

HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL**Meeting of Hemingford Grey Parish Council
held on Monday 14 January 2019 at 7.58 pm in the Reading Room
following the Planning Committee meeting**

Present: Cllrs: Richard Allen (Chairman) Sarah Jakes
Mark Burke Kim Loader
Derek Clifton Anne Meredith
Riva Elliott Tim Puttick
Janice Flint Robin Waters

In attendance: 2 members of the public, County Cllr Ian Bates, and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services)

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

A resident enquired about the possibility of a second defibrillator in the village and suggested that the Daintree Green area might be a suitable location. This will be an agenda item for the February meeting.

County Cllr Ian Bates reported on the forthcoming CCC budget setting process. 2% of budget is earmarked for vulnerable children and adults. The Parish Council asked whether the report on bus funding had yet been published. Cllr Bates responded that this was not yet public, but would be going to the Combined Authority in January. An indicative view on the bus funding was sought, as residents were concerned. Some local buses had standing room only. Cllr Bates explained that it would be necessary to await the report which would mainly cover principles. CCC gives very small subsidies to buses as most bus services in the county are commercial, and the current CCC budget of £1.7m for bus subsidies includes concessionary bus fares.

1. **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Brasnell (unwell), Elmstrom (unwell), and Dew.
2. **Declarations of interests**
None.
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2018**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 12 November 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record, after an amendment under item 6.8, line 11, to replace "Cllr Allen" with "Cllr Dew" and line 12 to read "authorised to set up a WREN grant account." (Prop RA, 2nd AM, carried with 1 abstention)
4. **To consider matters arising from the last or a previous meeting for info only unless detailed**
 - 4.1 **(4.1) Yes Estate transfer and legal advice**
RESOLVED to defer this item to the February meeting. A solicitor was looking at the lease and had identified some questions.
 - 4.2 **(4.3) Street lights – to consider quotations received**
Cllr Waters reported on the revised quotations from K & M Lighting and UKPN for the street light replacements. RESOLVED that five or six concrete columns which were originally included should be removed from the proposed works, as these were believed to be sound and might last 10 to 20 years. Also, in Manor Road, a light had been moved to the south side of the road, away from trees and closer to the electricity supply, resulting in reduced costs. The work was expected to start in March or April and be completed in September. Cllr Waters also reported that approximately six lights in the trees would need cantilever arms.

RESOLVED to proceed to accept the UKPN quotes totalling £19,496.00, the K & M quotes now, excluding the concrete columns which were in good condition. ^(Prop RW, 2nd DC, unanimous)

RESOLVED to accept the UKPN quote for connection of the damaged light in Glebe Road, for the sum of £967.20. ^(Prop RW, 2nd RA, unanimous)

4.3 (6.3) To consider tenders for the Grounds Maintenance contract

RESOLVED, having considered the 6 tenders received, to accept the tender from K Fergusons Ltd, subject to receipt of regular invoices and reports to the Council when the work has been carried out. ^(Prop AM, 2nd SJ, 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 Lighting Services (Street light maintenance) £87.88, Salary £628.24, Salary £759.31, Salary £468.60, HMRC (PAYE) £247.96, Hemingford Directory (Newsletter delivery) £31.00, UK Power Networks (Damaged street light connection) £967.20, and UK Power Networks (New street lights connection) £19,496.00. ^(Prop AM, 2nd DC, unanimous)

K Fergusons (Grass cutting)	£3664.74
Anglian Water (Wave) (Allotments water)	£51.36
K & M Streetlights (Speed sign return)	£193.21
K & M Streetlights (Street light maintenance)	£87.88
Land Registry (Index map search)	£4.00
JW Electrical (Christmas lights testing)	£72.00
CME (Payroll)	£90.00
Victoire Press (Newsletter)	£335.00
DIY Communities (Yes Community Development)	£350.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£2248.04
HDC (Daintree Green rent)	£37.50
Somersham Town Band (Carols event)	£160.00
CGM (Grass cutting)	£192.00
LGS Services (Admin support)	£2204.02

Credits, including cemetery fees, a memorial bench payment, allotment rents, bank interest and a VAT reclaim, were noted.

