

# Great Abington Parish Council

## MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020,  
starting at 7.15pm**

**If you have any matters you would like raised at the meeting please email your comments or questions to harper802@btinternet.com or call : 01223 892000 before the meeting..**

**98. Open Forum**

**99. Apologies**

**100. Approval of the minutes for last meetings on 20th January 2020.**

**101. 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)?**

**102. Report from District Councillor and County Councillor Henry Batchelor -email report sent**

**103. Report from District Councillor John Batchelor -email report sent**

**104. Planning**

a) Can the council consider the following planning application:

Ref: A20/01670/HFUL- Mr & Mrs Bjorn Krylander, 76 High Street- change to increase the pitch of the roof & increase the height to walls, install solar panels on roof, change garage windows & side door....

**If you have any comments you would like to share about this planning application at the meeting please email your comment or question to harper802@btinternet.com or call : 01223 892000 before the meeting..**

b) A Planning Appeal has been made about a decision made about an application at 7 Chalky Road. Does the Parish Council wish to make any additional comments?

c) Report on briefing session from James Snell and Laragh Homes about the Linton Road development

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

**105. Insurance Policy Renewal**

The policy has been checked and covers all the Council's requirements. Can the Council authorise the payment of this policy retrospectively?

**106. Finance**

a) Income: Interest

b) Update on councillor access to accounts, both Emma and Tony are able to sign cheques but do not have internet access.

c) Finance update.

d) Retrospective authorisation of items:

i) Glyn Mutton of Hill contacted Bernie to offer an Open Space commuted sum of £24,144 for maintenance of Larkfield open spaces; this is the figure after £4,341.50 for the Parish Council specified play area surface had been deducted, Can the council formally agree to accept this amount for future maintenance of the new open spaces at Larksfield?

ii) Purchase of the Norton anti-virus lap top protection - £13.18

iii) Moles pest control in churchyard authorisation- £80

vi) Churchyard hedge cutting, once the nesting season is over - circa £60

**Payment to be authorised by councillors:**

101230	Cambridgeshire County Council	Pedestrian lighting	£881.66
101231	Little Abington PC	Village Website	£38.56
101232	Great Chesterford Parish Council	Donation to oppose new village	£3,000.00
101233	Paula Harper	Pay Feb & Mar 2020 – no tax	£535.64
101234	Glenn Broad	Churchyard grass- inv 20/03/2020	£49.00
101235	Paula Harper	Norton anti-virus & ink.	£13.18
101236	R.Daniels	Churchyard mole control	£80.00
101237	LAPC	Part of the village website costs	£44.00

e) Can the Council authorise the payments in the table above and decide whether it wished to renew membership to CAPALC (cheque not written)?

f) Bank balances as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020:

Community Account - £4,801.913

Business Interest - £29,623.06

Active Saver Account (s106 funds) – £53,750.88

g) The Chairman of Great Chesterford Parish Council forwarded details of the costs incurred opposing the new town and the donations they had received to cover this expenditure. The £3,000 donation previously agreed by the Council in November was posted to the Parish Clerk of Great Chesterford Parish Council.

h) Can councillors confirm that they agree to this council funding part of the cost of printing the ‘Abingtons & Hildersham News, as per Valerie Silvey’s email?

**107. Actions from the last meeting**

a) Request for two new dog bins and bag dispensers on bins. Does the council wish to purchase dog bin/s and fund their emptying?

b) Highway Dept contacted about three trees on A1307 verge, adjacent to Abington Lodge, requiring attention and the overgrown drain on the High Street.

f) Approaching South Cambs. District Council regarding an overview of the former LSA in relation to buildings without planning permission.

g) Further letter written to householders who took no action about overgrown hedges.

h) Letter written to residents at 6 Meadow Walk about tree shading the light in Meadow Walk/.Magna Close path.

j) Royal Mail told the Clerk that the Pampisford Mail Box has been stolen; we are still awaiting a reply about when a replacement would be installed.

k) Parish Nurse Scheme directory – suggestions requested from the council on its accuracy, how it could be distributed, how frequently it should be updated and for the council to nominate a point of contact.

l) Update on suggestion that trees be planted in Magna Close.

**108. How the Parish Council carries out its work during this time:**

a) Council to agree what powers are delegated to the Clerk, Chairman and vice Chairman.

b) To consider the purchase of a dedicated mobile phone and agreed the answer message to be used when it is unable to be answered.

c) To agree the format of non-face-to-face Parish Council meetings and how to keep parishioners informed.

d) Was there any further action councillors felt this council could do to assist residents who were self-isolating?

**109. New electricity supplier for village pedestrian lights**

a) The council accepted live prices from Haven as part of multiple council group on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. A contract has been signed which will last until September 2023.

b) A monthly direct debit has been set up from the council’s Community (current) account to pay for the pedestrian light power supply from Haven. Can the council formally authorise the creation of this monthly direct debit payment?

**110. E-bike**

a) Consider whether the council would be prepared to cover the insurance excess of £250 in the event of a claim during the public trialling the e-bicycles.

b) Can the council authorise funding a helmet and an extra battery+charger (£300-500) for the PC-owned bike plus an agreed sum as an incidental contingency?

c) Update on what volunteers are required for the E-bike loans

### **111. Future events**

- a) The Villages Clean up was scheduled to happen on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April has been cancelled.
- b) LAPC had invited CAPALC to a joint LAPC/GAPC meeting This has been postponed
- c) The VE Day Event has been cancelled.
- d) Seaside coach trip – Do councillors think this is likely to happened this year?

### **112. Institute Meeting Report**

- a) Report

### **113. Recreation Ground Committee Report**

- a) Report
- b) Draft Risk Assessment Policy for Abington Recreation Ground.

### **114. Correspondence**

- a) Letter from Fews Lane Consortium Ltd asking councils to place a motion on their agenda to allow council leaders to call-in 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.
- b) Police & Crime Commissioner meeting cancelled- complaint made about late cancellation
- c) The Holm Court School site had been bought by Cambridgeshire County Council. The site will become a Sixth Form Centre for Granta School.
- d) From NALC - NALC is awaiting confirmation that these changes will be applicable to local councils, plus legislation will need to be passed for this to come into effect and we are seeking clarification on the detail. In particular, the MHCLG press release states:
  - The deadline for local government financial audits will be extended to 30 September 2020
  - It will consider bringing forward legislation to remove the requirement for annual council meetings to take place in person
  - It will consider bringing forward legislation to allow council committee meetings to be held virtually for a temporary period
- e) PKF Littlejohn External Auditors emailed to report that Annual Returns would not be issued until there had been more clarifications over the implications for smaller councils.

### **115. Open forum**

**116. Items for the next meeting's agenda on 18<sup>th</sup> May. This is likely to be a telephone conference meeting, and may not be open to the public.**

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

**Parish Council recommendations:**

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

Parish Council recommended approval on 20.01.20

S/4423/19/FL - Mr & Mrs Parris, 36 South Road – demolish piggery and change of use and erection of a log cabin.

Parish Council recommended approval on 20.01.20

**District Council decisions:**

S/1567/19/FL – Mrs A Roger, 25 South Road - Proposed 3 bed detached dwelling on plot adjacent to former piggery

Parish Council recommended refusal on 16/05/19

District Council refused application on 13/02/20

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

District Council approved on 06/02/20