



Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at the Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, Gamlingay on Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Chair P Webb, Councillors S Martin, J Newman, M Brown and C Smith (ex – officio). Clerks L Bacon and K Rayner. 2 members of the public.

83. Resolved to receive apologies for absence from S Jones
84. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None
- 84.1 To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests (if any)
- 84.2 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.
85. **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the F&GP meeting held 22nd January 2019 and to note the Full Council minutes of 12th February 2019 and to consider any matters arising. Risk assessment update – signed. 148. MB not MR not present. Rotating beacon for electric vehicle – additional quote not available. Resolved to approve Scamblers estimate to replace. Streetlighting inventory – updated with assistance of a resident. Now 50 streetlights under GPC responsibility for energy costs – 2 numbers duplicated, will be rectified on replacement. CS – was unable to source quotation for reduced energy costs. Police matters –proposed joint agency crime prevention event – resolved to approve £25 from 18/19 or 19/20 crime prevention budget to cover hall hire.
86. 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. No items.
87. **Finance:**
- 87.1 **Resolved** to approve the following:
 - i. Payments list – vouchers 310-346
 - ii. Bank reconciliations December 2018 and January 2019
 - iii. Grant applications – Resolved to grant £500 to Gamlingay School's out club, £500 to Friends of Gamlingay Village Primary, £261.18 to Discover Gamlingay, £400 to Gamlingay Football Club and a donation of £50 from 2019-20 Crime Prevention budget for the late application from the Bobby Scheme. Resolved to decline applications from Citizens Advice, Papworth Hospital Charity as there was only £1600 available, it was agreed to prioritize support for local groups.
 - iv. Application for S106 Community Buildings funding from GCC Chair J McGeady. "Wish list" was detailed. Resolved to refer to full council for resolution once more information has been provided about options for hearing loop and any additional software requirements for new PC's. Available budget is remainder of Station Rd S106 specifically for phase 2 of the Eco Hub. Other remaining S106 for Community facilities to be advertised, with detail about eligibility.
88. **General purpose**
Annual Parish Meeting – Presentations by Police and Crime Commissioner Jason Ablewhite, Gamlingay Community Safety Group, GCC Ltd. Resolved to confirm. SM suggested a display/short presentation of information about the NHP and VDS would be appropriate.
89. **Recreation spaces/community buildings**
 - i. Great British Spring Clean campaign – to consider event. Resolved to approach councillor A Goss to ask if he would take lead on this.
 - ii. "Man Shed" proposal – update L Gorton. Noted awaiting more information – possible candidate for S106 funding.



- iii. Gateway feature – to report any progress on securing funding. Resolved to approve GSR providing designs to assist with seeking external funding – provided no cost involved.
- iv. Eco.Hub – To note PCLC minutes 29.1.19. JN expressed surprise that GCC had experienced problems with submissions to Gazette as she was unaware of any. LB/CS explained that the minutes gave an accurate record of a historic issue regarding publication of the Hub's "What's on" Guide. JN said she wants antipathy that she feels there is towards the Gazette to be dropped as there is no need for it. There should not be any problems with submissions from the Eco Hub or the Parish Council. CS mentioned that the Gazette had wanted to edit/shorten the last submission – a press release about Solution Gamlingay. JN said she was not involved with approving this as she had been unwell.
- v. Old Methodist Chapel – to note pest control report. Noted rat problem has been dealt with.
- vi. Noted ROSPA inspections scheduled in April
- 90. **Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council items**
 - i. Church St Parking – to approve costs to date and receive update on outstanding items. Clerk LB outlined items included and excluded from invoice received. Currently the scheme is coming in under budget, although some elements have not been costed. Resolved to discuss matter of condition of cemetery access road further at Full Council. It has previously been resolved that this section be removed from the scheme. Initial estimates indicated that there was insufficient funding and the landowner declined to contribute. County Council informed GPC that the road would not be adopted even if improved to the appropriate standard. GPC subsequently resolved that it was not prepared to take on the ongoing responsibility for maintenance as it does not own the road and wrote to the landowner to inform them of this decision. Alternative uses of the remainder of the Church Street parking improvements/community transport S106 funding were discussed – Avenalls Way path linking to Church Street needs improvement. Councillors to bring suggestions forward for discussion at next full council meeting.
 - ii. Resolved to approve County officer costs for speed assessments on Station Road and to assess locations for mobile speed monitoring equipment.
 - iii. Footpath Everton Road – progress on installation. Currently being installed.
 - iv. A428 scheme– to note Highways England preferred route. Noted that the map is incomplete and does not show how the road from Gamlingay will access St Neots. Detail to be discussed at full council and response made direct to Highways England.
- 91. **Publications and communications**
 - i. Solution Gamlingay – Business Hub meeting notification 28th Feb. Noted
 - iii. Draft Gamlingay Village Design Statement – feedback from the drop in session. Noted. A full day formal consultation will be held – agreed Eco Hub is most appropriate venue.
 - iv. East West Rail link – public meeting and press release. To be reposted to Facebook to advertise. Format – will be a report from the meeting on Monday night between representatives from the EWR Co. Team and Parish Councils.
- 92. Staff and Councillor matters. None.
- 93. Routine Correspondence – available in the office. Solution Gamlingay feature on front page of latest issue of Clerks and Councils Direct.
- 94. Items for the next meeting – resolution of Sunshine Pre School's outstanding debt.
- 95. Dates of next meetings: -Planning and Full Council Tuesday 12th March 2019. next F and GP 26th March 2019. Noted

Resolved - 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 in item 95



(correction - 96)., it is in the public interest that press and public be excluded from the meeting and are therefore asked to withdraw.

96. Cinqes – report on matters arising from risk assessment. Noted amendment from land registry last year showing a change in the boundary of the property adjoining Parish Council land. Councillor SJ to be asked to provide feedback on recent discussions between a local resident and landowners representative prior to an official meeting being arranged between the Chair and the landowner/landowners representative to explore confidential matters raised in correspondence.

97. Record Closure time of meeting – 21.13

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