

Hemingford Grey Parish Council

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Parish Newsletter

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Well we are now officially enjoying our summer. We have again been able to all join in with the annual regatta jointly with Hemingford Abbots, which was a great success and our thanks go to all who made it another memorable event.

Whilst saying thanks, a very special 'Thank you' must go to our friend and colleague Councillor Derek Clifton. I personally would like to place on record that to have worked on behalf of your own community for 50 years is an achievement in itself. As Parish Councillors there is no remuneration. It is a role taken on, by most, to do the best for the community in which we live. I believe that Derek has more than proved this fact.

This then moves me on to the grass cutting in the village. Unfortunately, I like many villagers have been extremely disappointed by the work done. I realise that there are constraints within budgets but some areas have been left looking worse than before it's been cut. I have therefore arranged for a meeting with a representative from Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. This will give us an opportunity to take a tour of the Village, along with the Parish Council Vice Chairman and, to voice our concerns and request that a more coherent programme is put together between our three Councils. We will keep you updated as this matter progresses.

I hope you all have a lovely, safe summer.

Cllr. Doug Dew – Chairman, Hemingford Grey Parish Council

Overgrown hedges blocking pavements: Thank you to all residents who maintain their roadside hedges. There are still a number of hedges that have been allowed to grow to the point where they are blocking pavements leaving wheel chair users or prams to use the road.

Please take time out to check your hedge to ensure it is not blocking the pavement or the road and make arrangements to cut it back if required.

Derek Clifton celebrated fifty continuous years as a Parish Councillor in May this year, a remarkable achievement. A party was held at the Pavilion attended by Parish Councillors old and new and many of his village friends in recognition of achieving this important milestone. The Trustees of the Hemingford Peace Memorial field named the balcony overlooking the Bowls Green 'The Clifton Balcony' and presented Derek with a plaque inscribed '*DEREK CLIFTON in recognition of 50 years as a Parish Councillor and a lifetime's service to Hemingford Grey*'. Derek was also delighted to receive a letter from Sir John Major, who lived in the village for many years, congratulating him on his achievement.

Parish street lights: Another 40 lights will shortly be converted from sodium (yellow) to LED (white) but 6 new or replacement lights are still awaiting scheduling of electrical connections by UK Power Networks who have a monopoly on this work. Our maintenance company, K & M, will then erect six new columns with new LED lanterns in St Ives Road, Daintree Close, Glebe Road, Braggs Lane, Church Street & Pound Road. The expenditure of approx. £15k was approved at the April meeting of the PC.

The village sign has now been re-enamelled and, with a new post and plinth, I'm sure you agree it looks splendid. The sign is thirty five years old and replaced the old wooden sign, which was locally made, and is now displayed in the Reading Room

Parish Council vacancies: Do you want to work together with our residents to achieve changes that make a real difference to the quality of village life? Do you have some spare time to get involved? If you do, we would be delighted to meet up with you. You can contact our Parish Clerk: parishclerk@hemingfordgrey.org.uk or telephone 01954 210241



Allotments: We currently have two half plots available for fruit and vegetable growing. If you would like to take over one of these please contact the Clerk.
Parishioners: Half plot £12.75 per year. **Out of Parish:** Half plot £15.25 per year plus water approx. £4.00 - £6.00 per year. Please note that the Parish Council operates a waiting list when no plots are available.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE Below is a recent communication sent out by the Huntingdon Crime Investigation Team:-

We are warning residents to look out for doorstep callers operating across the district. Our advice is to always say **'NO'** to any cold callers and we ask that you look out for elderly or vulnerable family, friends and neighbours. We have previously investigated burglaries whereby in the days before an offence, residents have been approached by cold callers from legitimate companies apologising for imminent noise disturbance caused by work allegedly being carried out at a neighbouring property. However, this is often not true and may be a sign that a burglary has, or is going to occur.

Consumers should also be extremely cautious when approached by any doorstep callers offering to sell goods or conduct work on their property. These types of callers often use persuasive or aggressive tactics to get people to agree to have work carried out and then charge far more than was quoted for poor quality work, or poor quality goods. They often fail to provide a legally required cancellation notice which enables the householder to cancel the work within a statutory fourteen day cooling off period.

