

# HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7:30pm at Hemingford Abbots Village Hall

<b>Present Parish Councillors:</b>	Bridget Flanagan (Chairman) John Peters (Vice Chairman) Christine Nicol (Vice Chairman) Marcus Whewell (Vice Chairman) Brian Parsons
<b>Minute taker:</b>	Diane Bayliss (Temporary Clerk)
<b>County and District Councillors:</b>	CC Cllr Ian Bates; HD Cllr David Underwood;
<b>Members of the Public:</b>	0

**62. To receive and approve Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Alun Jones, HD Cllrs Sarah Conboy and Mike Grice.

**63. Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**

None declared.

**64. Public Participation Session**

None.

**65. Parish Councillor Vacancy**

There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council, this will continue to be advertised.

**66. For Information only**

A new Clerk had been selected but unfortunately, she had decided not to accept the post. The temporary clerk provided by CAPALC will continue in the role until a permanent clerk is appointed.

**67. County/District Councillors' update**

**County Councillor**

The County Councillor gave a verbal report to the council which included an update on the progress on the A14 improvements which are currently on target to be complete on time and within budget.

**District Councillor**

- **Examination into the Huntingdonshire Local Plan** - The first sessions have been held into the Examination of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036.
- **Report from HDC Full Council – 25 July 2018**
  - The leader of the Council, Cllr Bull presented the "State of the District" which set out the growth of the Area and the challenges that this presented HDC. It is clear that although we reside in a thriving and growing area there are some significant problems in a number of localities especially Huntingdon North and Eynesbury, St. Neots. There is also a rising percentage of elderly residents. The report was accepted by a majority.
  - A separate report sets out the main areas currently being addressed by the Combined Authority and how they impact on the District, communication, transport and housing were particularly mentioned.

**68. Minutes of the previous meetings**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 should be approved and signed with an amendment at item 55 'Applications awaiting determination' removing 'by HDC' from the heading and changing the first sentence to state 'Draft Local Plan' and adding 'comments on the draft plan' to the second sentence.

**69. Matters arising from the previous meetings**

From the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Item 60 – It was noted that the concrete bollards outside Barnfield had been removed

Item 60 – The patching on Rideaway close to the A14, and other areas in the village has been done

**70. Planning**

- i. APPLICATION REF 18/01485/FUL Proposed development of two four person 2-bed-roomed houses (social housing). Demolition of existing garages is required to allow this development at Adjacent 10 Chapmans Hemingford Abbots – the Council recommended approval of the application subject to the retaining of the Acer tree T1 or T2)
- ii. APPLICATION REF 18/01018/FUL Littlebury Farm, Moats Way, Hemingford Abbots – the Council recommended refusal of the application; the reduction in size was noted but the Council felt that despite making a request there was insufficient information to make further comment.
- iii. APPLICATION REF 18/01717/AGDET Extension to agricultural building at Hemingford Park, Hemingford Park, Common Lane, Hemingford Abbots – it is in the curtilage of the Listed II\* building contrary to the application form – no observation for or against
- iv. APPLICATION REF 18/01556/TREE 2 x Copper Beech: Reduce crowns by approx. 2.5 metres to maintain at suitable size for the location at 23 Common Lane, Hemingford Abbots – no observation for or against
- v. APPLICATION REF 18/01761/TRCA T1 - 1x Holly - Fell - Trifurcated stem at base with lean across boundary to neighbouring car park - leggy - poor specimen T2 - 1x Silver birch - Fell - Wide spreading tree that consumes large amount of garden space. Outgrowing its location and proximity to building T3 - 1x Pear - Fell - Over-mature, Leaning on neighbouring fence, sparse crown. Up Top High Street Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AH – the Council agreed to refer to the tree officer as they did not have enough information to make a comment.

**71. Hemingford Abbots Golf Course**

**Community Right to Bid** – to consider the response from HDC

The Council agreed to send a letter expressing disappointment at the outcome and requesting a meeting with members of the panel. A copy of the letter will also be sent to HDC Cllr Sarah Conboy who may be able to assist.

**The Artificial Turf Recycling Site** (next to the golf course)

The Parish Council will contact the County Council pointing out that the recycling site at New Farm which although in operation and presumably being monitored by the County Council for about 18 years has never been in possession of a waste license/environmental permit or exemption therefrom.

The Parish Council will also contact the Environment Agency for an update on their progress on this matter.

**72. Financial matters**

It was **resolved** that the payment to Mrs C Pollock for £40 is paid.

**Councillor Training**

It was **resolved** that Cllr Parsons should attend the new councillor training on 6<sup>th</sup> October at the CAPALC offices in Pidley at a cost of £75

It was noted that Cllr Nicol will attend the launch of the Great Ouse Valley Trust.

**73. Village maintenance and repairs**

- Some of the bushes planted on the verge in front of Meadow Grange, Meadow Lane have been removed.

**74. Highway faults, repairs and issues**

- There has been some pot hole patching carried out around the village
- A request will be made to the Highways Department for the Slow signs be re-painted on the double bend on the High Street at the eastern end of the parish boundary.
- The drains are blocked adjacent to the double bend on the High Street at the eastern end of the parish boundary. The Clerk will contact CCC Highways

**75. Housing Needs Survey**

It was **resolved** that the Council would undertake a Housing Needs Survey in association with Hemingford Grey Parish Council and Cambridgeshire ACRE.

**76. Correspondence for Information and Response**

- i. CAPALC AGM Thursday 11th October 2018 7pm Cottenham Village Hall – parish council members encouraged to attend.
- ii. CAPALC Bulletin
- iii. CAPALC Website
- iv. Freedom of Information Request – all councillors approved the paperwork prepared by the temporary Clerk which will be sent off on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**77. Matters for future consideration**

The practicality and cost of erection of bunds to the old bottle bank site and the Rideaway entrance to the old Shell garage will be considered.

**78. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9pm