

A Parish Council meeting was held on Monday on **Monday 20th January 2020**, in the main hall at the Institute.

Present: Bernie Talbot, Louise Patten, Tony Orgee, Emma Pery, District Councillor and County Councillor Henry Batchelor, District Councillor John Batchelor, the Clerk and 6 members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.15pm

81. Open Forum

A parishioner highlighted that the minutes had not been uploaded onto the website- **action Clerk.**

Two parishioners said that they felt that the aims of the Neighbourhood Plan were not being met; they agreed to email Bernie Talbot and the Clerk their detailed concerns. They stated that the aims to preserve the special nature of the estate, adequate accesses to new properties and limiting the size of the new dwellings were objectives in the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) that were not being met. They explained that close boarded fencing of 6 feet height fronting footpaths needed planning permission. Bernie Talbot responded by explaining that the NP took a lot of work and a long time and that the council had encouraged the planners to use it as it was intended. To change the NP would require a lot of work and another referendum. Although the NP was designed to be redrafted, it was unlikely to happen in the short term.

Mr Harding expressed his dis-satisfaction that the email advising him of the new date for the planning meeting to consider his application, had not been delivered and the Clerk had missed the failed delivery email message. He suggested that planning meetings be advertised on Facebook too; Bernie explained that neither he nor the Clerk were on Facebook so it was not likely to happen. He also explained that Mr Harding's application had been considered at an earlier meeting to reduce the time taken up at the full council meeting considering planning applications.

82. Apologies - Pennie Zimmern and Jane Bowen.

83. Approval of the minutes for last meetings on 18th November and 2nd December 2019. The minutes were approved and signed.

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 and the basis is set out under section 33(2)? No interests were declared by councillors or dispensations granted by the Clerk.

85. Report from District Councillor and County Councillor Henry Batchelor – an email report was circulated to councillors

Work on the cycleway between Linton Village College and Dalehead Foods had been completed. The rest of the route to Hildersham and the Hildersham junction traffic lights would be completed in the next phase of work which should be in April/May. The upgrade to the road would be completed in 2021. Councillors were urged to make suggestions on how the A505 could be upgraded on the current consultaion, which would be open for another two months. Network Rail were consulting about where the Cambridge South station should be located, details were available on their website.

As part of their aim to make the District carbon neutral, the District Council was offering Parish Councils vouchers for free trees for council land.

86. Report from District Councillor John Batchelor – an email report was circulated to councillors

The council was consulting the community on the first principles for the next Local Plan, which would be required to provide in excess of 30,000 new homes; whereas the current plan needed to provide 19,000 new homes, mainly in new towns. He urged the parish council to make comments, as it was likely that the next Local Plan would need to have many of the new dwellings in villages. The council would be publishing where the 500+ possible sites would in the next Local Plan. None of the roadshows for the Local Plan would be close or easily accessible to local villagers.

Councillor John Batchelor was asked what he believed the status of the Great Chesterford campaign to oppose a potential new town was, as this council had voted to donate funds to support it, but wanted to establish that

additional funds were still required. Tony Orgee said the plan had been refused by the Planning Inspector but that the Great Chesterford campaign, StopNUTown, had incurred large costs engaging a QC. **Action Bernie Talbot** to contact the Great Chesterford Parish Council chairman to find out how much had been spent and whether further donations were required.

Item 95a was brought forward to discuss while Councillor John Batchelor and Councillor Henry Batchelor were at the meeting.

95.

a) Letter from 'Fews Lane Consortium Ltd' asking Parish Councils to write to SCDC leader about the sign off of delegated planning decisions.

Councillor John Batchelor said the letter received was from one individual who was highlighting a technical matter about incorrect wording in the constitution for planning delegation matters. Mr Batchelor said that there would be no change to the way planning applications were delegated. The legal responsibility lies with the Director of Planning. Mr Batchelor explained that plans were not sent to the planning committee if there were no material planning reason to justify them being considered by the committee; parish councils should receive an explanation if their plans were not referred to the planning committee when they requested it. Bernie said that explanations would help inform parish councils future decisions.

87. Planning

Both Councillors Batchelors left the meeting.

87. Planning

a) Planning applications to be considered at the meeting:

S/4483//19/OL- Mr & Mrs Baldip Singh, 48 North Road – Outline permission with all matters reserved for a new dwelling.

This is the second planning application submitted for this site and the new dwelling is now on the footprint of the old piggery

Tony Orgee proposed the application be supported, which was seconded by Bernie Talbot, with the support of all councillors.

