

Hemingford Grey Parish Council Newsletter

February 2023



Notes from the Chair

Welcome to the Parish Council's February newsletter.

As this is our first newsletter of the year, I'd like to wish you all a belated Happy New Year. The recent cold snap, which enabled people to skate on the Hemingford Meadow clearly shows that winter isn't over yet. At the same time, the bright yellow Aconites which are flowering in my garden, and the birds prospecting for nest sites, provides a tantalising herald of the spring to come.

The beginning of the year, always provides us with an opportunity to consider new resolutions or identify things we'd like to get involved in. We still have four vacancies on the Parish Council, therefore if you'd like to get more involved with your local community this year, I would be delighted to hear from you. But if being a Councillor isn't your thing, you can still all do your bit to maintain the parish and our forthcoming community litter pick is just one such opportunity. Alternatively, the 1st Hemingford Scout Group and our local Primary School are looking for volunteers.

This year will see the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort on the morning of Saturday 6th May. The Coronation will be marked by an additional bank holiday, and over the long weekend there will be opportunities to get involved in celebrating this historic occasion across the Nation. Hemingford Grey is no different with plans already beginning to be made, and which will be communicated soon. I hope that residents of the parish will join in the celebrations in whatever way they see fitting.



Cllr Richard Allen
Chair, Hemingford Grey Parish Council

Parish Council Updates

Parish Council secures funding for a new Native Hedge at the Yes Development

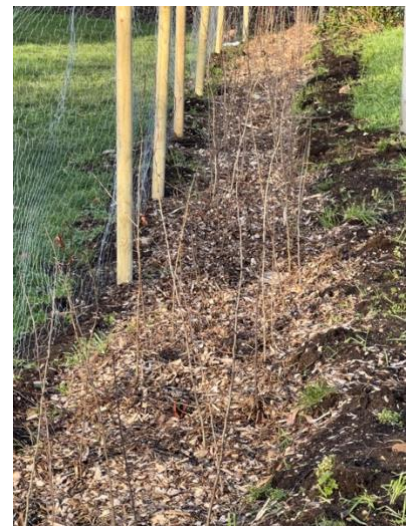


When the Council undertook its Reshaping our Green Spaces consultations concerns were expressed by residents of the Yes Development regarding safety along the London Road boundary as this green space along the frontage was being used by children to play on.



As a result, the Council agreed to fund the planting of a native hedge along the boundary section currently managed by them, to improve safety, reduce noise and pollution, and provide a habitat for wildlife. The Council also approached the District Council to seek approval from them to plant a hedge on the section currently managed by them and simultaneously made a grant application to Cambscusine Community Fund to fund it.

Our application was successful, and the Council was awarded £3,500 from Cambscusine's Supporting the Local Environment fund, administered by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF). Following the award an extra-ordinary council meeting was held last November to accept the grant and appoint a local contractor. Our contractor has subsequently planted all sections of the hedging this January, to make best use of this winter's planting season, and installed temporary fencing while the hedge establishes itself.



The Council also have a native oak tree on order, and this will be planted alongside the hedge to commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee when it is delivered. Information on its planting ceremony will follow.

Allotments available

As a new growing year approaches, the Council currently has five plots available to let. So, whether you want to grow your own fruit and vegetables, get more exercise, or just enjoy being out in the fresh air, if you would be interested in taking one, please contact the Clerk, parish.clerk@hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk

20mph zone implementation to start imminently

Following a successful consultation, works are due to start on this project on the 13th February 2023. As a reminder, this follows the Council's successful Local Highways Initiative (LHI) bid and agreement to cover the additional costs entailed in extending the original scope to cover the whole village.



Reporting potholes and other highways faults



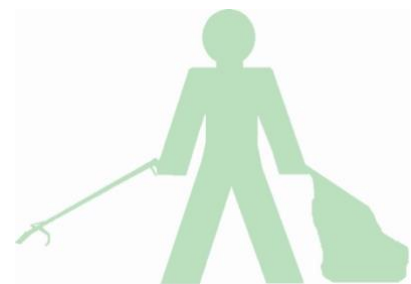
Potholes continue to be an ongoing issue for all motorists and the snow and ice of recent months has further damaged our local roads. Please report highways faults (even if it's been previously reported) using the County Council's Highways Reporting Tool (highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

Faults reported in this way will be assessed by a Local Highways Officer within 10 working days.

To report a highways emergency that poses an **immediate danger to the public**, please call Cambridgeshire Highways on 0345 045 5212.

Save the date - Community Litter Pick, 1st April 2023

This year's Community Litter Pick will be held on Saturday 1st April 2023, 10am-12noon. Meet at Daintree Green or the Yes Development (Play area). Litter pickers, gloves, rubbish bags will be provided. Look out for further details nearer the date or contact Cllr Janice Flint: Janice.flint@hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk



Walking Football and Strength and Balance classes in the Village!

The One Leisure Active Lifestyles Team offer physical activity sessions in Hemingford Grey and Abbots – we would love to welcome you.

Walking Football - A standard game of football specifically designed for players to walk instead of run. A great way to get back into football if you've given it up due to age or injury. £2 per session.

