



**Minutes of a Meeting of Gamlingay Parish Council held at the Kier Suite, Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.35pm.**

Present: Chair J McGeady, Councillors S Groom (delayed), C Smith, J Wright, A Goss, M Brown, G Burne, D Finnigan, A Foster, Keith Warburton, P Webb. Clerk K Rayner and L Bacon. County and District Councillor S Kindersley. 6 members of the public.

40. Receive apologies for absence – S Martin (training), T Gurney (unwell) and to receive notification of resignation from C Sale-noted with regret. Chair has written to her thanking her for her contribution. To consider any applications for co-option- no applications received.
41. **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda:-**
  - a. To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests.
  - b. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.-None received
42. 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 82.2 brought forward- 3 young people attended and asked to present their ideas for refurbishing the BMX track. Group of up to 8 riders regularly use the facility. Track needs clearance and tidying to make users respect it better. Group want to build more jumps. Suggested weed matting around the bin-clerks to ask handyman. AF/JW offered to help clear site- AF has large petrol trimmer to attack brambles. Possibly clearance of the site to occur and diggers to work on site during half term. Group want to apply for a grant for a picnic table in centre- consider grant to Community Chest (SCDC) and Parish Council (FG!) application. Possibly a recycled plastic picnic bench similar to what is provided at Millbridge Meadows. 3 Members of the public left the meeting.
79. To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017-**Agreed and signed**. SG attended (arrived late) Draft minutes of F&GP 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were noted.
80. To consider Any Matters Arising from these minutes. Item 64.1 – One resident wrote and asked for access to cut privet hedge- clerks to respond. Item 65.1 Trialing PC surgeries- no members of the public attended (publicized on website/facebook)
81. **Correspondence from Local MP, District and County Councillors and Police reports-** i. Reports from Cllr Smith (apologies), and Cllr Kindersley (District and County representatives) SK advised he had a meeting with Sunshine Preschool representatives- 6 trustees responsible for the debt. SK advised they have outstanding debtors and have miscalculated redundancy payments. CS Parish Council has to be a responsible landlord and recover public funds on behalf of the whole parish. SK advised Council that its actions have an element of 'reputational risk'. KW asked what the cost of pursuing the debt is, what is the Council expecting from the situation? CS advised Sunshine must appoint a receiver £90 fee-receiver has responsibility to deal with the financial situation. SK advised debt likely to be approaching £6k. Sunshine is a registered charity and should inform the Charity Commission. KW Parish Councillors are united in approach. SK advised trustees were 'innocents abroad'. AF reminded Council that discussions went back to December 2016 with Sunshine and they were advised to take advice. MB advised the Council has responsibility towards whole of the village residents, not just 6. Councillors recommended Sunshine take advice from Charity Commission and appoint a receiver. SK other news-District planning service is in crisis/can't cope with the work level/lack of officers. Bin lorries now don't need to separate paper-can travel longer journeys. Connecting Cambridgeshire has been contacted regarding O2 and EE poor coverage. O2 currently giving out compensation. SK left the meeting.

