

HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL**Meeting of Hemingford Grey Parish Council held on Monday 21 June 2021 at 7.57 pm
At the Pavilion, Manor Road, Hemingford Grey**

Present: Cllrs: Richard Allen (Chairman) Tony Jackson
Susan Duma Sarah Jakes
Riva Elliott Anne Meredith
Janice Flint Robin Waters
Nick Irish

In attendance: 4 members of the public including Dr Jade Gunnell (Fieldfare), and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk)

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

A resident queried the appearance of a camera near The Grey House. The Parish Council will make enquiries as to who has put it up.

Cllr Duma arrived.

A representative of the WI spoke to their request to plant a Japanese wild cherry tree in Vicarage Fields to replace the tree which had been felled.

A resident raised the condition of the footpaths which were affected by overhanging brambles and low branches, and asked whether the handyman could cut these back, in particular around the playing fields and by the corner of Manor Road and Braggs Lane.

The Chairman undertook that the Parish Council would speak to Highways and ask them to take a look at the Braggs Lane and Manor Road corner.

Dr Jade Gunnell of Fieldfare expanded on her email and explained that she wished to ensure that her business complimented rather than conflicted with the Parish Council's objectives.

1. To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda

Apologies were received from Cllr Dew and from District Cllr David Keane.

Cllr Jakes declared a pecuniary interest in item 5.8, relating to her family business.

Cllrs Meredith and Flint declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5.3 as members of the walking football club.

Cllr Elliott declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5.7 Hemingford Hub.

2. To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 5 May 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after inserting "one end of the lane" in item 12.5. ^(Prop AM, 2nd RA, unanimous)

3. To consider matters arising from the last or a previous meeting**3.1 (11.4) RoSPA report to consider quotations received**

RESOLVED, having considered the quotations received, to accept the quotation from the Hemingford Handyman to carry out repairs to the bench, path sides, eroded area, planter, posts and walls for a total cost of £339.00. ^(Prop RA, 2nd SJ, unanimous)

RESOLVED to accept the quotations from RPM to carry out repairs to the playground equipment, for £1580.00 plus VAT excluding the repair of the eroded area, and for £130.00 plus VAT for repair of the matting at Dunnock Way. ^(Prop RA, 2nd AM, unanimous)

3.2 (11.4) To consider quotes for repair of swing joints and signage for Daintree Green

The swing joints/blocks were included in RPM's order 3.1.

RESOLVED to note that the quotation for signage from Algar Signcraft for £160.00 plus VAT had been accepted by the Clerk using delegated powers.

