

LITTLE ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on

Monday 14 August 2017 at 6.30pm in the Abington Institute, Great Abington.

DRAFT TO BE AGREED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF LITTLE ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Present. Mr Brunning (Chair), Mrs Simmons, Mrs Smith. Mrs Dalton (Clerk).

In attendance. Mr Forsyth for part of meeting, Mr Hood, Cllr Orgee

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Ellis, Mr Lightning, Ms Pattinson, Mrs Scoffings.

2. **Declaration of Interests.** None

3. **Public participation.**

Mr Forsyth outlined the background to the planning application at 2 Church Lane. He confirmed that he had discussed the proposal with neighbours.

4. **S/1880/16/FL Beech Tree Cottage, 10 Hildersham Road.**

Demolition of gable and bay window to form a contemporary ground floor lounge extension.

The Parish Council supported the application without comment or referral to SCDC's Planning Committee.

5. **S/2547/17/FL 2 Church Lane, Little Abington**

Combine kitchen and dining room and construct a single storey extension. Remove gates from front drive. Reposition oil tank and adjust off road parking space.

The Parish Council supported the application without comment or referral to SCDC's Planning Committee.

Mr Forsyth left the meeting.

6. **Planning decisions made by SCDC**

The Parish Council had not been advised of any recent decisions.

7. **Response to public consultation on Uttlesford Draft Local Plan**

- Public consultation closes on 4 September.
- There is a meeting at SCDC on 22 August. PB hopes to attend.
- An action group (NUGV Action Group) is opposing the proposal for a North Uttlesford Garden Village. LAPC is on the circulation list. Local Parish Councils have been asked to distribute leaflets. LAPC agreed to co-ordinate delivery in Little Abington.

LAPC's main concerns are about the proposed North Uttlesford Village development:

- The draft plan lacks information.
- Little evidence of collaboration with South Cambs District Council and hence lack of strategic oversight of the impact of other proposed significant developments nearby and their input on road and public transport infrastructure. Without joint working any potential for collaborative investment in improvements will be lost.
- The parish council queried the robustness of the data on traffic and public transport. There are concerns about increases in traffic volume on roads that are already running very close to full capacity i.e. A505, A1301, A1307 and the M11 south of Stump Cross .
- Lack of clarity on a strategic approach to improving public transport infrastructure in particular the railway and the potential impact on capacity at Whittlesford station.

- Need for provision of safe cycling routes
- The proposed number of dwellings (5000) is disproportionate to the size of established communities in the area.
- There is no information in the draft plan about the scheduling for the provision of schools and health facilities. There was some concern about the potential impact on school capacity in Linton, Sawston and Abington especially as there seems to be an expectation that people who live in NUGV would work in Cambridge and on the science parks in and around the Abingtons.
- The parish council supported concerns about water supply including the aquifer

Action Clerk to draft response ready for submission before 4 September .

8. Planning appeal. APP/W0530/W/17/3179762

Re: S/0096/17/OL Agricultural land north east of Back Road, Linton

Outline planning application for the erection of up to 95 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point from Back Road. All matters reserved except for means of access.

The Parish Council agreed to comment supporting the principles outlined in SCDC's decision to reject the planning application. LAPC would emphasise concerns about safety on Back Road for traffic and pedestrians and road safety at the junction of Hildersham Road, Cambridge Road and little Abington high Street. There were concerns about the preservation of the SSSI if there was a large development nearby.

9. Access issues. Sluice wood

Mr Brunning had agreed a public statement with Mrs Gorna setting out the reasons for the erection of a fence and a gate across the Old Coach Road

"Bancroft Farm is continuing to permit access to the riverside walk (which is insured for public access) between the permitted access signs but consider the rest of the wood to be private, including the clearing next to the old 'coach road'. Bancroft Farm has erected a fence to prevent unknown vehicles and caravans from entering their land along the 'coach road' and, in particular, from crossing the bridge, which is in poor repair. They have no plan to lock the gate but reserve the right to do so in future".

There was some confusion about which of the two bridges on the path needed repair. Access rights for the owner of the land between Newmarket Road and Sluice Wood need to be clarified.

Mr Hood confirmed there was no intention, at this time, to close the permissive footpath along the riverbank in Sluice Wood. However, it was noted that in conjunction with the work to tighten up security on Granta Park a fence is now blocking access between Sluice Wood and Granta Park. It was regrettable that this historical route had been blocked. Local residents and Granta Park employees have benefited from uninterrupted access for many years.

10. Any Other Business

None

The meeting closed 7.30 PM.

Signed Parish Council Chairman

Date

11 September 2017

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