

Hemingford Grey Parish Council Newsletter

October 2021



Notes from the Chair

The evenings are drawing in, the leaves are beginning to turn and in the morning there is dew on the grass and a chill in the air – it can only mean one thing. Autumn has arrived! I don't know about you, but I really love this time of year: the blackberries, sloes and haws in the hedges, the changing palette of reds, golds and browns, and the hustle and bustle as wildlife prepares for the colder months and the departure of some birds, but the arrival of others.

I hope that many of you managed to get away, but if you didn't, that you were at least able to enjoy the summer months. While many of the village's normal summer events had to be postponed, the annual Classic Affair event was well supported and managed to raise a fantastic amount for Magpas. I'd also like to thank all those who came to the Parish Council's community events in September to express their views about what they would like to see happen to our green spaces, how they could be improved and become a better resource for the entire parish.

You may remember that in response to the flood warnings that were issued last Christmas, the Parish Council established a group to liaise with the various bodies involved and develop an emergency plan for the village. While the former continues, the extreme weather events in Europe over the summer have further hardened our resolve to develop community resilience to local emergencies. We have therefore decided to establish a village-wide resilience network and you can find out how you can become involved within the newsletter.

Finally, if you are interested in filling one of the vacancies on the Parish Council, joining any of our working groups, or would just like to volunteer to help out with the snowdrop planting, I would be delighted to hear from you.



Cllr Richard Allen – Chair, Hemingford Grey Parish Council

Parish Council Updates

Reshaping our Green Spaces - Community Events

By Cllr Anne Meredith, Drs Jade Gunnell and Roger Mitchell

Thanks to all of you who came along to the three events we held in Daintree Green, the playground at the Yes Development and Vicarage Fields. It was lovely to be able to hold a community event in the parish as we have all missed the Regatta and the family fun day at the Pavilion.



Around 50 residents gave us their views on the green spaces and how they would like them to develop over the next few years. We are currently in the process of collating all the information gathered and this will be presented as a report to the October meeting of the Parish

Council. Once the Parish Council has evaluated the report, we will be able to draft management plans for the three green spaces and will share these suggested plans with you. Our priorities for the plans are to address our



increasingly important responsibility for the natural environment, whilst also responding to the leisure and recreation needs of all residents.

This event was only possible as residents and local businesses joined together to run the activities so an especial thank you to you all.

Community Bulb Planting



The Parish Council have purchased 1000 snowdrop bulbs as part of the ongoing community bulb planting programme and propose to plant these during October, exact date to be confirmed. If you would like to be involved and help brighten up the parish, keep an eye out for announcements in the coming weeks on Hemingford Grey Community Facebook page, Parish Council website, noticeboards, and other social media for details on how you can volunteer.

Responding to Community Emergencies

This summer there have been flash floods, heatwaves, and wildfires across Europe. All of which are signs of the impact of climate change, and it is predicted that this extreme weather will only get worse in coming years - bringing with it increased risks to public health and safety. The Parish Council is therefore looking for volunteers who can help us respond to such unpredictable events.

While the first line of help will always be the emergency services, we realise that they may be too stretched to cover all local communities if such an event were to happen. The Council's aim is therefore to ensure that the village is prepared and has contingency plans in place to help protect one another and to recover as quickly as possible should any such events occur.

We have already discussed our plans with The Hemingford Hub as their quick response to the pandemic has provided a great blueprint of what can be done. We plan to build on this to develop a village-wide resilience network, which can quickly come to the community's assistance in a large-scale emergency. Volunteers would primarily be asked to provide a conduit to their immediate neighbours for information gathered by the Council and passed on to them – warning of the risk and any necessary action to take – so we're hopeful that Hub volunteers may see this as a natural extension to their existing support for fellow villagers.

Hopefully, we'll never have to call on these volunteers' services, but we'd like people to put their names forward from every street in the village to act as wardens in case of emergency. This will be reassuring for all residents and will allow the Parish Council to have a ready-made resource that can be relied upon if needed to help out.

Please contact tony.jackson@hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk with your name, address, email address or phone number if you'd like to help.

