



**Minutes of a Meeting of Gamlingay Parish Council held at the Kier Suite, Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Chair J McGeady, Councillors S Groom (delayed), C Smith, J Wright, A Goss, M Brown, D Finnigan, P Webb, S Martin. Clerk K Rayner and L Bacon. County and District Councillor S Kindersley, Cllr B Smith, 1 member of the public.

112. To receive apologies for absence- KW, GB- previous engagement, TG-family emergency
113. **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda:-**
- a. To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests- None received
  - b. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate-none.
114. To receive any representations from Members of the Public and Press relating to items of business on this agenda during a fifteen-minute Open Forum. Item 122.3 Taxi consultation- LB concerned at proposals for large permanent badge signage and CCTV – impact on private hire firms in rural areas. Access to provide for vulnerable/elderly for rural support transport service as part of private hire businesses will be curtailed/ended by new proposed policy. Council are to discuss the implications further restriction of rural transport services /resolve under item 122.3. SK advised panther Services moved out of City due to regulation changes- likely to move back if SCDC agree proposed changes(revenue loss to SCDC)
115. To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017. **Minutes agreed and signed.** Draft minutes of F&GP 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017-noted
116. To consider Any Matters Arising from these minutes. CS- Post Office- closed for remodeling 8<sup>th</sup> January-23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.
117. **Correspondence from Local MP, District and County Councillors and Police reports-** i. Reports from Cllr Smith- written report already submitted, a few additions ,Mayor Greater Cambridge Partnership –looking to rapid mass transport into/out of Cambridge-report leaked that light rail is not feasible. Option now looking at autonomous metro (tunnelled)- A428 plans- Park and Ride at Scotland Farm, large potential impacts on Coton and Hardwick villages. Tunnel costs approx. £2bn. All development contributions likely to be taken for this project-nothing left for the villages. Proposal of land tax payments of £40k per new property is proposed to pay for it– greenbelt threat. Anglia TV- will be here on Thursday 6-6.30pm- local choirs-live transmission 6-6.30pm-will concentrate on loneliness and isolation. WI hall application has been submitted. Cllr Kindersley (District and County representative)-Ram raid on Co-Op Saturday night-after the ATM-it is a highly valued local facility. SK concerned about condition of pavements after heavy snow. /extreme weather conditions-suggested Parish Council consider a good neighbour scheme. SK comparing at Alzheimers Charity carol concert at St Johns-please come along. AG and AF have been out as volunteers and gritted all major pathways to access shops/co-op. Thanks to them for their hard work. Need more salt-clerks to request some more. BS Guides are doing gifts for the elderly with Baptist minister-BS to contact the warden. BS and SK left the meeting.
118. **To receive reports on other Parish Council responsibilities and projects:-**
- 118.1 **Community Buildings**
- i. WI Hall –To receive any update on outstanding rent debt-no update. Closure 31<sup>st</sup> December-notifications all users have vacated, Planning application submitted for site-noted.



