

GAMLINGAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Gamlingay Parish Council held at the Kier Suite, Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chair J McGeady, Councillors S Groom, C Smith, J Wright, A Goss, M Brown, G Burne, Keith Warburton, P Webb. Clerk K Rayner and L Bacon. County and District Councillor S Kindersley (from item 135.i.) District Councillor B Smith. 6 members of the public.

129. Resolved to receive apologies for absence from D Finnigan and A Foster.
130. **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda:-**
- a. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.
None.
 - b. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate. None received.
131. 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.
- S Gray – Some residents concerned that the Church Street improvement plans showed a reduction of parking spaces. She queried this with the Clerks and Consultants and is now reassured that this is not the case, so is happy with the plan, but would like consideration of dedicated residents parking bays and asked why one way was not viable. Clerk explained that emergency services opposed one way and that studies showed that this increased “rat running” and speeding. Mrs Gray would like to contact County officers direct with ideas for moving the bus stops from Church St. Advised to contact S Kindersley. JW explained that this had been explored in the past but was blocked at County level. Council agreed with Mrs Gray and other residents that the opening of Gamlingay Primary on the GVC site and general increase in village size will make traffic problems worse. Members of the public stated that there were specific issues on how to get kids to school from The Heath, increased numbers of permissions for family housing with no pathway or cycle way infrastructure is a problem. Parish and District Councillors always push to get better infrastructure alongside planning applications – but are not always successful. Current scheme has taken a long time to develop. There are many constraints, but it hopes that it will ease the congestion and make the parking more spaced to allow better flow of traffic.
- Mr and Mrs Kendall – concerned about access, proximity to boundary and height of house proposed on the WI hall site. Council planning committee has made no recommendation as Council has a conflict of interest. B Smith as Project Officer explained that highways have given advice on access arrangements following an independent traffic survey for this outline application, the level of the proposed dwelling will be less than a metre above the current building as ground levels will be reduced and that proximity to the boundary will be within regulations. Any objections/comments should be sent direct to SCDC Planning who will determine the application. The Parish Council has to seek best consideration for the disposal of its asset and it will be sent to auction. Capital receipt will be used towards paying off the Council’s PWLB loan. This will be publicised locally. BS offered to meet with any interested residents for further discussions.
132. Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of 12th December 2017. List of payments approved defined to end at 367.
133. To consider Any Matters Arising from these minutes. None.
134. **Correspondence from Local MP, District and County Councillors and Police reports-** i. Reports from Cllr Smith, and Cllr Kindersley (District and County representatives). B Smith outlined major modifications in the final consultation on the local plan. SCDC advised to change methodology for calculating 5 year housing supply –

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this will mean an increase of 15% on the buffer required. BS encouraged all to respond to the consultation. Announcement on Local Plan likely in June/July. New plan will need to start in 2019 to incorporate the CAM/OX vision which proposes large new settlements around the region in the future. CS asked if there are measures to counter land banking by developers – BS said this is being investigated and legislated for at national level. Possible that SCDC will be “designated” – so planning decisions will not be made at District level – bad news as less local influence. Good feedback from recent ITV feature on the village. £1 park and ride charge to be scrapped in Cambridge. Bins – SCDC will only collect 1 bag of recyclable side waste in a transparent bag. SK – arrived later. Closure of Eco Hub nursery puts additional pressure on County as pre school education providers, but no proposals yet.

135. **To receive reports on other Parish Council responsibilities and projects:-**

135.1 **Community Buildings**

- i. WI Hall –Planning application lodged (Planning Agenda item 138.1),venue of next Full Council meeting. BS has meeting with Cheffins re auction of site – LB to attend to talk about process and minimum values. Agreed Feb Full council to take place in WI hall. SK arrived at meeting.
- ii. Old Methodist Chapel –tell-tale monitor report. No movement recorded.
- iii. Eco Hub – Occupational license-update. I Parker is drafting new document for PCLC in February.
- iv. Church St Improvements- a) timeline and summary. Noted scheme has been held up by changes of personnel at County and other problems. b)Letter from Merton and funding implications. Noted Merton will not provide additional funding, no response yet from Co-op, has been chased. Other retailers will not benefit directly to the same degree so have not been approached for contributions. c)approve remit of scheme. Resolved to proceed with scheme as costed £234,236.50 to include bringing Emplins access to adoptable standard, a 50% contribution to resurface Cross car park and 20% contingency. TG and PW felt that the works to the Emplins access road could be reduced in specification if savings needed to be found. This would not bring it to adoptable standard. Any proposed use of the contingency should be discussed and authorized by the Parish Council and the go ahead for the scheme will not be given until the remaining funding from Kier has been received (invoiced 13.12.17). d) resident comments/concerns. Noted that following discussions with Clerk and Consultants the resident is happy with the scheme but will be pursuing the possible relocation of bus stops direct with County officers.

