

## LITTLE ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 23 November 2015 at 7.15pm in the Abington Institute, Great Abington.

**Present.** Mr Brunning (Chair), Mr Adams, Mr Chesham, Mr Ellis, Mrs Gunning, Mr Pritchard, Mr Wigley, Mrs Dalton (Clerk).

**In attendance.** Cllr Topping for part of meeting. Four members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Orgee.
2. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 October 2015.** Agreed.
3. **Actions from previous meetings and any matters arising.**
  - **Lights, roads and pavements.** Still no resolution to the concerns about hazards on the footways in Church Lane and on the High Street. Awaiting follow up on the missing street light in the High Street.
  - **2014-15 Local Highways Improvement Scheme.** Work should start soon.
  - **Public Rights of Way.** Contact names awaited from Cllr Orgee
  - **Transparency Code.** An application for grant funding of £250.00 was sent to CAPALC. Technical problems with the website have been resolved. The Clerk is gradually populating it. This was the first meeting for which papers were posted on the website.
  - **Finance and compliance.** Setting up arrangements for e-payment with Lloyds Bank is proving slow.
  - **South Cambs planning delegation process.** Decision awaited
  - **Bus shelter maintenance.** To be addressed
4. **Declarations of interest.**
  - Agenda 7. Mr Adams and Mr Brunning. Directly affected by proposed housing developments in Little Abington,
  - Public Participation. Mr Pritchard and Mr Wigley in relation to GAPS.
5. **Public Participation.**
  - **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday** The Parish Council was asked if it would be able to make a donation towards the costs of a village party, probably in Magna Close, to celebrate the Queen's birthday in 2016. Planning is in progress. Great Abington Parish Council had already committed a maximum of £2000 to the project. LAPC supported the request in principle. It suggested that other sources of financial support should be explored including the Abington Institute and invited the group back to the January meeting. By then they would have firmed up their planning and budget.
  - **GAPS out-of-school club.** The club caters for 2½ to 11 year old children. Approximately 70% of them live in the Abingtons. GAPS needs to expand its facilities to accommodate increasing demand and to replace play equipment - specifically a television, a wooden kitchen (cost approx £700) and laptops for games. Great Abington Parish Council had already agreed to donate £250.00. The Parish Council supported the request in principle but suggested the club should also investigate other sources of funding.
6. **Finance and Compliance**
  - 6.1 **Receipts to current account.**

There was no income to report this month.
  - 6.2 **Payments**

GW proposed and JG seconded payment of all items on the agenda. This was agreed.

Mrs G Dalton Clerk salary, STO Nov & Dec 2015	£	326.70
CGM village maintenance STO Nov & Dec 2015 VAT £67.70	£	406.20
HMRC PAYE Q3	£	326.00
Fulbourn Parish Council. Parish Councillor training. 5 delegates	£	200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1258.90</b>

### 6.3 Finance Report.

#### Balances year to date

Balance	TOTAL	Current	Cambs B'ding Society
Opening per bank statement	<b>£28,568.27</b>	£13,539.09	£ 15,029.18
Closing balance	<b>£22,735.26</b>	£ 7,706.08	£ 15,029.18

Note: Bank statement does not include uncleared payments

### 6.4 2016-17 draft budget plan and 2016-17 precept.

- There were no recommendations with financial consequences from the Great Abington and Little Abington Parish Council Liaison Group meeting.
- The final draft budget plan was reviewed. The formula for calculating CAPALC membership fees is complex. It was agreed to assume an increase of no more than 10%.
- **Requests from public participation.** It was agreed to set aside the balance of the budget allocated for community activities in 2015-16 to the Queen's Birthday and to plan for a further contribution of maximum £500.00. The Parish Council agreed to support the request from GAPS. The possibility of using the balance (approx. £300) of the S106 funding held in allocated reserves for upgrading community facilities was discussed. **CLERK** to follow up. Mr Pritchard to contact Great Abington Parish Council with a view to joint purchase. **PP**
- It was agreed to write to all householders with boundaries on the Snicket offering to maintain over growing trees and shrubs in return for an annual maintenance charge along the same lines as Millennium Footpath maintenance. It was noted that one householder is responsible for maintenance of a section of the path. **CLERK**
- The Parish Council confirmed a precept of £16490.00, an increase of 2%, for 2016-17. This would be an annual cost of £64.17 per band D household.

## 7. Planning

### 7.1 Planning applications/consultation:

- **S/2558/15/FL** Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof. 45, Cambridge Rd, Little Abington. Agreed to recommend approval.
- **S/2754/15/FL** Erection of three dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling. 27, Cambridge Road, Little Abington. The updated plans were considered. The Parish Council agreed to recommend approval

### 7.2 Planning updates:

SCDC approved applications

- 17 Cambridge Road, Erection of front and rear dormer windows
- 36 A Church Lane. Extensions

### 7.3 Local Developments

- **Local Development Plan.** Public consultation will commence on 2 December. There will be a public consultation meeting in Abington on 14 January.
- **Riparian responsibilities for flood risk.** Several landowners have property with boundaries on to the river. They need to understand their responsibilities. The Parish Council was not aware of any problems with the river flooding. The corner of Church Lane opposite the church is subject to flooding. It was felt this was probably due to long term lack of maintenance of a watercourse on private property.
- **Committee for Abington Housing.** The final draft terms of reference were agreed with a minor amendment.

