

LITTLE ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 29 April 2019 at 7.00pm in the Abington Institute, Great Abington

Present. Mr Brunning (Chair), Mr Allum, Ms Pattinson, Dr I Smith, Dr R Smith, Dr Valge-Archer, Mrs Dalton (Clerk)

In attendance. Mrs S Bolden. Cllr Henry Batchelor (HB) and Cllr John Batchelor.

1. **Apologies for absence.** None
2. **Parish Council vacancy.** Mrs Bolden introduced herself to the Parish Council. She has lived and worked in the village for many years. LAPC agreed unanimously to co-opt her on to the Parish Council filling the vacancy left by Mr Ellis's resignation.
3. **Minutes of last meeting.** The minutes of meeting held on 25 March were agreed.
4. **Matters arising not on the agenda.** The action list was reviewed and updated. It was noted that all the bus shelters had been cleaned. (*Appx 1*).
5. **Declarations of interest.** None for items on the agenda.

6. Finance and Compliance

6.1 Receipts

SCDC precept payment	£ 8750.00
GAPC Ford Maintenance	£ 45.00
TOTAL	£ 8795.00

A VAT refund for 1/10/2018 to 31/3/2019 is due. Approx. value £500.00

6.2 Payments

All payments were agreed.

A J King - Village Maintenance April 2019	VAT 102.92	£ 514.60
Mrs G Dalton - Clerk salary, April 2019		£ 294.62
Abington Institute Room Hire Q4 2018-19		£ 48.00
Abington PCC. Little Abington cemetery grass cutting - Donation		£ 600.00
TOTAL		£ 1457.22

- 6.3. **Finance Report: 2018-19 draft accounts.** The draft accounts were noted. They are subject to audit.
- 6.4. **Audit arrangements 2018-19.** The national audit guidance and timetable had been published. The Clerk outlined the proposed timetable for LAPC including the statutory period for public inspection between 26 June and 26 July. Mr Gutteridge had confirmed his availability for the internal audit would be in line with the national timetable enabling LAPC to receive the internal audit report at its meeting on 24 June and to make the necessary submissions in time to meet the national deadline of 1 July 2019. She proposed that LAPC should claim exemption from external audit because of its low income and expenditure (Both less than £25,000) and its record of unqualified audits for several years. This was agreed. The Compliance Working Group would meet to review the information for the internal audit before submission.

7. Planning <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/search-planning-application>

7.1 Planning applications:

- **S/0963/19/FL - 19 Bourn Bridge Road. Front and rear two storey extensions. Refurbishment of existing dwelling.** Neighbours' concerns were noted. LAPC did not support the application. It was not referred to the SCDC Planning Committee. See Appendix 2.
- **LAPC Planning Committee minutes, 8 April 2019.** Agreed.

7.2 Planning updates/decisions.

- **S/0708/19/FL 31A Cambridge Road.** Application withdrawn

7.3 Local Developments

- **Proposed Huawei development on the old Spicers site, Sawston.** RS had circulated his meeting notes. Key points were traffic and visual aspect.

8. Highways, footpaths, traffic, village environment

- **Path behind Westfield.** The landowner had not replied to the Parish Council's letter.
- **New village gates and signage.** The Parish Council had had some favourable comments. Invoices were still awaited.

9. Meetings and representation.

- **Reports from representatives.**
To discuss at Annual Parish Meeting
- **LAPC representation at forthcoming meetings.**
 - Meeting with Wellcome re proposed development at Hinxton, 1 May. PB
 - A1307 Local Liaison Forum. 7 May. PB and VVA

10. Correspondence.

Items requiring action have already been circulated.

11. Any Other Business/ Items for next agenda.

- **Newsletter:** None identified
- **c/f to May agenda.** Nil

The meeting closed at 19:55. It was followed by the Annual Parish Meeting

Next meetings
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 20 May 2019 at 7:15pm
Monday 24 June 2019 at 7:15pm
Abington Institute, High Street, Great Abington.

Signed by Parish Council Chairman

Date 20 May 2019

APPENDIX 1: Matters arising/meeting action list

LITTLE ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL: matters arising/meeting action list			April 2019
Meeting date	Action	Responsible	Update/status March 2019
April 2018	Granta Park access. Long-standing issue	PB	Standing agenda item. Feb 2019 Membership of gym offered.
	Follow-up Fourwentways site meetings April and Dec 2018	Clerk/Highways	No follow up from CCC
July 2018	Road safety junction Bourn Bridge Road/CIS	Highways/ CCC, Cllr HB	Feb 2019 CCC will repaint white lines
	Street lighting - Cambridge Road	Cllr JB	Feb 2019 JB to send a contact name
July 2018	Footpaths – to establish a working group.	IS/RS	April 2019. Joint working group has met.
July 2018	Several street faults still outstanding Speedwatch signs ordered Dec 2017 – still awaited	Clerk/CCC/SCDC	Feb 2019 Clerk to contact Highways re exposed manhole March 2019 SW sign CCC response Action awaited
Sept 2018	Granta Park noise. Public participation:	PB	Standing agenda item
	Public Participation: Lorry parking Fourwentways. No progress since April site meeting	Cllr HB	Dec 2018 Site meeting. Jan 2019 Petition. Feb 2019 CCC Not high priority given financial constraints S215 Notice to be considered
Roads and pavements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambridge Road - road surface • Pavements - poor condition. Some hazardous 	Cllrs Batchelor	April 2019. Church Close resurfaced. Westfield repaired.
Tree Risks	Condition of trees & hedges on Cambridge Road verge. Tree overhanging 19 Church Close	IS/RS Clerk	1 potential risk on private property on Cambridge Road The tree will be reduced or felled
JAN 2019			
	Tree works Ivan Clarks corner	Clerk	UK Power Networks requested contact details. Progress?
	First aid training	Clerk	Parish Nurse Team to be approached.
	Litter picking – community action	SP	c/f Newsletter item
	Comfort Café. Concerns about deteriorating appearance		March 2019 Consider S215 Town & Country Planning Act
Feb 2019			
Speedwatch	Arrangements with GAPC to be agreed	PB/Liaison Group	April 2019 Liaison meeting postponed until June

Maintenance contract	Update check list Contact farmer re hedges on A1307	Clerk Clerk	April 2019 Farmer won't cut hedges unless road safety risk
Directory	Abington Directory Review and update	RS	wip
March 2019			

Appendix 2: Planning response

S/0963/19/FL - 19 Bourn Bridge Road. Front and rear two storey extensions. Refurbishment of existing dwelling.

Little Abington Parish Council objects to this application, however it does not consider there is a need for it to be formally considered by the SCDC Planning Committee. Detailed comments are included in the attached document. The key material concerns are the impact on one of the neighbouring properties– loss of light and loss of privacy.

The Parish Council reiterates the comments made on the previous application (S/3370/18/FL) for the site. This was approved by SCDC noting a condition for windows on the east elevation to be fitted with obscured glass and permanently fixed shut.

Those comments were as follows:

- Like other properties in Bourn Bridge Road this house has already undergone extensive remodelling and extension. There is a risk of overdevelopment.
- The Parish Council appreciates that although the proposed design is contemporary the design and materials are not entirely in keeping with most of the other properties in the road.
- Also, some concern that in a rural village a large proportion of the front garden would be lost, particularly with the re-orientation of the entrance to the garage, and the appearance of the frontage would be oppressive.