

**HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of Hemingford Grey Parish Council**  
**held on Monday 10 February 2020 at 8.00 pm in the Reading Room**

**Present:** Cllrs: Richard Allen (Chairman) Anne Meredith  
 Doug Dew Mark Sheridan  
 Janice Flint Robin Waters  
 Sarah Jakes

**In attendance:** 5 members of the public, District Cllr D Keane and Mr Ben Stoehr (Acting Clerk)

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

District Cllr David Keane reported that St Neots will be getting a railway station. The Wyton air strip application was currently withdrawn. The HDC precept is increasing by approximately 2%.

Cllr Dew, as District Councillor, reported that other sites look more likely to be developed than the Wyton site at present. There is a new HDC leader, who is keen to prevent homelessness, and is looking to supply accommodation to help the situation.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Elliott, Puttick and Byam-Cook and from County Cllr Ian Bates.

**2. Declarations of interests**

None.

**3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2020**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 13 January 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record, after amendments under item 4.4 to read "spray," 6.5 to read "representatives from Memory Lane to attend training," and 6.7 to read "indication of the length of light string required." (Prop MS, 2nd AM, unanimous)

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

**4.1 NWR Hemingfords – request to plant a tree**

The Tree Wardens had recommended two locations, one at Glebe Road and the other at Vicarage Fields. RESOLVED that a flowering cherry will be planted on 23 February at Vicarage Fields.

**4.2 RSPB donation**

RESOLVED to note that the RSPB had thanked the Parish Council for the donation.

**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 Leeds Day Solicitors (Yes Estate lease) £1615.00, K & M Lighting Services (Street light maintenance) £87.88, (MVAS Return and installation) £78.00, and (New LED lanterns) £7560.00, CAPALC (Training) £10.00, HDC (POS rent) £112.50, K Ferguson Ltd (Tree work - Vicarage Fields) £648.00, LGS Services (Admin support) £2252.20, SSE (Electricity) £150.27 and £17.10, UKPN (Column 119) £2128.80 and Salaries of £1744.58. (Prop RA, 2nd MS, unanimous)

Salaries and pension	£1744.58
Hemingford Pavilion (Room hire)	£48.00
CAPALC (Training – allotments)	£120.00
K Ferguson (Grasscutting)	£11628.00

It was noted that branches and twigs had been left behind by the grass cutters.  
RESOLVED to check that the payment to Leeds Day was the final one.

Credits, including bank interest, cemetery fees, bird box funds and an insurance claim excess, were noted.

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

RESOLVED to note that the Acting Clerk approved an additional inscription for grave NEW459B.

The Clerk has approved that HDC should empty the trade waste bin at £14.20 per lift every 2 weeks.

Due to an error on the UKPN MPAS Certificate, there will be an increase of approx £8.50 per month for the streetlight energy.

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

A fallen tree in Filbert's Walk has been reported to the County Council. The path has been cleared but the rest of the clearance is still awaited.

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

6.1 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr Sheridan reported that the grant application had been accepted. Some due diligence was required to ensure the grant approval. A newsletter article had been written for the Hemingfords' Directory. The group was meeting again to discuss the content of the questionnaire. Good feedback had been received and progress was on track.

6.2 Environment Working Group proposals

Cllr Waters reported that the lighting project was nearing its end. A quotation for £505.00 for clearing branches and installation of extension brackets was agreed at the last meeting. Some additional works will be reported to the next meeting. The MVAS sign appears to be working. The fastest speed recorded so far is 55 mph.

6.2.1 Tree maintenance (item 58) and Mitchell Close bin (item 59)

RESOLVED to check the up to date position.

6.2.2 Climate Change Emergency (item 67)

Cllr Jakes reported on reducing emissions, and environmentally friendly strategies.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should make a declaration that there is an international Climate Emergency.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council declares that there is an internationally recognised Climate Emergency which requires our community to take actions to deal with the causes and the consequences as best we can. Working with other groups and with new policies including the Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council proposes to address everyday issues such as recycling and local transport as well as drainage and flood protection. In this way we can improve how our Parish looks and feels while sustaining our existing unique and enviable environment.

(Prop SJ, 2nd RW, unanimous)

6.2.3 Broken manhole cover in St Ives Road (item 68) - Proposal that the Clerk should chase CCC

RESOLVED that the Clerk should chase CCC. (Prop RW, 2nd JF, unanimous)

- 6.2.4 Damage to Gore Tree footpath (item 69) - proposal that the Parish Council should chase CCC  
RESOLVED to note that the footpath has been repaired.
- 6.2.5 Broken safety fence at The Thorpe (item 70) – Proposal that the Parish Council confirms position with CCC and obtains quotations for repair/replacement of fence around ditch at the end of The Thorpe  
RESOLVED to contact CCC and obtain quotations for the repairs. (Prop RW, 2nd DD, unanimous)
- 6.2.6 Proposal that the Parish Council authorises refreshment expenses as per previous litter picking days and for similar events during the lifetime of this council (until 2022) (item 72)  
RESOLVED that refreshment expenses up to £50.00 be authorised. (Prop DD, 2nd RA, unanimous)
- 6.2.7 Proposal that the Parish Council requests a quotation for the replacement of the kerb outside No 1 Church Street from CCC (item 73)  
RESOLVED to obtain a quotation. (Prop RW, 2nd JF, unanimous)
- 6.3 Cemetery Working Group  
The Cemetery Working Group had not met. A report will be made to the next meeting.
- 7. To consider correspondence/communications received**
- 7.1 CCC FP6 Diversion Order  
Noted.
- 7.2 HDC – Trade waste bin fees  
RESOLVED to move the bin subject to the approval of the Pavilion Trustees. (Prop RA, 2nd RW, unanimous)  
RESOLVED to approve payment of the fees. (Prop RA, 2nd DD, unanimous)
- 7.3 London Hearts – Defibrillator Drive  
RESOLVED to obtain quotations.
- 7.4 Resident – Request for kerbing outside 1 Church Street  
Taken earlier.
- 7.5 Resident – Football parking in Apple Orchard  
RESOLVED to write to the Football Club and ask them to park in Stepping Stones and Daintree Green. (Prop RA, 2nd RW, unanimous)
- 7.6 HDC – Maintenance of YES Estate Phase 2  
RESOLVED that the Parish Council is not interested in maintaining the land at this time and to continue to press for a transfer of ownership. (Prop RA, 2nd DD, unanimous)
- 8. Closure of Meeting**  
There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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