



# GAMLINGAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting of Gamlingay Parish Council held at the Kier Suite, Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors C Smith, G Brass, C Sale, J Wright, T Gurney, G Burne, A Goss, S Groom, P Webb and M Brown. District and County Councillors B Smith and S Kindersley. Clerks K Rayner and L Bacon and 2 members of the public

148. Resolved to accept **apologies** for absence from D Finnigan, T Gurney and Chair JMcGeady.
149. To receive **declarations of interest** from councillors on items on the agenda:- none.
- 149.1 To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests.
- 149.2 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.
150. To receive any **representations from Members of the Public and Press** relating to items of business on this agenda during a ten minute Open Forum. R Starksfield raised an emotive problem with dogs in the new cemetery and suggested more robust signage and an additional poo bin at the church.
151. Resolved to **approve and sign as a correct record the meeting minutes** the Full Council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016.
152. To consider Any **Matters Arising** from these minutes.i. Deferral of S/2367/16/OL-West Rd –further consultation on new information. Noted Planning Committee resolved to repeat previous comments against application. Trail bikes – response from SCDC. Noted. Incidents in Green Acres and Clopton Way to be reported to Police Special. Post Office – no agreement reached with Post Mistress on new systems, negotiations ongoing. Parking at School Close is causing problems again – to be reported to Police.
153. **Monthly round up from village groups-** i. Forward Gamlingay! Careers carousel to take place at Stratton Upper School and similar planned for GVC on topic of “The World of Work”. Easter holiday CV writing workshop at the Eco Hub, to be followed by session on interview technique if well supported. Art project targeting older people is being finalized. ii.GEAG. No report.
154. **Correspondence from Local MP, District and County Councillors and Police reports-** i. Heidi Allen MP – request for feedback about public transport. JW to send clerks a response relating to the demand responsive transport scheme. TG asked SK if funding from the “Innovation Fund” could benefit community transport schemes. li.Reports from Cllr Smith, and Cllr Kindersley (District and County representative). SK – report has been circulated. SCDC Planning committee to shortly agree Cambourne West expansion including 3 new schools. Will have potential impact on traffic through Gamlingay as motorists cut through to avoid A428. County budget cuts on gritting and streetlighting have been reversed. CCC paid out £166k in compensation due to potholes damaging vehicles last year. AG reminded SK that he requested more information about cost liability relating to the suggestion that parishes be asked to do their own pothole repairs in future. BS – fly tipping on New Rd has continued – suggests Council requests covert CCTV. New SCDC Chief Executive interviews to take place shortly. Gaps in delivery of SCDC magazine are being addressed. Costs for residents using community halls at sheltered housing are being looked into by portfolio holder – counterproductive to



