

**A meeting of Great Abington Parish Council was held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019, in the main hall at the Institute, Great Abington.**

**Those present at the meeting were:** Mr Bernie Talbot (Chairman), Mr Tony Orgee, Mrs Jane Bowen, Mrs Gaynor Farrant, Miss Louise Patten, Mrs Liz Sainsbury, Mrs Pennie Zimmern, County and District Councillor Henry Batchelor, District Councillor John Batchelor, the Clerk and six members of the public.

**Meeting started at 7.29pm**

**82. Open Forum**

Monica Krylander had emailed the council expressing her concern about the loss of access to footpaths in Granta Park and had suggested that new paths be planned into the housing development sites. Bernie Talbot had asked Monica to consider taking on the role of ‘footpath champion’ to lead the work of creating new paths and help maintain the existing paths. It was agreed that the council could fund the cost of the meeting room for a footpaths group to meet. **Action: Jane Bowen** to add an entry in the ‘Abingtons and Hildersham News’ asking any volunteers to who wished to join the footpaths group to contact Monika Krylander. A request was made to remind dog walkers to clear up after their dogs; this will be put in the next newsletter - **Action: Jane Bowen**.

**83. Apologies** – there were none.

**84. Do any Councillors have interests to declare in the items to be discussed during the meeting? Has the Clerk granted any dispensations** under section 33 (1) of the Localism Act on the basis is set out under section 33(2)? No dispensations were requested. Gaynor Farrant declared an interest in planning application S/4678/18/FL.

**85. Approval of minutes-** Councillors approved the minutes subject to an amendment being made to the spelling of a Highway officer’s name to ‘Mr Loughlin’.

**86. Report from County Councillor and District Councillor Henry Bachelor** – a report had been emailed to councilors.

Both the District and County Councils had consultations open concerning their budgets that were to be discussed in February; comments could be made via their websites. The District Council’s housing strategy concerning social and council housing was open to comments via their website. Work had started on the improvements to the A1307 near Dalehead Foods and further work would start along the A1307 in the Spring.

**87. Report from District Councillor John Bachelor** - a report had been emailed to councillors.

The District Council planning briefing held on 17<sup>th</sup> January had been attended by Bernie Talbot and Gaynor Farrant; the parish councillors added that it was a helpful meeting although some of the speakers were hard to hear. The Highway Dept. was looking at how to spend their budget for the next year; the meeting was reminded by a parishioner (Mr Pepperell), that a previous Highway Officer, Mike Cooper, had admitted that the gully on Pampisford Road/Cutting Road junction had not been completed properly which was why there was frequent flooding in this location. **Action Clerk:** to highlight this area to the Highway Officer and also that the soak away outside the Krylanders’ house, needed improving if funds were available. Also to ask what could be done about the holes in the roads and the footpath to the church (copy the Right of Way Officer, Peter Gaskin on details).

**88. FINANCE**

- a) Income – interest £75.09 Active Saver a/c and £11.32 Business Premium a/c.
- b) Income and Expenditure against budget emailed to councillors. There were no questions from councillors.
- c) Bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018:

- Community Account - £6,994.46
- Active Saver Account (s106 funds) – £29,011.94 (- £3275.04 s.106)
- Business Premium Account - £ 22,222.52

d) Can the Council authorise the payments in the table below? The Clerk advised the council that the payment for the Parish Nurse Scheme had been budgeted for the financial year 2019-2020, so councillors decided to make the cheque void so the payment could be made in April.

**Gaynor Farrant proposed that the payment be authorised which was seconded by Pennie Zimmern, with the support of all councillors.**

**Payment to be authorised by councillors:**

101186	Hildersham Parochial Church Council <b>VOID</b>	Parish Nurse donation for next two years of scheme <b>VOID</b>	£2,000.00 <b>VOID</b>
101187	Paula Harper	Dec & Jan (no tax/deductions)	£534.04
101188	G.Smith	Abington Future community event on 12.01.19 -refreshments	£180.00
101189	Gaynor Farrant	Abington Future community event on 12.01.19 -photocopying questionnaire	£57.50
101190	Abington Institute	Hall hire - Sept -	£104.00

e) Precept form to be completed. Bernie Talbot signed to authorise the precept request for £12,000, which was also signed by the Clerk.

f) Invoice for the next year insurance from Zurich Insurance has been received £507.96 (due 14<sup>th</sup> March); can councillors authorise the payment of this bill if the policy terms are acceptable? **Action: Clerk and Bernie Talbot** to red through the policy. **Liz Sainsbury proposed that the payment of the invoice be authorised which was seconded by Louise Patten, with the support of all councillors.**