London Road (A1096) LHI bid submitted

Councillors from Hemingford Grey and Fenstanton Parish Councils have voted in favour of submitting a joint Local Highways Initiative application to Cambridge County Council (CCC). The proposal is to reduce the speed limit to 30mph on London Road between the 'Vindis' roundabout to where the housing ends, with a new 40mph buffer from there to the south of the Marsh Lane junction. We will now just have to wait and see if our bid is successful!

Your village: your environment!

Believe it or not the County, District and Parish Councils all contribute to keeping our environment clean and our roads and paths usable. But they can't do everything and we, the residents, can all do our bit.

Dog owners are aware of their responsibilities for controlling their dogs and for cleaning up after them. There are numerous bins around the parish and dog poo bags can be placed in any of them. Our green spaces are all for multiple users - children, footballers, runners, etc - and they should also be binning their bottles and packaging or taking them home. This applies to rights of way over private land - like Hemingford Meadow - as much as to our public green spaces.

If your property has hedges and trees overhanging pavements or roads, please check that pedestrians and cyclists can pass by without having to avoid low hanging branches, overgrown bushes, brambles, etc. Any vegetation dividing your property from the 'highway' is your responsibility.

Neighbourhood Plan update

By Cllrs Robin Waters and Anne Meredith, co-convenors of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG)



At the September Parish Council meeting, having received a report from the NPSG, Councillors concluded that at present there was not the appetite for a Neighbourhood Plan in the parish and so agreed to suspend the process. Richard Allen thanked all the residents and councillors who had been involved over the past three years for their efforts and contributions.

Councillors agreed to send the latest Covid Survey report to local organisations and businesses as continuing home working means that there's a demand for additional local facilities to support those doing so.

The surveys undertaken throughout the project have shown that residents enjoy and appreciate living in the parish. They have also identified several themes which the Council has agreed to consider when deciding on future priorities. The themes (in no particular order) were: Parish Council needs to serve all parts of the parish, the natural world, transport issues, indoor spaces for community activities, response to emergencies, local facilities for home working, and play areas.

Gritting volunteers wanted

Cambridgeshire County Council is looking for community volunteers to come forward to help with pavement gritting during inclement weather. The Parish Council asks that anyone interested in getting involved should complete an application form by the end of October, which can be found at: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/gritting-roads-cycleways-and-paths/help-with-gritting-and-clearing-snow>

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 the district council's responsibility to inform neighbours of planning applications. Residents are urged to make their own comments on the HDC website. The changing situation regarding Covid means that the Parish Council has varied how it has considered planning applications. As of June 2021, visits were resumed for most planning applications. Councillors will 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. This will be reviewed if the situation changes. Planning Committee meetings will now be held on a different evening from the main Parish Council meeting. The October and November meetings will be held in the Hayward Hall, The Pavilion on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm.

At its October 2020 meeting the Parish Council considered an application from Liquid Skillz at Lake Ashmore. The council recommended refusal to HDC and voted to speak at the relevant Development Management Committee (DMC) - as the application had already been called in. At its March meeting the Parish Council considered a separate application for Liquid Skillz, to which it also recommended refusal, and this has also been referred to the DMC at HDC. It is understood that the two applications will be considered at the same meeting. As of mid-September, no date has been given for these two applications to be considered by the DMC.