- encouraging community cohesion and combating loneliness. May not be cost effective to cut gritting routes when County have to cover emergency service costs in relation to increased traffic accidents. iii. Report from Floyd Matthews (Police Special). Not present. SK left the meeting.
- 156.6 This item was brought forward by the Chair. NHP draft policies on economic development have been submitted to SCDC and feedback is now being incorporated. Further consultation with businesses will take place. A ministerial statement on NHP's has been published with advice for communities facing a shortage of 5 year land supply. Developers are likely to challenge the advice. An application for business support work has been submitted to SCDC. WI – BS has been in contact with users to discuss options. BS reminded councillors that her job description includes helping local groups with grant funding support.
155. To **receive reports on other** Parish Council responsibilities and projects:-
- 156.1 **Community Buildings**
- i. Eco Hub – no items.
  - ii. WI Hall – a. Minutes of WI meeting attended by Project Facilitator 13.12.16 and press release. Noted will be in February Gazette. WI keen to move to Eco Hub as soon as possible and have viewed rooms this evening. Will be submitting grant request to support room hire (Kier Suite). WI hope new venue will encourage new members. AF suggested that County should be sent press release to update them on proposed closure timescales. Clerks to contact relevant officer. b. S106 group – to arrange meeting. Dates circulated. c. Leak – progress of repair. Plumber visited today.
  - iii. Old Methodist Chapel –no issues
- 156.2 **Recreational Spaces**
- i. Recreation field and playground – new wall progress. Work commenced Saturday. Photo opportunity with Brogan Group to be arranged on completion.
  - ii. Northfield Close- criminal damage to trees and shrubs, progress. Further letter from residents was read out. Resolved – clerk to write back stating costs in detail (inclusive of vat) and explaining that the exact location of the replanting will be decided on site between the contractor and council representatives. Quotation for fencing for consideration. Not yet received.
- 156.3 **Cemeteries and Churchyards**
- i. Complaint – St Mary's Cemetery. Suggested signage and press release. A complaint has been received about dogs in the cemetery – paw prints in soft earth on grave and spraying of memorial cross. Dog poo has been noticed left in the cemetery and some owners do not keep to the paths. Some councillors felt dogs should be banned altogether, others felt more robust signage stating dogs allowed under close control on leads and on the paths within the cemetery was appropriate. There is a public footpath crossing St Mary's field – the route of this is to the right hand side, outside the boundary of the cemetery marked by a newly planted hedge. It was acknowledged that this path gets muddy as it is laid to grass and therefore people tend to use the central path as it is graveled and the most direct route. Following discussion of options to address the issues raised, it was resolved to lock the wooden kissing gate at the end of the central path with immediate effect and to erect signage to inform people that only those paying their respects in the cemetery should use the central path, no dogs are permitted in the cemetery and all walkers should be directed across the gravel drive to continue their walk down the public footpath route. It was noted that there is a gap in this new hedge– clerks to investigate. An additional dog poo bin by the church is to be requested from SCDC.
- 156.4 **Neighbourhood Plan.** Meeting arranged to discuss possible handover of Environmental and transport lead. Initial analysis now being done. Discussion taking place with other



- parishes about a joint locality bid. SCDC training in early March will look at draft policies and provide feedback.
- 156.5 **Library** – latest visitor figures. Noted.
- 156.6 **Project Officer report-** (BS) . Discussed earlier.
157. **Information and communications** i. Publications committee –new member required. M Brown volunteered. meeting dates 2017 to be circulated. ii. New Website – progress. Hold up is due to complications in transfer of .gov domain from current provider, but is moving forward.
158. **Financial**  
i. Resolved to approve- Cheques list BACS and Direct debits – circulated updated list.
159. **South Cambridgeshire District Council**
- 159.1 Local Green Space submission to LDF – invitation to hearings. Resolved that KR will attend hearings.
- 159.2 Assets of community value – notice of disposal The Wheatsheaf. Clerks to contact SCDC to query how notice will be locally publicized.
- 159.3 South West Parishes Patch meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016. Attendees- LB.
160. **Cambridgeshire County Council**
- 160.1 Highways  
i. Drove Rd – latest update on road improvements. Noted - update on next agenda.  
ii Church St parking improvements. Timeline, scheme details reminder and update. Resolved to instruct County to pursue costings for scheme as outlined without addition of bollards at Stocks Lane junction. Costs should include detail of borehole testing required on the Emplins access road. It was noted that the scheme may still have to be revised if additional works are found to be necessary – for example when the footpath structure is investigated in more detail. Bringing the cemetery access road to adoptable standard may be cost prohibitive. Noted that the road is not in Parish Council ownership. Noted that anticipated timescale for draw down of final funding has been exceeded. Once final scheme is agreed, further public consultation, particularly with directly affected residents, will be required.
161. **Staffing and Councillor matters -**
162. **General Correspondence** – Bound copy of Section 104 agreement with Anglian Water re Station Road residential development for signature. Signed. Other general correspondence available in the office. Noted.
163. **Items for the next agenda. None.**
164. **Noted the dates of the next Parish Council and Committee meetings**  
F&GP Tues 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm  
Full Council 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
Planning meetings 7pm prior to all meetings.
165. To formally record the **time of closure** of the Parish Council Meeting at 9.55pm.

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