

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 23rd March 2026, 7 pm in the Hemingford Abbots Village Hall, High St, Hemingford Abbots, PE28 9AH.

Present: Councillors: HAPC Marcus Whewell (Chair), Shaun Reinson, Richard Chamberlain, Eddie Halls. HDC Sarah Conboy.

Clerk: Maxine Blewett

Members of the Public: 1



Public participation

A member of the public complained about the recent tree and hedge cutting on Rideaway. The area has been left in a mess. Some tree branches that were cut have been left hanging, whilst other large branches have been left on the verges. HAPC's Clerk was asked to check with CCC to confirm which verges/trees and hedgerow they have responsibility for.

2025-2026	Agenda	Meeting opened 7 pm
152	Apologies for absence Apologies received and accepted from HAPC Cllr RH and CCC Cllr DK	
153	Councillors' Declarations of Interest None	
154	Reports from County and District Councillors. Cllr Sarah Conboy: HDC is administration is coming to an end. With the upcoming Local Government Reform there is concern that the Community Infrastructure Levy may be lost when the LGR change takes place. There is potentially only 2 years for PCs and TCs to access CIL money to develop infrastructure. It is expected that the decision on the new unitary structure will be communicated by central government at the end of July. This is the final week for public comment. Anything HDC owns should transfer over to the new administration – however this will require permission from the Secretary of State. A Local Area Committee may be set up. Currently all of HDC's statutory obligations are being met. Other (non-statutory tasks) are not being carried out. In a year's time the Unitary Authority will be required to hold another election. This will not affect Town and Parish Councils. Cllr MW reported that a letter had apparently been issued to householders potentially affected by the proposed new cycle path stating that there would be no compulsory purchase orders placed on landowners in Hemingford Abbots in order to make way for this facility. Cllr SC is to speak to Lucy (the Project Lead) at CCC to seek confirmation that this is correct. Small grey food bins will be picked up from the beginning of April. It is encouraged that all food waste is disposed of in the new small grey bins.	
155	Update by Tom Mosher, HAPC Tree Warden C/F to the next meeting.	
156	Minutes of the previous meeting Resolved to approve the draft minutes from the PC Meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2026. Proposed by Cllr RC, seconded by Cllr EH, all in favour.	
157	Noted: LGR Public Consultation Due to the short timescale and availability of Councillors, HAPC was unable to arrange the public consultation. It was mentioned by Cllr MW that the CAPALC guidance suggests that is maybe more relevant now for PCs to have a Neighbourhood Plan. This will be considered at a future meeting.	
158	PLANNING NEW TREES – NOTED: a) 26/00456/TRCA 41A Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW. Proposal: G1 4x dead Birch: remove close to ground level. T1 Willow-Leaved Pear: remove close to ground level. HAPC was not asked to comment.	

b)	<u>26/00445/TRCA</u> Riverside Church Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AL. Proposal: 1x Weeping Willow - Prune and crown raise by 3m. HAPC was not asked to comment.
c)	<u>26/00377/5DAY</u> Haysel Cottage Manor Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AJ. Proposal: 5 DAY NOTICE - Removal of fallen tree. HAPC was not asked to comment.
d)	<u>26/00370/TRCA</u> 66 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW. Proposal: Fell 3x T1 Willow, T2 Laburnum T3 Conifer. HAPC was not asked to comment.
e)	<u>26/00346/TRCA</u> 60 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW. Proposal: Multi-stemmed willow tree - to reduce height to approximately 1.5m. The tree shows fungal growth and fire damage from nearby fire pit. The tree is to be reduced for safety issues. HAPC was not asked to comment.
f)	<u>26/00514/TRCA</u> Barn Hall Rideaway Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AG. T1 Weeping Willow - re-pollard to previous pollard points, reduce by 8-10m. HAPC was not asked to comment.
g)	<u>26/00506/TRCA</u> 7 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN. Proposal: T1 holly tree – remove. HAPC was not asked to comment.
h)	TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS <u>26/003</u> Hummingbird, 52 Common Lane, Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AW. TPO made on the 6/3/26. Responses to HDC by 6/4/26. Resolved to support the TPO recommendation for the following reasons: As part of the character assessment the tree is over 50 years old; it can be seen from the road and the river, walking from Houghton to Hemingford Abbots. On the original planning application, it was stated that the tree would be maintained. Proposed by Cllr SR, seconded by Cllr EH, all in favour.
i)	APPROVED TREES - NOTED <u>26/00325/TRCA</u> 30 Common Lane Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AN. Proposal: T9 - Dying Ash – fell.
159	Footpath Follow Up
a)	Update on the ownership of the stiles/gates on Footpath 4. Consider the recommendation to repair or replace the stiles with 2 Kissing Gates. Resolved to remove and replace the stile at the Common Lane entrance with a metal Kissing Gate. Clerk to obtain the KG quote(s) and an estimate of labour installation cost from HAPC's Handyman. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr RC, all in favour.
b)	<u>Public Bridleway No.10, Hemingford Abbots (part)) Public Path Diversion Order 2026</u> Cambridgeshire County Council has made the above Order to divert part of Public Bridleway No.10, Hemingford Abbots, the diversion is necessary due to highway changes in the area caused by the A14 redevelopment. The Order has been made under Sections 119 of the Highways Act 1980, the bridleway has already been diverted and is in use by the public the purpose of this Order is to make the bridleway a legal right of way and maintainable by Cambridgeshire County Council and so the Definitive Map and Statement can accurately reflect these changes. Resolved that HAPC make no comment on the recommended changes. Proposed by Cllr RC, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.
c)	<u>The Cambridgeshire County Council (Public Bridleway No.9 (part), Hemingford Abbots and Public Bridleway No.13 (part) Hemingford Grey) Public Path Extinguishment Order 2026</u> Cambridgeshire County Council has made the above Order to extinguish part of Public Bridleway No.9 Hemingford Abbots and part of Public Bridleway No.13 Hemingford Grey. The bridleways form a moiety in this area, and the reorganisation is necessary due to highway changes as a result of the A14 development. Resolved that HAPC make no comment on the recommended changes. Proposed by Cllr RC, seconded by Cllr EH, all in favour.
160	Village Litter Pick Resolved to arrange this for Sunday 12th April – time 10-12 noon. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr SR, all in favour.
161	<u>Speed Watch Group</u> Proposal to set up a Speed Watch Group (All). Resolved to add this to the Open Meeting Agenda to gauge interest. Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr RC, all in favour.

