

**HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of Hemingford Grey Parish Council held on Monday 11 April 2022**  
**at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, High Street**

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

**In attendance:**       3 members of the public, District Cllr David Keane and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

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

A representative of the WI asked how long the Jubilee banners needed to be and where they were going.

On a proposition by the Chairman, the order of business was varied to take item 3.4 here.

3.4     (5.4.3) Proposed Jubilee bunting High Street – to consider response from CCC  
The response from CCC was considered.

RESOLVED given the onus requirements for a licence that the banners that the allocation and positioning is to be: YES Development 35 metres, village gate 150 metres, School 150 metres and Cemetery 55 metres if possible and that Cllr Meredith should prioritise where the bunting should go. (Prop AM, 2nd SJ, unanimous)

County and District Councillor Dew reported on: County Council matters:

- CCC operational issues and the lack of Highways officers.
- CCC capital grants, the reduced budget of £900,000; and the small grants budget.
- The Active Travel scheme.
- Cllr Dew undertook to keep the Parish Council informed on the farms estate land.

District Councillor David Keane reported on:

- The spring clean.
- Sowing wildflower meadows.
- Recruitment of Customer Service Officers.
- Council Tax and managing £150 rebates for homes.

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

The apologies of Cllr Puttick (out of parish) were received.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 14 March 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after the following amendments: under item 1, add apologies from Cllr Irish (out of parish); under item 3.1, seconded by SJ not RW, and under item 5.4.2, change “purchase” to “hire.” (Prop RA, 2nd RE, carried with 8 in favour and 2 abstentions)

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

3.1     (3.3) To consider any Queen’s Platinum Jubilee small grant applications received including:

3.1.1   The Sports Academy at Hunts County Squash Club – The Wooden Rackets Challenge  
 RESOLVED to approve a grant of £50.00 as this was an interesting and fun event taking place on the Jubilee weekend. (Prop AM, 2nd DD, unanimous)

3.1.2   Hemingford Bowls Club for open day funding

RESOLVED, given that this was not considered as having a Jubilee connection, to point the applicants towards the S137 grant scheme. (Prop RA, 2nd SD, unanimous)

3.1.3 Hemingford Peace Memorial Field (Hemingford Pavilion)

RESOLVED to approve a grant of £50.00 for the printing of flyers. (Prop RA, 2nd SD, unanimous)

3.2 (5.7.6) Quotation for “Re-shaping Green Spaces” workshop – to consider references if received and formal appointment

RESOLVED subject to satisfactory references being received, to delegate the appointment to the Clerk in conjunction with Cllr Meredith. (Prop RA, 2nd SJ, unanimous)

3.3 (6.2) Resident request that cemetery trees are trimmed – to consider report and recommendation from the Tree Group and Tree Wardens

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to vary the order of business to take this together with item 6.2 later in the meeting.

3.4 (5.4.3) Proposed Jubilee bunting High Street – to consider response from CCC

Taken earlier.

3.0.5 HDC Sports programme

RESOLVED to note that Hemingford Abbots Parish Council had agreed at its recent meeting that it would pay for each Hemingford Abbots child that turns up if Hemingford Grey Parish Council did likewise and Hemingford Abbots Parish Council would underwrite 25% of any shortfall. This leaving Hemingford Grey Parish Council to cover the cost of any Hemingford Grey children and 75% of any shortfall. The costs of the five sessions and pavilion hire were outlined.

RESOLVED having considered the revised costs, to agree to this split, funding a maximum of £555.75 for five sessions over the summer. (Prop RA 2nd AM, unanimous)

3.0.6 Wearing of masks in meetings

RESOLVED that the wearing of masks in meetings should be voluntary from now on. (Prop RA, 2nd JF, unanimous)

**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, plus Anne Meredith (Expenses, volunteer refreshments) £21.30 (Prop RA, 2nd SJ, carried with 1 abstention)

Salaries and Pension	£1850.54
Glasdon (Jubilee bench)	£1041.86
Victoire Press (Flood plan printing)	£228.00
Victoire Press (Newsletter printing)	£528.00
A Meredith (Expenses – Mulch)	£31.50
K & M Lighting Services (Street light maintenance)	£88.74
Majestic Garden Services (Wildflower strip)	£540.00
LGS Services (Admin support March)	£2294.72

Credits, including cemetery fees and bank interest, were noted.

RESOLVED to follow up the position on the landing stage works.

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

The Clerk together with the Chairman used delegated powers to contract St Ives Tree to plant native hedging on the boundary of the Yes Development, in the first instance for the section of the boundary between Dunnock Way and Field Lodge, which includes infilling between the existing beds, plus removal of the “green willow like shrubbery” on the corners and continuation of the hedging along the edge all the way along, for an extra 21 metres of native hedging, for a total of 73 metres of hedging and a semi permanent 4 foot chicken wire fence.

To tidy up the edge of the flower bed and leave any nice native plants to incorporate them into the new hedging.

To care for the hedging for the first 12 months and a good layer of woodchip mulch to encourage good growth and moisture retention. All for the sum of £2750.00.

Whilst not the cheapest quote it was the most comprehensive and represented best value.

The Clerk had contracted St Ives Trees to clear the Millennium Orchard suckers at a cost of £200.

- 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**

- 5.1 Environment Working Group report and proposals

- 5.1.1 Proposal that the Council adopts the draft tree policy subject to minor amendments suggested by the Council and that the tree policy will be reviewed annually

RESOLVED that the Chairman should update the policy to make it clear that the policy applies to trees on Parish Council land only, and to insert page numbers.

Complaints from the public should be made formally in writing to the Clerk. The final response from the Council will be made within two months.

(Prop RA, 2nd RW, unanimous)

- 5.1.2 Proposal that the Council plants a hedge at the YES Development along the London Road frontage

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk was seeking quotations for Cllr Meredith to include in the grant application.

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

- 6.1 Hemingford Peace Memorial Field (Hemingford Pavilion) – request for financial support

RESOLVED to approve a grant of £2500.00 to the Hemingford Peace Memorial Field, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the village and its inhabitants. (Prop RW, 2nd DD, unanimous)

- 3.3 (6.2) Resident request that cemetery trees are trimmed – to consider report and recommendation from the Tree Group and Tree Wardens and

- 6.2 Resident- complaint about trees in the Cemetery

RESOLVED to respond to both the residents explaining that the Parish Council's recently adopted tree policy states that the Council will not carry out tree works solely on the grounds that the trees are too large, and to provide a link to the policy on the website.

- 6.3 Resident – Improving Thorpe Corner

RESOLVED, noting that this was not a Parish Council verge, to ask the resident to report direct to CCC as the Parish Council is unable to get involved. (Prop RA, 2nd TJ, unanimous)

**7. Closure of Meeting**

The Chairman thanked all members for their work during the term of the Parish Council. All members were asked to arrive ten minutes earlier before the next meeting to sign their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.22 pm.

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