- ii. Old Methodist Chapel –telltale monitors- report- no movement reported.
  - iii. Eco Hub – Occupational license-update- to be circulated a couple of tweaks needed, -Storage and office hours. Roof update –next meeting
  - iv. Church St Improvements- response from Merton College- no response to date. Draw down from Kier- clerk to action.
- 118.2 **Recreational Spaces**
- i. Grass cutting contract –return date 14<sup>th</sup> December. Tender opening 20<sup>th</sup> December-10am all councilors invited-report to next meeting
  - ii. Cinques – To approve and sign new lease with Wildlife Trust-**Agreed and signed by Two councillors and witnessed by member of the public.**
  - iii. BMX track - report- remaining works- Digger to be arranged.
  - v. Millbrook Meadows – survey river monitoring report (JW) Lots of shrimps in evidence- volunteer will be monitoring water life, others to monitor wildlife on banks/fields. Further sampling 19<sup>th</sup> December to take place. Some information be made available to Wildlife trust for their website. The brook is very healthy. Need to arrange some bramble overhang into brook from new cemetery side- Clerks to action.
  - vi. Tree survey-actions proposed-**Resolved to get quotes for the works identified in the report (to next meeting), and tree health assessment for tree number 185 on recreation ground- loss of limb.** Clerk has clarified insurance requirements regarding members of public using equipment to remove unwanted logs etc.
- 118.3 **Cemeteries and Churchyards**
- i. St Mary's churchyard –Oak tree planting, positioning- existing position needs checking that it does not interfere with grass cutters- removal of ash tree agreed (118.2 (vi))
- 118.4. **Library** – to note any items. Library early closure planned on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December- for Christmas period.
119. **Information and communications**
- i. To note submission subject for Jan Gazette - Xmas lights event article-agreed. Noted some timers were not working- Balfour Beatty requested to rectify. Streamers were very popular. Thanks to all in the organizing group and helpers/contributors. WI Hall press release (BS)- no action taken.
120. **Community news**
- i. Forward Gamlingay! – monthly report –Crafts group-frieze of Church St is now complete- to be unveiled in New Year. The Art Barn- will install it in the Eco Hub. 4 week Christmas craft group –they are currently making decorations. FG! are seeking funding for additional art projects to help with isolation. CV workshops- still happening, three new members joined- new ideas are great.
  - ii. Neighbourhood Plan –a) Landscape Assessment costs- £147+VAT approved, b) update Housing Needs Survey-closing date 14 December, results February, c) Meeting-Green End Housing site (29<sup>th</sup> November)-noted.
  - iii. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme update – M Brown- Co-op ram raid, main news, Potton Rd The Heath group have new communication group set up. Main reports shed break ins, number plates stolen, vehicle break ins. Dangerous driving report disappointing response from Potton.
  - iv. Christmas lights group – Report on Christmas Lights event (2<sup>nd</sup> December)-4pm switch on a little early? –change order of events next year to help flow.



121. **Financial**
- i. To be approved- draft **payments list 331-355 and additional payments circulated via email to 367 were approved.**
  - ii. To approve recommendations from F&GP concerning Precept level for 2018-19- **Resolved to approve precept level of £199,202- a 1.67% increase from 2017/18.**
122. **South Cambridgeshire District Council**
- 122.1 Planning Policy Monthly update- noted
  - 122.2 Parish Council Liaison meeting 29<sup>th</sup> November-minutes will be circulated (not received to date)
  - 122.3 Taxi consultation –resolved clerk to respond- draft to be circulated to all councillors for approval.
123. **Cambridgeshire County Council**
- 123.1 **Highways and footpaths**
    - i. Disabled persons parking bay 68 Church Street- consultation:-**Resolved to make no objection to the proposal**
    - ii. Everton Rd footpath Scheme – verbal update- grant application unsuccessful. Meeting with Central beds Officer has taken place.
123. **Staffing and Councillor –** a) Cambs ACRE- Development Plan-summary (SM)- Development Plan to improve collaborative working in the sector-use of digital media- councillor surgeries suggestion to be held with other community events. Councillor profiles- on hold until the election- standard questions and photo format needs to be consistent.SM to assist with Facebook/twitter feed. AP to schedule posts/help with regular flow of information . Sharing info with eco Hub facebook also increases circulation. Consider use of Hootsuite. b) Annual leave requests (2017)-**Resolved to approve** c) Councillor surgeries- review – no attendance from members of the public so surgeries before council meetings will no longer take place.
124. **General Correspondence** – available in the office-noted.
125. **Items for the next agenda-** Village grass cutting tender award-recommendations-9<sup>th</sup> January meeting
126. **To note the dates of the next Parish Council and Committee meetings**  
Full Council 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Kier suite, F and GP 23rd January 2018  
Planning meeting 7pm prior to all meetings.
127. **To resolve closure of Meeting.** In accordance with section 1(2) of the Public bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted for the next item it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are temporarily excluded from the meeting and asked to withdraw.
- i. Project Officer report- update on WI hall disposal. No report
128. To formally record the **time of closure** of the Parish Council Meeting -8.55pm

## CHRISTMAS RERESHMENTS SERVED AFTER THE MEETING

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