



**Minutes of a Meeting of Gamlingay Parish Council held at the Kier Suite, Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Chair C Smith, Councillors A Goss, P Webb, S Martin, A Foster, J Wright, W Boyne, D Finnigan, K Warburton, A Kirby, J Newman. Clerks L Bacon and K Rayner. County Councillor S Kindersley, District Councillor B Smith and 1 Member of the public

163. Resolved to receive apologies for absence from Councillors T Gurney, M Brown and S Jones. To receive an update on vacancy. J Darcy submitted an application for co-option and it was resolved to accept.
164. **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda:-** None  
i. To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests. None  
ii. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.
165. 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. None.
166. Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and to note minutes of F and GP 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020.
167. To consider Any Matters Arising from these minutes. 149. Self build and custom housing definitions from SCDC for information. Noted. B Smith was invited by the Chair to comment. Why was site opposite Greenacres on Green End recently approved on basis of need, when evidence shows supply exceeded demand. BS – SCDC rejected the application but this was overturned on appeal to the Planning Inspector. Evidence of need seems to be open to interpretation, there is no right of appeal. PW – are available plots sold only to those on the register? If not, it seems worthless as the identified “need” will not decrease. SCDC only sells its own land to those on the register, but other plots are free to be sold to anyone.  
Annual Parish Meeting topics – JN suggested inviting the Gamlingay Community Eco group and GAMarch to make presentations. The NHP group will also be presenting.
168. **Correspondence from Local MP, District and County Councillors, Police and reports from local groups**  
i. Cllr Smith- South Cambs District Council. Community chest funding is available, perhaps for VE day celebrations. Clerk LB checked if a commemorative bench would be funded. BS confirmed this would be appropriate. SCDC is trialing 2 electric buses and one bin lorry – will not reach Gamlingay. TG queried if £400k was indeed the cost for the bin lorry – BS confirmed this. SCDC has launched a new system for complaints and complements. Excavations between Caxton and Eltisley are part of the A428. Infrastructure announcements expected from SCDC tomorrow. Zero Carbon Communities first E Newsletter is now out – one Gamlingay group received grant funding. Mayor has launched a new pilot scheme in Great Abington for £100k homes. Will be means tested, less than £5k deposit. Cambridge to Cambourne public transport route has been put on hold by Mayor. Change of strategy for the proposed Metro – now looking at a less direct route. This could delay the project significantly and impact on delivery of new housing, which was planned around new transport links. Could have repercussions for local housing land supply. The legality of the Mayors decisions is being checked. Over 6k



responses to Local Plan roadshow. Big response to latest “call for sites” – most will likely be rejected.

ii. Cllr Kindersley – Cambridgeshire County Council representative. First case of Coronavirus confirmed in Cambridgeshire. Outbreak may have severe implications particularly for older and vulnerable people. School closures would mean no free school meals for those in need. SK has queried County Councils position on this. Those in sheltered accommodation may be left without support, who will have the responsibility? KW – considers that it will become a community issue. SK advised Council to spread the word for people to report any problems with County charging vulnerable people (e.g those with dementia) for care packages that they are not actually receiving. One recent case was incorrectly charged £4k. Think Communities – officers have given clear steer on First School Site to protect playing fields. Montessori nursery are moving into temporary buildings on the playground until 2024. JW – GVP Chair of Governors wants to know why County are doing this? SK – believes that CCC are still searching for a way of capitalizing its asset, it has made it clear that the playing field will remain in community use. JW – has expressed her opposition to the temporary buildings plan in the past. GPC also complained. The existing buildings were fit for purpose, now the area is in a mess and CAT/others may not be able to utilize them. SK –false information has been posted on village FB pages; things have been made up. CS gave a brief summary of the recent meeting with Think Communities. KW – CAT could be pivotal to the reuse of the site. SK – has a meeting on Thursday, this is on the agenda. CAT will have first refusal on the site. DF – what is happening with the Green End planning application? BS – will go to planning committee in April. West Road application – still an unresolved ecology issue. May also be a land ownership issue. SK and BS leave.

iii. Gamlingay Community Safety Group. AGM Minutes 20.2.2020. Noted. PCSO Lindsay Gardiner has asked for suggestions of best times to arrange Police Surgeries. Friday am to coincide with Connect Café. WB – always difficult to encourage people to attend to engage face to face.

iv. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and Rural Watch – M Brown. Not present.

iv. Gamlingay Speed watch – to note outstanding information required for applications license and order of equipment. S Walder will complete necessary risk assessment and method statement prior to final submission for attachment license. GVP will need to do same for their equipment. Order can then be placed.

v. Gamlingay Community Eco Group – update and invite to attend meetings. JN met one of organizers at recent Zero Carbon Communities event. Group plan to meet once per month in Eco Hub and to sell reusable/recyclable goods.

169. **Administration**

i. Amendments to terms of reference. Resolved to approve.

ii. Notification of submission of Quality Level application to national accreditation panel. Noted will get result early April.

