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 17th January 2022**, starting at **7.15pm** in the hall at the Institute.

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

**130. APOLOGIES**

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

**132. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE LAST MEETINGS** **–**25th October. 15th November and 29th November 2021

**133. EXTENSION TO COUNCILLOR ABSENCE** (if required)- Section 85, Local Government act 1972   Recommendation to Extend Six Month Rule.

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

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

**136. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

a) Along the path from the High Street to Chalky Road the hedge is encroaching on the left hand side from Reed Homes land.

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 had been ordered by Temporary Address Management Officer, Christopher Tweed on 16/11/21.

**137. PLANNING**

a) Council to consider it’s views on building in gardens.

b) Planning application considered since last meeting on separate sheet

**138. FINANCE**

a) Authorisation of the payments in the table below.

**Payment to be authorised by Councillors:**

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| Bank transfer  | Glen Broad  | Churchyard grass cut – 2 cuts  | £118.00 |
| Bank transfer  | Paula Harper | Pay for December plus 13 hr o/time (Nov)and December last yr | £564.70 |
| Bank transfer  | HMRC | Tax for October and November  | £141.20 |
| Bank transfer | Brookfield  | Grass cut in October and November | £400.00 |
| Bank transfer | Stephen McDonnell | Website domain cost | £135.48 |
| Bank transfer | Abington Institute | Hall rental -October and November | £94.00 |
| Bank transfer | Little Abington PC | Website domain cost & Ford maint | £65.15 |
| Bank transfer | Ian Blackman-  | Bus shelter repair to fascia | £72.00 |

b) Transfer of memory stick to Chairman.

c) Income : interest 0.55p to Business A/C

d) 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. For future reference.

f) Clerk worked 13 extra hours during November and normal hours in December.

g) Bank Reconciliation- circulated

h) Outcome/recommendations from the last Finance Working Group meeting. A report of the meeting was circulated to all Councillors. Details under later item 138 below.

i) Bank balances:

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

Community Account - £475.38

Business Interest - £22,203.61\*, where 0.55p interest added

Active Saver Account (s106 funds) – £64,255.03\*, where £6.42 interest added

Unity current account:

Balance - £74,329.01 on 31/12/2021

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

a) Report comments and recommendations considered at a meeting of the Finance Working

**140.** **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. Boundary agreement letter and plan signed by Tony Orgee and returned to Tees Law.

b) Update on Tees Law work to transfer the orchard/play area and open space in Larkfield to the Parish Council. Now that Councillors have seen the plan of the area Hill would like the council to have responsibility for. Can councillors confirm that they only wish to have responsibility for the play area and the orchard, not the surrounding grass?

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.Chased.

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.Trying to arrange a site meeting with a representative from Hill.

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) Letter of thanks sent to Andrew Browne’s assistant concerning flooding in Great Abington High Street.

j) Discussion on Funding Allocation percentages. GAPC’s support for Tony’s suggestion forward to LAPC.

k) The Council’s LHI bid- update.

l.) Naming the Linton Road development by Strawberry Farm. The developer Reed Homes has suggested the road been named Nursery Rise , rather than Bramble Rise.

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

**141. ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

a) Update on PC website

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

c) Hedge cutting at the churchyard.

d) Request for letter of support for Primary School outside project.

e) Feedback on the meeting with the Mayor

f) Pampisford Road and Chalky Road signs have fallen down.

g) The footpath outside Morefield on the Pampisford is breaking up.

h) This is the boundary with the Reed development,

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

a) Two Councillors to authorise precept request form which needs to be sent to SCDC.

**143.REVIEW AND UPDATE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES/DOCUMENTS**

a) Financial Regulations

b) Statement of Internal Control

c) Routine payment list

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

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

b) The Partridges and Abington History Group have purchased a zoom licence at a cost of £107.90.

145. REPORT FROM THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

a) Update

**146. CORRESPONDENCE**

a)Parish Councils elections will take place on 5th May this year for this council.

**147. NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA on 21st March 2021 and a possible planning meeting 21st February.**

Holiday dates? Grass contract quotes required.