



**Minutes of a Meeting of Gamlingay Parish Council held at the Kier Suite, Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Present: J McGeady(Chair), Councillors C Smith, J Wright, T Gurney, A Foster, G Burne, C Sale, S Hemmings. District and County Councillors B Smith and S Kindersley. Clerk L Bacon and 7 members of the public.

43. Resolved to receive **apologies** for absence from S Groom, R Spurling and TGoss (previous engagements) and B Perry (previously approved absence).
44. To receive **declarations of interest** from councillors on items on the agenda:- J Wright personal non pecuniary in 54.ii as parent of First School pupil.
- 44.1 To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests. None.
- 44.2 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.
45. 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. Members of the Drove Road action group – apologies from S Walder. Very disappointed that County will not support a reduction to 40mph but would rather a 50mph than no change. Asked that Council keep up pressure for measures to reduce speeding and improve road safety on this road. AF – strongly feels that it should be 40mph and enforcement is needed, the statistics support this. County Highways budget is insufficient. CS – Cinques crossroads in particular is very dangerous and needs to be approached at 40mph, no more. Cllr Kindersley was asked to comment – each location is unique, takes point about underfunding but thinks measures suggested and speed of response from County proves commitment to taking this seriously. He strongly advises council to accept the 50mph but emphasize public disquiet. JW – the Parish Council and community has invested time and money to assist with reducing speeding but County are effectively preventing Speed Watch from operating by not supporting a reduction to 40mph. Public session closed.
55. i. Chair brought this item forward. Resolved to respond to County to pursue a reduction of the speed limit to 50mph, as this is all that is being offered. However, there is very considerable public disquiet over this and the Parish Council ask that you please make an urgent site visit to look at the whole length of Drove Road again, with constructive input from residents who know the road well. There is particular concern about the visibility around the Cinques Road crossroads and the speed of traffic approaching this from both directions on Drove Road.  
The Parish Council and the local community has invested money, time and effort into doing what it can to help with reducing speed and all parties are very frustrated that County cannot support a reduction to 40mph, at which point the Community Speed watch team could become involved – several volunteers are from the Drove Road area. Public session re-opened. Mr Bradley of the Cinques explained that he is not a representative of other Cinques residents and felt the questionnaire he circulated to residents was not un solicited, a parish councillor had asked him to produce it. JMG pointed out that following the last ,rather heated, meeting with some Cinques residents, a smaller further discussion group including Mr Bradley was suggested – there was no indication or agreement that he should produce his own questionnaire. Mr Bradley felt that the Parish Council has a duty not only to protect Cinques common but also to make sure residents at the Cinques have sufficient safe and secure parking once the proposed changes are made. He felt the car park was sometimes full of walkers cars and exit from it was be dangerous. Public session was closed.

- 50.1 ii. Chair brought this item forward. JMG – PC has done sufficient consultation. C Smith - The car park is currently very overgrown but will be improved to provide safe and secure parking for the majority of residents. Owners of the terraced houses on the corner have no legal rights to park on the common, but there would still be space to park opposite their houses – but forward of the Cinques road sign. As an ex resident of the Cinques he knows this had been done for some time. The adjacent lorry yard owners have no rights to dictate where people park on the track as it is not owned by anyone at the entry point. BS was pleased to be able to say that in future the Greensand Ridge Walk will officially begin and end at the Eco Hub, so there should not be an issue with walkers vehicles using up space in the car park. i. Further quotes to F and GP.
46. Resolved - Approved and signed as a correct record the meeting minutes the Full Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016, and noted draft minutes of F&GP 28<sup>th</sup> June for information.
47. To consider Any **Matters Arising** from these minutes. None.
48. **Monthly round up from village groups-** i. Forward Gamlingay (BS). Economic development strand is moving forward with 2 young and otherwise unemployed people helping. The Bike Bank will operate in November. NEAT (not in education or training) referrals will begin in mid-September with intensive support to ensure engagement. An open day in conjunction with Shuttleworth will take place in Oct. Form the Future Youth Club project to improve confidence and self-esteem amongst young people is ongoing. Cllr Topping, leader at SCDC is to visit Gamlingay as an exemplar model for other youth projects. ii. GEAG – no representative.
49. **District and County Councillors reports-** Cllr Smith, and Cllr Kindersley (District and County representative). SK – Church St parking improvements has proved to be very bureaucratic but now seems to be moving on. Green End – funding for pre school provision makes very stark reading for the developers. A letter from SCDC regarding bus “hubs” has been circulated to parish councils. Big items – 1. Devolution. It has been agreed to move forward with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough – he strongly urges a response to the consultation. The proposal introduces new layers of bureaucracy particularly to the planning process. City Deal – BS has been very vocal about this. Blythe Way – disappointing that there will not be a replacement streetlight. BS - Robinson Court – planning application now submitted. Will be some private market housing to make scheme financially viable. - “Woodhenge” – unwanted wooden bollards in parts of Blythe Way have now been removed. SCDC magazine – delivery still patchy. In future, spare copies will be available from the Eco Hub. Residents are very unhappy with lack of grass cutting by County and District, many complaints. BS urged the PC to participate in consultations on the City deal and Devolution. An appeal on the West Rd planning has been launched by Endurance Estates and will take the form of an enquiry. Developers want to discuss with the parish what amendments to the application might make it acceptable.
50. To **receive reports from other initiatives** involving the Parish:-
- 50.1 (Covered above) **Cinques Common-** i. Quotations for consideration. ii. Letter sent to resident in response to unsolicited survey for information.
- 50.2 **The Butts** – working party meeting 6<sup>th</sup> July - verbal update. Working party would like to seek quotes for curvy feature wall, potentially to include sponsored bricks – agreed. F and GP to consider quotes for replacement surface under big swings rather than further repair work. Local contractor being sought to quote for painting equipment.
- 50.3 **Old Methodist Chapel/WI hall** –i. Roof quote - OMC. Not yet received. ii. iii. WI Hall-plumbing work done (emergency call out). Noted.
- 50.4 **Church Street Parking improvements-** Date of meeting with project officer 15<sup>th</sup> July and completion of safety audit. Noted. JW asked that latest plan be publicized as residents have lost track of what will or won't be included.