If you have been called in this way and require further advice, or simply want to report the matter, please contact trading standards via

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards/> If you have specific and immediate concerns about the conduct of a particular caller, please call police on 101

Can I ask you to consider moving neighbours emptied refuse bins back onto the adjoining property as emptied bins left out for a long period of time would be a giveaway to potential criminals that a house might be unoccupied.

You can contact Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Esther Harrod Tel 01480 392991 email esther.harrod@ntlworld.com

Bonfires: Bonfires can be very irritating to neighbours – the smoke, smell and particles emitted are the subject of many complaints. These emissions can ruin neighbours' enjoyment of their gardens preventing them from opening windows or hanging out washing. There is no doubt that bonfires cause air pollution; burning garden waste will produce smoke, especially if it is damp and smouldering rather than dry and blazing.

Garden waste is accepted free of charge at all Household Waste Recycling Centres where it is treated and recycled.

CCTV: The Parish Council are considering the installation of CCTV cameras in the village. Before any decision is made regarding this project the Parish Council will go through a consultation process with residents which will take place once we have a better idea of costs and a clearer idea of the type of installation best suited to our village.

It is encouraging to see the increased vigilance by residents who are reporting suspicious activities to their street co-ordinators and we have to thank Esther Harrod, Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for keeping residents up to date with these activities. However, we continue to see an unacceptable level of crime in the village and further action needs to be considered.

We will keep you up to date with developments on this project through the Parish Council minutes, Parish website, Facebook, Parish Newsletter and Notice Boards.

Cycling on Pavements: It is illegal to cycle on the pavement, unless there is a sign indicating a shared use cycle path. Culprits could receive a fixed penalty notice of £30.00. The Parish Council encourage cycling as an environmentally friendly and healthy means of transport but cycling on pavements presents a danger to pedestrians and we urge you to respect the law and keep to the road. In our parish the only shared use footpaths are from the London Road garage to the YES development; and the footpath on Hemingford Road from London Road to Pembroke Close (south side opposite Victoria Terrace). Please note that Filbert Walk is for pedestrians only.

A Classic Affair: On Sunday 18th September a classic car show will be held on the Pavilion playing field starting at 2:00pm. This is a charity event with all profits donated to MAGPAS. Littleport Brass Band will be providing the music and you can visit the many stalls and activities on display and enjoy cakes and refreshments or the Hog

Roast and BBQ. A Rolls Royce Merlin Engine, the engine that powered the Spitfire, will be on site with live demonstrations

Dog Fouling: You may well have seen yellow markings around the village resulting from residents using biodegradable sprays provided by the Parish Council to identify dog poo. Thank you to all the residents who have taken part in this initiative but, as the sprays are not as biodegradable as we were led to believe, we would like to suggest that spraying the offending pile only will keep marking to a minimum whilst continuing to serve its purpose.

The children at Hemingford Grey Primary School took part in a competition to design a poster to encourage the few dog owners who don't pick up to change their ways. The winning poster will shortly be displayed on our notice boards.

Memorial Arch: The memorial arch leading into the cemetery has recently been refurbished. We know the arch is over 70 years old but there are no records to indicate the exact date it was erected on the site to commemorate those who died in WW1. The arch has a slight lean but the company undertaking the refurbishment advised that there would be a risk of damaging the arch if they tried to straighten it and as it presented no risk it was decided to leave it as it was.



YES Development maintenance: Huntingdon District Council have now offered to transfer about half of the landscaped area around the YES Development to the Parish Council with a sum of money to cover 15 years of maintenance (grass cutting, play equipment, shrub care). The Parish Council has asked for clarification of timing on the transfer of the rest of the landscaped area in front of Tern Drive and behind Goldcrest Road in order to simplify arrangements for transfer to our contractors.

WEA classes Autumn term 2016

The Russians and Russian culture in the USSR

7 x 2 hours sessions from Monday 19 September 2016

2.00pm – 4.00pm in The Reading Room, High Street, Hemingford Grey

Tutor: Marina Burrell Course fee : £49.00

Course Secretary: John Baker, 01480 300386, e-mail jrxbaker@gmail.com

Who were the Romantics?

