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 26th September 2022**, starting at **7.15pm** in the hall at the Institute.

**54. OPEN FORUM -** Parishioners can raise any matters of concern.

**55. APOLOGIES**

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

**57. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE LAST MEETINGS** **–**18th July and 1st August 2022.

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

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

**60. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

a) Pot holes on High Street and Pampisford Road- discussed at site meeting with Highway Officer on 6th September.

b) Update from Planning Enforcement on highlighted irregularities.

c) Pampisford Road and Cutting Road signs have fallen down.

d) The footpath outside Morefield on the Pampisford is breaking up- - discussed at site meeting with Highway Officer on 6th September.

e) Resurfacing the end of the footpath between Pampisford Road and Chalky Road - discussed at site meeting with Highway Officer on 6th September.

f) Trees on the Newmarket road are now growing out into the road.

g) State of paths particularly opposite the entrance to Mortlock Gardens - discussed at site meeting with Highway Officer on 6th September.

**61. PLANNING**

a) Planning applications to be considered:

22/03745/SCRE - The Welding Institute 6 Granta Park - EIA screening opinion under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for the proposed redevelopment of the TWI campus at Granta Park to repurpose and refurbish existing buildings and provide a net increase of up to 22,000sqm Gross External Area (GEA) of research and development office and laboratory space

b) The planning decision from the Parish Council and District Council are on a separate sheet.

**62. FINANCE**

a) Authorisation of the payments in the table below.

**Payment to be authorised by Councillors:**

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| **Payment method** | **Payee** | **Produce or service** | **Payment value** |
| Bank transfer | Paula Harper | Pay for August & September |  |
| Bank transfer | HMRC | Tax for Aug & Sept |  |
| **Bank transfer** | **Hildersham PCC** | **Parish Nurse (first 1/2 contribution)** | **£1000.00** |
| **Bank transfer** | **Paula Harper** | **Refund laptop SSD installation cost** | **£213.50** |
| Bank transfer | Dr RF & Mrs G Smith | Tent pole repairs- Abington Party tent | £42.26 |
| Bank transfer | Stanley Tee LLP | Easement to Recreation ground | £1552.00 |
| **Bank transfer** | **Conservefor** | **Final balance for play equipment – s106** | **£3240.00** |

b) The council’s computer has had a SSD hard drive fitted

c) Can councillors authorise a payment to Richard Smith- tent pole repairs Abington party tent - £42.26?

d) Completion of the bank mandate to add Jane Bowen & remove two retired councillors.

e) Councillors to authorise Unity to act as agent with electricity supplier; the previous agreement has ended.

**Barclays Bank balances at:**

Community Account - £475.38 (statement 31/05/2022)

Business Interest - £22,205.83 (quarterly statement 30/06/2022)

Active Saver Account (s106 funds) – £53,010.48 (statement 31/03/2022)

**Unity current account:**

Balance - £96,622.82 from statement dated 31/08/2022

**63. ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

a)Parking in the village is getting worse with parking on the double yellow lines the norm.

b) The path at the top of the high street to Chalky Road - can this become part of the package of work for the contract to cut the grass?

c) Update on new website is it ready to be launched

d) Update on electric cycles in the village.

**64. OUTSTANDNG MATTERS CONCERNING THE OPEN SPACES AT LARKFIELD,LINTON ROAD**

a)  Hill has asked if the council wants the existing water supply to remain and be transferred over to the Parish Council, or for it to be disconnected?

b) Outstanding matters concerning this development are: replacement of the dead trees at Larkfield, a RoSPA report for the play area, for the grass to be maintain until the land is transferred, request for the agreed fruit trees to be planted and for more information about the water pipe that remains on site and the removal of the light at the entrance to the development.

**65. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

a) Request from the village Post Office for support becoming a Community Post Office.

b) Update on improving broadband in local villages

c) Installing a memorial bench on Linton Road opposite the junction of Meadow Walk on Linton Road.

d)Creating a disabled parking bay on the High Street outside the Institute.

e) Repaying British cycling the overpayment of funds received by Abington Recreation Ground Committee.

**66. INTERNAL AUDIT AND YEAR END**

a) The External Auditor suggested two amendments to the submitted AGAR forms. Firstly that the council tick box 9 in section 1 to state ‘N/A’ concerning the council having responsibility for a Trust. In section 2, amendments were made to Boxes 3 and 6 to show values of ‘£88,335’ and ’£16,931’ respectively. On the prior year’s external audit report one of the except for matters said that Boxes 3 and 6 had to be restated for this year’s AGAR. They should have been ‘£88,335’ and ’£16,931’ respectively; this was because a duplicate payment should not have been included in the transactions.  Can Councillors retrospectively authorise these two amendments that are now on the website.

**67.RISK ASSESSMENT OF THE LAND AT MOOREFIELD CLOSE AND GRASS CUTTING**

a) The Clerk looked a the grassed area on 2nd August.

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

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

69. REPORT FROM THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

a) Update

**70. CORRESPONDENCE**

a)A request by TWI for an Environmental Impact Assessment screening option on its plans to partially re-develop its campus at Granta Park.

b) Local Highway Initiative scheme – does the council plan to make an application?

c) Parish Nurse Scheme update from Keith Day and hopefully a new Parish Nurse at the November meeting.

d) Chair of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee (ARGC) who was revising the ARGC’s Terms of Reference that included the ARGC’s status.

e) Can the council authorise Utility Aid Ltd as our nominated Energy Consultant with the electricity companies?

f) Correspondence about the state of the footpath particular opposite Mortlock Gardens**.**

**71. NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA on 21st November 2022 -** Holiday dates and budget?

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

**Parish Council decisions:**

1. 22/02548/FUL – 14 Magna Close - Change of use from existing timber outbuilding to hairdressing salon.

Parish Council recommended approval on 01/08/2022

1. Appeal against enforcement notice - 16 Chalky Road - Barns not built in accordance, use of land as a campsite and breach of landscaping S/2387/17/FL

The Council noted the email from Stephen Kelly, Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, Greater Cambridge Planning Service, in which he stated that he had decided to withdraw the current enforcement notice because of incorrect dimensions, and would reconsider the matter further. In the light of this statement the Council felt that it would be appropriate to wait until Mr Kelly had decided what future action to take22/01556/S73

**District Council decisions**

22/01829/CL2PD -34 South Road – Lawful use certificate granted for existing room to be used as part-time for part-time personal training (3 hours, 3 days a week).

District Council granted 06/09/2022

21/03822/FUL 21/03822/FUL -Site 1 Granta Park - Erection of R&D building and associated decked car park, landscaping and associated infrastructure

District Council approval on 06/09/2022

Appeal -16 Chalky Road – barns not built in accordance, use of land as campsite & breach of landscaping S/2387/17/FL – withdrawn?