



Minutes of a Meeting of Gamlingay Parish Council held at the Kier Suite, Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chair C Smith, Councillors S Jones, A Goss, P Webb, S Martin, A Foster, J Wright, S Hemmings, W Boyne, T Gurney, D Finnigan, K Warburton. Clerks L Bacon and K Rayner. County Councillor S Kindersley (after item 132 iv.), District Councillor B Smith and 4 Members of the public

126. Resolved to receive apologies for absence from M Brown, A Kirby and J Newman.
127. **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda:-** none.
 - 127.1 To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests. None.
 - 127.2 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate. None.
128. 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. A resident of Northfield Close raised concerns about the safety of crossing Cinques Road opposite the entrance to the new housing proposed for Green End. Chair explained that this was raised at the Planning Committee meeting earlier and that highways concerns will be recommended for inclusion as part of the Parish Councils response to the application.
129. To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of 10th December 2019. SH –114.iv clarified that he had resigned from the Gamlingay Crime and Safety Group and not Speed Watch. KW – 118.1 – asked that it be recorded that was concerned that GPC was setting a precedent by taking responsibility for financing highways improvements.
130. To consider Any Matters Arising from these minutes. 122. SCDC has agreed date for Community Clear up day – Sunday 5th April 2020. 114i. Clerk LB has been working on producing an accurate inventory of parish streetlights – will compare with SCDC version once this has been completed for the LED upgrade. Appears that there are several anomalies and it may be that some lights do not appear to “belong” to any authority – possible that GPC may be asked to consider adopting these in future.
131. **Large Scale Planning Application** -Green End development – To resolve response to application S/4085/19/RM, including Section 106 provision. To note feedback from public meeting and recommendation from planning committee. Resolved to approve subject to comments as set out in appendix 1.
132. **Correspondence from Local MP, District and County Councillors and Police reports-** i. Reports from Cllr Smith, and Cllr Kindersley (District and County representatives). BS – encouraged GPC and individuals to engage with the consultation on the issues and options in the new local plan. SCDC has renewed its business plan with 4 main priorities including becoming as environmentally friendly as possible and providing more affordable housing. £100k is being provided for zero carbon communities grants – money is rates raised from solar farms. SCDC budget includes significant funding for community warden schemes, concentrating on keeping people well in their



own homes for longer. A celebration event is planned to honour community volunteers – local members are to nominate candidates. £200k has been provided to establish a business support team – 4 people will be employed to assist local businesses. Housebuilding – the previous administration built 35 new council houses per annum, now aim is to have 100 starts per annum. Free trees scheme – 30k new trees are urgently needed, so BS encourages all parishes to take up the offer. AF – County Council should also participate, it had promised to replace the cherry trees at the old First School site, but this has not been done. Police and Crime Commissioner role – currently vacant but there will be an election. P Webb asked about progress on the Greys Rd parking scheme. BS – still no further forward, Chief Executive has become involved and it is being chased. SCDC customers can now create their own account via the online portal. This should free up switchboard as less telephone enquiries. Clerk LB asked if officers would still be available to answer queries – many people cannot use the online systems or do not have access. BS – yes but suggests GPC could promote the free IT help offered by the Library to encourage people to use the new portal. ii. Gamlingay Community Safety Group. WB – there was a meeting in Dec and next one is due shortly. There were a lot of reports of cars being interfered with over the Xmas period – a name and vehicle details of possible offender has been passed to the Police. Rural Watch is also involved – they need more volunteers. 2 MOP left the meeting. iii. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme update and Rural Watch – M Brown. Apologies sent – items covered under i. iv. Gamlingay Speed watch. Feedback from meeting with coordinator Friday 10.1.2020. Chair summarized outcome of meeting – coordinator is to compile an annual calendar of proposed dates for exercises well in advance to try and ensure adequate volunteer coverage. More advertising is needed – a FB post has been made to try and recruit more volunteers and it was suggested that the Publications Committee prioritize this appeal. Coordinator had not received any emails from SH – hence lack of communication. May be an IT issue on either side. SH and CS queried whether training for Speedwatch could be provided more locally – may help to encourage more volunteers. JW – understands that the Village Primary has not submitted an attachments license application for its mobile speed monitoring sign yet – waiting for the details of the Speedwatch application as it will be the same. Clerk LB – has submitted the Speedwatch application online but anticipates some queries from County on details. SK arrived at the meeting. SK- County report. JW asked for an update on the letter he sent regarding the ex-First School site. SK – no response yet to most recent letter. County currently has two major consultations running -1. Cambridge/Addenbrookes station proposal and 2. CCC climate change strategy which includes a reforestation plan. The preservation of fenland is a high priority for CCC. CS – GPC has been trying to push for developers to include renewable technologies in new developments. The Green End application discussed this evening raised items for CCC consideration – query whether streetlights will be LED and the need for a footpath opposite the Cinques Rd entrance (not part of the development but affected by it). SK – a significant issue that he has raised is that street naming should be decided locally. Encourages GPC to start thinking about appropriate suggestions. If there is a public art commitment SK suggests that a unique railing or door design for the development would be preferable to an actual art installation.

