

Present:

Chair: Willy Brown,

Steve Trudgill

Fiona Marshall

Julian Bright

Dick Jones

District Cllr Tony Orgee

Clerk: Anne Angell

Members of the Public –1

1. **Apologies for absence** –Jane Chater Cllr Peter Topping
2. **Declaration of Members' Interests** – ST Allotment holder
FM - Allotment holder, playground
3. **To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 11th May 2017** -approved and signed
4. **New Parish Councillor.** Graham Fagg expressed his interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. He gave a short presentation on his background and after a vote, the decision was unanimous to co-opt him onto the Parish Council. The Councillors welcomed him to the Committee and his experience and enthusiasm will be a big asset to the village
5. **Matters arising:**

a.North Uttlesford Garden Village. Councillors have been attending various presentations and meetings on this proposed development. There is widespread opposition from all local Villages to this proposal on the grounds that it is completely in the wrong location and the local infrastructure cannot support a settlement of this size in regards to transport, sewerage, aquifers and water runoff to name a few. Along with any other proposed developments this will be disastrous to the area. Both Tony Orgee and Peter Topping are giving their expertise and knowledge to opposing this development. Sawston Parish Council will be invited to join the Combined Parish group consisting currently of Hinxton, Ickleton, Gt Chesterford, Pampisford, Duxford and Whittlesford. Wellcome Trust will be taking things up with Uttlesford as soon as possible, they are finalising their plans for the future and are open to working with villages on these plans. There is a Planning Policy working party at the full meeting of Uttlesford council and consultation will be starting on the 12th July until 1st Sept, 3 sites are being debated. The Parish Council will be writing on behalf of the village but it encourages individuals to write as well. SCDC Local plan and other developments will have an impact on transport, Uttlesford are assuming that no other planning developments are in the area. There is a mismatch in where the new development of housing is in relation to where Jobs are going to be ie with Stansteads planned expansion, housing needs to be near there.

b. Smithson Hill Agritech. A presentation was held in Hinxton Village Hall on the 16th May. Binney Trust - no response to our letter as yet. There has been some interest shown by villagers in helping with opposing these plans and they will be contacted shortly.

c. Moto Service Station.

WB attended the IWM neighbourhood meeting, he met John Brown who is the Executive Director there, he asked Willy to draft a letter to Caius College who own this land to voice the opposition to this proposed site- especially in light of the recent airshow where a plane had to crash land exactly where the service site would be. There is a new Master at the University and it would be useful to get them on board from the start.

d. Iconix /Sawston Trade Park. The plans show there will be up to 1480 employees and parking spaces for 573 more cars, it will be more of an office and Research and Development park with day nursery and restaurants rather than retail but this will have an impact on already congested roads- although it stated there would be no obvious effect and a survey said there was only one car waiting at the roundabout at any time- it was wondered when the survey was taken- definitely not at peak times! It was agreed to contact Sawston and Pampisford Parish Councils to discuss the plans with them.

e. Wellcome Trust Liaison Meeting. Lordship Farm has now been sold and it is to be renovated into a family home.

The newly planted trees on Knights Close- the oaks and beeches have died. The nettles etc have now been cut back in the enclosures and the cherries, mountain ash etc are surviving.

Bidwells will ensure that the replantings will be more resilient - possibly bigger saplings, better water retention arrangements, and plastic mulch.

It is looking as if there may not be a problem getting access under the A505 from the S end of the E platform at Whittlesford Parkway through to the wood and onto Wellcome land. This would permit pedestrians and cyclists to pass under the A505 on the E side of the tracks (and possibly even a connection there to a future Wellcome automated bus), then down towards Hinxton next to the railway track. There are some points to be clarified but definite progress.

Rather than pollard the lime trees at the top of the allotments, they suggested we might agree to having them removed. That would solve the problem of the allotments being shaded from the south-west – the question is whether people would be happy with those trees being removed. They are also going to propose an updated version of the contract with Bidwells for the allotment site. It would be an opportunity for us to revise our contract with allotment holders. The flint wall on the road by the playground where the puddling causes splashing will be protected by clear sheeting of some sort. There is a patch of flint wall on the other side of the road which is to be repaired.

The village signs are in need of a freshening up WT are receptive to requests for them to cover the cost, we need to find out who did the current signs and perhaps contact other villages to see who made their signs,

Knights Close behind the Manor has been cut as well as the footpaths. Bidwells have agreed to mend the small sluice bridge.

e. Iron Bridge

A letter was sent to Wellcome Trust asking them to take back ownership of the bridges.

cost of removal will be close to or more than cost of repair and by implication expects Bidwells' quotes for removal to come in high. They floated the idea that we might pay a regular sum as part of the permissive paths licence that would be used as a contribution for upkeep of the bridges.

This would be a creative way of dealing with the problem permanently.

f. Allotments

The contract is to be looked at with the view of drawing up a new one, to be ready for the annual rent payments in November. Duxford Holiday Club did not respond to our agreement to letting them help with one of the Allotments.

g Playground Report

The swings have now been finished and look very nice, good reports back from children and parents. FM is following up on why some points in the ROSPA report graded some equipment as medium risk.

h. Community Chest

£1000 grant has been awarded to the Parish Council towards the purchase of the new swings.

i Huntsman Emergency Planning Meeting. WB to attend

5 Chairmans' report –
Nothing else to add

6 Public Session – .no questions

7 Finance

Accounting statement read out and approved

Current position of Bank Balances at 30th June 2017

Current A/C : £8,964.59

Business A/C: £11,021.89

Project A/C :£0

Bridge A/C: £2000.

Payments made Utilities £71.02

Clerk/HMRC salary/expenses - £660.73

Chairmans expenses- Plaques- £89.90

Internal Audit- £264.00

RoSPA insoection £117.60

Rob Smit £1119.60

CAPALC subs- £169.98

Received Interest 0.16

Village Hall Utilities- £691.24

VAT refund £1010.88

Payments due in Community Chest -£1000

Village Hall Utilities - £237.74

8 Planning Applications received

S/1994/17/FL Retention of an existing building and installation of an additional adjacent single storey building - Gardeners Compound, Wellcome Genome Campus

9. Correspondence

Hawthorn tree needs at corner of North End needs cutting – Highways said that it is not going to do it yet as they don't see it as a problem. Parish Council will ask again or see if we can do it.

Rubbish in Layby on A1301 – now cleared.

CPRE planning workshop – WB and GF wish to attend this on 2nd November.

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

12 AOB

Redundant Safe- Clerk to look at getting this removed

Car park signs- need proper ones putting up- WB to look at sourcing these,

Traffic in village- speeding along the Duxford Road in particular is getting worse, Clerk to contact

Highways to see if anything can be done to make this road safer- signs etc, find out when the Highways open day is and look at anything which the Local Highways Initiative Scheme may be used for.

Litter bin on playground- needs regular emptying during school holidays in particular.

Meeting finished at 9.30pm.

Hinxton Parish Council

Date of next Meeting : 11th September 2017

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