

Minutes of a Meeting of Gamlingay Parish Council held at the Kier Suite, Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, on Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 7.35pm.

Present: Chair J McGeady, Councillors S Groom, C Smith, J Wright, A Goss, M Brown, G Burne, D Finnigan, Keith Warburton, P Webb, S Martin. Clerk K Rayner and L Bacon. County and District Councillor S Kindersley (delayed), Cllr B Smith, PCSO Alex Guiltillane. 2 members of the public.

94. To receive apologies for absence- AF (previous engagement), TG (unwell) .To consider any applications for co-option- none received.
95. **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda:-**
- a. To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests.SG item 100.2 (iii) Eco Hub and item 102 (i) FG!-registered interest
 - b. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.
96. 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. Mr. M Page representing Wyboston lakes (item 100.1 (i) and (ii)) advised that matters raised from the s.106 meeting and public meeting had been considered, self- build meeting a specific need identified in the Neighbourhood Plan. Clerk advised this was a general need not site specific. It was recognised that the site was a landfill site, speed of vehicles-larger visibility splays, proposal to fund a speed activation sign, and agreed to provide footpath connection from site access along south side of Green End to link to existing path network. Impact on No53 privacy- 2 closest units proposed to be 1.5 storey and west facing. S.106 contributions-open space there will be a commuted sum contribution either to the Parish Council or Management company. S.106 contributions are to be linked to timescales. The loss of the gap has raised issues-how site could be integrated. Surface water run-off will be an issue. There will be a traffic management plan on site. Public session was closed.
97. To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of 10th October 2017- **Minutes agreed and signed.** The draft minutes of F&GP 7th November 2017 were noted.
98. To consider Any Matters Arising from these minutes. No matters.
99. **Correspondence from Local MP, District and County Councillors and Police reports-** i. Reports from Cllr Smith- Greater Cambridgeshire partnership, A428 busway consultation open until 22nd January 2017. 3 options- tidal bus lane. New park and ride at Madingley Mulch controversarial, Scotland Farm is an alternative. BS applied to Innovate fund for £10k to continue outreach work for FG! Working with isolated people. Green bin collections reducing Dec-February-current problem with sickness bin men personnel. Local Plan- longest running in whole country-still not determined- some inspector comments to be released to public-in general the strategy of distribution of housing is sound. 3 senior planners have resigned-further risk of designation due to number of appeals lost. Right to refer to planning Committee elected members and Parish Councils have effectively lost this right- BS has complained about this. SK is delayed (report to follow), and Cllr Kindersley (District and County representatives). PCSO Alex Guiltillane introduced himself- discussed parking issues, some designated days where tickets have been issued to offenders outside the co-op. JW advised she uses the reporting tool. Occasional issues of anti-social behavior in the Eco Hub car park. PCSO may attend. Prefer to know places where congregate. Laughing gas canisters- issue was in Cambourne, now at an end- hopefully trend will pass. MB mentioned problems at Potton Rd The Heath, which require liaison with Bedfordshire Police. AG left the meeting.
100. **To receive reports on other** Parish Council responsibilities and projects:-

100.1 Planning matters . Large Scale Planning Applications - to consider recommendation from Planning Committee and to resolve Parish Council response in relation to S106 proposals on to the following applications:

i. S/3170/17/OL Heath Road/Green End 9 self- build units.- Clerk introduced the detail of the public meeting, and recommendation from Planning Committee. Notes from s.106 meeting reported in packs for consideration (further detail was provided). CS- village separation from its hamlets/satellite is a major concern- application could fundamentally change the nature of the village. Planning Committee have fought cases in Little Heath/applications to infill every gap. J McG- the village edge should not change. CS advised that we should treat the application as one as landowner has stated that the amenity land will not come forward without permission being granted for self-build. Issues raised at the public meeting included speeding, flooding, contamination, open space etc. open space-what use would it be to the village, how would it be managed. Barfords have answered some of the questions. JW- the application does cause creep of the village outside framework, and could lose distinct characteristics of the village. BS advised it was likely to be approved, SCDC pilot authority for self-build-will match people to plots, arguably more affordable. The site/location is the main issue. DF asked if individual plots would be sold off (contaminated land)? MP will be a condition of planning permission to undertake intrusive investigation and stipulate whether contamination poses a health risk. A mitigation scheme will be undertaken, before land can be offered for sale.