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

133.1 **Community Buildings**

- i. Old Methodist Chapel – I. Quotation for moss removal and gutter clearance.
Resolved to approve noting method statement – work will be HSE compliant -



- done from ladders without climbing on the roof if possible ii. Energy usage comparison data 2014-2019. Noted that lack of insulation means reduction in cost is not significant, but efficiency of heating is much improved.
- ii. Eco Hub a. Update on maintenance matters b. Use of S106 funds – noted order placed for washroom equipment. Resolved to reserve £250 S106 community buildings funding towards match funding a community chest grant for the indoor bowls group.
- 133.2 **Recreational Spaces**
- i. Playground and recreation field – i Skatepark – surface fault issue and response from contractors. Contractors will come to site to investigate and replace sheets as required when weather is dry for a few days.
- ii. First School Field. i Correspondence from County Council and Gamlingay Football Club for information. Noted. JW would be interested to know how the press would respond to allegations of trespass as outlined. SK has challenged County on this as he considers it is a threat to community groups. KW was interested to see mention of the idea of the gym moving to old first school site. Confirmation on length of license/s permitted by County and resolution of any further response. Noted that community groups have not signed agreements with County, situation is currently at a stalemate.
- 133.3 **Cemeteries and Churchyards**
- i. To note hedge trimming completed adjacent to telephone box (grounds man). SH – groundman did job quickly and very well. PW – moles in new cemetery need treating as hills are approaching burial areas – Clerks will recall pest control. JW – noticeboard needs varnishing – clerks will contact B Perry. Moss on pathways needs to be treated/removed – grounds man to be asked to do.
- 133.4 **Library** – latest figures. Not yet available.
- 133.5 **Risk Assessment** – annual review of overall policy. Resolved to approve updated policy noting requirements for identify documents to be verified from both Clerks to complete land registry documents. JW left the meeting.
134. **Information, communications and consultations**
- i. Statistics from Parish Council social media and websites for information. Noted. Awaiting some further information on take up of Solution Gamlingay by other authorities. SG platform is due for upgrade shortly (within terms of agreement).
- ii. Local Council Award Scheme – To resolve that documentation and information is in place for submission of Quality Award application. Resolved to conform that criteria is in place for Quality award and to submit application.
- iii. Publications committee meeting date and suggestions for items. Dates circulated – next submission to focus on recruitment of Speed Watch volunteers.
- iv. Integrated Risk Management Plan Cambridgeshire Fire Authority – resolved to approve consultation response as provided by Clerk (KR).
135. **Community news**
- i. Neighbourhood Plan – Summary of consultation responses. Noted. These will be published on Future Gamlingay and in the Gazette if deadlines permit.
- ii. Christmas Lights – to note damage to tree lights at St Mary's church. Noted – may be animal damage rather than deliberate.



