

**HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL****Meeting of Hemingford Grey Parish Council  
held on Monday 9 April 2018 at 7.45 pm in the Reading Room**

**Present:** Cllrs: Doug Dew (Chairman) Riva Elliott  
Richard Allen Leanne Elmstrom  
Janet Brasnell Tim Puttick  
Derek Clifton Robin Waters

**In attendance:** 2 members of the public, Michael Charlton (Estates Manager, Tarmac), and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services)

The meeting commenced at 7.45 pm after the Planning Committee meeting.

**Comments and observations from members of the public and from the County and District Councillors**

Michael Charlton, Estates Manager for Tarmac, provided an update on the plans for quarrying on land at Hemingford Grey. Planning permission had been granted in 1995 but a quarrying requirement for the A14 had now arisen. A plan of the site and outline of the proposals for restoration were provided. Sand and gravel will be removed from the extraction site via a haul road, across the brook via a new culvert, to the plant site on Marsh Lane. All lorries will be required to turn right on exit and will not travel through the village. All materials extracted are to serve the A14 works to meet a shortfall. They will be removed "as dug" so there will be no need for a processing plant, and no associated washing or noise. It is anticipated that works will start in early summer and continue for about 12 months. Thereafter the site would be restored as another lake with shallow margins, and an island in the centre and tree planting, to become a wildlife habitat.

The Parish Council asked about the number of lorries and exiting onto London Road. Mr Charlton acknowledged, given this was a busy junction, that this might be difficult, but there was no real alternative. The situation will be monitored. There will be quite a few lorries during the day.

The Council expressed concerns at the safety hazard due to the speed of oncoming traffic and asked whether the speed limit could be reduced. Mr Charlton indicated that Tarmac would be willing to support a limit and work with the planning authority in this connection.

The hours of operation would be Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, with possible Saturday morning working. A weighbridge and small portacabin will be installed.

Mr Charlton reassured the Council that washing would not take place on the other side of the road as Tarmac had no rights there.

A resident commented on anticipated chaos at the end of Marsh Lane. Mr Charlton reiterated that lorries would not turn left into the village. Signage would be erected and any drivers flouting the rules would be banned.

In response to concerns expressed about the adjacent zip wire and pleasure boat lake, Mr Charlton stated that there were no active plans to sell the site when work was finished, and their aim was to develop wildlife habitats and an amenity for fishing and walkers, and they were not looking to turn the site into a watersports lake. He indicated that Tarmac would be willing to talk to a local group.

It was suggested that stewardship of the land would have to be managed properly and consideration could be given to registering it as a village asset.

The Parish Council asked whether a sign could be placed on London Road to raise drivers' awareness of the heavy lorries turning. Mr Charlton replied that they would discuss this with

the Highways authority. They would also be willing to carry out work on the hedges and trees to improve visibility and contractors would be trimming the hedges.

A question was asked about the level of stewardship or gifting land to Parish Councils, but this would be a matter for the future, given the responsibilities involved. Mr Charlton was also asked about equestrian access.

Mr Charlton was thanked for attending and indicated his willingness to return if wished.

A resident raised the issue of litter and the quantity collected during the recent litter pick. He asked whether notices could be put up drawing attention to penalties for dropping litter. Cllr Dew explained that there were new powers for local authorities to issue on the spot fines, whereby littering from cars is an offence for which drivers will be responsible. The District Council is looking into this.

Cllr Dew as District Cllr reported that the District Council was currently in purdah but there was little to report. A meeting had taken place with the Enforcement team, District Council Leader and Director of Planning to discuss the lake site. Elections will take place on 3 May.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Meredith and Burke. The resignations of Cllrs Duncan and Hall were noted. The Chairman expressed appreciation for their work and had thanked both for their contribution.

**2. Declarations of interests**

None.

**3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2018**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 12 March 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Prop DC, 2nd JB, carried with 7 in favour and 1 abstention)

**4. To consider matters arising from the last or a previous meeting for info only unless detailed**

4.1 (5.1) Appointment of Newsletter Editor

RESOLVED that Cllr Elliott should continue for the time being. (Prop DD, 2nd JB, unanimous)

4.2 (5.0.6) Electronic speed signs – to consider installation and delivery arrangements

RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £50.00 per time from K & M Lighting to install the sign.

