

Hemingford Abbots Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on 26th February 2019 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
Josephine Wills

Minute taker:

Georgina West (Clerk)

County and District Councillors:

District Councillor Mike Grice
County Councillor Ian Bates

Members of the Public:

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- 171. To receive and approve Apologies for Absence**
District Cllr Sarah Conboy; District Cllr David Underwood
- 172. Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**
None.
- 173. Public Participation Session**
Mark Deas, Cambs ACRE. Housing Needs Survey: MD presented the outcome of the recent survey. Electronic copies of the survey available from the Parish Clerk on request. MD left the meeting at 7.30pm.
Four residents spoke individually about speed limits, requesting a reduction to 20mph within the village, particularly in areas where there are no footpaths. One of the residents asked that the speed limit on Rideaway and New Road be looked at. District Cllr Grice explained that police permission would be needed to implement a speed limit of 20mph within the village.
- 174. Parish Councillor Vacancy**
To continue to advertise the one vacancy with a view to co-option.
- 175. County/District Councillors' Update**
County Cllr Bates gave a brief summary of a transport survey conducted by Greater Cambridge Partnership. County Cllr Bates offered his support in facilitating a meeting with council officers about speeding issues within Hemingford Abbots. In addition, County Cllr Bates reported that the A14 upgrade is currently on time and on budget.
District Cllr Grice reported that the District Council budget would be voted on 27th February 2019. District Cllr Grice also reported that a new car parking system was being rolled out in all HDC car parks and that parking charges are likely to increase.
Both left the meeting at 8pm.
- 176. Minutes of the previous meetings**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2019 should be approved and signed by the Chairman.

177. 1193 Matters arising from the previous meetings

Cllr Parsons and the Clerk to work together on budget forecasting and to request an additional user from the finance software provider. The Clerk to investigate initially.

178. Financial Matters

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

			Net	VAT	Total
BACS	G West	Salary			Confidential
BACS	D Bayliss	Interim Clerk's pay			Confidential
BACS	G West	Expenses	£130.51	£15.24	£145.75
BACS	Glasdon	Bench	£921.73	£184.35	£1,106.08
		Street Lighting			
	K & M Lighting	Maintenance 01/01/19 -			
BACS	Services	31/01/20	£333.50	£66.70	£400.20
BACS	CPRE	Subscription	£36.00	£0.00	£36.00
BACS	Cambridgeshire	Street Lighting Energy			
	County Council	2017	£1,051.07	£0.00	£1,051.07
		Cutting of hedge at the			
Cheque	S Barnett	playing field	£100.00	£20.00	£120.00
			<u>£3,159.89</u>	<u>£286.29</u>	<u>£3,446.18</u>

b) Financial Reports – The financial report to 31st January 2019 was received.

c) A quote of £1,150.00+vat was received from Lattenbury Services for cut back and clearance around the back of The Splash. It was **resolved** to accept the quotation.

179. Village Maintenance and Repairs

Concern about the state of the verge and the footpath from the western end of Common Lane to the A14. Cllr Flanagan to contact the landowner informally in the first instance.

The gate at Chapmans. It was agreed that the gate served no function as long as the kissing gate and fence to Chapmans field are stock-proof. Cllr Flanagan will check this, as a resident reported that cattle had broken loose here last year.

180. Highway Faults, Repairs and Issues

a) Fly tipping at the old Shell Garage was extensively discussed. As this had been discussed and **resolved** previously on 31/01/2018 (agenda item 118a) it was agreed to seek an updated quote from Elite for concrete barriers. The Clerk will report the hazardous waste to the EA

b) A pothole 60mm deep, on the High Street on the westbound side of the road, between Jennifer Cottage and Cross Keys was reported. The Clerk to report to CCC. Previously reported potholes, blocked road drains and renewal of road painting await action from CCC despite regular reminders from the Clerk.

c) VAS – discussed and data observed. Speed limit areas; it was **resolved** to propose to CCC highways that the 30mph limit on Rideaway be extended southwards and also that a 40mph limit be introduced beyond there towards the A14 junction. A decision on the Rumble strips – it was resolved to **defer** until speed limit changes established. There was discussion on the merits of a 20mph limit within the village where there are no footpaths.

181. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Peters proposed that HAPC move forward with developing a Neighbourhood Plan. Seconded by Cllr Wills.

182. Correspondence for Information and Response

a) Cllr Parsons received a certificate of attendance at new Councillor Training.

b) Cllr Flanagan expressed her thanks and appreciation to those who participated in the annual village litter pick which took place on a cold wet day on 10th February 2019.

183. Agenda items for the next meeting

a) Proposal for the next agenda: does HAPC want a directional sign at the junction of New Rd, High St & Watts Lane, and to set a ceiling for provision should this project go ahead.

b) The old bottle / textile bank site – obtain quotes for barriers if no ‘redundant’ barriers can be earlier obtained from the new A14 construction site.

c) Tree Charter for discussion.

184. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm