

Minutes of Meeting Held on 12th March 2018

Present:

Chair: Willy Brown

Dick Jones

Steve Trudgill

Fiona Marshall

Graham Fagg

Julian Bright

Clerk: Anne Angell

Members of the Public –4

Before the Meeting started, the Committee thanked Tony Orgee for all his hard work over the years when he has been District Councillor for this area. His expertise and advice has been an enormous help and he will be very much missed. He was presented with an original watercolour of the river at Hinxton, painted by Steve Trudgill.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Nicholas Cliffe
2. **Declaration of Members' Interests** – FM - Allotment holder, playground
3. **To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 8th Jan** -approved and signed
4. **Updates**

North Uttlesford Garden Community – Uttlesford District Council planning policy working group are expected to submit plans to the Cabinet and then to the full District Council in June. The Agenda will be published before the meeting when comments can be put to UDC. This will be the consultation period. Chairs of Gt Chesterford, Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford, Pampisford, Sawston and Hinxton will be meeting on 29 March to be briefed and to discuss how best to respond. They would impress on SCDC the enormous problem this development will be to the area.

Smithson Hill AgriTech centre.

It was a relief to everyone present that the application had been refused on 7 March. The decision would be published soon. SCDC suggested they might be reviewing their wider policy on agritech industry. It was expected that SmithsonHill will be appealing the decision, for which they have 6 months. As soon as they lodge an appeal all objectors will be written to and asked if they wish to make a response. This appeal will go to the National Planning Inspector. Thanks were once again given to WB, Tony Orgee and everyone else who had spent a lot of time and effort fighting this planning application.

Wellcome Trust Campus Development consultation – Two presentations have been held with two more due shortly. It was discussed whether it would be better if the plans for development might be made in two different applications, with research and biotech as one and housing as another. The housing development is going to be the main problem for the village and the one which will raise most opposition. A key question is whether houses will be for staff or for private sale. Comments and objections could be sent as individual responses to begin with before composing a formal response from the PC.

Iron Bridge –this will be discussed at the Liaison meeting with WT on the 16th March

Local Highway Improvement Initiative - application to replace some posts and rails alongside river in Ickleton Rd, decision to be made on the 13th March.

Allotments - Agreement between Hinxton PC and Bidwells now signed off. Still one allotment

spare. Two posts have been put in by Bidwells to show where the boundary of the Parish Council owned land is.

Mill Sluice - a proposal has been put to the Wellcome Trust to install a concrete weir in order to remove the need to operate the sluices and improve the river and flood meadow environment. We do not know the cost or whether it would be considered,

Sawston Trade Park development - this has been approved in principle by SCDC for large scale development, although plans for individual buildings will need to be submitted.

Playground report - the support poles of the noughts and crosses game have rotted away; one quote received was very high, more quotes to be obtained.

The car park is in a bad state, solutions to improve this to be looked at.

There are lots of molehills in the playground, and we need to find someone to come and deal with them.

Flooding at North End Rd - engineers have jetted the drains. They put CCTV along them to see what the problem was, roots were then removed. Despite heavy rain recently, there has not been any flooding so hopefully the problem is solved. It needs maintenance on a regular basis to keep on top of it.

Local Bus Service – WB and ST went to the meeting in Whittlesford. The route will be changed so that it goes to Trumpington Park and Ride rather than Babraham. The bus times will be similar to now, the new timetable will be published within the next few weeks.

Village Signs - both signs have now been restored. They needed repairing as well as repainting and re-oiling. The post at North End will be oiled when weather improves and the sign replaced.

Flint wall/village Hall repairs - quotes are being submitted.

Wetlands Conservation Report - the minutes have been circulated. Dredging and reed clearance of the lakes to be carried out in the autumn. There would be Wetland walks on Tuesday lunchtimes in May, June and July to which Hinxton people were welcome.

Genome Campus Liaison committee - meeting next Friday

Imperial War Museum – meeting on the 3rd May. Nothing has been heard about the proposed Moto services proposal at the M11 junction since the Mustang crash on the possible site.

McDonalds Litter problems - the redeveloped restaurant to be opened this month; ST and FM to meet with the Manager and discuss litter problems.

Computer for PC - this has now been purchased and is up and running. Grant has been applied for

5. New items for discussion

Village Archives - a large amount of paperwork from a previous Clerk has been handed to WB. This includes deeds for the Village Hall, sale of the School House, acquisition of the playing field, footpaths, Sec 106 payments etc. A discussion was held as to where to store this. It was also suggested that these be scanned and made available for anyone interested. WB would provide a summary catalogue listing for the next meeting

Playground inspection – this is due within the next few weeks.

Gt Abington Land Settlement Neighbourhood Plan. The land settlements were originally 60

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houses on 600 acres of land, formed in the 1930s for returning soldiers. The plots were sold off in the 1980s. Many have now been expanded, extra houses built and there has been no consistency in the developments. The Neighbourhood Plan wants to regularize future developments and retain the distinctive rural character of the area. A consultation is being held. Hinxton PC will send a letter of support for their Plan.

Potholes – there are bad potholes in the village, especially after the recent cold snap. The village was divided up in sections for Councillors to report holes to the Highways Dept.

Forthcoming Elections – nomination packs now available for anyone wishing to stand or be re-elected. Clerk will take these to the Council offices, all nomination packs to be handed to her by 3rd April.

Neighbourhood Plan- this was considered a good idea as it will give the Parish Council some say in future development. Whittlesford PC are drawing theirs up and it was suggested that we ask Alison Talkington from SCDC Neighbourhood Planning to come to the next meeting if possible to see what is involved, also talk to Whittlesford PC.

Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk assessments. These had been reviewed by the Councillors and approved.

5 Chairman's report – nothing to add.

6 Public Session – Stephen Edwards, who is standing as Conservative candidate for this ward in the next election, introduced himself to the Parish Council and members of the public

7 Finance

Accounting statement read out and approved.

Current position of Bank Balances at 28th Feb 2018

Current A/C : £10,836.42

Business A/C: £11,025.59

Bridge A/C: £2000.

Payments for Approval

EON	Utilities	£211.96
Clerk/HMRC	salary/expenses -	£624
123 reg	Website	£50.26
Currys-	PC, Mouse, software,McAfee	£576.86
Village Hall Com	Water charge	£58
ACRE	Subs	£36

Received

Interest from Bank		0.17
Allotment rents		£22.50

To Pay In

Village Hall Committee	Gas/Electric	£185.85
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8 . Planning Applications received

S/0153/18/FL Internal and external alterations to the farmhouse.

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Comments on flood protection had been submitted

Planning Decisions approved

S/3756/17/LB- 31 High Street, Hinxton Repair work to flint wall, removal of wall, post and wire,

S/4591/17/FL Retention of 4 existing temporary buildings for a further period of 5 years Wellcome Genome Campus,

9. Correspondence

10. Councillor reports: Councillor Peter Topping County Council
Councillor Tony Orgee District Councillor to follow

11 AOB

Meeting finished at 9pm

Date of next meetings:- 14th May

Annual Parish Meeting 19.00

Normal Parish Council Meeting to follow at 19.30 approx

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