

HEMINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL  
**AGM of the Parish Council**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**

7.30pm on Wednesday May 20, 2021  
**without The Hut, Hemingstone**

**Minutes and Notes**

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<b>1/200521</b>	<b>Election of Chairman and Deputy for 2021/22</b>  Mohammed Touman was elected Chair and Claire Martin Deputy Chair without contest.
<b>2/200521</b>	<b>Apologies for absence and approvals</b>  Cllrs Mohammed Touman, David Byrnand, Claire Martin, Jason Fayers and David Penny were all present, together with District Cllr John Whitehead and the newly elected County Cllr Chris Chambers. Cllr Tim Passmore was unable to attend. Two members of the public were also present.
<b>3/200521</b>	<b>Declarations of interest and dispensations requested</b>  None
<b>4/200521</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes of the PC meeting on March 18, 2021 and April 22, 2021</b>  The Minutes were approved.
<b>5/200521</b>	<b>Public comments on matters on the Agenda</b>  There were no public comments.
<b>6/200521</b>	<b>To consider updates on current planning applications:</b>  DC/21/00455   Householder Planning Application - Erection of detached two-bay Carport.   The Top Shed Ashbocking Road – <i>granted</i>  DC/20/05952   Householder Planning Application - Repairs and refurbishment of cartlodge including re thatching.   Old Hall Farm Main Road – <i>granted</i>  DC/19/04997 Use of annexe as dwelling house including use of land as residential curtilage, 2 Hare and Hounds Corner – <i>appeal in progress</i>

	<p><b>Update on planning enforcement referral of work at Brick Kiln Farm</b></p> <p>The current status of the applications was noted. No update had been received about Brick Kiln Farm</p>															
7/200521	<p><b>To consider an update on the Quiet Lanes project</b></p> <p>Cllr Penny reported that the project is in hand for Wave 2 of the Quiet Lanes designation process. There may be a small cost arising from inclusion of the extra bit of road connecting Bulls Road to Rectory Road. Affected householders are able to comment until June 15 and completion of the designation will take place about two months after that, including all signage.</p>															
8/200521	<p><b>To consider spending priorities and specific spending ideas for the current year and beyond, with reference particularly to measures relevant to the climate change emergency.</b></p> <p>After discussion of a number of suggestions which had been made by Councillors and residents, it was agreed to set aside £500 for a nature preservation and promotion project suggested by the Council's Tree warden Sharon Goddard, and a further £750 for picnic tables to be installed at The Hut. The money would come largely from the available £1,264.69 of CIL funds being held by the Parish Council. Consideration would be given to having the outdoor furniture supplied by Realise Futures.</p>															
9/200521	<p><b>Financial report, including payments due, and presentation and approval of the Parish Council accounts for 2020/21</b></p> <p>The annual accounts were approved, and the Chair and Clerk were authorised to complete and sign all necessary annual audit paperwork. The end-of-year balance was £5,618.31.</p> <p>A bank reconciliation was presented showing a current available balance of £6,418.46.</p> <p>The following payments have been made:</p> <table><tr><td>May 1, 2021</td><td>Rod Caird</td><td>200</td><td>£121.64</td><td>Clerk pay</td></tr><tr><td>May 1, 2021</td><td>SALC</td><td>201</td><td>£145.21</td><td>Subscription</td></tr><tr><td>June 10, 2021</td><td>HMRC</td><td>202</td><td>£30.40</td><td>PAYE</td></tr></table>	May 1, 2021	Rod Caird	200	£121.64	Clerk pay	May 1, 2021	SALC	201	£145.21	Subscription	June 10, 2021	HMRC	202	£30.40	PAYE
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10/200521	<p><b>Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council</b></p> <p>It was agreed the Clerk would provide current information about pay grades for consideration at the next meeting.</p>															
11/200521	<p><b>Dates of meetings in 2021/22</b></p>															

	July 15, September 16, November 18, January 20 and March 17.
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## Annual Parish Meeting

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>District Cllr Tim Passmore had sent apologies.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Chairman's welcome, introduction and report on 2020/21</b></p> <p>Cllr Touman, Chairman, reported that it had been a very strange year but the Council had continued to function through online meetings. He thanked Councillors for their support and commitment. On planning matters he said the Council had done its best to stay on top of a number of very difficult issues and thanked the District and County Councillors for their support.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Reports from District and County Councillors, and open discussion on issues raised by residents</b></p> <p>District Cllr Whitehead had circulated a written report on the year, noting that a number of planning applications had been improved through pressure and discussion at the reserved matters stage. Mid Suffolk's investment portfolio will continue to produce an income stream.</p> <p>The newly elected County Cllr Chris Chambers said he was looking forward to working with the Parish in the coming months, not least on Highways issues.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>Reports from village organisations as available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The WI</b></li> <li>• <b>St Gregory's Church</b></li> <li>• <b>The Hut Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Caveman Club</b></li> <li>• <b>Others</b></li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There was no report from the WI</li> <li>2. A report on Church matters had been submitted and will be published on the website</li> <li>3. The Hut had no bookings and therefore no income through 2020 but had received a Covid</li> </ol>

	<p>support grant from Mid Suffolk. New heaters have been installed and the roof has been completely redone; next tasks include a new kitchen, guttering and parking area. It is warmer, more weatherproof and once again open for business.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. The Cavemen have been unable to meet other than online and in small gatherings during the summer. They will help with redecoration of The Hut.</li> <li>5. The Flower Festival will take place on the first weekend of October. This will probably be the first "live" event post-Covid. The centenary of The Hut will also be marked.</li> </ol>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>May, 2022, exact date to be confirmed.</p>