

# HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

## Notice of the MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

**Time: 7 pm Date: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.**

**Venue: Hemingford Abbots Village Hall, High St, Hemingford Abbots, PE28 9AH.**

### To All Members of the Council

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below. Any member not able to attend should send their apologies in before the meeting.

Members: 5      Vacancy: 2      Quorum: 3

The meeting is open to members of the public (including the press), but it is not a public meeting.

*Maxine Blewett Mrs* Maxine Blewett – Parish Clerk    18<sup>th</sup> February 2026.



## Public participation

Open Forum to provide an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions for future agendas or on **Items that are on the current agenda**. -To allow any members of the public and Councillors declaring an interest to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at that meeting. At the close of this item, members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless invited to do so by the Chair. All questions to be directed to the Chair of the meeting.

| 2025-2026 |  | Agenda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 140       |  | <b>Apologies for absence</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 141       |  | <b>Councillors' Declarations of Interest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda</li><li>• For declarations of interest received, Councillors to inform the Chair if they wish to speak on the matter during public participation and/or at the agenda item prior to discussion.</li><li>• To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)</li><li>• To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 142       |  | <b>Reports from County and District Councillors.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 143       |  | <b>Presentation by Tom Mosher, HAPC Tree Warden</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 144       |  | <b>Report by Anne-Marie Farmer, HAPC Footpath Warden</b> (Appendix 1) and her proposal that HAPC considers updating and printing the Footpath Guide, and to also consider her suggested repairs and/or replacement of gates on footpaths 3 & 4 (as described in the report).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 145       |  | <b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b><br>To agree and approve the draft minutes from the PC Meeting held on Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 (Appendix 2).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 146       |  | <b>LGR Public Consultation</b><br>Consider holding a public meeting to promote a response to LGR proposals.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 147       |  | <b>PLANNING</b><br><br><b><u>NEW PROPERTY</u></b><br><b>a)</b> <b><u>26/00159/LBC</u></b> Abbots Barn High Street, Hemingford Abbots, PE28 9AH. Internal reconfiguration including a new roof covering with rooflights and some minor external fenestration changes. <b>Respond to HDC by 27/2/26.</b><br><b>b)</b> <b><u>26/00158/HHFUL</u></b> Abbots Barn High Street Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AH. Internal reconfiguration including a new roof covering with rooflights and some minor external fenestration changes. <b>Respond to HDC by 27/2/26.</b><br><b>c)</b> <b><u>26/80025/COND</u></b> 6 River Meadow Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AY. Proposal Discharge condition 6 (Biodiversity Method Statement) of permission 24/00884/FUL. <b>HAPC has not been asked to comment.</b><br><br><b><u>NEW TREES</u></b><br><b>d)</b> <b><u>26/00160/TRCA</u></b> Hummingbird 52 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW. Proposal: Cedar - Fell Tree is close to the house and boundary fences. It is approx. 11m in height and therefore poses a threat to the property, which is causing us great concern. The tree has NO amenity value as it cannot be viewed from any public areas (i.e. the road / Common Lane). Note the land behind the property (Hemingford |

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|            | Meadow) is a large privately-owned field with no public right of way. <b>HAPC has not been asked to comment.</b><br><u>APPROVED TREES</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| e)         | <b>26/00143/TRCA</b> 30 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN. Proposal T1 Cypress, reduce T2 Cherry tallest stem to 5m, cut back 2x T3 Cypress overhang by 2 - 2.5m, fell T4 Ash Sapling, cut back T5 Ivy covered Hawthorn overhang by 1m, cut back T6 Cypress overhang by 2 -2.5m, cut back T7 Prunus overhang by 2.5 -3m, and reduce T8 Yew height by 1.5 -2m and spread on all sides by 1.5m. |
| f)         | <b>26/00026/TREE</b> Rose Cottage Royal Oak Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AF. Proposal T1-4 - Beech tree x4: Crown raise to 5m (TPO L/TPO/002).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>148</b> | <b><u>Finances / Contracts &amp; Membership Subscriptions</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| a)         | <b>To authorise a Grant for £100 to pay towards the cost of insurance for the running of The Hemingford Abbots Lunch Club</b> (Appendix 3).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| b)         | <b>To accept the authorised invoices for February</b> (salaries, standing orders and DDMs for payment as listed at the end of the agenda). (Appendix 4).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| c)         | <b>To approve</b> the January bank reconciliation. (Appendix 5).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| d)         | <b>To report:</b> The fixed interest savings account [3.45% over 6 months] has been opened. A transfer of £85,000.00 was transferred from the instant access savings account. The fixed interest period began on the 28/1/26 and will end on the 27/7/26.                                                                                                                                                     |
| e)         | Proposal to renew the PC's insurance with Zurich. (Appendix 6).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>149</b> | <b><u>Update on Training / Meetings and or Training attended</u></b><br>Feedback from all Councillors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>150</b> | <b><u>Closure of the Meeting</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>151</b> | <b><u>Date of the next Meetings:</u></b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at 7 pm in the Village Hall, High Street, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AH.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## PAYMENTS 148 (b)

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|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---|----------|---|--------|---|----------|---|
| BACS ✓ | 4000 Staff Costs                                        |                                                        |   |          |   |        |   |          |   |
| BACS ✓ | 4060 Clerk's Expenses                                   |                                                        |   |          |   |        |   |          |   |
| BACS ✓ | 4055 Reimburse Clerk for Office equipment from TG Jones | 1 homefile, 1 box file, 2 black ringbinder folders     | £ | 40.48    | £ | 8.10   | £ | 48.58    |   |
| BACS ✓ | 4305 The Hemingford Lunch Club                          | Grant towards insurance (funded from Projects)         | £ | 100.00   |   |        | £ | 100.00   |   |
| BACS ✓ | 4070 Great Ouse Valley Trust                            | Annual subscription                                    | £ | 40.00    |   |        | £ | 40.00    |   |
| BACS ✓ | 4250 K&M Lighting Ltd.                                  | Repair to streetlight 802, Chapmans - broken door      | £ | 80.00    | £ | 16.00  | £ | 96.00    |   |
| BACS ✓ | 4250 K&M Lighting Ltd.                                  | Service Contract renewal (year 1 of a 3 year contract) | £ | 469.20   | £ | 93.84  | £ | 563.04   |   |
|        |                                                         |                                                        | £ | 1,301.24 | £ | 117.94 | £ | 1,419.18 |   |
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| DDM    | 4250 Yu Energy Direct Debit Mandate                     | January supply of electricity                          | £ | 222.44   | £ | 11.12  | £ | 233.56   | * |
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|        |                                                         |                                                        | £ | 1,523.68 | £ | 129.06 | £ | 1,652.74 |   |