

**HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL****Meeting of Hemingford Grey Parish Council held on Monday 14 October 2024  
in the Reading Room, High Street at 7.00 pm**

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

**In attendance:** 3 members of the public plus District Cllr D Keane and Mr Ben Stoehr (Clerk).

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

A resident spoke to his application (item 3.1.2) and explained their intention to add a play room and office space. These would not take up any additional space than the existing garage.

Two councillors from Houghton and Wyton Parish Council spoke regarding the planning application for the land between Houghton Grange and The How (item 3.1.3)

District Cllr Keane spoke to his written report, covering:

- Flood activity over the past weeks. The HDC website had been updated with the relevant tasks and information.
- The Active Health campaign was still running as reported at previous meetings.
- Scam alerts about parking were circulating by SMS. HDC does not issue SMS messages for enforcement.
- The Local Plan consultations are currently live.

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs Wright (out of parish) and Meredith (out of parish).

Apologies were also received from County and District Cllr Dew.

Cllr Jakes declared a pecuniary interest in item 3.3.1 as her family business was the agent for the tree works application.

Cllr Elliott declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7.5 as a member of Hemingford Hub.

**2. To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on 9 September**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 9 September be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record, after an amendment under item 4.1 to change "Waters" to "Allen." (Prop RA, 2nd RW, carried with 7 for and 1 abstention)

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

**3.1 Planning applications**

On a proposition by the Chairman, the order of business was varied to take item 3.1.2 next.

**3.1.2 24/01653/CLPD – 23 Margetts – Lawful development certificate for proposed garage conversion and roof alterations**

The site visit was conducted by Cllrs Elliott and Waters. It was noted that a neighbour had emailed to state that they had no objections.

RESOLVED to support the application. (Prop RW, 2nd RE, unanimous)

**3.1.3 23/00627/OUT – Land Between Houghton Grange and The How - Amendments**

RESOLVED to object to the application with the following comments:

The Parish Council has concerns that the number of trees had decreased in the application from the previous application.

Drainage and sewerage and traffic are all severe issues in the area. The Parish Council has concerns that it will not be possible to manage the drainage and sewerage requirements and the implications on the surrounding area which is designed as a Flood Plain in the Local Plan. Flooding impact will be exacerbated by the reduction in tree numbers and increased building density.

The Council has further concerns about the increased traffic on the A1123, which is already over capacity.

Hemingford Grey Parish Council believes that separation between Towns and Villages is important and this application would further degrade the buffer between Houghton and St Ives Town.

The density of development is far higher than the surrounding area and would need significantly decreasing to be acceptable.” (Prop RW, 2nd MdG, unanimous)

- 3.1.1 24/01777/PMBPA – Long Lane House, Long Lane – Change of use of former agricultural barn, The Milking Shed, into one bedroom dwelling with external parking and amenity space  
RESOLVED to support the application. (Prop JF, 2nd MdG, unanimous)

3.2 Decision notices, appeals notices, enforcement notices and planning correspondence

- 3.2.1 24/0051/ENENC – 15 Braggs Lane – to note correspondence from the HDC Enforcement Officer  
Noted.

- 3.2.2 Parish Council application for TPO on tree at The Thorpe - update  
RESOLVED to note the Tree Officer’s response that the trees already have statutory protection.

- 3.2.3 24/01409/HHFUL – 58 High Street – Reinstatement of wrought iron railings mounted atop front dwarf boundary wall and installation of air source heat pump – Permission granted by HDC.

- 3.2.4 24/80257/COND – 52 High Street – Discharge of condition 5 (Windows) for 24/00623/LBC – Permission granted by HDC.

- 3.2.5 24/01194/S73 – 50 High Street – Variation of condition 2 (Plans) of 23/01788/HHFUL – Permission granted by HDC.

3.3 Tree works applications

- 3.3.1 24/01632/TREE – 15 Braggs Lane

At 7.25 pm, Cllr Jakes, having previously declared an interest in this item, left the meeting.

RESOLVED to support the application. (Prop RW, 2nd NI, carried with 7 in favour and 1 abstention)

Cllr Jakes re-joined the meeting at 7.28 pm.

