

# Hemingford Grey Parish Council

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## Parish Newsletter

May 2016

We are now all looking forward to the weather becoming a little more friendly and being able to enjoy our village. With this in mind I am again mindful to bring to your attention 2 problems that we at The Parish Council are receiving complaints about.

The first are irresponsible dog owners who are determined not to collect their dog faeces. Please can I request that when your pet has done its business please have a bag with you and place it in one of the bins that are around the village or take it home and dump it. The Parish Council Environment team are currently looking at placing several more bins at appropriate points around the village.

Our second problem is again people parking on pavements and the road. This is not helpful to many of us. Mums with buggies and tots, elderly with sticks or people in wheelchairs. We all have someone near to us who is inconvenienced by this inconsiderate parking. Please can we ask that you be considerate and park your vehicle in the road.

Can I wish villagers an enjoyable Summer in our beautiful village.

*Cllr. Doug Dew – Chairman, Hemingford Grey Parish Council*

**Suggestions:** If you have any suggestions you wish to make to the Parish Council there are a number of ways you can do this. At the start of each Council meeting there is a public session where you have the opportunity to address the full Council. Alternatively you can call/email our Parish Clerk or if you prefer, contact a Parish Councillor. Contact details are shown on the back page of the newsletter.

**Parish Website:** Since our website was relaunched last year we have been steadily making improvements to it.

You can now find the minutes, agendas, newsletters as well as dates of all our meetings on the calendar and details about the many groups, societies and activities in the village.

It's not quite where we want it to be yet, and are hoping to give it a bit of a facelift later in the year. If you are good with WordPress (or know someone who is) we would love to hear from you.

We have joined a growing number of Parish Councils and are now on Facebook and Twitter. While we will never stop using the noticeboards and Parish Newsletter, we are always looking at new ways to pass on information to the residents of our lovely village.

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**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](mailto: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

**Hemingford Grey Litter Pick:** A campaign was launched at the beginning of the year to tidy up Britain in time for Her Majesty's 90th birthday, appropriately named the 'Clean for the Queen campaign'.

The Queen's official birthday is 10<sup>th</sup> June so the Parish Council has decided to organise a litter pick on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate this wonderful achievement. With the Hemingford Grey Open Gardens and the Hemingford Peace Memorial Field 70<sup>th</sup> celebration taking place the following weekend we also have the opportunity to show our village off at its best to the many visitors expected for this event.

Details are still being finalised but if you can spare a couple of hours to help clean up our village contact John Jenkin 01480 465092. Huntingdon District Council will supply Hi-viz jackets, gloves and litter picks.

## **The new Hemingford Grey Neighbourhood Watch**

**Scheme** continues to be very successful with all roads in the village now represented by Street Co-ordinators. To join your street scheme and start receiving automated alert emails when any crime has been committed locally, please register on [www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk)



Last month the Chair of our Parish Council, accompanied by two Street Co-ordinators, visited HDC's CCTV centre. We await the Parish Council's decision as to how it moves forward, or not, with regard to the possibility of installing CCTV cameras at the village entrance/exit points in Marsh Lane, Gore Tree Road, Manor Road and Hemingford Road

On 7th April we held our first NHW pop-in 'surgery'. Residents were able to meet and raise concerns with PCSO Hannah Shepherd from St Ives Police Station. The first Annual Hemingford Grey NHW meeting will take place at 7.30pm, The Pavilion, Manor Road, on Thursday 5th May

The Police say they have been receiving useful 'soft intelligence' from our residents and continue to encourage us to call 101 to report any suspicious activity/people and vehicles. This includes cold callers or rogue traders, particularly if they are behaving in a dubious manner, or are using aggressive sales techniques. Also alert your co-ordinator. For any "live" criminal activity please phone 999 immediately.

For further information on any of the above, please contact Esther Harrod, Village NHW Co-ordinator:- 01480 392991 [esther.harrod@ntlworld.com](mailto:esther.harrod@ntlworld.com)

**Hemingford Grey Open Gardens 2016:** Residents of Hemingford Grey are opening their gardens to the public on the weekend of June 11th and 12th from 2pm until 6pm in the evening. There will be 15 gardens open, displaying a tulip sign outside, so you can't miss them. At the first garden you visit you can buy your Entry Brochure for £5.00 which will allow you to enter all the gardens on both days. Your entry brochure will show on a map which gardens are open and where they are, with some brief words about the garden. Most gardens are open on both days, but there may be one or two which are only open for one day, so check this information on the entry brochure.

Teas will be served at various venues, as shown in the brochure. The gardens are all private gardens enjoyed by their owners. It's interesting for other gardeners to see what grows successfully in Hemingford Grey. Proceeds will go towards club funds enabling us to bring in good speakers for our meetings. And the club membership also decides which local charities we support.

For more information, or to join Hemingford Grey Gardeners' Society, contact the secretary, Annie Waters, [annie@applemead.com](mailto:annie@applemead.com).

**Dog Fouling:** Hemingford Grey Parish Council regularly receives complaints about the mess left by dogs, and this has sadly been the case for many years.

Despite providing bags to dispose of the mess in the bins provided, placing signs warning dog walkers of the fines they will incur if they do not 'pick it up and bin it' and regular notices placed in the Parish Council newsletter this continues to be a problem. This is caused by a small number of irresponsible dog walkers. Their lack of consideration for the safety of adults and children in our public areas is simply not acceptable.