- 3.3 (12.1.1) To consider quotations for picnic benches
RESOLVED, given that for less than £750.00 an octagonal reconstituted recycled plastic bench which was suitable for wheelchair access could be purchased from Glasdon and fitted by the Hemingford Handyman, that having first checked with the donor that she was amenable to the costs the Clerk is delegated to order the bench and ask the Hemingford Handyman to install it. (Prop RA, 2nd AM, unanimous)
- 3.4 (12.5) Parking in Marsh Lane – to consider response from London Anglers’ Association
RESOLVED that the matter is now closed.
- 3.5 (12.0.6) To consider the venue for July and subsequent meetings
RESOLVED that the Clerk be delegated to make planning decisions when the Parish Council or Planning Committee are unable to meet. Standing orders are to be updated.
RESOLVED that in July a separate planning meeting should be held before the Parish Council meeting.
RESOLVED to check venues for holding from September a separate planning meeting on a different day from the full Council meeting. (Prop RA, 2nd AM, unanimous)
- 3.6 (6.2.3 of 12.4.21) To consider the quotation for repairs to landing stage
RESOLVED to note that the Regatta had been cancelled this year.
RESOLVED, to suspend Financial Regulations to consider just one quotation for specialist works on the river and to accept the quotation from Irvins Ltd to carry out the repairs as soon as possible for £3000.00 plus VAT, to be taken from the contingency budget on the grounds of Health and Safety. (Prop RW, 2nd AM, unanimous)
- On a proposition by the Chairman, the order of business was varied to take items 6.1 and 6.2 next.
- 6.1 Resident – Fieldfare – Offer of wildlife focused events on Parish Council land
RESOLVED that Cllrs Waters, Meredith and Jakes should liaise with Fieldfare. (Prop RA, 2nd RE, unanimous)
- 6.2 Hemingford WI – Request to plant a tree on Vicarage Fields – Proposal from EWG that the Cemetery is the most suitable site for a new native tree
RESOLVED that the Vicarage Fields was not considered a suitable location, and to accept the recommendation from the EWG that the Cemetery is the most suitable site for a new native tree. Cllr Meredith was appointed to draft a letter explaining the reasons. (Prop AM, 2nd JF, carried with 1 abstention)
- 4. Finance, procedure and risk assessment**
- 4.1 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 payments are made at the bank.
RESOLVED that the payments as listed in the finance report should be paid, plus J Flint (out of pocket expenses for the litter pick refreshments) £23.40, Fergusons (Grass cutting) £8292.00, and Hemingford Pavilion (Room hire) £54.00. (Prop RA, 2nd RW, unanimous)
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| Salaries and Pension | £1449.13 |
| Came and Co (Insurance) | £1339.65 |
| HDC (Rent) | £37.50 |
| K&M Street Lights (Street light maintenance) | £87.88 |
| Victoire Press (Newsletter printing) | £520.00 |
| Mick George (Allotment skip) | £205.20 |
| SSE (Street light electricity) (DD) | £151.40 |
| ICO (Data Protection registration) (DD) | £35.00 |
- Credits, including bank interest, cemetery fees, return of a grant payment, and receipt of the precept, were noted.

- 4.2 Clerk report on any action taken using delegated powers or because of risk or health and safety
RESOLVED to note delegated decisions with regard to the Cemetery and Allotment administration as shown in the finance report.
RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had used delegated powers to order a sign for Daintree Green from Algar Signcraft at a cost of £160.00, and to ask the Handyman to remove the cemetery gate temporarily on the grounds of Health and Safety.
- 4.3 To consider any matter that is urgent because of risk or health and safety
RESOLVED to note that the landing stage had been considered earlier in the meeting on Health and Safety grounds.
- 4.4 To consider the Internal Auditor's report if received
The Internal Auditor's report was noted.
- 5. To receive reports and items from Committees, working groups and members for information only unless stated**
- 5.1 Environment Working Group proposals
- 5.1.1 Proposal that consultation meetings be held on site at Daintree Green, Vicarage Fields, YES Estate, and Mitchell Close to get feedback on proposals for managing those areas. To authorise expenditure of up to £100 for the public consultations for the open spaces.
RESOLVED to approve the proposal. (Prop RW, 2nd SD, unanimous)
- 5.1.2 Proposal to approach local organisations to join in growing plug plants for the proposed "wild flower islands." To purchase suitable seeds from Plantlife at a maximum cost of £80.00 (2 packets each of 8 species)
Cllr Meredith proposed an amendment to the proposal as follows:
"To purchase suitable seeds from Plantlife or another organisation that can supply seeds sourced in the UK. Sponsorship will be sought for this with the council being asked to commit £80 if necessary."
RESOLVED to approve the amended proposal. (Prop AM, 2nd RW, unanimous)
- 5.2 Proposal that the Council reviews the date for the Somersham Town Band made on 13 January 2020
RESOLVED to re-book for the second Saturday in December. (Prop RA, 2nd RE, unanimous)
- 5.3 Proposal that the Council discusses the progress of the two classes One Leisure walking football and strength and balance classes
RESOLVED to note that six additional sessions have been organized for walking football. Concerns had been expressed at the lack of publicity for the walking football sessions. RESOLVED that Cllr Elliott should feed back to Hemingford Hub.
- 5.4 Proposal that the Council considers the Food Bank collection on Sunday 11 May and arranges for the help of Councillors
RESOLVED, noting that the collection will take place on Sunday 11 July, that Councillors or residents should adopt a road and encourage donations which will be picked up by the Councillor or left at the Councillor's doorstep.
RESOLVED that Cllr Meredith should organize this and that she and Cllr Flint should draft the notice.
RESOLVED that members should email Cllr Meredith and donations should be dropped off at the Reading Room.
- 5.5 Cemetery gate repair – to consider quotation received
RESOLVED that the Parish Council should wait for the second part of the quotation from the Handyman and delegate to the Clerk to accept the cheapest quotation given that this was a Health and Safety issue. RESOLVED that Cllr Flint should look into grant funding for longer term repair. (Prop RA, 2nd RW, unanimous)

