

HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of Hemingford Grey Parish Council held on Monday 12 February 2024
in the Reading Room, High Street at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: Richard Allen (Chairman) Anne Meredith
 Janice Flint Robin Waters
 Nick Irish Stephen Wright
 Tony Jackson

In attendance: 2 members of the public, District Cllr D Keane and B Stoehr (Clerk).

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

Two members of the public spoke on the Pavilion's grant application to refurbish the play equipment on the playing field. They had consulted residents and raised £10,000, with further fundraising to come, and further grant funding to be applied for. The total cost of the project would be approximately £100,000. The play equipment was aimed at ages 0-12 years and was to be fully accessible.

District Cllr D Keane's written report was noted. The report included that the early bird price for garden bins had come to an end and removal of the bins would take place in June or July and the ability to vote for overseas and system for registration are now in place.

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs Di Gaetano (unwell), Elliott (out of parish) and Jakes (child ill).

There were no declarations of interest.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 8 January 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Prop RA, 2nd AM, unanimous)

3. Co-option to fill casual vacancy – to consider any applications received

None received.

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

4.1 (7.1) Power supply for new defibrillator – to consider quotation

The quotation had not yet been received. It was noted that the Grey House now has a defibrillator.

5. Finance, procedure and risk assessment

5.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

RESOLVED that the payments listed in the finance report, below, should be paid plus Great Ouse Valley Trust (Membership renewal) £40.00. (Prop RA, 2nd SW, unanimous)

Salaries and Pension	£1666.76
CME (Payroll)	£97.20
LGS Services (Admin support Jan)	£2522.35
Victoire Press (Newsletter printing)	£610.00

Credits were noted.

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

None.

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

RESOLVED to accept the quotation for £285.00 from Kettering Playsafe for safety surface repairs at Daintree Green. (Prop RW, 2nd TJ, unanimous)

- 5.4 2 Commune – notification of cessation of website provision and to moving to Cuttlefish or an alternative supplier
RESOLVED to move to Cuttlefish as the new supplier. (Prop RA, 2nd RW, unanimous)
- 6. To receive reports and items from Committees, working groups and members for information only unless stated**
- 6.1 Environment Working Group report and proposals
- 6.1.1 Proposal that the Council approves expenditure of up to £500 to purchase trees, associated sundries and refreshments
RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £500.00 for trees, sundries and refreshments, to be carried forward if necessary. (Prop AM, 2nd JF, unanimous)
- 6.1.2 Proposal that the Council accepts the quotation from Groundwork East to provide community engagement sessions subject to a maximum of £3,500 exclusive of VAT
RESOLVED, noting that only one of four organisations approached had quoted, to accept the quotation from Groundwork East for up to £3,899.00, but to contact them to see whether the price can be negotiated. (Prop RA, 2nd NI, unanimous)
- 6.2 Proposal that the Parish Council allows the tree wardens to carry out tree works on Parish Council trees subject to risk assessment and insurance approval by the Clerk
RESOLVED that the Parish Council allows the tree wardens to carry out minor tree works on Parish Council trees subject to risk assessment and insurance company approval. (Prop AM, 2nd RW, unanimous)
- 6.3 Proposal that the Council considers report of cyclists on footpath between Norman Court and The Pavilion and a resident's request for signage
RESOLVED to ask CCC Highways if they will install the signage and to pursue the previous request for signage at Long Lane and to place an article in the newsletter. (Prop RW, 2nd NI, unanimous)
- 6.4 Proposal that the Council grants permission for an Easter Fair on Vicarage Field on 30 March
RESOLVED to grant permission for an Easter Fair on Vicarage Fields on 30 March, subject to a written risk assessment and a copy of the insurance. (Prop NI, 2nd AM, unanimous)
- 6.5 Proposal that K&M Lighting be instructed to move the Parish Council's speed sign to Marsh Lane
RESOLVED to instruct K&M Lighting to move the Parish Council's speed sign to Marsh Lane. (Prop RA, 2nd TJ, unanimous)
- 6.6 Proposal that the Council considers renewing membership of Great Ouse Valley Trust
RESOLVED to renew the Parish Council's membership of the Great Ouse Valley Trust at a cost of £40.00. (Prop RW, 2nd JF, unanimous)
- 7. To consider correspondence/communications received**
- 7.1 Hemingford Pavilion Playpark Project – request for financial support
RESOLVED to defer this item to the March meeting.
- 7.3 Children's cookery school - grant application
RESOLVED to request a more detailed breakdown of the equipment costs and to defer this item to the March meeting.
- 7.2 Resident – report of possibly abandoned boat outside the gate to the Manor House
RESOLVED to report the possibly abandoned boat to the Environment Agency, and to inform resident that reported it to the Council. (Prop TJ, 2nd JF, unanimous)
- 8. Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.07 pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)