Great Abington Parish Council

Clerk: Mrs. PM Harper

17 Lewis Crescent, Great Abington, Cambridge CB21 6AG

**A Meeting of Great Abington Parish Council**

To be held on **Monday 15th November 2021**, starting at **7.15pm** in the hall at the Institute.

**105. OPEN FORUM** Parishioners can raise any matters of concern.

**106. APOLOGIES**

**107.DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

**108. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE LAST MEETINGS** **–**20th September, 4th October, 25th October and 10th November 2021

**109. REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR HENRY BATCHELOR –****circulated**

**110. REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN BATCHELOR –circulated**

**111. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

a) Hedge/verge cutting done at junctions on Newmarket Road with North and South Road, plus along Pampisford Road with Cutting Road. Chased up getting the hedge trimmed by the path from the village to Chalky Road

b) Update from Planning Enforcement on highlighted irregularities. Consider reporting the planning team to the local government ombudsman, as queries response deadlines are passed without replying to the Council and new deadlines are set on a repeated basis.

c) Meadow Walk no through road signs for 5,7,9 Meadow Walk – contact Heather Jones. Contacting sign s

**112. PLANNING**

**a)** Update on the Linton Road (North) development.

b) Update on Granta Park

**c) Application to be considered:**

21/04530/FUL - 14 Magna Close - Change of use from existing dwelling of hairdressing salon

d) Planning application considered since last meeting on separate sheet

**113. FINANCE**

a) Authorisation of the payments in the table below.

**Payment to be authorised by Councillors:**

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| Bank transfer | Glen Broad | Sept churchyard grass cut | £59.00 |
| Bank transfer | Paula Harper | Pay for October and November | £451.72 |
| Bank transfer | HMRC | Tax for October and November | £113.00 |
| Bank transfer | Brookfield | Grass cut in October and November | £400.00 |
| Bank transfer | Mike Gutteridge | Interim Audit | £143.00 |
| Bank transfer | Abington Institute | Hall rental | £193.00 |
| Bank transfer | Abington Recreation Ground Committee | Second Half of Precept 2021/22 | £2,067.50 |
| Bank transfer | Fenland Leisure | Section 106 funds -Deposit for play area equipment and new flooring for under slide & other equipment | £4,500.00 |

b) Transfer of memory stick to Chairman.

c) Income : ½ Precept £6,250, Cambridge Electric Transport £9,00 and interest 0.55p to Business A/C

d) Section 106 funds (included final £ 3815.76 from 104 High Street) used for £4,500.00 deposit for play equipment and flooring for area.

e) Request from Institute for £3,000 Section 106 funds to install a larger extractor in the changing room, improve room ventilation, make good the walls and redecorate the changing rooms.

f) Clerk worked 17 extra hours during October.

g) Bank Reconciliation- circulated

h) Outcome/recommendations from the last Finance Working Group meeting. The statements were checked against the invoices. Changes to the spreadsheet and adding the payment transfer date to the invoices was agreed. It was suggested that monthly standing orders could be set up to pay the Clerk and grass contractor (when next years contract starts).

i) Bank balances:

**Barclays Bank balances unchanged except \*at:**

Community Account - £475.38

Business Interest - £22,203.06\*, where 0.55p interest added

Active Saver Account (s106 funds) – £64,248.61

Unity current account:

Balance - £82,673.19 on 31/10/2021

**114. INTERIM AUDITOR’S COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

a) Report circulated to Councillors.

b) His comments and recommendations would be considered at a meeting of the Finance Working Group.

**115. MEETINGS**

a) Suggestion that planning meetings could take place without the Clerk attending.

b) Suggestion that extraordinary council meetings would be called when urgently required.

**116.** **ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

a) Update on the transfer of the Moorefield play area and open space land from Hill Residential to the Parish Council. Transfer register of title had been signed. Boundary agreement letter to be/has been signed by Tony Orgee

b) Update on Tees Law work to transfer the orchard/play area and open space in Larkfield to the Parish Council.

c) A request to amend the section 106 agreement for Laragh has been sent to the Planning Officer/Section 106 Officer to make the option to send the funds more flexible.

d) Update on improving broadband in local villages

e) Replacement of the dead trees at Larkfield, request for the agreed fruit trees to be planted and for more information about the water pipe that remains on site.

f) Update about contacting landowners in Mortlock Gardens about the wall and field maple.

g) Update on getting tree made safe on land in Lewis Crescent.

h) Getting permission from landowners to install memorial benches on Linton Road opposite the junction of Meadow Walk and Linton Road, on the recreation ground and on the green in Magna Close.

i) Flooding in Great Abington High Street.

j) Discussion on Funding Allocation percentages

k) The Council’s LHI bid made.

l)) Update on sale of Council’s e-bike and equipment.

m) Naming the Linton Road development by Strawberry Farm. Query about why ‘The Old Nursery’ was not acceptable, when there are no nurseries on Pampisford Road.

n)Request tocut hedge along Linton Road sent to landowner.

**117. ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

a) Update on PC website

b) Suggestion that a disabled parking bay be created on the High Street outside the Institute.

c) Hedge cutting at the churchyard.

d) Request for support for outside project.

e) The Recreation Ground deeds are now with the Clerk. Authorisation to have Tees Law’s Saffron Walden office hold these deeds for the Council?

**118. BUDGET & PRECEPT FOR 2022-23**

a) Review, amend and adopt Budget for 2022-23.

b) Agreed Precept amount for 2022-23.

**119. TO CONSIDER ACTIONS REQUIRED DUE TO THE PANDEMIC.**

a) Any action required to assist people/volunteer groups?

b) Request for funds for a Pro Zoom annual licence costing £119.90 for the Partridges and Abington History Group to use for remote meetings over the next 12 months.

120. REPORT FROM THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

a) Update

**121. CORRESPONDENCE**

a)Parish Nurse Scheme request for funding for the next 2 years of the scheme (£20,000 required).

b) Meeting with new Mayor to discuss A1307 improvements arranged by Henry Batchelor.

**122. NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA on 17th January 2021.**

Holiday dates?