

HEMINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held online on Thursday March 18, 2021 at 7.30pm

PRESENT	Cllrs Mohammed Touman, Jason Fayers, David Byrnannd, Claire Martin, David Penny and Rod Caird (Clerk). District Cllrs John Whitehead and Tim Passmore, and County Cllr John Field were also present. Two members of the public attended.
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1/180321 Apologies and approvals of absence

None.

2/180321 Declarations of Interest and dispensations requested

None

3/180321 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on January 21, 2021

The Minutes were approved

4/180321 Public comments on matters on the Agenda, and reports from District and County Councillors

In response to a question it was noted that a new supplier might need to be found for batteries for the speed sign; the supplier in Germany has difficulty exporting equipment because of post-Brexit arrangements. The desirability of a Neighbourhood Plan for the village was discussed and it was agreed this would be considered at a future meeting.

Cllr Field had sent a written report. Cllrs Whitehead and Passmore reported on the District's 2021/22 budget. Council tax would increase by 1.66%; the government has covered most Covid-related costs. A sum has been set aside for Covid recovery projects. Domestic abuse cases have increased in number during the pandemic, as have cases of online fraud. There have been 18 cases of dog thefts in the past year; owners are advised to be careful and to be sure their pets are microchipped.

Cllr Whitehead has discussed the dog training planning application in Barham with the planning officer; the planners and also the Forestry Commission are looking at the situation.

5/180321 To consider an update on current planning applications and related matters:

DC/21/00455 | Householder Planning Application - Erection of detached two-bay Carport. | The Top Shed Ashbocking Road – *awaiting decision*

DC/20/05952 | Householder Planning Application - Repairs and refurbishment

of cartlodge including re thatching. | Old Hall Farm Main Road – *awaiting decision*

DC/19/04997 Use of annexe as dwelling house including use of land as residential curtilage, 2 Hare and Hounds Corner – *appeal in progress*

Update on planning enforcement referral of work at Brick Kiln Farm

The current position on these applications was noted.

6/180321 To receive an update on the Quiet Lanes project

A leaflet has been drawn up for distribution over the coming weekend. There will be an open public meeting online on April 21 at 7.30pm. There is no cost to the Parish for this initiative, which will cover Church Lane and Bulls Road.

7/180321 To consider steps which should be taken concerning the climate emergency (including spending priorities to be discussed under item 9)

Some guidance for individuals will be published on the website. There was a discussion about whether The Hut could be more carbon-neutral, and the matter will be discussed by The Hut Committee.

8/180321 To consider an update on the Ten Villages magazine

It is clear many people prefer to receive the magazine as a printed copy.

9/180321 Financial report, including any payments due, and further consideration of the budget, including consideration of spending priorities for 2021/22 and beyond

A bank reconciliation was presented showing a balance of £5,618.31.

Payments were agreed as follows: Rod Caird £121.64, HMRC £60.80, Gipping Press £54.00

A budget proposal for 2022/23 and onwards would be discussed at future meetings.

It was noted that CIL funds amounting to £1,264.69 need to be committed for spending on a specific project during 2021.

10/180321 Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

Concern was expressed about the speed of vehicles travelling on Main Rad towards the bridge and in both directions on the B1078 at the same junction. It was agreed the question of reducing speed limits should be raised.