- Tuesdays 10am–11am: Hemingford Grey Pavilion

RightStart 3 - Combining strength, balance and coordination exercises to target and improve mobility, agility and flexibility. £4.20 per class or 10 for £37.

- Tuesdays 10:45 – 11:45am: Hemingford Abbots Village Hall
- Fridays 3:00pm – 4:00pm: Hemingford Grey Pavilion

For more information, contact activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk / 01480 388111

Planning committee matters

The Parish Council has no direct planning powers but is consulted by, and can make representations to, Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC). It is HDC's responsibility to inform neighbours of planning applications. Residents are urged to make their own comments on the HDC website. Councillors will usually call on the applicant and relevant neighbours to explain how the council considers applications and how residents can make their views known to the parish council and to HDC. The next Planning Committee meeting will be at 7pm on Monday February 13th in the Reading Room, High Street.

HDC's Development Management Committee (DMC) considered both Liquid Skillz applications on Monday 23rd January. The Council was represented by Cllr Anne Meredith who explained our objections to the applications, in particular raising concerns over noise and the impact on wildlife around the lake. Our thanks are also extended to District Councillor Keane who spoke on behalf of residents. While the plans had been recommended for approval by district council planning officers and were subsequently approved by the committee when put to a vote, we ensured that the application for the diversification of

activities and the second wakeboard line were thoroughly discussed. Once the decisions are published, we will study the conditions closely to ensure they are followed and enforced by the District Council.

Outcomes of recent planning applications

HDC/CCC ref.	Description	PC Rec	HDC Dec
18/02726/FUL	Murketts showroom London Rd – 49 dwllgs	Comments	Approved*
20/00285/FUL	Vindis showroom, Low Rd – 94 dwellings	Refusal	Approved*
20/01621/FUL	Liquid Skillz – expansion inc. water skiing	Refusal	In progress
21/00044/FUL	Liquid Skillz – 2 nd wakeboard line, etc.	Refusal	In progress
CCC/21/088/FUL	ENVAR, St Ives Rd, Somersham – expansion of waste facility inc. incinerator	Refusal	In progress
21/01768/FUL	Hemingford Park – change to mixed use	Refusal	In progress
21/02833/HHFUL	1 St James Court, High Street- various exts	Refusal	Approved
22/01590/HHFUL	10 Manor Rd – single storey rear extension	Approval	Approved
22/01756/HHFUL	1 Manor Rd – Garage/car-port in front gdn.	Refusal	Withdrawn
22/01848/HHFUL	63 Hemingford Rd – Rear ext. & loft convert.	Refusal	Withdrawn
22/01872/HHFUL	1 Manor Rd – single storey rear ext., etc.	Approval	Approved
22/02258/HHFUL	2 Vine Close – 2 storey side, 1 storey rear ext	Refusal	In progress
22/01993/HHFUL	7 Mill Lane – Single storey front & rear exts	Approval	Approved
22/02328/HHFUL	Weir Side, Apple Orchard – replace rear ext	Approval	Approved
22/02366/HHFUL	63 Hemingford Rd – Rear ext. & loft conv.	Approval	Approved
22/02410/HHFUL	16 Hemingford Rd – Single storey rear ext.	Approval	Approved
22/02436/HHFUL	24 Church St – 2 storey rear extension	Approval	In progress
22/02461/HHFUL	17 The Thorpe – loft conversion & grey windows	Approval	In progress

*HGPC continue to monitor both sites which have severe implications for both foul and surface water drainage as well as significant traffic and (for Vindis) pedestrian access issues. Demolition of the Vindis garage is almost complete. Anglian Water have not yet accepted a surface water drainage plan for the Murketts site

Community Matters



by Tony Rogers, Group Scout Leader, 1st Hemingfords Scout Group, gsl@1st-Hemingfords-scouts.org.uk

Christmas may seem a distant memory now we are all back into our routines, but I would just like to thank everyone in the Hemingfords who supported our Scout Christmas Post. Over 700 Cards were received, sorted and delivered and our funds have swelled as a result. Thanks again! We hope to repeat it again in 2023.

Our Executive Committee (our Trustees Board) is short of a Chair Person. This is an important role, but it is not an onerous job or time consuming. We hold only 4 or 5 meetings a year. If you would consider taking on this role or know someone who might be suitable, please contact me for further details.



by Vanessa Allen, Chair of Governors'

Hemingford Grey Primary School have vacancies on their Governing Board. Could you join us? In this voluntary role you'll attend one evening meeting per month, and spend some time in school each term taking a strategic look at performance and checking process against the school's development plan. We welcome members of the community, of any age, walk of life, and experience. To find out more about this important role, go to the governing body section of the school website or contact chair@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk



Just to confirm the annual Regatta will take place on Saturday July 8th this year.

Practice evenings are likely to be running on weekday evenings from Monday 12th June until Thursday 6th July.



