

HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL

I hereby give notice that the Meeting of the Parish Council's Planning Committee will be held on Monday 11 February 2019 in the Reading Room, Hemingford Grey at 7 pm

*The Public and Press are cordially invited to be present.
The order of business may be varied at the Chairman's discretion.*

All members of the Council's Planning Committee are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below.

Ben Stoehr

Ben Stoehr, Acting Clerk 04/02/19

AGENDA

Comments and observations from members of the public and reports from the District Councillor on items on this agenda only

- 1. To receive and approve apologies for absence**
- 2. Declaration of interests**
- 3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting**
- 4. Matters arising**
- 5. To consider planning applications, decision notices and tree works applications or pre-application approaches received***
 - 5.1 Planning applications
 - 5.1.1 19/00100/HHFUL – 16 Burlington Way – Single storey rear extension
 - 5.1.2 19/00087/LBC – 4 Limes Park – Installation of new boiler and flue
 - 5.1.3 18/02726/FUL – Former car showroom, London Road, St Ives – Phased residential development of 62 dwellings with access, parking, landscaping and associated works on existing buildings
 - 5.2 Decision notices, appeals notices, enforcement notices and planning correspondence
 - 5.2.1 18/02483/HHFUL – 4 Stepping Stones – New two storey extension to the rear of the property to replace existing conservatory footprint, new dormer to the front of the property – Permission granted
 - 5.2.2 18/02419/HHFUL – 11 Braggs Lane – Build above a side single storey kitchen area in order to enlarge the bedroom above. This will have a brick to match existing exterior and a flat roof. The rear facing façade will have glass doors and a glass balustrade – Permission granted
 - 5.2.3 18/02366/HHFUL – 6 Victoria Terrace – Replacement of single storey lean to extension on back elevation, reroofing of back elevation, extensions with new lean to pitched roof and the addition of 4x non-opening roof lights – Permission granted
 - 5.2.4 18/02367/LBC – 6 Victoria Terrace – As above, listed building consent
 - 5.2.5 18/01493/FUL – Long Lane House Outbuildings, Long Lane House, Long Lane – Demolition of existing dilapidated milking shed and erection of single storey dwelling house – Permission refused
 - 5.3 Tree Works applications
 - 5.3.1 19/00121/TRCA – Mill Bungalow, St Ives Road
 - 5.3.2 18/02676/TRCA – 11 Braggs Lane (3 - includes an oak in garden of 5 Oakfields)
- 6. To consider recommendation that the Tree Warden(s) working with the Clerk be authorised to respond to tree applications as they appear on the HDC website. Any applications that the Tree Warden(s) are concerned about should be brought to the attention of the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee and the application will be considered at a Planning Committee meeting if time allows. Failing that the Chair/Vice-Chair and the Tree Warden(s) with the Clerk will agree the response from the Parish Council ^(AM)**

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- 7. To consider recommendation that the Parish Council should advertise the volunteer role of Tree Warden as the parish would benefit from two Tree Wardens ^(AM)**
- 8. To consider recommendation that the Parish Council take a proactive approach to applying to register trees; the nominated trees will be identified in the Planning Committee agenda and an article on Trees and their preservation will be included in the Newsletter. ^(AM)**
- 9. Chairman's report on other matters for information only**
- 10. Closure of meeting**

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Report from Cllr Meredith to Planning and Pc meeting on 11th February 2019

Following on from the resignation of one of the tree wardens I met up with Ray Woodward to discuss the role of the tree warden.

The Parish Council receives a fair number of tree applications due to the conservation area.

Over the last few months several tree applications have been approved before the planning committee has had a chance to consider them. This is frustrating for the Tree Warden and also for the Planning Committee.

Recommendations to planning committee

That the Tree Warden(s) working with the clerk is/are authorised to respond to tree applications as they appear on the HDC website. Any applications that the Tree Warden(s) is concerned about s/he should bring to the attention of the Chair or Vice Chair of the Planning Committee and the application will be considered at a Planning Committee meeting if time allows. Failing that the Chair/Vice Chair and the Tree Warden(s) with the Clerk will agree the response from the Parish Council.

That the Parish Council will advertise the volunteer role of Tree Warden as the parish would benefit from 2 tree Wardens.

Anne Meredith, Chair of Planning Committee, Hemingford Grey Parish Council.

Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

Recently the Planning Committee was requested to consider applying for TPOs for 2 oak trees growing on non private land. The committee agreed to this request.

This raised the issue of preservation of trees outside the conservation area especially in the light of ash die back reaching the parish.

Mature trees are important to the parish; they contribute to the rural character of the parish; the leaves cool the air and absorb rain: they provide habitats for insects and birds.

There is the possibility that mature trees could be removed for a variety of reasons; to make way for house extensions and new houses; convenience; shade cast over properties.

The Tree Officer at HDC was contacted by phone and advised that Parish Councils do apply for TPOs. Whilst appreciating the Council's desire for transparency she strongly advised against consulting directly with local residents about nominated trees for two reasons. It raised the expectations of local residents when the nominated trees may not merit a TPO. Secondly landowners have been known to take pre-emptive action and the nominated trees have been felled.

Any proposed trees would be included in the agenda for the Planning Committee and a general article could be placed in the Newsletter explaining the Parish Council's approach to protecting trees in the parish.

Recommendation

That the Parish Council will take a pro-active approach to applying to register trees. The nominated trees will be identified in the Planning Committee agenda and an article on Trees and their preservation will be included in the Newsletter.