Outcomes of recent planning applications

HDC ref.	Description	PC Rec	HDC Dec
20/00285/FUL	Vindis site, Low Rd – demolition of structures, erection of 106 dwellings	Refusal	In progress
19/02280/FUL	AMENDED Land north of the How – redevelopment including new houses	Refusal	Approved
20/01621/FUL	Liquid Skillz, Lake Ashmore - construction of various buildings, change of use for an area to cafe, diversification of existing activities to water-based activity centre	Refusal	In progress
21/00044/FUL	Liquid Skillz, Lake Ashmore - construction of 2 nd wakeboard line and associated buildings	Refusal	In progress
21/00234/HHFUL	6 Apple Orchard - proposed garden room extension	Approval	Approved
20/00164/OUT	Land west of Wychwood Hilton - Outline application for rural exception housing	Not suitable	In progress
20/01546/FUL	The Willows Guest House, 45 High Street - change of use to 2 dwellings	Approval	Approved
18/02726/FUL	Former car showroom, London Rd, St Ives – development 62 dwellings. Amended plans for 47 dwellings (by letter 15.04.2021)	Refusal	In progress
21/00277/HHFUL	38 Marsh Lane - various extensions	Refusal	Approved
20/02165/FUL	The Cock, High Street - installation of two pods in the garden	Approval	In progress
21/00681/HHFUL	19 Marsh Lane - rear single storey extension and new garage in front of property.	Part refusal	In progress
21/01084/HHFUL	26 Weir Rd - first floor extension, dormer windows	Refusal	Withdrawn
21/01162/HHFUL	45b High Street - replacement windows to front elevation	Approval	In progress
21/00974/HHFUL	14 Priors Rd - single storey and side extensions	Approval	Approved
21/00549/HHFUL	1 Glebe Rd - side and rear extensions	Refusal	Approved
21/80212/COND	St Francis House, High St - information for various conditions	Noted	Approved
21/01413/HHFUL	3 Priors Rd - extension to garage and rear single storey extension	Approval	Approved
21/01359/HHFUL	14 Church St - single storey rear extension	Approval	Approved
21/00277/HHFUL	AMENDED 38 Marsh Lane - first floor extension and rear extension	Refusal	Approved
21/01464/HHFUL	24, Hemingford Rd - small extensions and changes to fenestration	Approval	Approved
21/01546/HHFUL	25 Sadlers Way - various extensions	Approval	Approved
21/01557/LBC	1 Victoria Terrace - single storey garage, Listed building consent	Refusal	In progress
21/01556/HHFUL	1 Victoria Terrace - single storey garage	Refusal	In progress
21/01758/HHFUL	26 Weir Rd - two storey side extension, dormer bedroom and materials	Approval	In progress
21/01664/HHFUL	24 Church Street - two storey rear extension	Refusal	In progress
21/01754/HHFUL	5 The Brambles - retrospective permission for raised patio and boundary fence	Refusal	In progress
CCC/21/088/FUL	ENVAR Composting Ltd, St Ives Road, Somersham - Demolition of in-vessel compost buildings/tunnels and ancillary development; construction of a dry anaerobic digestion (AD) facility, pellet fertiliser facility, healthcare waste energy recovery facility, waste transfer station ...	Refusal	In progress

Community Matters

Great News... Scouts Christmas Post is back!!!



The Scouts Christmas Post will be on Sunday 12th December with the collection point at the Reading Rooms. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are looking forward to helping their community again. Look out for more information in the coming weeks.

In other news... the weekly meetings of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are back to some kind of normality with face-to-face meetings at the Pavilion (and elsewhere). There are still some restrictions in place, but we are slowly returning to our pre-pandemic activities. It is so good to see our young people enjoying their fun activities again.

Just a reminder that we are looking for more volunteers to help the Scout Group both working with the young people and behind the scenes. If you can help, please contact 1sthemingfords@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk

Hemingford Pavilion (www.hemingfordpavilion.co.uk)

The Pavilion is back to normal operations though we ask all our visitors to take sensible precautions to help prevent the spread of Covid. All winter sports clubs (football, gym, squash, tennis) are open and very active with thriving junior sections.

The Hayward Hall and Chris Page Room are used by many groups and are available for hire for your event (bookings@hemingfordpavilion.co.uk). Exercise classes include: Yoga (lucyhocknell@icloud.com), Pilates (nicolaguitart@gmail.com), Outdoor exercise (sabrinasily@icloud.com), Ballroom dancing (lesleycollier@hotmail.com), and Tai Chi (malcolmsavannah233@gmail.com). The Village Lunch is held on the 3rd Friday each month (contact Mike Gledhill on 07881 922287 for details).

On 3 Sept, there was a great turnout for the 'Classic Affair' show with around 300 cars on show. Over £4,000 was raised for Magpas.

The Pavilion Bar opening hours are Monday to Friday 5.30 - 9.00pm; Saturday and Sunday 4.00 - 7.30pm.