## 89. ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

- Abington Future Community Event 12<sup>th</sup> January– feedback on the event and suggestions that came out of the meeting would be circulated in February. The event was very well attended by the parishioners.
- The lack of police resources – Police attendance at a Council meeting. **Action Clerk** to request another meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner to be attended by local councils such as Linton, Shelford, Babraham and Balsham.
- Poo bin at the bus stop near Magna Close. **Action Clerk** to chase up request with Heidi Duffett.
- Suggestion that the council get the Chalky Road verge trimmed of nettles and have small stumps removed – **Action Clerk** to get quotations for work.
- Repairs to the path where BT undertook work last year. Request that Nicola Burden get BT to return to do a better job of the replacement area of path, as it was likely to be break up if nothing further was done - **Action Clerk**.
- Feedback on ‘Planning Issues for South Cambridge’ meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January. At this meeting the Wellcome Trust application and the appeal for Agri-Tech were discussed. Having three large potential developments locally, including NUGC, would have an enormous impact upon the infrastructure, which was why lots of local Parish Councils had sent letters highlighting their concerns to government planning decision makers.

## 90. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

- Request to the Highway Dept that the developers be approached to repair the section of road and path h that had sunk opposite the new Moorefield bungalows on the High Street. **Action Clerk** to chase up.
- Request to the Highway Dept that the developers be approached to repair damage to Pampisford Road near the new development. **Action Clerk** to chase up.
- Resident concerned about overgrown hedge on Pampisford Road reducing driver visibility on the bend after the speed sign. The farmer had the hedge trimmed back thoroughly in January.
- ‘Parish lead highway improvement’ form. Tony Orgee reported that the Greater Cambridge Partnership was considering changes to the cycleway/footpath across the A1307 and possibly a small bridge. Tony Orgee had met with Doug Cough of Granta Park, who advised him that the site was considering major

improvements to the entrance of Grant Park; it was suggested that the changes at the roundabout be undertaken at the same time as these improvements. Liz Sainsbury suggested the 'Keep Clear' area on the roundabout wouldn't help local traffic when workers left Granta Park, whereas traffic lights would. Tony Orgee suggested ideas to improve safety on the High Street would come from the suggestions received at the Abington Futures event.

e) Notice board quotes – three quotations had been obtained for a double- sided oak notice board. Councillors selected Tom Prentice to supply the notice board and agreed a further £300.00 extra to cover the cost of including the council's name at the top of the board – **action Clerk; Tom Prentice's quotation was proposed by Bernie Talbot and seconded by Liz Sainsbury with the support of all councillors.**

f) Request that the Highway Dept repair the footpath leading to the church. **Action Clerk** to contact the Right of Way Officer, Peter Gaskin, check the council's position on helping fund the repair of a footpath/private owned road and to write to the road owner advising him that the road was dangerous and if injuries occurred legal action could be taken (cc other residents on letter, get names from Pennie).

g) Change of use advice about South Road animal sanctuary. **Action Clerk** to chase up enquiry.

### **91. PLANNING AMENDMENT TO THE LINTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT to include smaller tree varieties in the community orchard and a different play surface in the play area**

a) Update on correspondence with Hill the developers. There was no news on this, **action Bernie Talbot** to chase up.

### **92. OUTCOME OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM**

a) Update on the neighbourhood plan referendum. The number who voted in favour of adopting the Neighbourhood Plan were a significant majority to enable the District Council to adopt this plan. so that it would be used in future planning decisions in the designated area.

### **93. HOUSING**

a) Committee for Abington Housing update. There had been no recent meeting of this group.

### **94. RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE**

At the last meeting decisions were made about the variety of trees to be planted on the recreation ground, the budget was agreed and the terms of reference for the committee were amended.

### **95. PLANNING**

a) **Planning applications to be considered at the meeting:**

S/4713/18/FL – Julia Wallis, land at 16 Chalky Road – demolition of existing piggery and erection of 3 bedroomed bungalow

Council recommended approval and later agreed during the meeting, that a comment should be included that there should be a hardstanding on site (heavy deliveries using the road frequently block the single track road) and the requirement for householders/landowners to be members of Abington Estates Management Limited.

S/4329/18/OL – Wellcome Trust outline permission for 150,000m<sup>2</sup> of employment space

Councillors recommended the application be refused.