Recommendation from Planning Committee- refusal- principle of coalescence of hamlet of Dennis Green/Little Heath, precedent issue in relation to the physical stream boundary of the village development limit being removed will impact significant land stretches adjacent (cumulative impact). Support for self-build but not in this location. Concern over flooding and highway safety issues, contaminated site. S.106 considerations were reported and discussed. Two main questions were considered by Councillors. S.106 community benefits were not considered to outweigh the harm of both applications. Councillors not sure that the amenity space would be used by a significant proportion of residents, residents should be consulted (maintenance bill could fall on them long term) **Resolution:- unanimously supported refusal on this basis**

ii. S/3137/17/FL Heath Road/Green End. Green Space proposal- Applicant advised this is not a stand-alone application. Concern expressed that land would primarily only benefit self-build occupants .Proposal is land could be similar to the Lower Field scheme. Councillors were not prepared to decide whether the land should be passed to the Council on a long lease/freehold and with it maintenance responsibilities. Concern expressed about securing the land in perpetuity as open space, if it was managed by a management company. Further detail on scheme and consultation with residents is needed. **Resolution :- unanimously supported refusal on this basis**

iii. S/0249/17/CC GVC to Primary – Station Road Gamlingay-Recommendation from Planning Committee- approval but with major concerns- namely safety of children accessing the site-significant increased potential of road traffic accidents. Junction adjacent is poor- a wide junction with no pathways safe crossing. Limited on street parking for parents. Options for consideration raised previously- lollipop lady, pelican crossing, extension to 20mph. Issue that on-site parking not supported by Governors or County Council. KW- parking between 2 pinch points will make road impassable-not able to pull in (passing traffic) Will have to pull in to opposite side of road to park, then make dangerous manoeuvres into Church Lane triangle junction or U turn in Poppyfields junction. Lower gate- proposal for location for parent parking –County/School would

have to pay for. DF left meeting. The School have duty of care on site- outside site boundary-moral responsibility of the community. CS- a number of parents will not comply with walking- a proposed car park at bottom of the field and additional pedestrian access points need consideration, including possibility of path accessing rear gate on recreation field. There should be a requirement for new paths to be created to improve pedestrian access to site, within 1.6km (walking zone), especially areas adjacent to the site. KW- a car park not owned by school-is that a solution? SK arrived at the meeting-Issue is traffic management-have to be material planning considerations and discussions should be held with the Academy Trust. Only school routes safety measure not delivered was the build out of pavement on corner of Church Lane-to narrow road space. Costs- can not remember what they were.

CS reiterated recommendation from Planning Committee- **Resolved to support with major concerns- clerk to write draft response and circulate to all councilors for approval.**

Item 99 i- SK report-Closure of Bassingbourn Children's Centre will save £900k but that is only the cost of 5 children going into care. 660 children across Cambridgeshire in care- not a cost effective service- Gamlingay residents do have the Eco Hub, other villages don't have same provision-will lose out. County Council allowances have increased and appointed paid Community Champions (£5k) not democratic. J McG asked O2 about decommissioning of mast- reliant on mast in Little Gransden. Lollipop lady request (First school to Primary) SK originated this request-worth reassessing the cross junction again. SK left the meeting. DF joined the meeting.

100.2 **Community Buildings**

- i. WI Hall –To receive any update on outstanding rent debt. Chair of Sunshine still chasing the debts/money owed.
- ii. Old Methodist Chapel – to note installation of monitoring equipment. Thanks to AG/AF- no movement recorded this month- to be checked monthly.
- iii. Eco Hub – PCLC 13th Nov – verbal update. Good meeting, profit in last three months. Roof problem- possible medium term solution without removing solar panels-Treasurer to approve expenditure for remedial works in consultation with PC (Long term Maintenance expenditure). Minutes to F&GP. Guttering needs repair (PW/AG)