9 x 1.5 hour sessions from Wednesday 14 September 2016

10.00 – 11.30am in The Reading Room, High Street, Hemingford Grey

Tutor: Lindsay Fursland Course fee: £48.00

Course Secretary: Pat Douglas, 01480 463825, **e-mail** padouglas@btinternet.com

Further information from:

Sarah Power, Branch Secretary, 01480 463825, **e-mail** s.power111@btinternet.com

Planning Matters: *The Parish Council has no direct planning powers but is consulted by and can make recommendations to Huntingdonshire District Council. It is HDC's responsibility to inform neighbours of planning applications but Hemingford Grey Parish Council normally sends Councillors to look at the property concerned and call on neighbours for their views.*

Long Lane Lake appeal: The appeal was allowed by the Inspector but with several conditions, particularly that there should be no amplified music at any time.

Lest We Forget: HDC has deferred a decision on the conversion of Hemingford Abbots Golf Course for more information.

Outcomes of recent planning applications

Applications	Details	Parish Council Recommendation.	HDC Status
15/01563/FUL	Fairways Lodge, Cambridge Road, Hem. Abbots – Change of use - golf course to National Centre for Great War	Refusal	In progress
15/02347/FUL	21 Marsh Lane – Erection of dwelling (existing dwelling to be demolished after completion)	Approval	Approved
15/01981/FUL	Land between Dene End and Greenfields, St Ives – Erection of detached dwelling (In Fenstanton Parish)	Refusal	In progress

16/00386/FUL	Chalet bungalow between 21 and 22 Langley Way	Refusal	Pending
16/00455/HHFUL	2 Manor Road – Oak framed garden room and 1st floor ext.	Approval	Permission
16/00483/HHFUL	15 De Vere Close – Two storey extension (as amended)	Refusal	Permission
16/00621/FUL	Adjacent 1 Victoria Terrace – Detached dwelling and garage	Refusal	In progress
16/00818/EXTDET	26 Weir Road, Single storey extension	No comment	Permission
16/00796/HHFUL	20 High Street Extension and Alterations to dwelling	Refusal	Withdrawn
16/00702/HHFUL	18 Hemingford Road – Vehicular dropped crossing	Approval	Permission
16/00809/HHFUL	4 Victoria Terrace - Rear extension and alterations	Approval	Permission
16/00859/FUL	Long Lane Farm Conversion of agricultural building to form a dwelling and changes to previous permitted development.	No comment	Approved
16/01083/HHFUL	5 Stepping Stones - Two storey rear ext. & front dormer	Approval	Permission
16/01173/S65	Linton Farm, Potton Road – Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development: Conversion of agricultural buildings to a dwelling house on land being compulsorily purchased for the new A14	No comment	In progress
16/01091/HHFUL	1 Limes Court - Proposed side extension	Approval + conditions	In progress
16/01119/HHFUL	1 Meadow Close - First floor side extension	Approval	In progress
16/01171/HHFUL	1 Pound Road - Extension	Approval	In progress
16/01090/HHFUL	Willowside, Mill Lane - Proposed extensions to front, sides and rear	Approval + conditions	In progress
16/01351/HHFUL	Willowside, Mill Lane - Proposed double garage & store, driveway, new gates and boundary wall with railings.		In progress

Parish Council meetings

All meetings are held in the Reading Room, High Street, Hemingford Grey and start at 7:00pm. Agendas are posted on village notice boards, at the village store and on the website. Minutes can be inspected at the Post office and on the Hemingford Grey Parish Council Website www.hemingfordgrey.org.uk

Mon, Sep 12th	Planning	Parish Council meeting	
Mon, Sep 26th	Planning	Finance and Policy meeting	Environment meeting
Mon, Oct 10th	Planning	Parish Council meeting	
Mon, Oct 24th	Planning	Finance and Policy meeting	Environment meeting

Contact information

Website www.hemingfordgrey.org.uk

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Parish Councillors

Doug Dew (Chair)	4 Weir Road	469814
Robin Waters (Vice-Chair)	18 Hemingford Road	467077
Janet Brasnell	1a Pound Road	492033
Derek Clifton	Dockseys Farm,	463365
Richard Allen	Maristow, London Road	494783
Don Costello	7 The Apple Orchard	469296
Riva Elliot	38 Church Street	494142
Jason Hall	3 Gunnings Way	395567
Steve Herring	21 Weir Road	392991
John Jenkin	Tanglewood, 4 Mill Close	465092
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