The end of 2022 was busy at Hemingford Pavilion and the highlight was the Annual Hemingford's Christmas Carols, at the Pavilion for the first time. A very cold night but lots of villagers came and enjoyed the carols, refreshments and fun. Our thanks to the Parish Council for sponsoring the wonderful Huntingdon Concert Band. We look forward to a repeating next year.

The start of 2023 sees a new 85" TV in the Pavilion lounge and all major matches will be screened including the 6 Nations Rugby

All our regular classes and clubs have resumed and you can find details on the Pavilion website.

Here are details of some social events coming up.

- **Friday 24th February:** Pavilion Pictures - Mrs Harris Goes to Paris. Doors/bar from 6pm for 7pm start. Ticket £5 from Budgens or on the door
- **Tuesday 28th February:** Charity Quiz Night (in the lounge). Teams of 6 max. £5 per person. Book at the bar or ring/email Pavilion
- **Saturday 4th March:** Race Night - Football Club fund raiser. £10 for a table of 8. To book email: john.hughes1966@ntlworld.com
- **Saturday 11th March:** Silent Disco - Sssh Keep it quiet! (in the lounge) Tickets £5. Book at the bar or ring/email Pavilion

Contact details: 01480 464490, enquiries@hemingfordpavilion.co.uk, www.hemingfordpavilion.com

Hemingford Ladies Choir

Ladies Who Love Singing – Why not give Hemingford Ladies Choir a try. You will make new friends and have a lot of fun. Pop in to one of our rehearsals or for more information, give Viv Oxley a ring on 01480 417925. Rehearsals start from Wednesday 25th January from 10-11.30am

Hemlocs

by Simon Clemmow, Chair

Happy New Year everyone! Our Christmas Party at Hemingford Abbots Village Hall was a great success. Lots of people, festive cheer, wine, delicious food, wine, raffle, quiz, prizes, wine ... details a bit hazy to be honest, but you get the idea. Our 2022/23 season of talks has now resumed with our good friend Stuart Orme, curator of the Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon, telling us about everyday life during the Civil War. We have four more talks to look forward to over the coming months before we break for the summer. Come along to the Pavilion on the third Thursday of the month for a 7.30pm start. See you there.

Hemingford Grey Garden Society by Mike Henderson, Chairman

The days are still short, cold, and occasionally wet, so things have been quiet in the average life of a garden club member. We did start off the new year with two very interesting and enjoyable evenings. The first was on Thursday, 12th January when we had a very detailed talk on snowdrops given by a local man, Joe Sharman. Then two evenings later, we had our first social for three years, sharing a brilliant spread of food produced by the twenty-seven members who attended. Acoustics Anonymous entertained us as well as they did at our last social. It was a good night.

Village Lunches and Tea Dances

The next Village Lunches are on 17th February, 17th March 12.30 for 1.00pm at the Pavilion. £7.00 for a two course meal. Please let us know you are coming for catering purposes

The next Tea Dances (Ballroom Dancing) are on 26th February and 26th March start at 2.00pm until 4.30pm £5 per person. 2 hours of dancing plus tea/coffee and cakes in the interval. Please let us know you are coming for catering purposes

Please email michael.gledhill@ntlworld.com for both events



First Aid training - free for regular volunteers

We will notify Hub volunteers with details shortly. If you wish to volunteer for small tasks in our community, please let us know. We could well repeat this course if over-subscribed.

Hemingford Hugs Handbook reprint

This handy listing of activities and useful information is proving popular. Please contact us if you'd like a printed copy or find it on our website.

We hold quarterly gatherings, for anyone wishing to find new friends. Next meeting Sunday 23rd April from 2pm in the Pavilion bar.

Join our Virtual "Men's HubShed"

If you're interested in doing handy jobs in a jovial setting please contact us. To get the ball rolling we will put you in touch with one another to organise your shared shed meeting places. Once things take shape we will start funding a permanent Men's HubShed.

HubClub events at the Pavilion

- **8th February:** Seated exercises
- **15th February:** Antiques Roadshow - Bring along your objets d'Art for discussion
- **22nd February:** Seated exercises

Details of Hub events appear on village posters or contact us to receive information by email or WhatsApp.

Contact details: T: 07308 035416 E: hemingfordhub@icloud.com,
www.hemingfordhub.co.uk

Hemingfords Action Group update *by Iain Muspratt, Chair*

Mick George Group is to be acquired by Hanson UK, part of the German cement group Heidelberg Materials, a large multi-national operation with over 52,000 employees. It is not clear what implications this may have for the development of the Golf Club site and the Golf Range but Heidelberg has very substantial resources. Whilst both may be excluded from the transaction and remain under the control of Mick George Family Interests this would not preclude them being part of a separate simultaneous transaction. We are monitoring the transaction situation as it proceeds develops.



Hemingford Grey Parish Council



Proud to serve the people of Hemingford Grey

The Parish Council now meets in the **Reading Rooms** on the **second Monday of each month** (except August and December) at 7.00pm for the planning meeting and 7.30pm for the main parish council meeting.

All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on matters or on items on the agenda (please note that after this time, further comments or questions are not permitted when the meeting is in progress).

Agendas are posted on our website and on the village notice boards. Information is also available on our social media pages:

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