The application was 50% bigger than Agri-Tech application and included 1500 new dwellings.

Councillors were concerned about the enormous traffic consequences of this development happening particularly at the Sawston roundabout and the likelihood of rat runs through villages to avoid the congested traffic. As the comments were required by an extended date of 4<sup>th</sup> February, councillors asked the **Clerk** to check the response Hinxton Parish Council had given and circulate it so that this council could formulate its own response on email.

S/2254/18/FL – Site 6, Granta Park – variation of condition 2 (approved plans) for planning permission

S/4725/18/VC

Council recommended approval with one councillor, Jane Bowen, opposing this recommendation.

S/4678/18/FL – Mr N. Rumble, 46 North Road – new dwelling with garden and associated off-road parking

Council recommended approval conditionally upon the Planning department imposing a requirement that the existing piggery to be demolished, as per the Neighbourhood Plan clause following Policy 2. It should be highlighted that there was a requirement for householders/landowners to be members of the roads management committee. The precise wording to be used about the Abington Estates Management Limited would be emailed to the Clerk by **Jane Bowen or Mr Pepperell**.

**b) Parish Council recommendations:**

Appeal

S/2381/18/FL – Mr Tilley, 45 North Road – appeal to convert existing dwelling into a domestic garage. Parish Council reiterated previous comments and mentioned the referendum.

S/4623/18/FL – Mr & Mrs O'Farrell & Bowen, 8 Chalky Road- land adjacent to house, new dwelling  
Parish Council recommended approval 07.01.19

S/4599/18/PA – Mr P. Harding, 44A North Road prior approval change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling.

Parish Council recommended refusal 07.01.19

S/4577/18/FL – Mr S. Dennis, 42 North Road – wildlife pond in field

Parish Council recommended approval subject to there being no public access on 19.12.18.

S/4264/18/FL – Dr P. Adlam, 32A South Road – 34 ground mounted solar panels

Parish Council recommended approval on 19.12.18.

S/4449/18/VC – Mr A. Carter, 33 Magna Close, - vary conditions to allow opening roof light windows

Parish Council recommended refusal on 10.12.18

S/4050/18/FL – Ms L. Paine, 22 South Road – retention of temporary dwelling as annex

Parish Council recommended refusal on 10.12.18

**c) District Council decisions:**

S/3272/18/FL – BMR Granta Park, Suite 7 McClintock Building – change of use from Café to B1 (office) accommodation.

Parish Council recommended approval on 19.01.18.

District Council approved on 31.12.18

S/3906/18/AD – The Watson Building, Granta Park – non-illuminated sign.

Parish Council recommended approval on 19.01.18.

District Council approved on 07.12.18

S/4090/18/FL – Mr & Mrs Wagstaff & Beckett, 21 South Road – use of barn & land to provide dog day care facility with car parking, waste collection & disabled W.C.

Parish Council recommended refusal on 19.01.18.

Application withdrawn 28.12.18

S/3762/18 – Ms. Gill Dowden, 50 Mortlock Gardens- demolish single storey and build a two storey side/rear extension.

Parish Council recommended approval on 15.10.18

District Council approved on 28.11.18

S/1106/18/FL – Shelford Properties Ltd, Land at the rear of Strawberry Farm – full planning permission for 15 dwellings & associated infrastructures

Parish Council recommended refusal on 15.10.18

District Council refused on 19.11.18

## **96. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Date for village Clean up – suggested date of 30<sup>th</sup> March agreed. Clerk cannot attend. **Action Clerk** to advise LAPC that the date has been agreed.
- b) Suggestion that the village establish Neighbourhood Watch group or an alert system for suspicious activity in the village. It was suggested that this could be a project for the Abington Futures and it was highlighted that there is already a WhatsApp in the village to alert people if something suspicious is seen.
- c) Does the Parish Council support a petition lobbying SCDC, CCC and local businesses to improve the environment around the Fourwentways. Bernie Talbot proposed the council would support Little Abington Parish Council's petition to improve this area, which was seconded by Jane Bowen, with the support of all councillors.
- d) Request that there be a footpath around the new development on Linton Road. Discussed earlier in meeting under item 82.
- e) Letter of thanks from Keith Day on behalf of the Parish Nurse Scheme for the council's donation.
- f) The Recreation Grounds amended terms of reference and budget were circulated to councillors.

## **97. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA on 25th March 2019**

Proposal that £100 be added to the budget for refreshment for the councillors and public attending the parish council meetings in 2019.

**Meeting closed at 9.00pm**