100.3 **Recreational Spaces**

- i. Grass cutting contract review – to resolve new specifications- Clerk introduced review of specification and programme of cutting- **Resolved to approve reductions and increases as per report with exception of the Pitt (to remain 10 cuts per season)**. Clerk to finalize documentation and send out invitations to 5 local contractors to ask them to tender. Decisions on tender will go to Full Council in January. Additions/amendments were suggested-need to cut around orchard in Lower field (JW). Likely removal of grass cut pathways after footpath diversion is finalized (awaited-St Mary's field cemetery- wildflower section (PW).
- ii. Cinques – To approve and sign new lease with Wildlife Trust- Clean copy of lease to be signed at next meeting.
- iii. BMX track - report on works to date and schedule for remaining works-AF industrial strimmer and lads have cleared a large section. The boys are awaiting the arrival/availability of the digger. BS /LB are to discuss a suitable date for the works.
- iv. Millbrook Meadows – repair to fence scheduled was noted.
- v. Tree safety training – training completed on 6th November. Tree labels- some had been ordered- further order of markers and carriage in payments schedule for approval.

- vi. GAGA AGM 11th October – minutes of meeting- received and distributed for information.
- 100.4 **Cemeteries and Churchyards**
 - i. St Mary's churchyard – request to plant Oak tree- requested to wait for result of tree survey on ash- possibly a good location should it need to be removed. Notification of Christmas Fayre and Tree festival-noted..
- 100.5. **Library** – to note any items. No issues
- 101. **Information and communications**
 - i. To note submission subjects for Jan Gazette- asked to hold publication date so late item on Christmas Lights event can be included.
- 102. **Community news**
 - i. Forward Gamlingay! – monthly report- noted BS advised Level 2 youth worker training application has been made (£700), and second meeting of Gamingay Business hub was planned for 4th Dec 6-7.30pm. Grant from Little Gransden airshow for £500 for new equipment gratefully received. Anglia tv event 14th December- live 6-6.30pm broadcast from Gamlingay- lots of groups and individuals to be involved. Business Ap- Economic development at SCDC- want to role the model out as exemplar to other parishes-how to support growth. Request for funding 2018-19- to go to Precept meeting 28th November.
 - ii. Neighbourhood Plan – Steering Group meeting on 21st November to note. Housing Needs Survey has been distributed to the village today. Councillors are invited to informal discussion with Campbell Buchanan concerning revised planning application ideas in relation to housing on the old Green End Industrial Estate (permission granted as outline) on Weds 29th November at 7.30pm.
 - ii. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme update – M Brown reported a car was stolen from Potton Rd The Heath, and retrieved by the owners the following weekend. It was spotted by microlite flight. Clerk to provide information to the neighbouring clerk for information purposes. Cambourne anti-social behaviour issue was reported. MB reported dangerous driving evidence sent to Bedfordshire Police. MB thanked for his contribution.
 - vi. Christmas lights group – update on arrangements for 2nd December. Approx £1000 now contributed to Christmas Lights event- covered new lights and sockets and some extra. Electrician offered to safety check lights for free. Crafts event prior likely to be in the Church hall. Local business stalls will be free
- 103. **Financial**
 - i. To be approved- draft payments list- **voucher numbers 283-291 were approved.** BS left the meeting.
- 104. **South Cambridgeshire District Council**
 - 104.1 Planning Policy Monthly update- noted
 - 104.2 Parish Council Liaison meeting 29th November- no interest.
- 105. **Cambridgeshire County Council**
 - 105.1 **Highways and footpaths**
 - i. Everton Rd footpath Scheme – verbal update. Meeting with Central Beds Office. Information was shared. J C will consider scheme and look at school safety plan, and consider options.



- 106. **Staffing and Councillor** – proposal for apprentices. GCC is taking on apprentice. Clerks are willing to offer some time for training in a different office environment. No support for additional trainee specifically by the Parish Council (outside work).
- 107. **General Correspondence** – available in the office- noted.
- 108. **Items for the next agenda**
- 109. **To note the dates of the next Parish Council and Committee meetings**
Full Council 12th December at 7.30pm in the Kier suite, F and GP 28th November (precept meeting-all Councillors invited). Staffing Monday 27th November at 10.30am (single issue to inform precept meeting).
Planning meeting 7pm prior to all meetings.
- 110. **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. J MCG to find out when next written report is due.
- 111. To formally record the **time of closure** of the Parish Council Meeting -9.40pm

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