170. **Community Buildings**

i. Old Methodist Chapel – i. Management group minutes – 27.2.2020. To note door repair. New Manager attended. Carpenter will replace cylinder in door. AF will arrange brickwork repair. PW – will Rainbow Preschool come back to GPC if they have any relocation plans? KR – yes, they will keep GPC updated of any plans. JW – considers that CCC thinks it has satisfied Pre School need by relocating Montessori – but this is not acceptable. AF – GPC should ask CCC for updated figures for preschool/nursery



- numbers. Have figures been amended to account for predictions for Green End and other developers? Agreed to submit request.
- ii. Eco Hub a. Update on maintenance – redecoration scheduled. Noted.
171. **Recreational Spaces**
- i. Playground and recreation field – i Bike track – request and offer of volunteer help to reshape jumps. Noted. Council will consider request if received.
  - ii. Booking for fair to note – 31<sup>st</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> June. Vehicular access to field policy to note. Requirement for post event check to be completed. PW will complete check.
  - iii. Request for circus visit – to consider locations and to note responses to survey. Noted. No animals at circus. Clerks to suggest the Pitt as first choice, Millbrook Meadows or Lower Field may be possible.
  - iv. Bowls Club – notes of meeting and to consider request for mains electricity supply. Site survey booked. Bowls Club short term wish list now received and estimated costs to be considered at F and GP. JW – shouldn't trees be removed (rather than trimmed) now to allow for future use of site? Would be security/cost/damage to rinks implications. Fencing would be needed to replace. Clerk KR no budget for works currently– once site is vacant, removal of trees/replacement fencing could potentially be grant funded.
  - v. Trees – proposal to plant cherry trees (permission from County pending). Awaiting written permission. Planting likely to be Sept at earliest. Agreed to use SCDC voucher for cherry trees and to request same from Maltings resident's association.
172. **Cemeteries and Churchyards**
- i. To note satisfactory response to letter sent regarding regulations at St Mary's cemetery. Fencing has been removed.
173. **Library** – latest figures. To be circulated.
174. **Information, communications and consultations**
- i. Coronavirus – NHS poster and advice for information. Noted precautions taken at Eco Hub and GPC office.
  - ii. Health and Wellbeing strategy consultation. Noted, Clerk KR will make response on behalf of GPC.
175. **Community news**
- i. Neighbourhood Plan – latest. SM – Draft environmental report is now out. Information needs to be discussed by the steering group and a decision taken about whether to include mitigating factors. Summertime consultation still on track.
176. **Financial**
- i. To be approved- payments list. Resolved to approve vouchers 351- 366
  - ii. To consider membership invitation and annual subscription to CAPALC and ACRE. Noted CAPALC is higher than budgeted figure. Resolved to approve both – to include DPO service from CAPALC.
177. **South Cambridgeshire District Council**
- i. Green End development. a. Design alterations – recommendation from Planning Committee for resolution (Large Scale planning application). Resolved to approve the application with comments as agreed at planning. b. Update on proposed energy credentials from Morris Homes. Noted enhanced provision on plots of solar panels. No mention of electric charging points. c. Response from County to queries about pedestrian



access and streetlighting. Noted public footpath will remain open unless a diversion is applied for. Streetlights will be LED.

- i. Planning Policy Monthly update and parish e-bulletin. Noted.
- ii. Planning matters a. delegation decision – letters from Fews Lane Consortium Ltd and Lead Cabinet Member for Planning for information. Noted no response required. b. Street/house naming and numbering – Everton Road the Heath for information. Noted.
- iv. Community Safety and Resilience Event – cancelled. Zero Carbon Communities Workshop – feedback from JN. Gamlingay was well represented. Information on ideas for repair café and electric cargo bike and car was collected.
- v. Gamlingay Recycling Day – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Poster for information. Noted – councillors asked to promote event.

178. **Cambridgeshire County Council**

- i. Think Communities – ii. First School Field. i Notes from Think Communities meeting 14.2.2020. Proposal to enter short term lease, costs for consideration. SM – considers it is positive that high level County officers came to Gamlingay for meeting. Clerk KR – lease will be £1k+ and there will be ongoing maintenance costs for GPC to consider. CS – previously CCC wanted to grant licenses to each user and pass costs on to them – this was unacceptable. JW/CS – GPC needs to act on offer from County. Clerk KR – GPC does not need to offer formal licenses to users, this could cost more to arrange – it does not currently do this for users of its recreation spaces. CS – details can be worked out when heads of terms for the lease are presented, licenses need not cost more in legal fees and can be simple – he has experience in this area. Resolved to accept offer of 9-month lease – each party to bear own costs.
- ii. Local Highway Improvements applications – information to note. Highways officer meeting clerks on 3<sup>rd</sup> April to discuss cycleway proposals.
- iii. Solar stud cycle path lighting – to consider use of S106 funds (community transport) to install on Station Road. Resolved to approve. PFHI application required. KW – grounds man will need to schedule in regular clearance of leaves on bridge area to ensure studs are effective.
- iv. To consider traffic management course offer. No attendees.

179. **Staffing and Councillor matters**

- i. Annual leave requests. Resolved to approve.

180. **General Correspondence** – available in the office. Noted.

181. **Items for the next agenda – none.**

182. **To note the dates of the next Parish Council and Committee meetings**

Full Council Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 7.30pm in the Kier suite, Annual Parish Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Next F and GP 26.5.2020 (also F and GP on 24<sup>th</sup> March)  
Planning meetings 7pm prior to all meetings.

183. To formally record the **time of closure** of the Parish Council Meeting 21.30

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