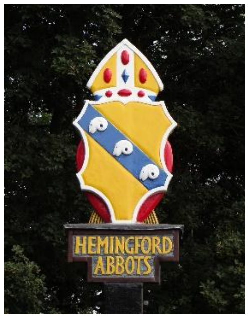
HEMINGFORD ABBOTS PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council



Time: 7 pm   Date: Monday 28th September 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: 6   Vacancy: 1   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   23rd September 2026.

2026-2027	**Agenda**
67	**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 Chairman.
68	**Apologies for Absence**
69	**Councillors' Declarations of Interest** • To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda • For declarations of interest received, Councillors to inform the Chairman if they wish to speak on the matter during public participation and/or at the agenda item prior to discussion. • To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) • To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
70	**Minutes of the previous meeting** To agree and approve the draft minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27th July June 2026 (Appendix 1).
71	**Reports from District and County Councillors**
72	**Update on Meetings attended/upcoming**
a)	PROVE meeting Sunday 6th September. Topics covered: A141 – Meadow Cycle Route; Tree Health and River Water Quality; Hemingford Grey, the Lake Initiative and a main presentation on Pause the Plan.
b)	HDC Full Council meeting (Cllr MW)
c)	Market Town centre regeneration, St. Ives and Huntingdon (MW).
d)	**To report**: HDC's Town and Parish Council meeting has been delayed due to the Government decision regarding Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), the forum will now take place on Thursday 26 November at Burgess Hall, St Ives.
e)	Marsh Lane Lakes consultation held at the Pavillion on 10th September (MW).
73	**Planning** **To Report - New Trees**
a)	**26/01471/TREE** The Beretun High Street Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AE. Proposal: Tree A - Holly - remove the dead wood and remove the low hanging branch to improve the shape of the tree and reduce the chance of damage to the neighbour's property. Crown lift will be around 1m. Tree C - Yew - reduce the lateral growth by up to 1m to balance the crown and trim and remove the epicormic mid growth. Tree D - Oak - remove bough before it damages the neighbour's fence and remove dead wood in the crown of the oak, the crown will not be raised by more than 1m. Tree E - Katsura - light crown clean to remove dead wood and lightly improve the shape again, pruning will be by no more than 1m and no reduction in height of the tree. To report – HAPC's Tree Warden attended an on-site meeting to discuss the TPO tree work and was satisfied that no harm will come to the TPO tree. **HAPC was notified of this application between PC meetings and resolved neither for nor against the tree work (recommended by HAPC's Tree Warden).**
b)	**26/01512/5DAY** 27 Common Lane, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AN. Rear of Royal Oak Corner Royal Oak Lane Hemingford Abbots. Dead Or Dangerous Tree 5 Day Notice. Proposal: Removal of T1 (White Beam) and T2 (Silver Birch) dead / fallen trees. ***HAPC has not been consulted on this application***.

