Hinxton Parish Council: Minutes 10th March 2025

Present:
Ceri Williams
Sarah Robinson
Mike Boagey
Chris Elliott
Andy Brown
Anne Charteris-Clerk
Members of the Public: 4

	Part 1 : Non confidential information. **Before the meeting began, a period of silence was held in memory of Roy Ellis, Julie Baillie and Andrew Walker.**
2503/0 1	**To receive and approve apologies for absence** Hugh Taylor, Peter McDonald
2503/02	**To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda** Chris Elliott-Weir
2503/03	**To elect new Vice Chair- deferred until a meeting when all members will be present**
2503/04	**To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 10th Feb 2025** Minutes approved and signed
2503/05	**Exclusion of the Public.** To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded.
2503/06	**Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald**. The report can be found in full on the website, but in brief: **Council budget and Corporate Plan** At a Full Council meeting on 25 February, the council agreed its budget for 2025/26 and approved the new Corporate Plan up to 2030. The council's priorities remain supporting local businesses, fostering strong communities, being green to the core, and providing affordable, sustainable homes. Given the increasingly uncertain financial climate, we have added to the priority list the council's long-standing underlying aim of being financially secure for the future. New items in the forthcoming year include the construction of a milestone Community Centre in Northstowe, increasingly targeted cost-of-living support, work on the new food waste collection service and more funding to tackle fly-tipping. The plans for housing include: • Another 75 new Council homes for rent and shared ownership; • Over £1 million to improve insulation and heating for existing Council housing; • More than £500,000 on preventing homelessness. The council also agreed a 3% increase in the district's allocation from Council Tax (£5.09 per year, less than 10p per week). Note that this is below the state pension increase of 4.1% and the average wage growth in the past year of 5.9%. This is expected to keep the council's position among the lowest 25% of district council charges in the country. **New waste processing contract for more recycling** A new contract to process recycling collected from Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire

residents' blue bins comes into effect in March. The new contract has been awarded to Re-Gen, whose materials recycling facility is one of the most advanced in Europe, running on 100% renewable energy. Re-Gen were named both Paper Recycling Business of The Year and Recycling Business of The Year at last year's Awards for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management. The new facility will be able to sort and recycle around 20% more of the material sourced from blue bins than at present. For example, it will be possible for 95% of glass to be re-melted and used for new bottles and jars, rather than most being used in road construction. There are no changes to the rules governing what waste can be put into blue bins.

Local government reorganisation

There will be an Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council on 19 March to consider proposals for local government reorganisation, immediately followed by a Cabinet meeting to agree the council's submission to the government. This is to ensure that we meet the government's deadline for submissions of 21 March.

Five-year land supply

In December the government published new planning policies, increasing the housing targets that many local councils are required to achieve, particularly in areas with high demand for housing. These new housebuilding targets came into effect immediately with no period to allow councils to adjust. The council had called for a transition period but the government did not agree to this. The target for Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District was increased by over 30%. This has the effect of reducing the five-year land supply for the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning area from 6.5 years to just under 5 years.

Four-day working week consultation

The council began a consultation on the four-day working week on 27 January. This is a reminder that the consultation is still open and will close on 23 March. This will be used alongside the other extensive sources of data on the Council's costs and performance to decide the next steps for this working practice.

Local Plan update

Development of the emerging Local Pan for the 2030s has been on hold for over a year due to uncertainties over water supply and transport provision. However, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has just announced that sufficient progress has been made to allow a draft Local Plan to be produced this year, for review by the council and for public consultation.

Highways Capital Programme

The plans for capital works in this financial year are being debated March 4th at the Highways Committee

Domestic Abuse Support

The renewal of a scheme which helps survivors of domestic abuse to feel safer and more secure in their homes has been unanimously approved by Cambridgeshire County Council's Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee.

Target hardening – sometimes known as a 'sanctuary scheme' – enables survivors of domestic abuse to remain in their own homes by providing additional security measures which can delay or prevent a perpetrator from entering a property.

The council currently offers a joint service with Peterborough City Council, but the new three year and three months contract would be for Cambridgeshire only.

2503/07 **Updates**

a. Wellcome Trust Campus Development. Nothing new, but please see notes later in the Minutes re a meeting held with Urban and Civic.

b. Village Hall extension. The GPS survey has been carried out, this will now allow Colin and Toni Moses to get on with the design. A meeting is being held with the Moses tomorrow and a report will be given at the next meeting, Plans will be shown to the PC and then presented to the Village for

their comments. Parking is an important issue, there needs to be an all-weather carpark, with spaces marked out properly and with a disabled bay. There are no deadlines for the money being released to us for the next steps, but expected to be when the first houses begin to be built, this may change.

c. Wetlands Committee.

Meeting held and Minutes will be posted when available. The Wetland walks continue to be held weekly and an extra walk to be held in May, details later. It was again asked that dog owners do not let their dogs go into the ponds or river as the flea treatment gets into the water and kills of many species of crustaceans and fish.

d. Playground. The see-saw has broken, Clerk to investigate getting this repaired asap.

e. Quiet Lanes. An event for dog walkers to be held on the bonfire land in Duxford to raise awareness. Details to follow. There is a survey sheet in the next edition of the Hinxton News, if anyone who would like to do this, it would be appreciated. Please see Hinxton News for details, this can also be accessed on the Parish Council website.

f. Bus Service in the Village. Nothing to report.

g. Highways. A505 report, this has been published and can be found here:
Agenda for Transport and Infrastructure Committee on Friday, 24th January, 2025, 10.00 am
Item 12

h. Weir- this was discussed at a recent meeting, please see notes further down.

