

## LITTLE ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14 September 2015 at 7.15pm in the Abington Institute, Great Abington.

**Present.** Mr Brunning (Chair), Mr Adams, Mr Chesham, Mr Ellis, Mr Wigley.

**In attendance.** Cllr Topping for part of meeting.

1 member of the public – Mr Hood (for part of meeting)

1. **Apologies for absence.** Mrs Gunning, Mr Pritchard, Mrs Dalton (Clerk), Cllr Orgee.  
Apologies for late arrival – Cllr Topping.
2. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 July, 2015.** Agreed.
3. **Actions from previous meetings and any matters arising.**
  - **Lights, roads and pavements.** No action apparent following reports of hazards on footways in the High Street and in Church Lane. It was agreed this should be escalated to the Highways Team. **CLERK** has attempted to contact Highways Team.
  - **Protected Road Verges.** Confirmation is expected shortly from Adrian Izzard that work will begin on cutting protected verges 'at cost'.
  - **Speedwatch.** We have now received the new equipment and will pay once the invoice is received.
  - **Re-painting footbridge.** RLP's estimate has been accepted. Action: **PB** to chase up RLP regarding commencement of work date.
  - **International School.** Parking remains a problem. Action **GW** to contact the Head to advise about accessing Police support to address the problem.
  - **Bus shelter eastbound.** The hedge that needed trimming has been trimmed.
  - **Bushes on Millennium footpath.** Need trimming. Action: **RC** to contact CGM to advise of this.
4. **Declarations of interest.** None declared.

#### 5. Public Participation

##### 5.1 Representation from members of the public

Mr Hood spoke regarding the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 19 August.

Mr Hood made the point that he felt it totally inappropriate that the Clerk and Chair of that meeting had an interest in one of the topics under discussion and that, in particular, this led to a lack of objectivity in the production of minutes. He asked that the Planning Committee review how meetings are chaired and clerked in the event of any potential conflicts of interest in the future.

Mr Brunning replied reflecting the majority view of the Parish Council that he did not agree that this was the case, but that the Planning Committee's *modus operandi* had been followed consistently.

The following changes to the Planning Committee's draft minutes were agreed:

- 1) add to Prof Dalton's point 'he presented a map (see Appendix A)'
- 2) change nomenclature throughout to 'Mrs Gorna'
- 3) Delete the sentence referring to Mrs Gorna's divorce from Mr Nutt
- 4) Add to Mrs Brunning's point about permission 'from Mrs Clare Nutt'.

Mr Hood left the meeting

## 6. Finance and compliance

**6.1 Receipts to current account.** The meeting accepted that there have been no receipts to the current account

**6.2 Payments.** Mr Ellis proposed that the meeting accepts the payments to be made as stated on the agenda:

Mrs G Dalton Clerk salary, STO August & September 2015	£	326.70
CGM village maintenance STO Aug & Sept 2015 VAT £67.70	£	406.20
CGM verge cutting May 2015 VAT £12.00	£	72.00
World of Computers LAPC laptop Health Check VAT £6.00	£	36.00
HMRC PAYE Q2	£	326.40
Came & Co Parish Council insurance renewal	£	295.95
Westcotek Speedwatch VAT £480	£	2880.00
LCPAS Training 11 Sept	£	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>4368.25</b>

This was seconded by Mr Adams and passed *nem con*.

### 6.3 Finance report:

Balances year to date:

Balance	TOTAL	Current	Cambs B'ing Society
Opening per bank statement	£ 28,123.52	£ 13,093.71	£ 15,029.81
Closing balance	£ 23,631.35	£ 8,601.54	£ 15,029.81

### 6.4 Insurance arrangements wef 1 October 2015

Mr Chesham proposed that we agree the recommendation of the CWG to adopt the quotation for insurance supplied by Came & Co for Hiscox.

This was seconded by Mr Brunning and passed *nem con*.

Mrs Dalton and Mr Brunning will attend the *Clerks & Chairman* meeting that will explain LCAS accreditation. It is noted that LAPC will not be able to meet the tight deadline for accreditation as a result of CAPALC's continually postponing the meeting without extending the deadline for accreditation. It was agreed that LAPC should contest the resulting gap in our accreditation and the consequent higher fees that this will incur.  
Action **CLERK**.