Comment: This outline plan seems to conform to the Neighbourhood Plan.

S/4423/19/FL - Mr & Mrs Parris, 36 South Road – demolish piggery and change of use and erection of a log cabin. The timber building is similar to others on the site and within the Neighbourhood Plan area. The cabin will be on the footprint of the old piggery.

Bernie Talbot proposed the application be supported, which was seconded by Louise Patten, with the support of all councilors. No comments were made.

b) Planning applications/appeals considered by the Parish Council since the November meeting and decisions made by the District Council on separate sheet

The paper was noted and no discussion took place.

88. Finance

a) Income: Interest £65.67 annual interest for the section 106 account & quarterly interest for the Council's reserve account of £12.73

b) Update on councillor access to accounts, additional information sent the bank for Bernie Talbots signature update. Tony Orgee still needed to confirm his identity at a branch of Barclays.

c) Finance meeting to be held on Wednesday 29th January at 7pm.

Payment to be authorised by councillors:

101224	Glenn Broad	Churchyard cut	£49.00
101225	Teeslaw	Legal advice	£828.00
101226	PKF Littlejohn	External audit	£240.00
101227	Paula Harper	Pay Dec & Jan 2020 – no tax	£535.64
101228	Abington Institute	Hall Hire	£107.00
101229	LAPC	Maintain Ford	£45.00

d) The Council authorised the payments in the table with a proposal from Bernie Talbot which was seconded by Louise Patten, with the support of all councillors.

e) Bank balances as at 31st December 2019:

Community Account - £9,955.13

Business Interest - £25,547.57

Active Saver Account (s106 funds) – £61,826.37

f) Update on paying StopNUTown cheque. Discussed earlier in the meeting under item 86. The council had previously agreed to donate £3000 to this group at the November meeting. It was agreed to seek confirmation that funds were still required and for the council to be made aware of the full costs they have incurred. The planning Inspector had suggested that Uttlesford start their local plan again.

89. Actions from the last meeting

a) Request for two new dog bins and bag dispensers on bins. Arnie Leader from the County Council had advised the council that as there was a rubbish bin by the bus shelter near the entrance to Magna Close, an additional bin for dog was not required. The Clerk had queried this reply and also asked for the costs to fund a dog poo bin and the waste collection costs for a new bin on Pampisford Road.

b) The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner had said that the Interim Police and Crime Commissioner would be attending the meeting with local Parish Councils planned for March.

c) The damage to road by building contractors opposite the bungalow (path and dip in road) had been repaired recently. Repairs to damage on areas of the High Street near the entrance to Mortlock Gardens are scheduled to take place in March and would involve closure of the High Street.

d) Update on transfer of land on Moorefield development to Council. Teeslaw were still chasing Hill for news but there was nothing new to report.

e) The Highway Dept had been contacted about three trees on A1307 verge, adjacent to Abington Lodge, requiring attention and about the overgrown drain on the High Street. There had been no response from the Highway Officer.

f) Contact South Cambs. District Council to conduct a review of the former LSA in relation to buildings without planning permission. **Action: Bernie Talbot** to chase up a meeting date

g) Letters written to fourteen householders about overgrown hedges. Many householders had taken action. **Action: Clerk** to write again the households who had not taken action (one month after the first letter) to advise them they would be referred to the County Council if they did not take action or advise us of their plans. They would be given 14 days to respond.

h) Update on lowering kerbs in Magna Close. **Action: Bernie Talbot** to chase up Nicola Burden.

i) Shaded light in Meadow Walk? The light was being obscured by a tree growing from land by No. 6's owner - **Action: Clerk** to write to tree's owner.

90. Items raised by councillors

a) Update on suggestion that more trees be planted in the village particularly in the Recreation Ground and near Larksfield. The landowner had declined the offer to plant trees on a small area of their land at Larksfield, but had suggested the council contact them again in two years' time. The South Cambs. District Council tree voucher could be used for trees to be planted on the Recreation Ground as the land was owned by the Parish Council. Magna Closes' green was also identified as a place that trees could be planted – **action Emma Pery** to contact the SCDC Housing Officer about planting a tree on this land.

91. New electricity supplier for village pedestrian lights

Update the council on the progress being made with Utility Aid. Live prices as part of multiple council group arrangement would be sent to the Clerk on 22nd January and a decision needed to be made on this day by 4.30pm. On this basis the prices and contract would remain in place until September 2023. Councillors requested that the **Clerk** contact Tony Orgee with the prices offered so that he could take the decision on which supplier the council would use.

