Hinxton Parish Council: Minutes from meeting held 9th September 2024

Present:
Chiara Gardner Chair
Sarah Robinson
Hugh Taylor
Ceri Williams
Anne Charteris-Clerk
Members of the Public: 4

	Part 1 : Non confidential information.
2409/0 1	**To receive and approve apologies for absence** Chris Elliott, Andy Brown
2409/02	**To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda** Ceri Williams- Anglian Water Chiara Gardner- flooding and drainage NorthEnd Rd/High St
2409/03	**To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 8th July 2024** Minutes were approved and signed off
2409/04	**Exclusion of the Public.** To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded.
2409/05	**Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald**. The report can be found in full on the website, but in brief: **<u>Zero Carbon Grants</u>** The sixth round of South Cambridgeshire's Zero Carbon Community (ZCC) grants have been announced, distributing £125,000 across 11 innovative projects. The grant scheme supports projects which help reduce carbon emissions, lock up carbon, and foster community engagement on climate change. This year's ZCC grant initiatives include solar panels for community buildings, a strengthened repair café network to encourage waste reduction and a group aiming to help people adopt climate-friendly gardening practices at home. **<u>Planning Super Squad</u>** Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has been allocated up to £650,000 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to help make the whole planning process even more efficient. This funding is part of the accelerator project aimed at enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of planning services locally, colloquially named the 'Planning Supersquad'. Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP), a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City councils, is also contributing money to the project. **Lithium Battery Disposal** Residents are being encouraged to never bin batteries or electrical gadgets in a new advertising poster campaign on the side of refuse collection lorries. Bin lorry and recycling centre blazes are becoming increasingly common across the UK as we buy and throw away more electronic items containing batteries, including vapes, e-cigarettes, mobile phones and e-bike battery packs.

Already, seven fires have occurred in the Greater Cambridge area in 2024.

Combined Authority Bus Franchising Consultation started August 14th

Bus services in our area are poor and have been declining over many years. The Transport Act 1985 removed the public sector's role in fare-setting, routes, and bus frequencies. Bus services are run by commercial provider; where a commercial provider does not come forward the local transport authority may step in with a publicly subsidized 'contracted service' – and this is the case for all of our local bus services.

The Mayoral Combined Authority (which is our Local Transport Authority) launched a consultation on August 14 proposing a new framework of public control permitted in the mayoral local government framework. The consultation will run for 14 weeks and will compare a franchising solution with an Enhanced Partnership approach

Civil Parking Enforcement

A total of 1757 town patrols covering 6687 street visits in South Cambridgeshire have been completed by the Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO) since 1st February 2024 through to the end of June. Patrols have predominantly focussed on areas where parking is in the greatest demand, such as commuting and shopping areas.

20 Mph in Cambridge City

Cambridgeshire County Council is seeking residents' and stakeholders' views on the proposed extension to the Cambridge 20mph zones.

Safer transport through 20mph schemes is one of the council's most critical priorities.

Cambridgeshire County Council want to encourage active travel, reduce congestion and improve safety for vulnerable road users. More information can be found here: 20mph scheme roll out | Cambridgeshire County Council(External link).

Appeal launched to address shortage of school governors in Cambridgeshire

An exciting appeal has been launched by Cambridgeshire County Council to recruit more school governors. There are around 50 vacancies that need to be filled in Cambridgeshire.

Figures suggest that a shortage of school governors is a national issue, and this scheme will aim to attract a diverse range of people to help support schools across Cambridgeshire.

Governors are crucial to help schools navigate all aspects of school life, while maintaining a focus on learning, and the provision of a high-quality education.

2409/06 **Updates and Actions from last meeting**

a. Wellcome Trust Campus Development.

The main topic of discussion was the nighttime roadworks from the A1301, which are happening at present. Main complaints were noise, times of shutting the road not being complied with, access to Hinxton during road closures, Hunts Lane being used as a toilet (this could not be verified that it was workers doing this). Other questions raised- were emergency services advised of road closures, how long would the road closures be in place- could it be longer than the 4 weeks we have been told, does Caroline Foster know of these problems? Also, access to Hinxton Grange was supposed to be through the from entrance gates during the closures, but residents at the Grange were not aware of this. Clerk has been in contact with Melanie Parkhurst from Urban and Civic to pass on residents views, she has a meeting scheduled on Tuesday- this will be ongoing with a weekly catch-up and any updates will be put on the website.

Action: Clerk to give feedback to Melanie and post any updates on the website.

Chiara Gardner to contact other Chairs of local villages and Peter McDonald so that both sides of the Council talk to each other and write an open letter to local media in the future.

b. Village Hall extension.

Andy Brown was not present at the meeting but he will be asked to write up a timeline for the Hall and when any decisions need to be or will be made.

Question re the Allotments next to the Hall- plot holder asked whether they will be still be available for the next year as they did not want to put in work/plant if the allotments would be taken away. It was not thought that anything would happen for another year.