- 50.5 **Neighbourhood Plan** –I Questionnaire for village show -volunteer request. Noted GBurne has volunteered, councilors to indicate to clerks if they can help. Questionnaire in final version to be circulated. ii. website – costs for consideration. Resolved to agree £55. iii. Banner cost - £50 approved.
- 50.6 **Cemetery & Churchyards –i). St Mary’s Field cemetery-** i. Concrete stretcher installation date. Noted currently taking place although weather has halted work. ii. To resolve final detail on rules and regulations. Agreed suggested height/size and shapes of headstones and flat stones. Further discussion and possible consultation required on the following issues:  
Use of black granite  
Allowing dogs on leads in the cemetery  
Allowing bicycles (not ridden) in the cemetery. Query on bike racks.  
Removing the central gate in the lower fence  
Budgeting for future gravelling of the grass corridor to encourage walkers that side.  
iii. Relocation of War Memorial – response from GVC to planter suggestion. Noted, agreed to fund from new cemetery budget. Cemetery shed roof – additional quotation for consideration. Noted asbestos removal estimate £300. Firm quote to F and GP.
- 50.7 **Library** – latest visitor figures. Not available at this meeting.
- 50.8 **Project Officer report-** (BS) – Greensand Ridge Walk Gateway feature application. Approved application with wording prepared by RFO to clarify that GPC cannot underwrite £4k shortfall but supports project officer to seek this funding elsewhere.
51. **Information and communications** i. Publications committee date – to be set ii. New Website – progress. Not yet up and running.
52. **Financial** i. Approved- Cheques list BACS and Direct debits ii. Noted Invoices to Kier for Transport Contribution, speed reduction to 20mph and Millbridge Brook final works. MB final works has been paid. Indexation on transport contribution noted.  
iii. To consider a donation to GVC Fun Run in aid of Keech Hospice in memory of Evan Rees Humphreys. Resolved to donate £250 .
53. **Recreation Spaces** i. Bowls club – request for removal/upgrade of water meter. Noted. Clerk to check with water authority if meter could be causing issue and how to rectify. ii. Clarification on designated parking area. Resolved that parking should be forward of corner of tennis club fence, parallel to path. iii. Feedback on circus visit. All cleared away satisfactory. Not very profitable – inclement weather and lack of information about animal participation may have contributed. Circus may ask for a fee reduction if they book next year.
54. **South Cambridgeshire District Council-**i) Planning Policy monthly update. Noted. ii) Cabinet and Parish Council Liaison meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July - attendees. SG and LB. iii) Robinson Court submission of planning application. Noted not yet on planning portal iv. Green End – options for additional early years places in Gamlingay. Chair allowed comments from two members of the public. Had seen posts on FB page and attended to find out what provision there would be in future for preschoolers. LB explained that due to the proposed increase in housing at Green End, an assessment has been made by the Education Authority on the number of preschool places required in future and whether there is existing capacity to satisfy any increase. The report from the SCDC officer states that there are two issues 1. An immediate need to accommodate children from new housing and 2. Potentially relocating Sunshine preschool from the WI hall at some point in the future as the building has already exceeded its limited expected lifespan. Two options were outlined to provide additional early years places 1. For the developer to provide land and funding for an extension to the Old Methodist Chapel 2. For the



developer to pay the costs for a new facility at the First School to replace the provision at the WI hall. The Parish Council Section 106 committee will discuss these options further at its next meeting.

55. **Cambs County Council and Highways**  
(covered earlier) i). Drove Rd - Residents group response to speed survey data and officer response  
ii) Highways verge cutting Grays Road and elsewhere – latest. Residents have taken matters into their own hands and cut some of the verges left uncut by County/District. Resolved – situation is unacceptable for residents. Clerks to write officially to County and District to complain about lack of delivery of service of grass cutting.  
iii) Footpath request Everton Road the Heath – latest. Noted support from Police for request. Clerk has asked County officer for early site meeting to discuss options.
56. **Station Rd –Kier/Anglian Water agreement** –latest. No update.
57. **Police – apologies from Special Constable noted.**
58. **Staffing and Councillor matters** - i. LCAS membership, information, networking and training courses. Noted, any attendees to let clerks know.
59. **General Correspondence** – Available in the office. Noted.
60. **Items for the next agenda . Gamlingay Post Office – will be closed from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September for refurbishment.**
61. **To note the dates of the next Parish Council and Committee meetings. Noted.**  
  
September 13th Full Council 2016 7.30pm  
F&GP Tues 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30pm  
Planning meetings 7pm prior to all meetings. August meeting to be arranged if needed.
62. To formally record the **time of closure** of the Parish Council Meeting. 9.55pm.

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