92. Liaison Meeting Report

The Liaison group had not met since November Parish Council meeting

93. Recreation Ground Committee Report

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94. Select a grass contractor for the growing season 2020.

Three contractors contacted had been contacted to quote for the work, but only two quotes were received from Majestic Garden Services and Glenn Broad. **Louise Patten proposed that the council select Glenn Broad for the**

- b) Letter about the Parish Nurse Scheme directory asking the council to check the accuracy of it, suggest how it could be distributed, how frequently it should be updated and for the council to nominate a point of contact.
Action: Clerk to ask Genevieve Daulton for an electronic copy of the directory.
- c) SCDC Email offering councils £60.00 vouchers for trees. Emma Pery had contacted SCDC about claiming the voucher.
- d) Highway Dept email consulting the council on plans to close part of the High Street to undertake road repairs. Comments required by 17.01.20. This council had requested that Stage coach be contacted and advised that the High Street would be closed and temporary bus stops would be required, and notices required at closed bus stops.
growing season in 2020, which was seconded by Bernie Talbot, with the support of all councillors.

95. Correspondence

- a) Letter from 'Fews Lane Consortium Ltd' asked councils to ask for planning applications to be considered by the District Councils planning committee and that this power not be transferred to a single officer who is unaccountable to local residents. **Action Clerk** to write to the constitution working party for the Planning Committee to express councils concerns that the committee not an individual should make planning committee decisions and councils should be advised why plans they have requested be referred to the committee are decided by an officer.
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96. Open forum

Tony Orgee told the meeting that SCDC had been advised that the Council's comments about the Strawberry Farm planning application were not on the website; the Clerk had resent them to ensure they had a copy, as change in planning officers had resulted in the information going astray.

The council had been awarded £2,055 to spend on e-bike promotional project. Emma Pery wanted to ensure that there was enough support from councillors in both councils to ensure the events were a success on 7-9th May and 15th-18th May. There would be 8-10 e-bikes for villagers to try. The meeting was advised that the VE day may not happen as there was a big memorial football event plan for that day.

The meeting was told that the post box on Pampisford had been removed; the council had not been contacted about its removal.

97. Items for the next meeting's agenda on 30th March

Loss of post box.

Meeting closed at 8.53pm

Planning applications/appeals considered by the Parish Council and decisions made by the District Council

Parish Council recommendations:

S/3215/19/FL - Mr Andrew Carter, 33a Magna Close – Rear dormer extension- amendment
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Parish Council recommended refusal on 02.12.19

S/4358/19/FL - Mr P. Harding 44c North Road – New dwelling
Parish Council recommended

S/3976/19/FL - Mr R. Spooner, 7a Chalky Road – demolish piggery and build new dwelling.
Parish Council recommended refusal on 23.12.19
Application withdrawn

S/4179/19/FL - Mr & Mrs J. Short, 52 North Road – demolish outbuilding and erect two storey side extension
Parish Council recommended approval on 23.12.19

S/4249/19/FL – Mr Glenn Edwards, 59 North Road – demolish piggery, relocate stable and build new dwelling and double garage
Parish Council recommended approval on 23.12.19

District Council decisions:

S/2505/19/FL - ARCC Innovations, Arcc Innovations, Pampisford Road - Expansion of the existing ARCC Campus facilities to create 4 studio pavilions providing Use Class B1(b) shared work space for start-up companies, the relocation of the existing oak-frame storage barn, and the erection of a welfare and facilities pavilion, together with car parking, cycle provision, landscaping and associated infrastructure.
Parish Council recommended refusal on 12/08/19
District Council approved 18/12/19

S/3699/19/FL – Mr J. Tilley, 45 North Road - erection of a cart-shed to provide garaging and charging for 2 electric vehicles
Parish Council recommended approval on 18/11/19
District Council approved 18/12/19

S/0423/19/FL – Mr & Mrs Stephen Johnson, 23 two storey three-bedroom houses
Parish Council recommended refusal 04/03/2019
District Council approved 19/11/2019

S/1691/15/FL - 8 Chalky Road – Mr & Mrs O'Farrell and Bowen, Construction of annexe accommodation (retrospective)
Parish Council recommended approval in August 2015
Withdrawn on 09/01/2020 by SCDC

S/2334/15/FL - 6 Chalky Road – Mr & Mrs D. Hefford, Erection of annexe following demolition of existing piggery
Withdrawn on 09/01/2020 by SCDC