

## HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 17 December 2020 at 7:30pm

#### On-Line Meeting Only

**Present**

<b>Parish Councillors:</b>	Bridget Flanagan (Chairman) John Peters Marcus Whewell Zoe Ryall Christine Nicol
<b>Clerk:</b>	Mrs Maxine Blewett
<b>County and District Councillors:</b>	None
<b>Members of the Public:</b>	1

### MINUTES

- 99. To Receive and Approve Apologies for Absence**  
No Parish Councillor apologies for absence received.  
HDC Cllrs and CCC Cllr sent apologies for absence.
- 100. County/District Councillors' Update**  
*To receive and accept reports*  
None.
- 101. Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**  
*To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests from members, as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and the nature of those interests relating at any Agenda item.*  
None received.
- 102. Public Participation Session**  
*Open Forum. A maximum of 15 minutes is permitted for members of the public to address the Council on the item on the Agenda. Members of the public may have up to three minutes each. Items to be addressed should be notified to the Clerk three working days in advance of the meeting.*  
1 resident joined the meeting and presented their statement regarding Planning item 5.2.
- 103. Planning**
- 103.1 **20/02318/HHFUL** Raywood High Street, Hemingford Abbots 2 Storey side extension with single storey rear addition. Received by HDC 24.11.20, comments by 15.12.20.  
HAPC resolved to make no comments for or against this application.  
The extension does not impact on the street scene. It is close to the boundary and the 2-storey side extension would be overbearing on the neighbouring plot be it not for the tree which is near to the proposed development.
- Proposal** **Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr ZR, All in favour, and it was RESOLVED to make no comment for or against this planning application. Carried**
- 103.2 **20/02301/HHFUL** Land North East of The Ridings, Meadow Lane, Hemingford Abbots. Erection of decking and garden outbuilding with boat mooring. Received by HDC 8.12.20, comments by 31.12.20.  
**HAPC resolved to recommend refusal of this application.**  
HAPC recommends refusal of this application for the following reasons and observations:  
The site – originally shared between 3 houses on Meadow Lane (none of which are adjacent to the site) – is now shared between 2 houses on Meadow Lane. HAPC considers that the site relates to the open countryside of the backwater and the meadows. It has no spatial or visual relationship to the domestic curtilage of the two houses.
- The site is particularly sensitive. It forms part of an important and prominent junction of the Built-Up Area of the village and its riverside/meadow setting. The Bailey Bridge is one of the most well-known sites in the Hemingford Abbots part of the Hemingfords Conservation Area. The Bridge is sited on one of the most well-used bridleways in the Great Ouse Valley, and is an important entrance to the village.

The overall height and bulk of the proposed building would fill a significant part of the overall plot and would change its nature from open land to a domestic, built area.

HAPC considers that this proposal amounts to 'infilling', and an extension of the Built-Up Area of the village. HAPC considers the retention of open, undeveloped space on this site to be an important component of the character of the Conservation Area.

The considerable height and bulk of the proposed building would dominate the site and be detrimental to the current enjoyment of the neighbouring riverside plot to the east, and deprive those owners of their uninterrupted riverside views to the west.

The proposed building is described as a 'garden outbuilding' but has the capabilities as advertised by its manufacturers, Quality Pods Wales, for accommodation. Whilst HAPC recognises that this application does not include any services to the proposed building, it notes that The Boathouse on the other side of the Bailey Bridge failed to gain approval as a residence in a retrospective Planning Application and subsequent Appeal in 2010.

HAPC has not had sight of HDC's policy for building on a flood plain. The site is on the banks of the backwater of the river and is known to flood. HAPC asks whether the proposed construction, on a stilts platform, will be an obstruction to flood waters, or cause their displacement elsewhere. HAPC suggest HDC seek expert advice from the Environment Agency.

**Proposal** **Proposed by Cllr CN, seconded by Cllr ZR, All in favour, and it was RESOLVED to recommend refusal to the above planning application.** **Carried**

**104. Minutes of the previous meetings**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2020

**Proposed by Cllr BF, seconded by Cllr CN, All in favour, and it was RESOLVED that Minutes are approved as a correct record of the meeting.**

**105. To consider Co-option to fill the 2 Vacancies on Parish Council**

The Parish Council will endeavour to fill the two Councillor roles in 2021.

**106. Matters Arising from the previous meetings and reports from Clerk and Cllrs**

Cllr BF reported that Revd. Canon Atling had emailed the Clerk with a request for Parish Council's support in recommending white road markings at the junction of Meadow Lane and Common Lane to prevent a serious incident from occurring. Cllr BF requested this be included on the agenda at the next Parish Council Meeting in January where it will be fully debated.

The Clerk advised that the claim for the damaged streetlight was awaiting a decision from AXA.