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

- 4.1 Local Plan Call for Sites – Review and response of proposed sites

RESOLVED, having considered the previously circulated document, and the draft response read out at the meeting, that the Parish Council approves the response, which will be circulated by Cllr Waters. (Prop RW, 2nd SJ, unanimous)

**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 Victoire Press (Newsletter printing) £610.00, Kedel (Posts) £235.76, and Parish Online (Online mapping subscription) £108.00. (Prop RA, 2nd RE, unanimous)

RESOLVED to ask Hemingford Horticulture to clarify and provide more detail of the work being invoiced, and that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to approve payment of the two invoices, for £1,020.00 and £1,149.54, once known.

Salaries and pensions	£2192.71
Plot 13b (Allotment rent overpayment)	£13.09
SLCC (Local Council publication)	£71.20
CAPALC (Annual conference training)	£75.00
Groundwork East (Community Engagement sessions)	£4118.40
K&M Lighting Services (Street light maintenance)	£107.18
Worknest (HR advice)	£900.00
CME (Payroll)	£97.20
LGS Services (Admin support)	£2585.68
William Lewis (Internal audit)	£360.00

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

The Clerk had used delegated powers to accept a quotation from Charlie Vince Tree Surgery to remove the dead cherry tree on Vicarage Fields for £395.00 plus VAT.

5.3 To consider any matter that is urgent because of risk or health and safety  
None.

6. **To receive reports and items from Committees, working groups and members for information only unless stated**

6.1 Proposal that the Parish Council writes to the Environment Agency to ask that the Flood Gate (rear of 6 Church Lane Asset Register No 332148 on FP12 between the High Street and the Church) be locked in a closed position each winter (say from 1 October to 31 March)

RESOLVED to write to the Environment Agency to ask that the Flood Gate (rear of 6 Church Lane Asset Register No 332148 on FP12 between the High Street and the Church) be locked in a closed position each winter (say from 1 October to 31 March). (Prop RW, 2nd NI, unanimous)

6.2 Proposal that the Parish Council signed the Armed Forces Covenant as promoted at the CAPALC Conference or at least invite the representative to tell us why we should

RESOLVED to sign the Armed Forces Covenant. (Prop RW, 2nd RE, unanimous)

6.3 Free Park Equipment

RESOLVED having considered whether the equipment could be installed on the Yes development, and noted the Chairman's discussions with play equipment companies, given that an application might prejudice future grant applications, to refrain from proceeding until the outcomes of other applications and plans are known, and re-visit the matter at a future meeting.

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

7.1 Resident – Request that the Parish Council considers parking issues in Goldcrest Road and publicises the issues and raises them with the management company  
RESOLVED to write to the management company to ask for a resolution for the parking issues. (Prop NI, 2nd MdG, unanimous)

7.2 Resident – Request that the Parish Council considers an LHI application for additional speed reduction measures at the Marsh Lane junction

RESOLVED to respond that the Police had previously indicated that they would not support a lower speed limit, and given that the Parish Council has only

recently had a successful LHI application, it is unlikely to be successful with a further application at present. (Prop RA, 2nd JF, unanimous)

7.3 Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre – request for financial support

RESOLVED, in accordance with the Council's powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, to approve a grant of £1,000.00 to the Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre, which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants. (Prop RW, 2nd TJ, unanimous)

7.4 Hartford Hedgehog Centre – request for financial support

RESOLVED, in accordance with the Council's powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, to approve a grant of £200.00 to the Hartford Hedgehog Centre, which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants. (Prop JF, 2nd SJ, carried with 6 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention)

7.5 Hemingford Hub – to note that the Chair of Hemingford Hub is stepping down as chair and trustee. Hemingford Hub invites and welcomes Parish Councillors to apply to join Hemingford Hub as potential trustees and volunteers

RESOLVED to note the information. It is a personal decision for members whether they wish to join.

7.6 HDC Sustainability Appraisal Consultation (deadline 27 November)

RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.

7.7 HDC – Further Issues and Options Paper Consultation (deadline 27 November)

RESOLVED to defer this item to the next meeting.

8. **Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.56 pm.

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