

LITTLE ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 23 April 2018 at 8.00pm in the Abington Institute, Great Abington

Present: Mr Brunning (Chair), Mr Allum, Ms Pattinson, Mrs Scoffings (arrived 20:20), Mrs Simmons, Mrs Smith, Mrs Dalton (Clerk).

In attendance: Cllr Orgee. Cllr H Batchelor (arrived (20:30). Mr K Day and Dr S Rowland-Parish Nurse Project. There were eight members of the public present.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Mr Ellis.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2017.** Agreed.
3. **Follow up from previous meeting.**
There was a comment from a member of the public that the Shetland Pony Welfare Trust discouraged local residents. He felt this was unlikely to help them get support.
4. **Chairman's report - Mr Brunning (See Annual report)**
The Chairman's report highlighted successes and issues from the last year. He thanked the Parish Councillors for their contribution.

2018 was an election year. Elections would be held in May. Little Abington would be an uncontested election but there would be one vacancy because Mrs Scoffings had decided to stand down. She would continue to lead the local Cub Scouts group.

Discussion points

- **Access to Granta Park.** Public access was stopped in summer 2017 because of concerns about site security. Since then Biomed Realty had allowed access to part of the site with access via the main gate only. A few residents were taking advantage of this. The Gym is due to open soon and it was hoped that local residents would be allowed to join. The Parish Council chairmen continue to meet members of the senior team from Biomed Realty and TWI.
 - **Granta Park Noise.** The chairman was aware that noise from Granta Park affects some residents.
 - **Housing development on the Bancroft Farm Meadow.** This has been included in the draft Local Development Plan. If it goes ahead the size and density of the development would need to be agreed.
5. **Financial Report – Clerk (See Annual Report)**
 - The Parish Council had agreed the draft annual accounts. Year end balances were higher than last year but this needed to set off against late invoices. Some funding had been set aside for local projects including road safety schemes. The Clerk suggested residents might want to propose other projects.
 - The report summarised the key elements of income and expenditure over the last year. There had been an insurance claim for damage to one of the bus shelters.
 - LAPC had agreed to share the Speedwatch equipment with Ickleton Parish Council. This would generate a small amount of income.
 - There would be market testing for insurance and village maintenance later in the year. The Parish Council was aware that some residents were dissatisfied with standards of maintenance. Residents had been invited to get involved in agreeing a contract specification, setting standards and market testing.

6. Reports from Representatives

Abington Recreation Ground Committee

- The Committee works to manage and enhance the site on behalf of the Parish Councils.
- New fencing would be installed around the Recreation Ground very soon. Proposals to build a cycle track are still being discussed,
- It was noted that children must be properly supervised and they should not use the outdoor gym equipment.

Discussion

Barbeques have caused some damage to picnic tables and the grass - perhaps there should be a designated barbecue area. A notice in the village news might be helpful. **PB** to discuss with the Committee.

Abington Institute Management Committee.

See Annual Report.

Committee for Abington Housing

See Annual Report.

- The Moorfields housing development at the top of the High Street in Great Abington is almost finished. People are already moving in. Work on the site in Linton Road will begin soon.

7. Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor (SCDC) - Cllr Orgee.

See Annual Report

Discussion

Action on Homelessness. This applies mostly to Cambridge City. There are few homeless people in bed and breakfast accommodation in South Cambs. There is a need to be proactive and to recognise problems before or as soon as they arise.

8. Annual report from County Councillor - Cllr H Batchelor

See Annual report.

Discussion

Potholes on the A1307 and the poor condition of road surfaces in general. This is particularly hazardous for cyclists.

Parish Nurse Project

Suan Rowland and Keith Day gave an update on the projects which covers seven villages in the Granta Vale Parish

- The focus is on whole person health and wellbeing for patients, carers, neighbours across the community.
- The service is available to all. The majority of "clients" are not churchgoers
- The Parish Nurse (PN) does not replace or duplicate NHS or social services.
- It is a 3-year programme. This is year 3.
- Evaluation has been a continuous process
- There is clearly a need and demand for the service is growing.
- The PN's case load is growing. More 100 people have been helped in the last three years.
- The next phase is "Parish Nurse Plus" aiming to develop a community support package to reduce loneliness and isolation. It will run for two years.

- The total cost of the project is about £45,000 a year. The Management Committee is grateful to Parish Councils, Parochial Church Councils, local fundraisers and volunteers for their support.
- The County Council awarded a grant from its Innovate and Cultivate fund. The group is applying for more grant funding.
- The Management Committee was very grateful to Little Abington Parish Council for its financial support over the last three years.

9. Current issues and opportunities for community involvement

Fourwentways

- Conditions at the old Fourwentways roundabout are a disgrace. Litter picking conditions for local businesses must be enforced and action taken to reduce lorry parking or to provide adequate facilities nearby. The District Council and the County Council have a joint responsibility.
- There was a site meeting involving the Parish Council, some local residents and the County Council Highways Team on 20 April. The outcome of the meeting was awaited.
- One option might be to open local Park & Ride sites for HGV parking out of hours.
- The police do not take any action about parking and obstructions.

Housing development and school capacity

- Local schools are full but the County Council has not made any provision to increase capacity linked to local housing developments. Part of the problem is children who come from outside the local catchment area because their parents work locally. Cllr Batchelor explained that the County Council is constrained by national funding formulae. It was agreed that the Parish Council should work with the school and school governors at Great Abington School.

Granta Park Noise.

- There was a long discussion about the lack of progress in stopping the noise coming from the Granta Park site. Some residents believed they had identified the source on the TWI site but despite continuing complaints it seemed nothing was being done about it. The problem was particularly pronounced in Westfield but some householders in Bourn Bridge Road were affected and also Abington Woods. It is having an impact on health and well-being. The Parish Council had contacted Environmental Health but they had not replied. Cllr Orgee had helped to resolve a similar issue a few years ago. He offered to set up a meeting between the residents and the TWI CEO. This was accepted.

10. Any Other Business. None

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed

Date

xx April 2019

Parish Council Chairman