

**HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting of Hemingford Grey Parish Council held on Monday 12 July 2021 at 7.30 pm  
At the Pavilion, Manor Road, Hemingford Grey**

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

**In attendance:** 3 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**

Two members of the public attended to express concerns at the speeds of traffic on London Road. They requested a reduction in the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph, with 20 mph by the traffic lights. At Cllr Dew's suggestion a petition had been started and at the suggestion of Fenstanton Parish Council a survey had been initiated.

On a proposition by the Chairman, the order of business was varied.

3.4 (6.3) Speed restrictions in London Road – to consider report on discussions with Fenstanton Parish Council

RESOLVED to receive the verbal report. It had been agreed with the Fenstanton Parish Council Chairman to move the camera to collect data on the Hemingford Grey side of London Road. When the information has been gathered, the Parish Councils will consider this further. The public were encouraged to submit comments on the St Ives study.

Suggestions were given to the public as to how to collect and record data to strengthen the case for an application for speed reduction and to gather evidence to support the case against heavy usage by HGVs.

**Open session (continued)**

A resident, asked the Parish Council to ensure that the District Council enforce Planning Condition No 4 of the Liquid Skillz application.

District Councillor David Keane reported:

- Preparations for re-opening the One Leisure site.
- The team were moving through business grants.
- The refuse team had won an award.
- The Enforcement team was undertaking recruitment after some staff had left, resulting in a backlog.

Cllr Dew, as County and District Councillor, reported on:

- Communities and partnerships with other authorities were improving.
- The recent elections and the change of leadership at CCC. The first full Council meeting was next week.
- Committees had been reorganised. Cllr Dew is on the Transport and Highways Committee, the Communities and Partnership Committee, the recruitment panel and the Young Persons Group.
- He will arrange village walks with parish councils to look at priorities
- As District Councillor on the Scrutiny Panel he would refocus the Development Management Committee.

Cllr Keane added that the flooding report sent to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would go to the full Council.

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

There were no apologies.

Cllr Elliott declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 3.2 as a member of Hemingford Hub.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 21 June 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after changing the words “speed gun” to “speed monitoring equipment” in item 6.3. (Prop RA, 2nd SD, carried with 1 abstention)

On a proposition by the Chairman, the order of business was again varied.

**5.1 Report to the Council on the meeting held with Martin Elwood (Cambridgeshire County Council) and Andy Newton (Director at Tough Runner) regarding the Cambridge Standard Triathlon to be held on Sunday 12 September**

RESOLVED to note that some Cllrs had attended a meeting with Martin Elwood following approval of the application for the event by the Events Safety Advisory Group (ESAG). Tough Runner had undertaken to liaise with the Parish Council and place an article in the newsletter. They had agreed to contact landowners where affected, and contact local churches. Concerns were expressed, including the route, the lack of Police awareness of the event and noise nuisance. Although Lake Ashmore was being used, Liquid Skillz was not involved.

Cllr Dew had already asked HDC to look at the planning condition but would also ask them to look at the start time of the event. No external broadcasting of music or loudspeakers was permitted. Cllr Meredith is to forward a resident’s concerns to Cllr Dew to follow up.

RESOLVED to note that Cllr Dew will follow this matter up and send the organisers information about the use of loudspeakers and take the concerns up with the District Council. Cllrs Dew or Keane will ensure that the Police are aware of the event.

**5.2 Proposal that a letter is sent to Stocker Bros with a copy of the running map and the date and time (12 September from 08.00 to 12.00) of the Triathlon**

RESOLVED that a letter be sent notifying Stocker Bros of the event timings. If they have any concerns they must approach ESAG. (Prop RW, 2nd TJ)

**3. To consider matters arising from the last or a previous meeting**

**3.1 (3.5) To note venue for future meetings and planning meetings**

RESOLVED, given concerns about the size and lack of ventilation at the Reading Room in the light of rising Covid rates that the Planning Committee meeting should be held on a Tuesday at 7.45 pm on the first or third Tuesday, to enable the booking of a larger venue at the Pavilion.

RESOLVED that precautions including mask wearing, social distancing and hand sanitising are to continue. (Prop AM, 2nd RW, unanimous)

RESOLVED given that no room was available at the Pavilion on the preferred day that a risk assessment is to be carried out on Cllr Elliott’s venue and also the Dolphin and the Tap Room all in St Ives. If no suitable alternative venue is available for the Parish Council meeting on the second Monday of the month from September the meetings will be held in the Reading Room as already booked. (Prop AM, 2nd RA, unanimous)

**3.2 (5.7) To consider suggestions for Hemingford Hub liaison**

Suggestions were passed to Cllr Elliott at the meeting and these included Emergency Resilience Planning including planning for pluvial flooding, and cover and support for provisions previously provided by the Parish Centre such as support for young mothers.

**3.3 (6.2) WI offer to plant tree – to consider response received**

RESOLVED to note that the Hemingford WI did not wish to proceed with the planting of a tree in the cemetery and that when the Parish Council considers tree planting locations in the future it could approach the WI.

RESOLVED a cherry tree planted on Vicarage Fields by a village group is to be added to the trees register<sup>(Prop RW 2nd AM unopposed)</sup>

3.4 (6.3) Speed restrictions in London Road – to consider report on discussions with Fenstanton Parish Council

Taken earlier.

3.5 (6.5) Resident's request regarding trees and shrubs in Sadlers Way – to consider report and recommendations from Tree Working Group

RESOLVED having considered the report and recommendations of the Tree Working Group, that the yew bush be trimmed and the oak and sycamore removed.<sup>(Prop AM, 2nd SJ unanimous)</sup> The Handyman is to be asked to remove the sycamore and the oak is to be removed when the next clearing is done. The yew bush is to be added to the next Tree Survey for inspection.

3.6 (6.2.1 of 12.4.21) Request for Protected Road Verge status – to consider response from CCC and to decide if the Parish Council will collate required information to proceed with Protected Road Verge Status or work with the residents

RESOLVED to wait for CCC to go through the process as the Parish Council had not found a botanist.<sup>(Prop AM 2nd RW unanimous)</sup>

**4. Finance, procedure and risk assessment**

4.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

RESOLVED that the payments listed in the finance report should be paid.<sup>(Prop RA, 2nd RW, unanimous)</sup>

Salaries and Pension	£1619.69
K& M Street Lights (Street light maintenance)	£87.88
JW Electrical (Defibrillator installation)	£135.60
LGS Services (Admin support April)	£2259.01
LGS Services (Admin support May)	£2231.94
LGS Services (Admin support June)	£2245.92
My Little Shop (Project London Bridge – frame)	£35.00
SSE (Street light electricity) (DD)	£161.61

Credits, including cemetery fees, allotment rent, and VAT reclaims, were noted.

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

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had used delegated powers as follows:

The Cemetery and Allotment administration as shown in the finance report

HDC has been asked to empty the litter bins when the Handyman is on annual leave and bin bags have been ordered.

A quotation has been accepted from the Hemingford Handyman to install new oak posts at the cemetery gates at a cost of £652.00.

4.3 To consider any matter that is urgent because of risk or health and safety

None.

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

Taken earlier.

**6. To consider correspondence/communications received**

6.1 Hemingford Grey WI invitation for two members to attend meeting on climate change on 21 July

RESOLVED that Cllr Jakes should attend if available, and to convey the Chairman's apologies. (Prop RA, 2nd RW, unanimous)

7. **Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.58 pm.

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

APPROVED