Some plot holders have been leaving tools on their allotment- this was thought to be a risk for the holder and a risk if tools used by a third party to maybe use them to break into the Hall.
Wi-fi-: Village Hall Committee have asked for WiFi to be installed as some bookings had been lost as no wi-fi available. It was agreed that this could be done straightaway as it did not affect the Village Hall improvement work.
Actions;
Andy Brown to write up timeline for Hall extensions.
Clerk to contact Allotment holders re tools left out and renting plots for next year- to check with AB on the latter.
Sarah Robinson to get quotes for Wi-Fi to be installed.

c. Wetlands Committee.
Meeting held last week, Minutes to be published when available. New group formed, called WTCG-Wellcome Trust Campus Ltd.
Wildlife Walks are still being run each Weds. A decline in lizards, reptiles and snakes was reported. People are being asked not to let their dogs jump in the ponds- it has been found that the flea treatment on their necks are having a detrimental effect on wildlife in the water.

d. Playground.
Nothing back from Kompan yet re a more detailed breakdown of the repairs needed to some of the play equipment.
Actions:
Clerk to chase Kompan re the quotes for repairs, also check when flint wall to be repaired.
Sarah Robinson to check the repairs needed and whether some could be done by Parish Council or volunteers- eg cleaning the Pirate ship. Volunteer day by Wellcome Trust ?

e. Quiet Lanes.
Resident reported that traffic is increasing down Duxford Road and speeding is an issue.
Actions:CG to bring this up at the next Liaison meeting with both Wellcome Trust and Tam Parry from County Council.

f Highways
A505 roundabout: paper due to be published Oct 1st, Peter McDonald will send this report to Clerk for publication when available, this will be a non-technical summary of works and a reference document.
CG has a list of questions from a previous meeting and this to be sent to PM and posted on the website.
Actions: Clerk to send list to PM and post on website, also the document re roundabout.

g. Insurance. New quote from current provider is £3,100. Clerk has sourced other quotes ClearCouncil=£1271, Zurich= £1602
It was agreed to go with Clear Council as cheapest quote with better cover.
Action: Clerk to check this insurance for reviews and then take out cover once assured that it is recommended

h..Neighbourhood Watch- no further action
CCTV cameras in the village, need to check where these could go, can it be a PC responsibility as strict controls needed re data protection.
Action: HT to look into this

i.Weir- meeting to be arranged
Action: Clerk to continue to try to arrange meeting with CG, CE and Sarah Paterson from Urban and Civic.
j. Recruitment of new Councillor. No applicants as yet
Actions: Chair will speak with Hinxton News editors to see about advertising in there and make contact with residents to see if anyone interested.

New cameras at level crossing- CG to find out what these are for.

k.MS 365- 6 licenses are £29 per month,7 for £34 8 is £39
It was agreed to buy an initial 6 licenses for the current Councillors, then add 1 when a new Councillor is co-opted.
Action: Clerk to set this up

2409/07 **Public participation time. 15 minutes allowed**

2409/08 **New items for discussion and correspondence.**
Biodiversity plans for HPC- formalise Policy. Clerk has obtained a Model Template for this. It was thought that a meeting with someone from the Wildlife Trust would be helpful. Maybe ask the River Project speaker at the same time?
Anglian Water - our works in your area Sawston - Hinxton growth pipeline. Expected to start in May 2025, before that test digs, some vegetation clearance, archaeology trenching and boreholes to be done starting September They will update us as the project progresses.
Drainage North End/High St- Caroline Foster is in talks with Bidwells and Wellcome, they will update when any news.
Sarah Sanderson from South Staffordshire Wate talk about River Granta Project -deferred until a later date
Actions: CG to invite speaker re the Biodiversity policy, also the speaker from Granta River project.

2409/09 **FINANCE**
Bank Balances at 1st Sept 2024
Current A/C : 13.151.31
Business /AC : 41,410.21
Village Hall sec 106 /AC £5406.49
Total: £59,968.01

2409/11 **Payments for approval- 2 months for regular payments**

Clerk/HMRC	salary/tax/ ink/paper /WFH expenses	confidential
1 & 1 internet	Emails &website	£99.60
Hugo Fox	Website	£71.98
CloudNext	Email/domain name for gov.uk	£58.84
MD Landscapes	Grass cutting	£260
S. Lott	Hinxton News	£50
K Love	Hinxton News	£50
YTB	Payroll provider	£180
Chubb	Fire Inspection and maintenance	£359.16

Payments approved and signed off

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Payment Received

LLoyds	Interest	£94.54
Urban and Civic	Hinxton news	£200.00
HMRC	Refund Tax	£1062.22

2409/12 **Planning Applications Received.**

2409/13 **Planning Applications decided**
Refused
Appeal A: APP/C1570/C/22/3306591 Land south side of Mill Lane, Ickleton, Saffron Walden (southwest of M11 Junction 9A and east of the railway line) Boro Farm

	Boro Farm dismissed and the enforcement notice amended and upheld. The principle of the use of the land, noise, traffic movements, harm to the Cam, impact on the character and appearance of the area and biodiversity net gain are all matters the Inspector supported and dismissed the appeal upon. The amended enforcement notice requires the cessation of the use within one month, the removal of all waste materials within 6 months, the removal of all buildings and mobile home within 7 months and the restoration of the land within 9 months, all from the date of this decision. Need to bear in mind the Appellant has 6 weeks in which to lodge a judicial review against the decision and it does not prevent further applications from being submitted. **Agreed** Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council (information only) Proposal: Remove existing Holly bushes (12.5 metres) and replace them with a new dwarf Red Robin hedge or something similar Site address: 5 Duxford Road Hinxton Cambridgeshire Reference: 24/0685/TTCA Public Access link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/24/0685/TTCA
2409/14	**Items to report for inclusion of next meeting** Speakers to be invited from Wildlife Trust and Granta River project: if they can both attend, may need to start meeting at 7 rather than 7.30 to fit these in.
2409/15	**Dates of next meetings** **Planning Meeting if required: 14th October 2024** **Full Meeting: 11th November 2024 at 7.30pm**
2409/16	**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 12th Sept 2024