**107. Financial Matters**

107.1 To approve 17 December 2020 Payments below:

Payment Method	Expense Code	Description / Payee	Date / Period	Net	VAT	Total	Comments
<b>BACS</b>	4000 4020	Clerk's Salary	Including payments to HMRC November 2020	£536.59	£ -	£536.59	Salary £429.19 (4000) Income Tax £107.40 (4020)
<b>BACS</b>	4060	Clerk's expenses	October 2020	£21.40	£ -	£21.40	Expenses £16.00 (4060) Mileage £5.40 (4125)
<b>BACS</b>	4250	UK Power Networks	Electricity reconnection on streetlight	£677.00	£135.40	£812.40	
<b>BACS</b>	4315	Parish Online	Subscription	£30.00	£ 6.00	£ 36.00	
<b>BACS</b>	4220	Bradgate Fencing Specialists Ltd	Grass maintenance 9.11.2020	£118.29	£ 23.66	£141.95	
<b>BACS</b>	4220	Sid Barnett	Hedge Cuttings	£130.00	£26.00	£156.00	
<b>BACS</b>	4300	JGS Contractors Ltd.	Repair to village bench	£97.00	£ 19.40	£116.40	

<b>BACS</b>	4220	Dave Cook	Grass maintenance around Village Cross	£20.00		£20.00	
<b>Total Payments</b>				<b>£1,630.28</b>	<b>£210,46</b>	<b>£1,840.74</b>	

**Proposal Proposed by Cllr BF, seconded by Cllr JP, All in favour, and it was RESOLVED that the above payments are approved. Carried**

**107.2** To report: The UK Power Networks payment has had to be made ahead of the work being carried out (see 9.1 above). K&M Lighting will be contacted by the Clerk to set a date for replacement of the streetlight and the reconnection of power by UK Power Networks.

**107.3** Charity Commission Annual Return has since been completed and sent to the CC by the Clerk since the Extra Ordinary Meeting on 17.12.20.

**107.4** Cash Card options (Optimum and Unity Trust Bank) were discussed, and Councillors agreed the lower charging Optimum Cash Card provided best value.

**Proposal Proposed by Cllr JP, seconded by Cllr MW, All in favour, and it was RESOLVED that the Optimum Card be purchased. Carried**

**107.5** Since the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on 17.12.20, when the insurance claim for the replacement streetlight was being processed, the Clerk can now confirm that the insurance claim for the replacement of the streetlight has been approved, subject to a £250 excess.

**108. Projects**

An update on the LHI Scheme proposal was provided by Cllrs MW and ZR. Cllrs BF and JP questioned why the red road markings were not included in the plan and Cllr ZR advised these were not in CCC Highways budget. Cllrs BF and JP expressed concern over the speed vehicles drive along Rideaway and that it would be useful to have the red road markings as another reminder for traffic to slow down on entering the village. Cllrs MW and ZR will contact CCC Highways to request that red road markings be included in the scheme.

**109. Village Maintenance**

**109.1** Cllr BF has circulated an email to all Councillors from CCC Highways Officer Emyr Price. Full details of the rumble strip repairs have not been given to EP by the department who have contracted with RHINO to carry out the repairs. Cllr BF requested the clerk contact Cllr Ian Bates to clarify matters.

**109.2** No budget was allocated for the proposed notice board at the entrance of the Playing Field. Cllr BF commented on the attractiveness of the new Ouse Valley Trust notice boards created by Coral Walton Designs, who has designed and drawn most of the HDC and Country Park signs in the District. Cllr BF to contact CW for details of her services/prices.

**109.3** The Playing Field hedge been cut-back by Sid Barnett. DC has trimmed and weeded the base of the Village Cross and edged around the wet pour area in the Playing Field. HAPC are pleased with the work DC has been doing in the village and has asked him to carry out another repair to a Kissing Gate.

**109.4** Work being carried out at Hemingford Park has involved heavy vehicles moving in and out of the entrance and this has created a lot of mud on the road making the conditions dangerous for drivers. The amount of work vehicles has severely damaged the verges with some completely disappearing. Cllr BF has been in contact with Marc Boros, Site Manager at HP and Dr Kaziewicz the owner of HP who gave assurances that the damage will be made good when the work is finished. Clerk was asked to report the state of the road and verges to CCC.

**109.5** Cllr JP reported the slip roads off the A1307 at Godmanchester and the North East Corner of Rideaway Bridge were in a poor state of repair. The potholes should have been repaired by Highways England on 4.12.20 and the work did not take place. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Ian Bates as CCC will eventually take over responsibility for the A1307.

**110. Agenda items for the next meeting**

*Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 s12 10(2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore, the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for discussion.*

Letter from Reverend Canon Atling regarding proposing white road markings are put in place at the junction of Meadow Lane and Common Lane.

**111. Date of Next Meetings**

*Meetings agreed to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month:*

*25 January 2021*

*Meeting finished at 8.50pm*

*These minutes are considered draft until ratified at the next Hemingford Abbots Parish Council meeting*