## 7. Planning

### 7.1 Planning applications/consultations

**S/1986/15/FL** Perse School Playing Fields: Equipment storage container. No objection.

**S/1797/15/PA** for information only: Undercover storage for machinery. Ley Rectory Farm. Noted.

**S/2185/15/PH** 39 West Field Little Abington: Information only. Single storey rear extension. Noted.

**S/2254/15/FL** Site 6 Granta Park Great Abington. No objection with note that: 'We note that this application considerably exceeds previous outline planning permission. Our serious concerns regarding the impact on provision for sewage and local road infrastructure remain for this application, particularly when considered alongside the impact of Granta Park Phase 2.'

## 7.2 Planning updates

### SCDC decisions

- Granta Park/TWI phase 2 (zone 1 & 2). Approved with numerous conditions
- 49 Cambridge Road first floor rear extension. Approved
- 15 Bourn Bridge Road rear and side extension. Approved

### Minutes of LAPC Planning Committee

Minutes approved following minor alterations (see 5.1 above)

## 7.3 Local developments

### Committee for Abington Housing (CAH)

Draft Terms of Reference for CAH were considered. It was decided that parish councillors should send comments and amendments to this first draft to Mr Brunning by Monday 28 September. A second draft will be considered jointly with GAPC at the next Liaison Meeting.

### District Council election arrangements

It was agreed to seek further clarification from the Clerk and Cllr Orgee on this topic before making a formal response.

Cllr Topping joined the meeting at 9.10pm

## 8. Highways and traffic

- Speedwatch: four volunteers have now been trained. Other volunteers need reminding to get trained as soon as possible. Action **PB** to contact Mr Garrett.
- 14-15 Highways improvements: no further updates
- 15-16 Highways improvements: no further updates. Mr Talbot & PB will visit the Highways open day on Thursday 17 Sept to discuss the proposal.
- A1307 Committee: no further meetings or updates
- Lorry parking at Four Went Ways: this is now becoming a safety hazard, with several lorries parking along Newmarket Road, partially blocking it, as well as around the old roundabout.

## 9. Village environment

- **Footpaths.** Landowners are proposing to erect a fence each side of the footpath across the field between Church Lane and Cambridge Rd. The PC expressed the hope that this would be a low post and rail fence in keeping with the open nature of the field at present.
- The Clerk has received a substantial correspondence about access to Sluice Wood. Cllr Topping will contact the County Council Rights of Way Team. Action **Cllr Topping.**
- **Pavements:** problems reported in Church Lane and High Street have still not been rectified.
- **Maintenance:** CGM need to cut back trees/bushes along Millennium footpath (see under point 3, above)

## 10. Parish Council Support for Community Projects

- Parish /Community Nurse. Mr Wigley proposed that LAPC commit £500 a year for the next three years towards this new initiative. This was seconded by Mr Chesham and passed *nem con.*

- Recreation Ground. Mr Adams proposed the use of 'open space' funds for the provision of a shelter on the recreation ground. This was seconded by Mr Ellis and passed *nem con*. The PC authorised Mr Pritchard to negotiate the best price for the concrete base and supply and erection of the shelter. **Action PP**
- Great Abington church modernisation of facilities. After due consideration the PC decided that this project is not an appropriate use of funds.

## **11. Reports from local authority representatives.**

### **11.1** The PC received a written report from Cllr Orgee (SCDC)

- District Council electoral wards
- Locality Leads
- The Wellcome Trust

### **11.2** The PC received a written report from Cllr Topping (Cambs County Council)

- Correspondence with Heidi Allen MP
- A505 congestion
- Highways Open Day at Whittlesford depot on Sept 17<sup>th</sup>
- Police proposals for parking enforcement
- School places
- Travellers

## **12. To receive reports from representatives**

**12.1 Village maintenance:** CGM are doing a good job, but need chasing to keep them on top of things.

**12.2 Lights, roads and pavements:** see under items 3 and 9 above.

**12.3 Trees:** no news yet on trees in Lady Cambridge's Meadow

**12.4 Police:** following the report from Mr Wigley on the purchase of PCSO 'overtime hours', the PC decided that this would be of insufficient value for us so we will not join the scheme.

Mr Wigley also reported on the spate of burglaries in GA and LA in August and September. It was agreed to put a note in the 'News' about this if the editorial deadline could be met. **Action EA**

## **13. To acknowledge receipt of minutes from committees**

- **Institute Management Committee.** Notes from the Exec Committee meeting held 14/09/2015 will be passed to the Clerk when they become available
- **Recreation ground committee.** The provision of a new table-tennis table and plans for a shelter on the recreation ground were noted. No recent meeting.
- **Committee for Abington Housing.** No meeting since the last PC meeting

## **14. Any other business.**

- None

The meeting closed at 10:00pm

**Next meeting: Monday 26 October 2015 at 7.15pm**