2503/08 **Public participation time. 15 minutes allowed**

2503/09 **New items for discussion and correspondence.**

- Meeting with Urban & Civic on the 26th Feb 2025: to report on responses to questions asked

  1, Programme of work and any more road closures?
  The works on highways are coming to an end – apologies for the disruption – but just 2 or 3 days more of closures sometime over Easter for resurfacing after unforeseen hitch with crucial gas pipes. They will let us know in good time. Bridgework starts in late summer or autumn and buildings such as new labs and gym are hoped to be in place by 2027. The first residential comes with that too.
  2.When will open access happen? When bridges completed but before that the fences will come down
  3. Will the road signs into village and road markings, especially North End be rectified? Yes, all 11 road signs to be reinstated
  4. The turn at New Rd is very sharp and tight, how or when can it be improved? The turn has been built to County Council standards and that will not change. We were told that its within road safety audits
  5. Can road sweeper come into village and clear gullies? U&C will ask, but not able to promise.
  6. Can U&C influence the clearing up of mud on the A1301, are they able to stop cars mounting kerbs and banks)? The mud banks are currently being planted and are there to act as a buffer to protect pedestrians and cyclists on path.
  7. What is happening about a dedicated cycle route to Whittlesford station and a safe cycle crossing at Whittlesford? U&C recognise that it is part of obligations under Sec 106 and it is being very seriously considered but no concrete proposals yet.
  8. Can road markings on nearest roundabout be reconfigured as per Dutch model? This would not be possible and the idea of lighting the current cycle path to Sawston not possible either on basis CCC would not let them.
  9. Will the road lighting be turned off at night? They do not know but will come back to us on that.
  10. Can we have help to deal with overgrown trees? If it is only one or two. Then possibly but any more than that not possible.
  11. When will the swimming pool open? 2027

12. Is anything ever going to be done to meliorate flood risk from river? A 59-page report has been done on this and a re-commitment to have a meeting with relevant authorities and us. They are opposed to an automatic sluice but there are alternatives, cost could be £200-£250 thousand.

13.Can we have ANPR data to help with 20 mph speed limit application(s)? It's coming soon as posts have been picked out etc but they need to check out a concern raised by Ickleton over placing of a post before giving a concrete date. The contract is with Vivacity. They are going to check who has the right to the data and permission to give it to us – data belongs to CCC but we would only need the figures, not number plate details

- Installing another dog poo bin at northern end of the Village. It was agreed to purchase 3 new bins which can take both dog poo and litter. One to replace the bin near the mill, one to be installed at the parking spot near the Ford and one at the bus stop in North End- these to be checked to ensure space for them. It will cost for these to be emptied by the Council but agreed it was worth the cost. Clerk to investigate.
- Applying to make the Red Lion an Asset of Community Value. Chris Elliott has spoken to the Landlord who agreed that we could do this, Clerk to follow up.
- To acknowledge the sad passing of three of Hinxtons well-loved residents: Julie Baillie, Roy Ellis and Andrew Walker. Minutes silence held at the start of the meeting.
- Inviting our new MP to come to the village to meet residents and have a chance to ask questions- she is tied up Mon to Thursdays but will try to find a date which is convenient. Clerk to see if she could maybe attend the litter pick or the fete.
- Road cleaning- gutters need clearing- could U & C help with this? This has been done by them which the Council was grateful for, however it is difficult to clear all the gullies due to parking. If we knew when they were coming, then maybe the roads could be cleared?

2503/11 **FINANCE**

Bank Balances at 4th March 2025
Current A/C : 4220.66
Business /AC : 41,620.54
Village Hall sec 106 /AC £4711.49
Total: £52,010.47

2503/12 **Payments approved and invoices signed.**

Clerk/HMRC	salary/tax/ ink/paper /WFH expenses	confidential
DCN	Architects	£695
Microsoft	Storage	£35.28
S Lotte	Hinxton News	£100
Hugo Fox	Website hosting	£35.99
EE	Broadband	£4.58
Flowers/cards		£21.33

2503/13

Payment Received

LLoyds	Interest	£39.88
Allotment	Rents	£20

2503/14	**Planning Applications Received.** Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: Submission of details required by partial discharge of condition 5 (Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)) of planning permission 23/00482/FUL Site address: Wellcome Trust Genome Campus Cambridge Road Hinxton Reference: 23/00482/COND5 Public Access link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/00482/COND5
2503/15	**Items to report for inclusion of next meeting** River/weir report ANPR- can we have data? Installing our own cameras- Clerk to look at costs and options.
2503/16	**Dates of next meetings Village Hall** **April 14th 2025 at 7.30** **May 12th Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm** **followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 7.30 approx.**
2503/17	**Part II: Confidential Information** Exclusion of the Press and the Public: To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting. Signature *Anne Charteris* Parish Clerk 4th March 2025