Council Planning Forum on the 18<sup>th</sup> May.  
The Joint Parishes Group had written to Huntingdonshire District Council requesting a meeting to discuss their continued concerns with the Local Plan.

**183 Planning**

**a Outstanding Matters**

No matters to report

**b Application determined by HDC**

**i 76 Common Lane – 17/00186/TREE –** T1 Willow: reduce the size and weight of the tree as per accompanying application. T2 Oak: reduce the size and weight of the tree as per accompanying application.

**HAPC:** Approval

**HDC:** Consent

**ii Adjacent 10 Chapmans -17/00112/FUL –** Proposed demolition of 9 existing garages and erection of one 4 bedroomed dwelling.

**HAPC:** Refusal

**HDC:** Record that the application is withdrawn

**iii 65 Common Lane – 17/00003/HHFUL –** Extension of the rear and raising of the roof ridges.

**HAPC:** Approval

**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 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 The Old Pavilion, Common Lane – 17/00254/FUL –** Partial demolition of the Old Pavilion and provision of a new extension and the construction of a new single family house with associated access and soft and hard landscaping.

**RESOLVED** to recommend approval as the application ensured the conservation of the grade II listed property and the scheme for the new build was innovative and had merit.

**ii The Old Pavilion, Common Lane – 17/00255/LBC –** Partial demolition of the Old Pavilion and provision of a new extension and the construction of a new single family house with associated access and soft and hard landscaping.

**RESOLVED** to recommend approval as the application ensured the conservation of the grade II listed property and the scheme for the new build was innovative and had merit.

**iii Hemingford Nursery School, Rideaway – 17/00471/FUL –** Change of Use for Veterinary Clinic opening hours M-F 0900 to 1800.

**RESOLVED** to make no observations for or against the application.

**e Potential Future Planning Development - Hemingford Abbots Golf Course**

**i** As a public meeting had already been arranged by the developer for the 12<sup>th</sup> April, an invitation to the developer to give a presentation on the development to the Parish Council will be considered after the public meeting.

**ii** Councillor John Peters felt it was not within the Parish Councils powers to refer an Environment Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion to the Secretary of State.

**184 Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Parish Council Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7:00pm and the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held at 8:00pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

**185 Highways England – A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Improvements Questionnaire**

**RESOLVED** a response to the questionnaire was not necessary.

**186 Neighbourhood Watch**

The Parish Council reviewed the current Neighbourhood Watch Scheme arrangements and received an update on recent village criminal activity. There were still vacancies for a Neighbourhood Watch Area Co-ordinator and more general Co-ordinators, Councillor Erika Brown to place a recruitment article in the village magazine. The Parish Clerk to investigate the possibility of a speaker from the Cambridgeshire Police Service to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

**187 Village Maintenance and Repairs**

- a Councillor John Peters to investigate the possible provision of adult fitness equipment in the village.
- b The Parish Clerk to report an incident of fly tipping at the recycling bank in Rideaway.

**188 Highway Faults, Repairs and Issues**

- a The Parish Council considered the response and decision received from the Local Government Ombudsman on the issue of obstructions of the highway in the village and any further action that could be taken.
- b No other outstanding highway faults, repairs and issues to be considered.

**189 Village Street Lighting**

UK Power Networks had finally reinstated power to the replaced units in Common Lane and Rideaway. K & M Lighting to resume the painting of the columns.

**190 Financial Matters**

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

i	Clerk's salary	For March 2017	£ 331.97
ii	Clerk's expenses	March 2017 Office/Gen Exps	£ 37.53
iii	K&M Lighting Svcs	Maintenance Contract 2016/17	£ 333.50 plus VAT
iv	LCPAS	Councillor Training – C Nicol	£ 30.00
v	SLCC	Clerk legal training seminar	£ 5.00
vi	Staples Ltd	Stationery and Stamps	£ 27.73 plus VAT
- b **RESOLVED** that the following accounts be authorised, approved and paid:
 

i	Clerk's salary	Payment in lieu of holiday	£ 323.24
ii	HMRC	PAYE (Tax/NI)	£ 100.05
- c The Parish Council received and considered quarterly Financial Statements and Account Balances.  
**RESOLVED** to transfer to £1,500 to the Street Lighting Replacement Reserve and £3,500 to the Playing Fields Equipment Repair and Replacement Reserve.

**191 Correspondence**

Correspondence 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: CAPALC/ACRE/SLCC -Cambridgeshire Town and Parish Councillor Survey 2017
- h Email: Local Government Ombudsman Complaint Response 1 & 2
- i Email: CAPALC - New Draft CAPALC Membership Agreement
- j Email: Local Government Ombudsman response
- k Email: Highways England -A14 Newsletter/ 2017/18 Maintenance & Improvement Programme
- m Email: Highways England - A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Improvements
- n Email: CCC - Mayoral Hustings
- o Email: CCC - Hunts Road Surface Treatments
- p Email: HDC – Tree Strategy
- q Email: Robin Waters/Andy Moffat(HDC) - Proposed Mick George Waste recycling and concrete batching facility at Hemingford Abbots Golf Course

- r Email: Cambridge ACRE - Cambridgeshire Rural Services Survey result
- s Email: Mick George Ltd - Recycling and concrete batching facility - Hemingford Abbots Golf Course

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**Date.....**

**192 Publications Received**

**193 Matters for Future Consideration**  
a Neighbourhood Watch Update

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**Chairman.....**  
**Date.....**