



Minutes of a **Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee** held at the **Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, Gamlingay** on **Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present: Chair P Webb, Councillors C Smith, M Brown, S Martin, J Newman and S Jones, Clerks L Bacon and K Rayner.

47. To receive apologies for absence. None
48. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None
- 48.1 To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests (if any)
- 48.2 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.
49. **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the F&GP meeting held 23rd July 2019 and to note the Full Council minutes of 12th September 2019 and to consider any matters arising. 61. Culvert work Waresley Rd (permissive footpath) – start date provided by landowner - 14.10.19. 62. Streetlighting on station Road. Clerks have investigated – when the lights were changed in 2014, the spacing was altered so there is a larger gap between lights in the Millbrook bridge area, but the number of lights is the same – none are missing. Greensand Ridge – potential gateway feature. BRCC have been successful in securing all the funding and are able to move forward to engage the artist. Water fountain feature may be able to be included – awaiting more information.
50. 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**
51. **Finance:**
- 51.1 **Resolved** to approve the following:
 - i. Payments to be approved – vouchers 180 to 195
 - ii. Bank reconciliation – July and Aug 2019
 - iii. Annual investment strategy review. Approved.
 - iv. Quotations for tree works following survey for consideration (budget £1500).
Resolved to approve quotation from Green Wood.
52. **General purpose**
 - i. Grass cutting contract – to consider extension to existing. Procurement - wording for approval prior to addition to tender documentation. Resolved to approve extension to current contract at no increase in cost and to approve procurement wording to be used when next tenders are sent out for contract from 2021.
 - ii. Burial matters – abolition of funeral costs for children. Noted.
 - iii. Planter for Gamlingay Village Primary – details and agreement. Noted, budget to cover planter, plaque and installation with soil and plants if enough. Order to be placed.
 - iv. Christmas lights – radio broadcast 16.9.19 and response to note. Brogan group offer – latest. Brogan's offer of £610 accepted with grateful thanks. Resolved to approve use of £500 budget with balance vired from allocated reserves to cover installation costs if fundraising is not successful in limited time available. CS – would like to arrange a meeting to complain about the new attachments policy. Clerk reminded councillors that a complaint was submitted when the policy was first introduced in April with no prior consultation, but the response was that there would be no exceptions. Clerk will complete and submit license application, but no guarantees given by County that this will be processed in time for Christmas 2019 installation.
 - v. Village show – feedback from displays and consultations. CS – the idea of a water fountain and an electric car charging point at the Eco Hub were both well



supported. CS said he understood some electric car suppliers would install points for free. This is to be discussed at next PCLC meeting. Full Council would need to discuss all associated and ongoing costs.

53. **Recreation spaces/community buildings**

- i. Eco Hub a. Solar lighting option for car park for consideration (2020-21 budget). CS suggested that LED bulbs in car park could make savings on power costs if not already installed. PCLC to discuss solar options for potential inclusion in future budget. Approximately £1k each including pole and installation. Potential grant funding stream identified – SCDC.
- ii. Old Methodist Chapel – Management group meeting 18.9.19 feedback. Strong enrollment – demand for places is high. No license has been signed for use of the First School field, Rainbow pleased that the Parish Council is trying to help groups who currently use the field by approaching County Council itself.
- iii. Cemeteries and churchyards – i. tree works quotation. Approved.
- iv. Skatepark refurbishment – update on tarmac issue. Contractors have contacted the tarmac subcontractor and are awaiting a report.
- v. Youth shelter – repainting – report on condition of structure. Council noted that the shelter looks much improved and understands that the finish could not be made perfect due to the age of the equipment, despite being well prepared prior to painting.

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

- i. Highways – To receive any response to request for maintenance of Emplins access road following request by letter handed over at meeting 13.6.2019. No response to date, has been chased. Cheque refunding unspent funds has now been cashed. ii. Streetlighting – quotations for unmetered supply for consideration. Noted some suppliers have declined to quote, one received is higher than currently paid. Clerk to forward information sent to contractors to CS to pass on to a contact in this field for further quotations. lii. Meeting re Station Road speed control measures – update. Unsatisfactory outcome – no suitable measures approved. County were asked to look at all options. Line re-painting on raised table at junction is general Highways maintenance obligation, but is considered low priority. County would not approve speed cushions as these would need to be illuminated by lampposts which are not owned by County and could potentially be removed without its knowledge. County will not give permission for permanent flashing signs outside schools – against its policy. County would accept moveable signs such as used by community speed watch groups. The proposed locations for these were approved. County will price the proposed reprofiling of Church Lane junction for consideration by Full Council.

55. **Publications and communications**

- i. Publications committee – next meeting date – proposed 5th Nov at 6pm.

56. **Staff and Councillor matters**

- i. Cambridgeshire Pension Fund -latest on scheme valuation. Noted.

57. **Routine Correspondence – available in the office.**

58. **Items for the next meeting. Full council – Neighbourhood Plan Executive Summary feedback – should be delivered to all households shortly.**

59. **Dates of next meetings: -Planning and Full Council Tuesday 8th October 2019. next F and GP 22nd October 2019. Noted.**

60. **Record Closure time of meeting – 8.30pm**

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