RESOLVED to clarify the decision on the purchase for the electronic speed sign that this is to be the SAM model along with the solar panel, extra battery, data collection function, additional post fixings, and two year warranty, excluding posts and the 230V version, as lamp posts will be used.

RESOLVED that delivery should be made to Cllr Dew. (Prop DD, 2nd RA, unanimous)

4.3 (7.3) Assets of Community Value – to consider report and recommendation of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

RESOLVED to invite the HDC Policy and Enabling Officer to the June meeting to discuss a Housing Needs Survey.

4.4 (8.1) Statutory guidance on Local Government investment – to consider recommendation from the Finance and Policy Working Group

RESOLVED that the Finance and Policy Working Group should meet before the next meeting.

RESOLVED to note, given that the Council's investments were not near the limit, the council could adopt a standard policy.

RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting. (Prop DD, 2nd RW, unanimous)

4.5.1 (10) Commemoration of 100 year Remembrance – to consider suggestion of a joint event

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Dew to liaise with Peter Cunliffe regarding a joint event on Remembrance Sunday. (Pro RA, 2nd DC, unanimous)

**5. Finance, procedure and risk assessment**

5.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

RESOLVED to receive the financial report and that the invoices and bank statements be checked before the cheques are signed at the end of the meeting.

RESOLVED that the payments as listed in the finance report should be paid, plus K & M Streetlights (Streetlight maintenance) £98.10. (Prop DC, 2nd RW, unanimous)

2 Commune (Website)	£870.00
CCC (Dropped kerb)	£600.00
Hemingfords Directory (Leaflet delivery)	£60.00
Victoire Press (Newsletter)	£1600.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£1452.11
HDC (Daintree Green rent)	£37.50
A Meredith (Expenses)	£7.84

Credits, including bank interest and cemetery fees, were noted.

RESOLVED, given that someone had removed the dog signs on the day after installation, that Cllr Allen be appointed to make enquiries about their whereabouts.

5.2 Clerk report on any action taken using delegated powers or because of health and safety

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk used her delegated powers to:

- Take plot 430b in the cemetery out of action following discussion with Cllr Clifton. This was due to the inaccessibility to the plot for digging.
- Sell the exclusive rights to plots 410a and 410b
- Authorise two interments
- Seek quotations for works to: one high priority risk tree (Vicarage Field), to be carried out as soon as possible; 31 moderate priority trees, to be carried out within 6 months; and 47 low priority risk trees, to be carried out within 12 months, as identified in the tree survey. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

5.3 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety

None.

**6. To receive reports and items from Committees, working groups and members for information only unless specified**

6.1 New Gravel workings at Marsh Lane – Proposal that the Council writes to Tarmac, CCC and HDC with any concerns

RESOLVED that Cllr Waters be delegated to draft a letter to be sent to Tarmac, CCC and HDC to emphasise the points of concern including drainage, traffic and wildlife, as detailed in his report.

RESOLVED to ask CCC to consider a temporary speed reduction, to at least 40 mph, for the duration of the works, and signs warning of heavy plant crossing. (Prop DD, 2nd RA, unanimous)

6.2 Transport Task Group report

RESOLVED to note Cllr Meredith's previously circulated report. The medical surveys had been distributed. Morrisons' transport is being considered by CCC.

6.3 Marsh Lane – overhanging hedge

RESOLVED to note that the Parish Council had asked Tarmac to carry out the work that needed doing.

- 6.4 Footpath Gore Tree Road from The Glebe to Burlington Way  
RESOLVED to invite County Cllr Ian Bates to have a regular meeting every so often.
- 6.5 Report on CAPALC EGM on 22 March  
The report from Cllr Waters was noted.
- 7. To consider correspondence/communications received**
- 7.1 HDC – Community Infrastructure Levy and request for initial proposals for infrastructure projects  
RESOLVED that the Parish Council should consider possible future projects and to have CIL as a regular quarterly agenda item in the future.
- 7.2 St Ives and District Area Road Safety Committee Meeting minutes  
Membership and representation are to be considered at the next meeting.
- 8. Closure of Meeting**  
The Chairman thanked all members for serving and for their contributions.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)