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

RESOLVED to note that HDC have been contracted at a cost of £110.00 per week to cover the Handyman while he is off sick.

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 To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and consider their recommendations to the Council:

Cllr Meredith reported: the Village Store has been registered as an Asset of Community Value and the application for The Cock is being submitted. The Housing Needs survey has been undertaken and the Council is waiting for the report from Cambridgeshire ACRE. The next meeting will be on 23 January at 7.15 pm, when the registration of Daintree Green and the Fishing Lake, Marsh Lane, as Assets of

Community Value will be discussed and town councillors from Godmanchester will attend to discuss the best way to involve residents in the decision whether to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan or not.

6.1.1 To initiate informal discussions with landowners in relation to the need for a new burial site in the parish

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation that the Task Group speak to three landowners within the parish. (Prop AM, 2nd RW, carried with 1 abstention)

6.1.2 To note the resignation of Cllr Brasnell from the Working Group

Noted.

6.2 To receive the Environment Working Group report and consider their recommendation

Cllr Waters reported that the group had not met since the last meeting. A proposal that a tree planting and clean up day be held and that the Cubs, Scouts and Guides be involved in the planting will be discussed at the next Environment Group meeting. A proposal was made that further assistance be provided with cemetery arrangements. RESOLVED that the Chairman will discuss this matter with the Clerk and bring a report and recommendation to the next meeting.

A proposal that the booking of the Somersham Town Band be confirmed for the 2019 Carol Evening on 7 December at 5 pm will be an agenda item for the next meeting. RESOLVED to send a letter to the Hemingford Regatta Committee thanking them for all their hard work organising the Carol Evening and for all that they do. (Prop DC, 2nd RW, carried with 1 abstention)

6.3 To receive a report from the Transport Task Group including the Bus Survey Analysis Report

Cllr Meredith spoke to her report. CCC have responded to Hemingford Abbots Parish Council that the St Ives town centre service will be modified to enable residents to visit the town, catch the town service to Morrisons and then catch the No 9 service back to the village from Morrisons. It was understood that this will be implemented from April 2019.

7. To consider correspondence/communications received

7.1 CCC – Winter Health Packs – to consider if any are required and if so how they will be distributed

RESOLVED to delegate action on this item to the Hemingford Hub. (Prop RA, 2nd RW, unanimous)

7.2 CCC – County Council Business Planning consultation

RESOLVED that members should submit any comments to the Clerk to collate and make a response as appropriate.

7.3 CCC – Funding for Bikeability cycle training in schools

RESOLVED that the Parish Council is supportive in principle and to consult the Clerk on how this might be funded. RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting. (Prop RW, 2nd RA unanimous)

7.4 CAPALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party nomination

RESOLVED that the Parish Council nominates Cllr Clifton to attend. (Prop RA, 2nd RE, carried with 1 abstention)

7.5 Hemingford Hub – Proposal that the Parish Council discuss their willingness to initially be considered the lead body for a trial Good Neighbour Scheme

Cllr Elliott reported on her attendance at the Good Neighbour Scheme meeting in Peterborough. Details of the scheme were outlined, with the aims of supporting residents during times of transition, to overcome and prevent loneliness, and promote healthy living. A request was made for Parish Council support whereby the Council would work with the Hemingford Hub as overseer until the group was in a position to

take over financial and legal responsibility for the scheme, so that the group could qualify for funding to enable an early start as a key trial parish. Discussions would need to be held with Hemingford Abbots and also with Castor & Ailsworth Parish Council, who were interested in joining the scheme.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council was supportive of such a scheme in principle but felt that more clarity and further information was needed on the detailed objectives of the scheme and grant applications. The Parish Council would need to consider the implications of working with the Hub as a separate body or as a Parish Council project.

RESOLVED that Cllr Elliott should bring further information and a recommendation to the next meeting.

8. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.03 pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)

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