- **Housing development in the Abingtons.** There was some concern about the scale of the proposed developments overall. They included approximately 50% more dwellings than had been consulted on and included in the draft Local Development Plan. The proposed development in Little Abington impinged on Protected Open Space. Provision of executive homes did not reflect the findings of the housing needs survey. It was noted that the Community Orchard had been placed on part of the allotments in the proposals for Linton Road in Great Abington.

It was understood there would be a meeting with the developers on 24 November. These concerns would be communicated to them. It was agreed to revisit the public consultation and to check the status of the protected open space. It was important to ensure that SCDC was properly engaged.

Councillor Topping arrived at 8:50 pm

## 8. Highways and traffic

- **Speedwatch** . There are indications of some reduced speeding in Bourn Bridge Road. The scheme has been advertised. Despite complaints about speeding no new volunteers have come forward. RC suggested that Speedwatch was required on Cambridge Road.
- **Cycleways.** The proposal for a cycleway through the Babraham Research Institute is progressing. Application for planning permission is in progress.
- **2015-16 Highways Improvement Scheme.** The application was submitted on time. It was agreed that both parish councils should be represented when bids are presented to the committee on 25 January. Mr Brunning agreed to represent Little Abington.
- **A1307.** The local forum of parish councils has met. Seven of the 10 Parish Councils were represented. Notes will follow. It was felt there would be some benefit in extending the remit of the group to include other issues of common interest.

## 9. Village environment

- **Footpath maintenance.** Snicket resurfacing.-The Clerk contacted the County Council. It is possible to obtain part loads of road planings and there is a possibility of a small amount of grant funding. Next steps to agree if the planings need to be topped up, the quantity required and timing. PB
- **Dog fouling and litter.** It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase a small stock of Keep Britain Tidy posters (10 for £5.00). Copies would be shared with Great Abington Parish Council and the Recreation Committee. CLERK  
GW has discussed the possibility of a school project to design posters. GW  
The Liaison Committee considered options for providing bins with bag dispensers.
- **Mobile Phone Signal.** The O2 signal in the village has been very poor since the summer. There does not seem to be a problem with other providers. O2 has been informed but so far there has been no remedy. It was agreed to canvas residents through the Facebook page and to consider making a formal complaint to O2. PB

## 10. Reports from local authority representatives

### 10.1 Receipt of written report from Cllr Tony Orgee (SCDC)

- **2016-17 budget setting.** Expected to be difficult given the anticipated reductions in government grant
- **SCDC Local Plan / City Council Local Plan** the work requested by the Planning Inspector has been completed. The main changes are:
  - housing allocation for South Cambridgeshire to be increased from 19,000 to 19,500;
  - new housing allocation to the north of Cherry Hinton;
  - extension of land for employment in the Addenbrookes area;
  - a reduction in land for employment use in Fulbourn Road.
 Public consultation will begin on 2 December ending on 25 January.
- **Land between the A11, A505 and A1301.** Cllr Orgee drew the Parish Council's attention to two potential developments.

- The National Institute of Agricultural Botany (NIAB) are looking for land to carry out crop trials because their land in the Huntingdon Road area is part of major developments in Cambridge City. It is anticipated that about 35 people would work on the site and buildings will be needed.
- The Wellcome Trust is considering the longer term future at Hinxton. Their focus is on the southern side of the land in the A11, A505 and A1301 triangle. The Trust are considering expanding the campus across to the eastern side of the A1301 with a semi-circular bypass running to the east of the A1301 between the A1301 / North End Road junction and Stumps Cross. This would be for companies working in the area of genomics. This could include accommodation for staff.

Both proposals are expected to be processed as individual planning applications, through the planning system.

## 10.2 Receipt of report from Cllr Peter Topping (Cambs County Council)

- **Agritech development at Hinxton.** A group of parish councils based along the A505 have met to discuss the impact of the proposed developments. Discussions included resolution of traffic problems by providing park-and-ride facilities at Four Went Ways to provide hub for parking feeding into the biomedical sites at Babraham, Hinxton and Granta Park. The Parish Council agreed it would be important to establish a link into these discussions. Emma Fletcher from Smithson-Hill is leading.
- **Repairs to footways.** The highways team is chasing this up. BT is expected to fix the problems in Church Lane.

## 11. To receive reports from representatives

**11.1 Village maintenance.** CGM attended recently to sweep up leaves but they omitted the top of the High Street. They have agreed to return to do it

**11.2 Lights, roads and pavements.** Need to check if the missing street light in the High Street has been replaced. It was noted that a street light outside the Old House in the High Street is faulty.

**11.3 Trees.** The team at SCDC is under pressure and they have stopped issuing TPOs. Several households have trees and hedges overgrowing pavements. This obstructs access for pedestrians and users of wheelchairs and mobility scooters

**11.4 Police.** Several reports of thefts and burglaries on e-cops.

### 11.5 Other meetings attended by LAPC reps

- Meeting with management team at Cambridge International School **PB and GW.** They were supported the local highways improvement scheme proposal and agreed, in principle, to make a contribution towards the cost of signage. Traffic and parking issues were discussed. Improving traffic flow is one of their priorities. They were supportive of supervised local community groups, with their own insurance, using the playing fields.

## 12. To acknowledge receipt of minutes from committees

- **Institute Management Committee.** Executive meeting minutes received.
- **Recreation Ground Committee.** To meet on 7 December.
- **Committee for Abington Housing.** No recent meeting.
- **GAPC LAPC Liaison Group.** Meeting notes received.

## 13. Correspondence.

A summary of correspondence received is on circulation. Items requiring action have already been circulated.

## 14. Any other business.

None

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

**Next meeting Monday 25 January 2016**