c)	**26/01639/5DAY** The Hermitage Rideaway Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AG. Proposal: Dead Oak pole near driveway - dismantle pole. Dead Cherry in centre bed (growing through Lawsons Cypress) - dismantle and clear. Three dead Elms in frontage of woodland - fell. Dead Pollarded Poplar - fell ***HAPC has not been consulted on this application.***
d)	**26/01583/TREE** The Hermitage Rideaway Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AG. Proposal: Beech - shorten failed limb to 1.2m from tear back to healthy secondary branch. If left it will weaken, decay, and the rest will fall. **HAPC to respond to HDC by 12/10/26**.
e)	**26/01578/TRCA** Centre Quiet Waters Caravan Park Hemingford Abbots. Proposal: 3x Hornbeam - reduce crowns to previous pollard points at 4m. 1x Cherry - reduce crown by approx. 3m. 1x Field Maple - reduce crown by approx. 2m and remove basal growth. ***HAPC has not been consulted on this application***
	APPROVED
f)	**26/80125/COND** 6 River Meadow Hemingford Abbots Huntingdon PE28 9AY. Proposal: Details submitted to discharge conditions 4 (Materials), 8 (Tree Protection Plan), 9 (Obscure Glazing), 12 (Levels) and 13 (Hard and Soft Landscaping) of planning permission reference 24/00884/FUL.
	Other planning matters
g)	**Proposa**l to consider if a response is required from HAPC with regard to the latest discussions between HDC and Anglia Water with respect to The Lattenbury development (stated as 500+ homes).
74	**HDC Consultation on the proposed Local Plan** Proposal that HAPC comments on the Huntingdonshire's Pre-Submission Local Plan before it is submitted to government for independent examination. Public engagement runs from 16 September for 6 weeks until Wednesday 28 October 2026. **The link to the engagement is here** **https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-update/pre-submission** HDC is inviting comments on: • Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046 • Pre-Submission Sustainability Appraisal • Habitats Regulations Assessment • Pre-Submission Local Plan Policies Map
75	**Footpaths**
a)	**To report:** Dave Cook will install a new wooden Kissing Gate at the start of Footpath 4 when the ground becomes softer.
b)	**To report:** 200 Footpath Leaflets were re-ordered at a cost of £84.00. The print run has been handed to the Footpath Warden for local distribution.
c)	**To report:** 2 No Cycling Signs have been fitted at the entrance to Footpath 2 (back of Chapmans) and on the kissing gate from the field.
d)	**To report**: A resident of Quiet Waters reported a Hornets nest on Footpath 2. Cllr MW investigated and could not locate the nest. CCC have also been informed and asked to investigate.
76	**Update on the Speedwatch Group** (Cllr RC)
a)	To report: Speedwatch training for 9 volunteers took place on Saturday 22nd August. Co-ordinator Cllr RC will forward locations of where the SW will take place to the trainer.
77	**Proposal** that HAPC sign up for a free membership to Maplify (https://maplify.co.uk/).
78	**Trees & Village Maintenance**
a)	**To report:** Two dead trees in the Playing Field were removed in late July as they were a health and safety threat.
b)	**Update** on the Tree/Hedge proposals submitted at the last meeting (TM & EH).
c)	**Update on the Village/Asset walkaround** by Cllr MW and the Clerk:
d)	**Update** on the proposed Environmental Working Group (TM & MW)
e)	**To report:** - Fire at the former Little Chef Burnt-out car on New Road
79	**Finance**
a)	**To accept the payment of invoices** for August and September (salaries and standing orders for payment as listed at the end of the agenda). (Appendix 2).
b)	**To approve the Bank Reconciliations for July and August 2026. (**Appendix 3 & 4 respectively).
c)	**To report:** An application for a 6-month fixed rate account has been submitted to Unity Trust Bank. An amount of £95,000.00 will be transferred from the Instant Savings Account into the new FRI account and receive 3.45% interest.
d)	To report: The second tranche of HAPC's precept (£) was received into the current account on the xxx. A subsequent transfer of £x was made from the C/A to the Instant Savings Account.

e)	**To report:** HAPC has received a request for the 2027-2028 Precept amount from HDC. The form must be returned to HDC BY Friday 15th January 2027.
80	**Matters arising (for discussion at the next PC meeting)**
81	**Closure of the Meeting**
82	**Date of the next Meetings:** Monday 26th October 2026 at 7 pm in the Village Hall, High Street, Hemingford Abbots PE28 9AH.

Finance (79a)

August Payments

Bradgates Ground Maintenance Ltd	July cuts 2/9 & 16th	£ 150.00	£ 30.00	£ 180.00	
Bradgates Ground Maintenance Ltd	Back payment of £190 (cuts should have been charded at £50 not £40) + 1 Strim at £80	£ 270.00	£ 54.00	£ 324.00	
SIQP	Re-order of 200 Footpath leaflets	£ 84.00		£ 84.00	
Hemingford Aboricultural	Removal of 2 dead trees in the playing field	£ 550.00	£ 110.00	£ 660.00	
AskIT	Move from Stackmail to Outlook for 3 Councillors	£ 30.00	£ 6.00	£ 36.00	
		£ 1,622.88	£ 200.00	£ 1,822.88	
VALDA Energy Direct Debit Mandate	Energy supply for July	£ 107.89	£ 5.39	£ 113.28	
		£ 1,730.77	£ 205.39	£ 1,936.16	

September Payments

Staff Costs					
HMRC					
Clerk's Expenses					
K&M Lighting Ltd.	Inv. 10230 repair to s/light 902 New Road. Faulty lantern and new LED driver	£ 163.00	£ 32.60	£ 195.60	
K&M Lighting Ltd.	Inv. 10231 repair to s/light 124, straigtened support bars, fitted bowl replaced LED unit and photocell. Unit 102 Common Lane - broken glass.	£ 245.00	£ 49.00	£ 294.00	
HAVH	Meeting room hire from June to December 2026	£ 175.00		£ 175.00	
AskIT	Email Support for Cllr RH	£ 10.00	£ 2.00	£ 12.00	
		£ 1,249.60	£ 83.60	£ 1,333.20	
VALDA Energy Direct Debit Mandate	Energy supply for August	£ 126.58	£ 6.33	£ 132.91	
		£ 1,376.18	£ 89.93	£ 1,466.11	