

**HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL****Meeting of Hemingford Grey Parish Council held on Monday 8 July 2024  
in the Reading Room, High Street at 7.00 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs: Richard Allen (Chairman)      Tony Jackson  
 Maria Di Gaetano      Sarah Jakes  
 Riva Elliott      Anne Meredith  
 Janice Flint      Robin Waters  
 Nick Irish      Stephen Wright

**In attendance:** District Cllr D Keane and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

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

District Cllr Keane reported verbally on:

- Removal of green bins commences on 8 July. Residents can request collection or opt to keep the bin as a compost bin
- The Active for Health scheme, which offers a ten week usage of One Leisure.
- Civil Parking enforcement will be going ahead.
- The Huntingdonshire Future Grants scheme.
- In response to a question, Cllr Keane explained that returned bins would be stored before being re-used for new housing.

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

There were no apologies.

Cllr Waters declared a pecuniary interest in item 5.1 with regard to his expenses claim.

Cllr Di Gaetano declared a pecuniary interest in item 5.1 with regard to her grant payment.

Cllr Waters declared an interest in item 7.1 as he lives near Vine Close.

**2. To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on 10 June**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 10 June 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record, after amendments under the open session, paragraph 4, line 2, to change “have been” to “will be” and under paragraph 8, to add an apostrophe after “Footpaths”; and under item 6.2, to add “Clerk to respond positively” at the end of the paragraph. <sup>(Prop RA, 2nd SW, carried with 9 in favour and 1 abstention)</sup>

**3. To consider planning applications, decision notices and tree works applications or pre-application approaches received****3.1 Planning applications**

None.

**3.2 Decision notices, appeals notices, enforcement notices and planning correspondence****3.2.1 Hemingford Colts – additional football pitches update and Liquid Skillz pending application**

RESOLVED to note the correspondence from Hemingford Colts and thank them for the update.

**3.2.2 24/00649/HHFUL – 28 Margetts – Demolition of garage side structure, erection of single storey side and rear extensions and change to material finish of existing property – Permission granted by HDC.**

- 3.2.3 24/00623/LBC – 52 High Street – Retiling of rear roof, works to windows and doors, replacement of guttering, works to masonry on front façade. Installation of WC, widening of wall opening, installation of boiler, removal and insulation of brickwork wall – Permission granted by HDC.
- 3.2.4 24/00614/HHFUL – St Francis House, 29 High Street – Construction of car port, widening of existing access and erection of replacement gates – Permission granted by HDC.
- 3.2.5 24/80133/COND – 67 High Street – Discharge of condition 3 (Materials/construction) for 23/01818/LBC – Permission granted by HDC.

3.3 Tree works applications  
None.

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

- 4.1 (6.1.5) Call for Sites Working Group – To consider Terms of reference  
RESOLVED to defer this item to the September meeting, noting that this will be discussed when the Working Group meet next week.

4.0.2 Milestone update

Cllr Irish reported that someone had made the milestone stand upright again. The Milestone Society have the milestone on their register but it is not a listed item or ancient monument. Cllr Irish is seeking advice from the Milestone Society about the upkeep of the milestone and will report back to the next meeting.

**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 R Waters (IT expenses) £59.99, and M Di Gaetano (Summer craft sessions grant) £184.18 and £49.89. (Prop RA, 2nd SJ, carried with 8 in favour and 2 abstentions)

Salaries and pensions	£1897.66
Gallagher (Hiscox insurance)	£884.87
Wave (Allotment water)	£110.57
St James Parish Centre (Room hire)	£50.00

Credits, as reported on the finance report, 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

None.

5.4 To consider insurance policy renewal

RESOLVED having considered the proposal, to renew the insurance policy with Hiscox Insurance Company for one year at a premium of £884.87 and to notify them when replying that the Parish Council will be taking on additional land on the Yes Estate during the course of the year. (Prop JF, 2nd SW, 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 Parish Council notes that a litter pick will be held in October  
RESOLVED to note that a litter pick will be held in October. The date is to be confirmed in due course.

- 6.1.2 Proposal that the Parish Council facilitates another Food Bank collection in October

A proposal to hold the collection nearer Christmas was not seconded.  
RESOLVED to facilitate another Food Bank collection in October. (Prop AM, 2nd MDG, unanimous)

6.2 Proposal that the Parish Council removes the stump and brambles to the side of Sadlers Way

Cllr Jakes declared a potential pecuniary interest in this item and left the meeting.

RESOLVED to remove the bramble-covered stump on the grass by the entrance to the allotments and to obtain quotations up to the value of £250.00, with the work to take place after August. (Prop RA, 2nd AM, unanimous)

6.3 Alteration to existing contract to clear brambles from fence lines between the allotments and Sadlers Way to punch a number of wholes through and reduce height of brambles due to anti social behaviour

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Meredith that the clearance and height reduction to the brambles and the punching of holes through them should be put out to quote and delegated to the clerk up to the value of £1000.00, rather than being added to the contract.

A proposal was made by Cllr Elliott that the brambles on the Cotmerole footpath and overgrown nettles in Love Lane be cleared. RESOLVED that the Handyman should be asked to carry out this work.

RESOLVED to note that ongoing maintenance for the area would be included in the revised specification prior to going out to tender for the renewal of the contract.

RESOLVED to approve the proposal as amended, that clearing the brambles from the fence lines, reducing their height and punching holes through the brambles, be put out to quote and delegated to the clerk up to the value of £1000.00 and not added to the maintenance contract at this stage. (Prop AM, 2nd RE, carried with 9 in favour and 1 abstention)

Cllr Jakes re-joined the meeting at 7.37 pm.

6.4 Proposal that the PC coordinates a working party to weed the hedge planted between London Rd and the Yes Development

RESOLVED that the Environment Working Group should co-ordinate a Working Group to carry out the weeding and arrange for disposal of the waste. (Prop RA, 2nd SJ, unanimous)

RESOLVED to note that the chicken wire might not be removed from the hedge if too many holes were present.

7. **To consider correspondence/communications received**

7.1 Resident request for a an additional MVAS to be permanently mounted on Hemingford Road

RESOLVED having considered the request from a resident, to respond that the Parish Council considers moving the MVAS equipment around is more effective than leaving it permanently in one location, as there are several areas in the village where the equipment needs to be rotated.

RESOLVED, given that funds are available in the budget, to purchase a new MVAS unit, to assist in enforcing the 20 mph limit.

RESOLVED to thank the resident for his offer to set up a Speed Watch group, and let them know that the Parish Council would support such a group if they were willing to go ahead with setting one up.

RESOLVED to ask the Police again to conduct speed checks in the village. (Prop RA, 2nd SW, carried with 9 in favour and 1 abstention)

**8. Closure of Meeting**

RESOLVED to note that there will be no meeting in August unless planning applications require one.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) \_\_\_\_\_(Date)