136. **Financial**
i. To be approved- payments list -vouchers 296 to 303 were approved, noting omission of £6 vat on voucher 296 – to be amended.
137. **South Cambridgeshire District Council**
137.1 Planning Policy Monthly update and parish e-bulletin. Noted.
137.2 Free trees offer. Resolved to apply for voucher.
137.3 Letter regarding changes to planning decision making and response from District Councillor for information. Noted clarification that no changes have actually been made.
138. **Cambridgeshire County Council**
138.1 Climate and Environment strategy and action plan consultation – to resolve any response. A draft will be presented to F and GP, circulated prior. To receive update on calculation of the carbon footprint of Gamlingay Parish Council. Clerk KR has been working on this – interesting exercise – will report to F and GP.
138.2 Think Communities – waiting date for follow up meeting. Noted, will chase.
139. **Staffing and Councillor matters**
i. Annual leave requests. Resolved to approve.
140. **General Correspondence** – available in the office. Noted.
141. **Items for the next agenda – none.**
142. **To note the dates of the next Parish Council and Committee meetings**
Full Council Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Kier suite, F and GP 21st February 2020 and 28th Jan 2020. Apologies from SM for Jan F and GP.
Planning meetings 7pm prior to all meetings.
143. To formally record the **time of closure** of the Parish Council Meeting. 21.20

Signed.....

Dated.....



Appendix 1.

108.1 S/4085/19/RM- Reserved matters application-layout, scale, appearance and landscaping following Outline consent S/2068/15/OL for the demolition of existing industrial and office units and 5 dwellings and the erection of up to 90 dwellings together with associated works, Green End Industrial Estate, Green End, Gamlingay SG19 3LF-Large Scale Planning Application-recommendation to Full Council- Approval with comments-

2 Members of the public arrived at the meeting. CS advised the public meeting was well attended and main concerns were lack of consideration for use of green energy as part of the energy requirements of the dwellings. Representative from Morris Homes advised some of the matters which arose from the public meeting are being further considered -looking at 'eco bolt-ons' as an option for purchasers to acquire. Charging points for electric vehicles are an option, solar panels/ water heaters. Redesigning the screening of the development -additional planting for existing houses surrounding the site. Consensus from the meeting most residents support the scheme. BS advised that currently looking at next Local Plan and carbon footprint implications-very disappointed there is no future proofing, as gas boilers will be banned for newbuilds from 2025. Support for alternatives, i.e. ASHP (Air source heat pumps), but can not insist on anything that is not in policy. Morris Homes will raise the issue at their board meeting next week. A MOP central play area-great idea but design must be in partnership with the community/local school. 1 MOP arrived at the meeting. Wooden equipment not a good idea, metal works best here. Need a flexible space which does not preclude teenagers. Morris Homes happy to revisit redesign of central green space and engage with PC and school on the matter. Issue of Private Management company managing the space- this arrangement has caused problems in the past -want to ensure that the space is managed properly in the long term. Suggestion of working party regarding ownership/management be further discussed. Consideration of other material considerations- large 3 storey block facing green-is quite dominant on street scene, access arrangements have already been approved, with no more than 25 units accessing site off Cinques Rd. Noise/smell- concerns specifically relating to contamination and site clearance a concern- as it will be over a period of months. Construction traffic routes and holding areas to be further discussed. Access for existing businesses on Green End and nursery children drop off/pick up a concern (Montessorri and Rainbow). Crime and fear of crime- vandalism is an issue currently. Site will need 24 hour security, and appropriate health and safety signage. Limited ecology on site. CS asked what the cost differential was regarding gas boiler versus ASHP provision. BS advised SCDC Business Plan objective is to create 'affordable houses for people to live in' in reference to running costs. Material consideration -economic impact is positive, as it is a derelict brownfield site. Many vehicular movements- need access to site for retained businesses and pedestrian flow via footpaths to centre of village. AF- path required opposite



Cinques Rd entry point for pedestrians on far side, so they do not have to cross the road into the new junction to access a path. Clerk to request consideration to highways (County) and planning officer. S.106 benefits- no changes proposed to current agreement. Clerk to check streetlights are specified as LED. Recommendation to approve subject to comments referred to Full Council.