82. **To receive reports on other Parish Council responsibilities and projects:-**
- 82.1 **Community Buildings**
- i. WI Hall – to note site survey undertaken 4.10.17. Schedule bill for payment .To receive any update on outstanding rent debt- discussed under item 81.
  - ii. Old Methodist Chapel – To note Management committee minutes 25<sup>th</sup> September and tiling work- Tiling quotation approved, with Tell-tale wall monitoring equipment.
  - iii. Eco Hub – to note offer of canopy made to trustees and response- awaited.
- 82.2 **Recreational Spaces**
- i. Cinques – to resolve whether to approve new draft lease- wording amendment is agreed. **Resolution -to approve disposal subject to insertion of amendment.** Clerk to inform Wildlife Trust. To note removal of leylandii trees-noted.
  - ii. BMX track proposals for consideration- covered under item 42.
  - iii. Millbrook Meadows – damage following RTC and insurance claim to note- detail of driver and photos of damage collected as evidence. Quotations for repair being sought.
  - iv. Tree safety training volunteers- G Burne, J Wright, A Foster –clerks to organize session times/dates for training.
  - v. GAGA AGM 12<sup>th</sup> October – volunteers to attend. AG to attend as Parish Council representative. AG advised that GAGA have agreed to send minutes of their committee meetings to the Parish clerk.
- 82.3 **Cemeteries and Churchyards**
- i. St Mary's Field cemetery – refurbishment of noticeboard. Thanks to G Burne for refurbishing the noticeboard. Mole activity- clerks/handyman are to monitor.
- 82.4 **Library – to note any items.** None
83. **Information and communications**
- i. To note interest in website and FB and Twitter statistics- 123 on Twitter, report showed most popular posts- KW- sensationalist headings do well. Rubbish, dog poo and deer signs did well.
  - ii. Business app – to note first meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October- report to future meeting. Breakfast meeting was successful 15 businesses attended, 35 actively interested.
84. **Community news**
- i. Forward Gamlingay! – monthly report- 21<sup>st</sup> October CV writing day- help-anyone can brush up their CV. Youth Club running, but some staffing issues.
  - ii. Neighbourhood Plan – Draft Housing Needs Survey- meeting yesterday- covered main aspects of using data to compare with previous survey, housing need ensure do not double count need. Want to encourage returns- Woodview Farm shop have agreed to donate £50 voucher as a raffle prize. CLG consultation on Housing Needs- not discussed.
  - iii. Village Show-feedback-very wet and disappointing- only 3 signed up Neighbourhood Watch.
  - iv. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme update – M Brown- disappointed with Village Show, hoped for more volunteers. Need for area lead at The Cinques. Recent burglaries in outlying areas and car stolen in Church St. MB to write facebook reminder about leaving cars running outside shops. KR to invite PCSO to next meeting.
  - v. Christmas lights group – update on fundraising- £300 donated so far. Warboys garage, 505 Private Hire and Gamlingay Post Office Note installation of additional festive sockets- now completed. Eco Hub to put a pot out during the Christmas fair for donations- over 900 people attended last year.
85. **Financial**



- i. To be approved- draft payments list- agreed and signed.
- ii. To receive audited annual return and consider any matters arising- Councillors received the comments made on the audit and considered matters raised- **these were noted.**

86. **South Cambridgeshire District Council**

86.1 Planning Policy Monthly update- noted

86.2 **Public Meeting Green End/Heath Rd** – to receive any feedback. Draft public meeting notes had been circulated via email. Clerk reported the recommendations of Planning Committee on the material planning considerations. However limited detail had been provided to date on the s.106 community benefits package/details and the mechanism how to secure the green space in perpetuity so clerk advised that with insufficient detail the Council should defer the decision of both applications- **This was resolved.** Application further detail and resolution to next meeting (likely 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017)

87. **Cambridgeshire County Council**

87.1 **Highways and footpaths**

- i. Everton Rd footpath Scheme – update. Difficulty in getting access to the travel to school plan (resident) KR to write to all residents who have recently secured Planning permission for additional properties along Everton Rd and ask for a contribution.
- ii Church St parking improvements- letter to Merton – their meeting is on 18<sup>th</sup> November.
- iii. Footpath diversion –St Mary’s Field- No objections to date. Order to be publicized in paper next step.
- iv. To note thanks from Hatley PC for contribution towards new deer signs-noted.

87.2 **Schools.** To note update on Gamlingay Village College Accommodation- noted. Planning Committee agreed LSPA for GVC site to primary- public meeting to be arranged –main matter relating to highways, access and parking layout.

88. **Staffing and Councillor** – to note any items. J McG awarded KW his certificate for completing all three Parish Councillor training courses through CAPALC. Congratulations to Keith.

89. **General Correspondence** – available in the office-noted

90. **Items for the next agenda**

91. **To note the dates of the next Parish Council and Committee meetings**

Full Council 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Kier suite, F and GP 7<sup>th</sup> November  
 Planning meeting 24<sup>th</sup> November and 7pm prior to all meetings.

92. **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- proposals for WI hall disposal and update on schools site plans. Project Officer not present. Item was deferred to next meeting.

93. To formally record the **time of closure** of the Parish Council Meeting – 9.20pm

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