

HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of Hemingford Grey Parish Council held on Monday 13 June 2022
at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, High Street

Present: Cllrs: Richard Allen (Chairman) Sarah Jakes
 Sue Duma Anne Meredith
 Janice Flint Robin Waters
 Tony Jackson

In attendance: 5 members of the public including representatives of Colts FC, and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

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

Tim Lowe, the Chairman of Hemingford Colts FC gave a presentation on the expansion of the Club and the teams. There were constraints on the access to pitches, as Daintree Green only had two pitches and the lack of facilities precluded them for entering some leagues. They had used the school grounds but not the facilities and had explored the opportunities at Liquid Skillz who were amenable to the Colts renting the land for pitches and using the facilities. The Under 10s coach shared the indicative (not to scale) plan of the pitches. Daintree Green would only be used as a back-up or overspill site. If the Club moved to Liquid Skillz they would like to remove the container from Daintree Green. The season would run from September to May with completion of the games to take place by noon. There would be evening training sessions from 6-7 pm in the summer months.

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

The apologies of Cllr Elliott (out of parish) were received. Apologies were also received from District Cllr David Keane and from County and District Cllr Doug Dew.

Cllr Jakes declared a pecuniary interest in item 4.1 regarding the turf cutter as it involved her family business, and an interest in item 6.2 as her son was a member of the Football Club.

Cllr Duma declared the existence of her dispensation to speak and vote on as the Parish Council's representative on any item relating to Sports Pavilion facilities as a Trustee.

The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest in 6.2 as he was a good friend of a Hemingford Colts's representative.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 9 May 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after an amendment under item 8, Cemetery Working Group, to add Cllr Jakes to the list of members. (Prop RA, 2nd TJ, carried with 5 in favour and 2 abstentions)

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

3.1 (15) Review and confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks

RESOLVED to delegate to the Clerk to accept a quote for mandatory cover only, removing all street furniture in line with the Council's previous decision.

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to vary the order of business to take item 6.2 next.

6.2 Hemingford Colts Football Club – request to discuss the future of our expanding community club and request for feedback on proposal to use Liquid Skillz for football games and training

RESOLVED that the Parish Council is neutral on this matter but would wish the Colts to open a dialogue with the Parish Council if it no longer wished to use Daintree Green. Cllr Duma offered to raise the possibility of the Colts playing at the Pavilion at her next Trustees meeting. ^(Prop AM, 2nd RA, 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 Hunts Forum (Membership fee) £25.00.

Cllr Jakes, having previously declared an interest, left the meeting at 7.58 pm.

RESOLVED to clarify which tree was referred to on the St Ives Tree invoice.

Cllr Jakes re-joined the meeting at 7.59 pm. ^(Prop RA, 2nd RW, unanimous)

Salaries and Pension	to be advised when payroll received
SSE (Streetlight energy) (DD)	£172.18
LGS Services (Admin support May 22)	£2356.45
St Ives Tree & Garden (Tree works)	£360.00
Wave (Allotment Water)	£74.33
Victoire Press (Newsletter printing)	£528.00
K&M Lighting (Street light maintenance)	£88.74

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

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

As the Pavilion requested that the Council's trade waste bin be relocated and as litter was a big problem at the riverside since the Environment Agency had not replaced its bins the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, had asked HDC to relocate the Council's trade waste bin to the riverside.

The Clerk has used delegated powers to grant various dispensations to Cllrs Jackson, Elliott and Waters.

Delegated decisions relating to cemetery transactions as detailed in the finance report.

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

RESOLVED to put works in hand to repair holes which had been dug in the rubber surfacing under the basket swing and at the bottom of the slide at Daintree Green.

4.4 To consider quotations for RoSPA play inspection works

RESOLVED to suspend financial regulations to consider one quote for all the works.

RESOLVED to accept the three quotations from RPM with the proviso that both holes mentioned under item 4.3 also be repaired. ^(Prop RW, 2nd TJ, unanimous)

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

5.1 Proposal that the Council amend the Buchans grass cutting contract to include strimming the two main north/south paths across the allotments

RESOLVED to delegate to the Clerk together with Cllr Waters to accept a reasonable quotation and to put the works in hand.

5.2 Proposal that the Council considers the arrangements for the band and carols at the Christmas Lights event

The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Committee Member of the Regatta Committee.

Cllr Duma declared an interest as a Rotary Club member; the Rotary Club had used the Huntingdonshire Concert Band.

RESOLVED given that the Regatta Committee do not wish to run the event, and noting that the Chairman had asked the Sports and Social Club at the Pavilion, that Cllr Duma should raise the matter at the Trustees' meeting on Monday.

RESOLVED to contact Huntingdonshire Concert Band as to their availability, and depending on their response, that the Chairman should contact the Church and other parties to see if they might be interested in taking over the event..

5.3 Environment Working Group report and proposals

RESOLVED that Cllr Waters should discuss the situation regarding the outstanding Enviroment Agency riverside bins with the Environment Agency to see what solutions are available.

5.3.1 Council is asked to request the Finance and Policy Working Group to examine the issue of the Clerk and LGS providing administrative support for EWG. EWG hosts most of the project work for the Parish Council and admin support from LGS could improve liaison between the group and the Clerk

RESOLVED to refer this item to the Finance & Policy Working Group.

5.3.2 Council is asked to instruct the Clerk to contact members of the National Hedgelaying Society to enquire of their future availability and the approximate cost of restoring the hedge at Vicarage Fields that is adjacent to Braggs Lane

RESOLVED that Cllr Jakes be appointed to take this forward.

5.3.3 Council is asked to instruct the Clerk to arrange for the repair of the steps adjacent to the Play area in the YES Development. As these steps are continually being damaged the councillors looking at playground redevelopment are asked to consider this issue. Proposal that the Council repair the steps adjacent to the Play area in the YES Development

RESOLVED to accept the quotation for £100.00 from the Hemingford Handyman to repair the walls. (Prop AM, 2nd SJ, unanimous)

RESOLVED to seek clarification whether the Parish Council or the Management Committee is responsible as the steps are hard surfacing.

5.3.4 Council is asked if any grass strimming is needed in preparation for the Regatta and if so to authorise the Clerk to expedite the matter and to approve any expenditure (to an agreed amount)

Cllr Jakes left the meeting at 8.32 pm.

RESOLVED to note that the Council had not done this for several years and that it had not been requested by the regatta Committee therefore it was not needed at this time. (Prop RA, 2nd TJ, unanimous)

Cllr Jakes re-joined the meeting at 8.36 pm.

5.4 Proposal that the Chair writes to Rev Peter Cunliffe thanking him for his years of service to the Parish

RESOLVED that the Chairman should write to Rev Peter Cunliffe thanking him for his years of service to the Parish.

6. To consider correspondence/communications received

6.1 Resident – Parking outside the Parish Centre

RESOLVED to respond that this is a matter for the Parish Centre and CCC. (Prop TJ, 2nd RW, unanimous)

6.2 Hemingford Colts Football Club – request to discuss the future of our expanding community club and request for feedback on proposal to use Liquid Skillz for football games and training

Taken earlier.

6.3 CCC Transport Strategy Stakeholder Engagement Survey 2022

RESOLVED that Cllr Meredith should respond on the Parish Council's behalf. Due to problems accessing the link the response will be submitted by Cllr Meredith within two weeks. (Prop RA, 2nd JF, unanimous)

7. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm
Signed _____ (Chairman) _____(Date)

APPROVED