135.2 **Recreational Spaces**

- i. Grass cutting tender report- agree the selection of contractor. Resolved to approve recommendations in report - to appoint Buchans Landscapes and to negotiate a 3 year contract term.
- ii. Cinques – Lease- additional signature requirement. Noted solicitor is querying land registry regarding inappropriate joint owner restriction.
- iii. BMX track - remaining works. Deferred for report from BS.
- v. Millbrook Meadows – matters arising. Bank erosion – any collapse would need to be reported to the IDB to rectify. Stepping stone bank is very muddy following recent high water.
- vi. Tree survey-quotations for works – resolved to approve. Agreed removal of Northfield Close tree. Tree works permissions in conservation areas notified. Noted.

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- vii. Risk Assessment reports- all areas. Councillors reminded to complete and return assessments. Cemetery and churchyards – noted. Contractors contracted re water pump and wall repairs.
- 135.3 **Cemeteries and Churchyards**
- i. St Mary's churchyard –Oak tree planting- positioning-report (GB). Position agreed.
 - ii. St Mary's Field cemetery- broken water pump handle. Noted.
 - iii. GCT request for oak planting and commemoration-bottom of St Mary's Field. Resolved to agree.
- 135.4. **Library** – to note any items. None.
136. **Information and communications**
- i. Publications Committee- Post Office, WI Hall and Church St scheme. Add new route of public footpath in St Mary's. Date to be arranged before 1st Feb. Agreed S Martin to join committee. JMG thanked CS for his assistance with the Post Office refurbishment over the last few months.
137. **Community news**
- i. Forward Gamlingay! – monthly report. 50+ kids are now attending youth café. 4 week Christmas crafts sessions were successful. Business Hub-next meeting is in February (Breakfast meeting). Art project – clay model now mounted in Hub and much admired. J McG thanked SG for article in Gazette about FG! (raise its profile to newer villagers)
 - ii. Neighbourhood Plan –a) update Housing Needs Survey. Over 300 responses. c) Steering Meeting-17th January-structure of draft plan format discussion. Noted
 - iii. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme update – M Brown. Thefts of tools and equipment from vehicles reported early in New Year.
 - iv. Christmas lights – planned removal dates. Removed last Sunday. Thanks to volunteers, a donation to the Firefighters fund will be considered by F and GP.
138. **Financial**
- i. Resolved to approve- draft payments list 356-372
139. **South Cambridgeshire District Council**
- 139.1 Planning Policy Monthly update- noted
- 139.2 Cleaner communities-New pilot scheme proposals. TG suggested Council express interest in all and try to interest volunteers. He felt mechanical sweeper would be useful but leaf collector less so. Resolved – to express interest and advertise for volunteers.
140. **Cambridgeshire County Council- Highways and footpaths**
- 140.1
- i. Parking Complaints- Mill Street. Noted. Seems to be a individual causing trouble. Resident to be advised to report through proper channels – new online Police site will collate reports and take action on most reported areas.
 - ii. Everton Rd footpath Scheme- scheme costs and recommendations. £6k short on funding – Everton PC to be approached for assistance.
 - iii. St Mary's Field footpath diversion- completion and further actions. Noted. Closure of gates at bottom of cemetery from 1st March to be publicized.

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- 141. **Staffing and Councillor** – No items.
- 142. **General Correspondence** – available in the office. Noted.

- 143. **Items for the next agenda. None.**

- 144. **Noted the dates of the next Parish Council and Committee meetings**
Full Council 13th February 2018 at 7.30pm **in the WI HALL**, F and GP 23rd January 2018 , Consultation Committee- All Councillors (30th January 2018 in the Kier suite)
Planning meeting 7pm prior to all meetings.

- 145. To formally record the **time of closure** of the Parish Council Meeting- 9.35pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....