



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

Present: Chair P Webb, Councillors S Martin, J Newman, S Jones and C Smith (ex – officio). Clerks L Bacon and K Rayner.

98. Resolved to receive apologies for absence from M Brown (work commitment).
99. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None.
- 99.1 To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests (if any)
- 99.2 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.
100. To resolve to approve and sign the Minutes of the F&GP meeting held 26th Feb 2019 the Full Council minutes of 12th March 2019 and to consider any matters arising. Request for amendment to F & GP 89.iv (JN). JN considered that the minutes did not reflect the spirit of what she said. CS was satisfied that they were accurate, minutes should not be a verbatim record. JN left the meeting. SM left the meeting. Chair closed the meeting. Meeting re -opened at 7.40pm. Items 101. to 102.ii were resolved. Chair closed the meeting again. SJ left the meeting. Chair PW then left the meeting. PW, SJ, SM and JN returned and the meeting was opened again at 7.50pm. SM suggested and it was resolved that the F and GP minutes of 26th Feb 2019 be approved, but as a compromise the following statement would be made in relation to item 89. iv. - "Both parties want to move forward collaboratively together between the Gazette and the Parish Council." Full council minutes noted.
101. 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. **None.**
102. **Finance:**
- 102.1 **Resolved** to approve the following:
 - i. Payments – To note credit applied to voucher 360 and to approve 359 -376
 - ii. Bank reconciliation to 22 February 2019
 - iii. Application for S106 Community Buildings funding from Rainbow Pre School for the Old Methodist Chapel. Agreed purchase of white goods from Merton Barns S106 allocation for community buildings. Pre school may apply for further funding for safety surfacing in garden. Clerks to provide legal wording of remaining community buildings S106 funds to next full council.
 - iv. Disposal of redundant desktop computer – resolved to approve proposal to sell for £50. Noted has had data wiped.
 - v. Sunshine Pre School – latest on outstanding debt. Noted no detail of accountants provided. Resolved to write formally to Sunshine, giving deadline of end of May 19 for information on debt repayment.
103. **General purpose**
 - i. Annual Parish Meeting – Additional speakers to be confirmed. Noted GCC speaker to be confirmed. Chair to invite A Webb from the Gamlingay Crime and Safety Group to introduce Jason Ablewhite, PCC Commissioner.
 - ii. Neighbourhood Plan – Minutes of meeting 19.3.2019. Noted. Plan is moving forward positively. 9 policies included. Formal consultation will be undertaken by circulation of a summary booklet incorporating links to the full plan, aim to publish this in the summer. The Village Design Guide is coming forward – consultation will be the end of April in the Eco Hub – lots of characteristics of Gamlingay have



been included. Funding – some in 19/20 budget but external funding from Locality will be sought as needed.

104. **Recreation spaces/community buildings**

- i. Great British Spring Clean campaign – community litter pick 21st April 1pm. Publicity and proposal to purchase additional equipment. Resolved to purchase 12 more litter pickers. Declined offer of Connect Café on day – volunteers may not return to Hub after litter picking. Clerk to request refuse sacks from SCDC.
- ii. Old Methodist Chapel – minutes of management meeting 14.3.19. Noted. Policy GAM6 in NHP relates to protection of First School field as local green space.
- iii. To consider quotations for additional paths (Millbrook/Chapelfield link and new cemetery). To be funded from S106 community transport allocation, Station Road. Resolved to refer to full council, with recommendation for approval.
- vi. To consider quotation to refurbish and repair skatepark. Noted that funding will need to be drawn from other budget lines if full specification is agreed. Resolved to ask contractor to provide suggested additional quotations prior to decision.
- vii. To note planting of two trees near the new cemetery (donated by GCT Ltd in memory of Pauline Girdwood). Noted.

105. **Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council items**

- i. Village Design Guides – SCDC consultation and exhibitions information. Noted will be 30th April in the Eco Hub. KR and SM will attend.

106. **Publications and communications**

- i. Publications Committee date to note. 23.4.19 at 6.45pm.

107. Staff and Councillor matters. None.

108. Routine Correspondence – available in the office. Noted.

109. Items for the next meeting. Chair requested detail of reserves and sinking fund for Hub – where funds are held and how much in each.

110. Dates of next meetings: -Planning and Full Council Tuesday 9th April 2019. APM 23rd April, next F and GP 28th May 2019. Noted.

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 111., it is in the public interest that press and public be excluded from the meeting and are therefore asked to withdraw.

111. Cinques – report on site meeting attended by Council Chair. Resolved that residents experiencing any waterlogging issues in gardens should be referred to the adjacent landowner on whose land the drain and brook lie. Offer of land transfer to be politely declined.

112. Record Closure time of meeting. 8.40pm

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