St James' Church

We look forward to welcoming you at St James's Church soon

Church Services

- Sunday 10.00am (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays)
- Wednesday Holy Communion 2nd and 4th of the month at 10.30am

Dates for your diary

- Harvest Celebration Sunday 3rd October at 10.00am
- Remembrance Service Sunday 14th November 10.00am

Children and Youth

- Crèche available in church for ages 3 and under
- Junior Church at the Parish Centre 2nd and 4th Sundays during the service
- Youth 2nd 3rd and 4th Sundays

St James' Parish Centre

Drop into the Parish Centre on a Wednesday and Thursday (Thursdays from 7th October) to see our new look café. We are open from 10.00 – 12.30 serving a selection of hot drinks and delicious homemade cakes. We are always looking for new volunteers who want to get involved in serving the community and the café is a wonderful space where we can all serve together. Bring a friend, have a chat, enjoy some company in our lovely garden. Our dedicated team of volunteers are looking forward to seeing you after all this time.

For more information about church activities or how to get involved at the café please contact Rachel 01480 467250, admin@churchbytheriver.org.uk

Hemlocs *by Simon Clemmow, Chair*

We're back! Our first meeting of the 2021-22 season was held in the Pavilion in September. Eric Somerville's talk about opium eating in the fens in the 19th century was so well received that we've booked him to give us another talk, called 'Quacks & Quackery', next year. This year, our programme continues with Liz Davis' 'Mr Bartlett begs to inform ...' on 21 October, and Roger Mould on the Ramsey Abbey community archaeology project on 18 November. Please come: support Hemlocs, support the Pavilion, and help get village life back to normal.

Hemingford Grey Garden Society *by Mike Henderson*

Hemingford Grey Garden Society has had a reasonable summer I think, with five member's gardens open for visitors and a plant sale in front of one at the same time. All of them provided some interest for the members, whilst at the same time produced some income too, since we haven't asked for fees for two years now. We had one of the few nice days of the week on 24th August when we had a pleasant and successful Boston Tea Party in Diana's garden again with Fran William's sister, Louise, giving us a very interesting talk on her book, "A plant for every week of the year". Many others thought so to judging from the numbers she sold. We now move into the autumn session when the talks start again with a zoom one on "Organic Gardening" later in September.

Hemingford Grey WI

Monthly WI meetings have now restarted and are being held on the 4th Tuesday in Reading Room from 7-9pm. The dates of the meeting for the next three months are: 26th October, 23rd November, and 21st December.



HubClub grows in popularity

The fortnightly HubClub is held on Wednesday afternoons from 3-5pm at the Pavilion from 22 September onwards.

Scheduled events offer: craft workshops, card games, technology help, a chat table and speakers on diverse subjects from fishing exploits to wearable technology. Coming soon are matinee film shows, a Christmas concert and local artists offering painting classes.

Everyone is welcome. It's free and you get to eat some delicious home-made cake (including gluten-free) along with a cup of tea.

Our events schedule will be published shortly. Find out more via phone, email or the website. Or just come along, you'll be very welcome.

If you need help or advice with anything, you can reach us on

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The Hemingford Action Group update *by Iain Muspratt, Chair*

'Astro Turf Site' - HAPG continue to energetically press EA for the site to be cleared. MGL claim to have purchased the site (and plan to continue to use it) but to date Land Registry records do not confirm this.

'Hemingford Golf Centre' - HDC approved planning for the construction of the 'Dino Golf' development in August and American Golf hope to open this extension to the existing facilities in Spring 2022

'New Waste and Minerals Plan' - this has now been unanimously approved and adopted by both CCC and Peterborough City Council

Hemingfords Regatta - Annual General Meeting

The Regatta AGM will be held virtually again this year at 8pm on Wednesday 6th October. If would like to learn about how the Regatta is run or would like to get involved, please email jdaeaston@gmail.com for a link to the zoom meeting.

Saturday November 6th 2021

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Pyro Musical Display
Gates open 5.00pm
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Hemingford Grey Parish Council



Parish Council meetings are now being run face to face rather than online. The dates for our next meetings are as follows:

Main Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	11 Oct / 8 Nov
Planning Meeting (at The Pavilion)	7.45pm	19 Oct / 16 Nov

Our agendas are posted on the website, village notice boards, and at the village store. Information is also available on our social media pages:

Website: www.hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/hemingfordgreypc

Twitter: www.twitter.com/hemgreypc

Parish Councillors:

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Doug Dew	4 Weir Road	469814
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Janice Flint	30 Marsh Lane	07816 438765
Nick Irish	10 Skylark Place	464665
Tony Jackson	12 Madeley Court	07973 751679
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