Following the lead set by other District and Parish Councils Hemingford Grey Parish Council will issue biodegradable spray paint to Parish Councillors to use to spray dog poop. It has proved to be very effective at erradicating the problem and helping residents avoid dog mess. A recent exercise using sprays in a regional country park reduced dog fouling by over 90% in two weeks. The paint goes away within a few days.

We want our public spaces to be enjoyed by everyone without this enjoyment being compromised by antisocial behaviour.

If anyone would be willing to spray offending dog fouling on their way round the village would they please contact **Derek Clifton 01480 463365**

**Hemingfords' Regatta—Saturday 9th July 2016:** It's Regatta time again and this unique village event will be held on Saturday 9th July. It is not 'Henley' but our regatta has its own history and attraction.

Rowing and coxing instruction with practice for children and adult beginners will take place from Monday 13th June to Friday 17th June from 6.30pm. From Monday 20th June to Thursday 7th July there will be rowing, canoeing and punting practice for children and adults, again from 6.30pm. There is always a demand for coxes, particularly on Regatta day, so children who might not want to row can become involved by learning to cox. Practice sessions will take place on the river at the end of the High Street.

More information is available on [www.hemingfordsregatta.org.uk](http://www.hemingfordsregatta.org.uk) and on facebook.

Entry forms for the regatta will be available from the Hemingford Stores and the Parish Centre. Let's hope for good weather and a great day of fun for competitors and spectators.

**Hemingford Post Office:** As I am sure you are aware, our village Post Office has moved to Hemingford Stores after more than 12 years at the Parish Centre. We would like to say thank you to all our loyal customers who have supported us, and those who have worked at the Post Office since St. James' Parish Church took on the business to serve the village, back in November 2003

Our Coffee Shop in the Parish Centre will remain open. We will still supply photocopying and stationery services. Please ask for help at the Reception desk.

If you have ideas about how the space left by the P.O. might be used in the future for the benefit of our community there is a 'Suggestion Box' in the foyer of the Parish Centre or email [ideas@churchbytheriver.org.uk](mailto:ideas@churchbytheriver.org.uk).

We look forward to hearing from you and if you haven't already discovered our good coffee please come and see us in the Parish Centre

Rev. Peter Cunliffe (and one time Postmaster!)

**Hemingford Art Club:** Is holding an Art Exhibition at Hemingford Abbots Village Hall where exciting new and original works of art are for sale. Also on sale will be greetings cards featuring some hand painted work.

**21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 10.30am – 6.00pm Saturday, 10.30am – 4.30pm Sunday**

**Free Admission Refreshments will be on sale. Wheelchair access and disabled facilities**

**Hemingford Peace Memorial Field 70th Anniversary:** The land on which the Hemingford Pavilion stands, known as the Hemingford Peace Memorial Field, was gifted to the villages of Hemingford Grey and Hemingford Abbots in 1946 by Lieutenant- Colonel Stuart Dewes Haward in memory of his father to celebrate the peace that followed the end of WW2. **Hemingford Park Cricket Club** also celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and all this coincides with the **Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**.

To celebrate these important milestones the Pavilion will be holding an event, supported by many village organisations and clubs, on the playing field on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a huge marquee on the field accommodating lots of entertainment, demonstrations and activities for all ages.

**Village Lighting:** Our LED lights have attracted only positive comments so far and the PC has now authorised the purchase of another batch of these to fit in residential streets currently using orange sodium lamps. We will also be replacing several damaged lights and will address dark areas in Glebe Road, Braggs Lane and Pound Road.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** will take place at the Hemingford Pavilion on Monday, May 16th in the Chris Page Room at 7:30pm. The public and press are cordially invited to attend. We hope to have a speaker with real experience of neighbourhood planning

**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 hearing took place on 15<sup>th</sup> March at HDC and we believe that the inspector covered the important issues. The appellant has apparently agreed not to have amplified music at any time and this, at least in theory, meets our main concerns. The results of the appeal should be available within the next two or three months.

**Lest We Forget:** The application to establish the National Centre for the Great War on the disused Hemingford Abbots Golf Course is still in progress.

## Outcomes of recent planning applications

Applications	Details	PC Recomm.	HDC Status
15/01563/FUL	Fairways Lodge, Cambridge Road, Hemingford 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	In progress
16/00023/HHFUL	7 Braggs Lane – single and one and a half storey rear extensions	Approval	Approved
15/01981/FUL	Land between Dene End and Greenfields, St Ives – Erection of detached dwelling (In Fenstanton Parish)	Refusal	In progress
15/02246/HHFUL	Haverford, London Road, St Ives – Two storey rear extension	Approval	Approved
16/00144/HHFUL	8 The Thorpe – Single storey extensions to front of property	Approval	Approved
16/00216/S73	Cullum Farm London Road St Ives - Removal of Condition concerning pathway	Approval	Pending decision
16/00171/FUL	The Willows Guest House 45 High Street – extension to guest house to provide managers accommodation	Approval	In progress
16/00483/HHFUL	15 De Vere Close – Two storey extension	Refusal	In progress
16/00455/HHFUL	2 Manor Road – Oak framed garden room and first floor extension	Approval	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](http://www.hemingfordgrey.org.uk)

Mon, May 9th	Planning	Parish Council meeting	
Mon, May 23rd	Planning	Finance and Policy meeting	Environment meeting
Mon, Jun 13th	Planning	Parish Council meeting	
Mon, Jun 27th	Planning	Finance and Policy meeting	Environment <b>meeting</b>
Mon, Jul 11th	Planning	Parish Council meeting	
Mon, Jul 25th	Planning	Finance and Policy meeting	Environment meeting

## Contact information

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