HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of Hemingford Grey Parish Council held on Monday 11 September 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room

Present: Cllrs: Doug Dew (Chairman), Richard Allen, Derek Clifton, Keith Duncan, Riva Elliott, Leanne Elmstrom, Jason Hall, Anne Meredith, Robin Waters

In attendance: 10 members of the public, County Cllr Ian Bates and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services)

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

Cllr Dew reported as District Councillor on:

- The Local Plan. The consultation period is over and it is hoped that the Plan will be published by the end of the year and submitted to the Government Inspector by March 2018.
- A working group is meeting to work on parking issues. There is a possibility that Parish Councils and local communities may have further involvement in monitoring in the future.

County Cllr Ian Bates reported on the cessation of a number of bus services following a commercial decision by Whippet Coaches. CCC had resolved to support the bus services for a period of one year and it was necessary for other companies to come forward to operate the routes, as Dews had done in this area. The funding would give communities the opportunity to plan for a year ahead when the funds would no longer be available. A Community Transport initiative could be a solution, and it was also open to the District Council and parishes to contribute towards such a scheme.

A question was asked about the future of the 1A service. The difficulties for non-drivers, who, with no service at all at the weekends, would have to rely on lifts, were outlined.

In response to a question, it was noted that permission had not been given for buildings at Long Lane Lake and the enforcement officer had asked that an application be made within a certain time limit.

A resident asked the Parish Council to consider a working loop system in the Reading Room to enable all residents to hear proceedings clearly.

Cllr Hall provided an update on the proposed new website and demonstrated the features, links and information provided. The site will show Parish Council and community information and will include built in forms and links to other organisations, who can submit information to Cllr Hall for inclusion. It was anticipated that the site should be easier to use. Suggestions were made that training for groups on using the site be provided and that the site be demonstrated at a forthcoming village market event. This will be discussed after the site goes live, which it is hoped would be by the end of December. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Hall for his hard work.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Brasnell (health).

2. Declarations of interests

2.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda and details of dispensations held

Cllr Waters declared an interest in item 6.1 relating to an expenses payment.

2.2 To receive written and grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate for items on this agenda

APPROVED