

HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Hemingford Grey Parish Council's Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 11 November 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Reading Room

Present: Cllrs: Anne Meredith (Chairman) Sarah Jakes
Richard Allen Mark Sheridan
Riva Elliott Robin Waters
Janice Flint

In attendance: 7 members of the public, District Cllr D Keane and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

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

A member of the public observed that planning enforcement was non-existent, given the approval by HDC of the Long Lane Lake planning application last month. As it was important that residents could contact HDC Planning Enforcement, they requested the contact details will be placed on the website and in the newsletter.

The applicant for Water's Edge outlined the plans for a smaller, more attractive building, with a lower ridge height for less impact, and the landscaping scheme including the restoration of a meadow-like landscape.

Cllr Flint arrived at 7.08 pm.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Puttick and Byam-Cook (both out of parish).

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Meredith declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5.1.2 as a friend of the applicant.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 14 October be approved and signed by the Chairman, after adding the words "(Hemingfords' Action Group)" at the end of item 1, and altering the word "natural" to "native" in item 5.1.2. (Prop RW, 2nd MS, unanimous)

4. Matters arising

4.1 (5.3) 36 Hemingford Road – to note response from HDC

RESOLVED to note the HDC response that enforcement action was being taken.

5. To consider planning applications, decision notices and tree works applications or pre-application approaches

5.1 Planning applications

5.1.1 19/02087/FUL – Water's Edge, Meadow Lane – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling

The site visit was conducted by Cllrs Meredith and Waters.

RESOLVED to recommend approval, on the grounds that the replacement dwelling is of more architectural merit than the existing dwelling and there is a range of building styles along the lane so the building will not be out of keeping. A condition should be imposed that when works are carried out on the leylandii hedge, the bay tree at 7 Meadow Close should be protected. (Prop AM, 2nd RW, unanimous)

5.1.2 19/01967/HHFUL – 11B Gore Tree Road – Proposed single storey extensions to the rear, side and front

Cllr Meredith, having previously declared an interest in this item, left the meeting at 7.22 pm. Cllr Waters chaired the meeting for this item.

The site visit had been conducted by Cllr Waters.

RESOLVED to recommend approval as the application will improve the house and

the appearance is completely acceptable from the public highway. (Prop RW, 2nd RA, unanimous)

Cllr Meredith re-joined the meeting.

5.1.3 19/01625/HHFUL – 4 Pembroke Close, St Ives – Proposed two storey and single storey side extensions and single storey rear extension and installation of timber boarding

RESOLVED, given that there were papers missing on the HDC website, to seek a time extension until the January meeting, but if this is not possible, to delegate to the Clerk to seek members' comments and respond on the Parish Council's behalf, as the Parish Council does not meet in December.

5.2 Decision notices, appeals notices, enforcement notices and planning correspondence

5.2.1 19/01614/HHFUL – 5 The Thorpe – Two storey rear extension replacing single storey rear kitchen range – Permission granted.

5.2.2 19/01168/FUL – Lake Ashmore, Gore Tree Road – Amendments to water based activity centre allowed by appeal, including alterations to approved changing rooms, and construction of a storage building, viewing hut and control shed – Permission granted. The Parish Council had recommended refusal and Cllr Elliott had represented the Parish Council at the HDC Planning Committee meeting.

5.2.3 18/00919/S73 – Lake Ashmore, Gore Tree Road – Variation of condition 2 on application 13/00002FUL for minor material amendment to approved plans – Withdrawn.

5.3 Tree Works applications

5.3.1 19/02044/TREE – 15 Braggs Lane - works to a protected tree

RESOLVED to note that the Tree Wardens using their delegated powers had supported the proposed felling and recommended that that a tree of similar size and stature should be planted.

6. Chairman's report on other matters for information only

RESOLVED to note the Highways England response regarding Borrowpit 3 that whilst there is a 10 year management plan for the borrow pit it would not be Highways England's intention to keep the site, but it would sell the land with an obligation for the purchaser to undertake the plan.

RESOLVED to invite the developer for the proposed development at the Vindis site to the January meeting.

Unfortunately the Enforcement Officer had been unable to attend in January and unwilling to discuss just a specific case so the Enforcement contact details are to be published on the website and the newsletter.

7. Closure of meeting

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.37 pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)