- 5.6 Members' Planning Training – to set the date for training
Taken earlier during the Planning meeting.
- 5.7 Hemingford Hub charity status update and request the Council discuss ways the Hub and the Parish Council can work more closely together for the benefit of residents
RESOLVED to note that Hemingford Hub had been granted Charity status for “Anything to improve the lives of residents of Hemingford Grey and in part of Hemingford Abbots. 350 homes have some deprivation in some way.”
RESOLVED that Councillors should put forward suggestions to the next or a future meeting or mention them to Cllr Elliott.
- 5.8 Proposal that the Council contracts St Ives Tree to remove all the wood and old ivy in the corner of the allotments
Cllr Jakes, having previously declared an interest in this item, left the meeting at 9.06 pm.
RESOLVED to contract St Ives Tree to remove the branches and ivy, which it was believed had been left by a previous contractor, so that the compost heap could be available to allotment tenants once again. (Prop RW, 2nd TJ, unanimous)
Cllr Jakes re-joined the meeting at 9.09 pm.
- 5.9 Proposal that the Council considers the St Ives Transport upgrades, Have your Say consultation
RESOLVED, noting that the Mayor has asked the public to deliberate on 6 options, to support residents' comments and respond with the following additional comments:
 - that there are no statistics on traffic;
 - the proposals have not really stated why the upgrades are required;
 - there is nothing in the consultation about through traffic;
 - anything that does not include improvements to the A1196 should be rejected;
 - traffic travels into St Ives and out again;
 - with regard to junctions, bus routes and cycling and walking, the public needs to know which proposals are local and which are not;
 - It is impossible to rank the options as they are not like for like.
RESOLVED that Cllr Waters should draft a response for the Clerk to send. (Prop RA, 2nd AM, unanimous)
- 5.10 Great Ouse Valley update report for info only
Noted.
- 6. To consider correspondence/communications received**
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Taken earlier.
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- 6.3 Resident – London Road speed limit and concerns re speeding
RESOLVED to note that a petition had been started by the Fenstanton resident. The Chairman had been in discussion with the Fenstanton Parish Council Chairman to see if the speed monitoring equipment can be shared and will report back to the next meeting.
- 6.4 FW Cook Monumental Masons – request to install an old style monument headstone (flatstone protruding from the ground)
RESOLVED to approve the application from FW Cook as it complies with NAMM regulations and to update the Cemetery Regulations to include the old style monument headstones as being permitted in the cemetery in future. (Prop RA, 2nd JF unanimous)

Wooden crosses as permanent memorial are to be considered by the Cemetery Working Group and the Council will consider it at a future meeting if its recommendation is to update the Cemetery Regulations.

6.5 Resident request that the Council removes a small oak tree adjacent to 25 Sadlers Way and the sycamore tree and bush on the small green between 24 and 25 Sadlers Way
RESOLVED that Cllrs Meredith and Jakes and the Tree Wardens should take a look at the small self-set oak tree which is 10-12 feet tall, and located about six feet away from the resident's boundary, and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

6.6 Huntingdon Community Co-ordinator offer of support
RESOLVED to refer the offer to the Hemingford Hub and the Church as they are active within the community, and to provide the Church with the information. (Prop RA, 2nd RE, unanimous)

7. Closure of Meeting
There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)

APPROVED