



**Minutes of a Meeting of Gamlingay Parish Council <sup>1</sup> held virtually <sup>2</sup>, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.45pm**

Present: Chair C Smith, councillors J Darcy, W Boyne, S Martin, A Foster, K Warburton, P Webb, J Wright, A Kirby. Clerks L Bacon and K Rayner. District Councillor B Smith and County Councillor S Kindersley. 1 member of the public.

21. **Resolved** To accept apologies for absence from S Jones, A Goss, D Finnigan, T Gurney and J Newman. No applications for co-option to fill vacancy.
22. **Noted no declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda:-**
  - 22.1 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.
  - 3.2 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.
23. 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 present.
24. **Resolved to** Approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and to note minutes of F and GP 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
25. Any Matters Arising from these minutes. Log bridge repair completed; wood (handrails) will need treating with preservative, foliage around bridge needs cutting back – grounds man to action if possible.
26. **Correspondence from Local MP, District and County Councillors, Police and reports from local groups**
  - i. Cllr Smith- South Cambs District Council. Green bin collections now restored to normal. Fly tipping has been a big problem but SCDC has reacted promptly to clear up. Business grants – have now all been issued. New discretionary grants now being assessed, criteria for eligibility may be altered if there is money left after first issue. Noise complaints – Green End industrial units – have now been satisfactorily resolved. Company involved were responsive and took issue seriously. A428 Caxton Gibbet to Black Cat improvements should still go ahead but expressway (Oxfordshire end) likely to be reprofiled. Mayor/combined authority has moved base to Ely (from Alconbury) but now considering interim solution based on Hub model. Emergency cycle way improvements – bid for funding has been submitted. Will be largely city based pop up cycleways – some already implemented. Hedge encroaching on West Road pavement corner – complaint made. Director of shared planning asking for pragmatic approach from parish councils to extended hours for operating building sites following pandemic closures. Council needs to establish how decisions can be made on alterations to planning conditions quickly. KW – understands that Central government feels this is crucial and recognizes that all levels of government have to work to accommodate changes in these times. CS – businesses need to be assisted but within the confines of the comfort of residents. PW – asked if Gamlingay residents can use St Neots recycling centre – yes. Greys Rd parking scheme due to go before this months planning committee at SCDC.

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- ii. Cllr Kindersley – Cambridgeshire County Council representative. Rncouraged PC to register interest in cycleway funding, although most will likely go to city centre schemes. KR asked SK to provide email contact for officer in charge. CCC has met and resolved to extend thanks to many people involved in Covid – 19 related assistance, including redeployed county officers. AF asked SK to chase County to get First School field grass cut as it is now very long and unsightly. PW pointed out that surface drains are blocked – SK advised these should be reported via online system. SK left meeting.
- iii. Gamlingay Coronavirus Support Group. Continues to operate very effectively. Have engaged with Marks and Spencer to redistribute left over food for needy. Very proactive group, ably assisted by the Baptist Church volunteers – running food bank.
- iv. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Gamlingay Community Safety Group – minutes 21.5.2020. Scams awareness information and training and Rural Watch. WB – group is restricted due to Covid 19 but met virtually to discuss various initiatives. Have been posting updates and scams advice on FB page and sharing South Cambs Cops updates.
- v. Speedwatch – currently not undertaking surveys (Covid -19)
- vi. Forward Gamlingay! – response to query about financial impact of Covid -19 on annual financial support. Noted, approximately £2000 may be considered for re allocating within budget at future meeting.
- vii. Police – PCSO report. None provided.
- viii. **Discuss** – any items raised in reports. No further items.

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

27.1 **Community Buildings**

- i. Old Methodist Chapel a. Rainbow Pre School – start date and amended annual invoice. Noted planned start 15<sup>th</sup> June and approved invoice for remaining term  
 b. Emergency brickwork repair. Noted. 1 member of the public joined the meeting.  
 c. Party wall act – notification of work and potential impact on users. Noted. Some concerns about disturbance to footings of building and potential adverse impact on lettings if damage is done. AF – access for demolition may be problematic. Resolved to use Pellings as surveyor. d. Tell tale monitors – report on any changes. No changes observed, no movement detected.
- ii. Eco Hub i. Update on estimated opening date. Current estimate – September.

27.2 **Recreational Spaces**

- i. Playground and recreation field – i Update on Covid -19 closure. Playground and skatepark remain closed although some users have been on skatepark. Signage is in place and regular updates on FB and website. ii. Rospa reports and any repairs required. Report has been shared with grounds man and jobs are being allocated. KW - suggested smaller watercourse signs will be less likely to be vandalized in future.
- ii. First School Field. i Completion of tree works and update on lease. Noted, Rainbow Pre school equipment in forest area was damaged – reported to County officer. No update on lease.

27.3 **Cemeteries and Churchyards**

- i. **Vote** - Missing padlock on kissing gate at end of central path- to resolve action. Resolved to replace padlock and place signage on lower field side to indicate why gate is secured and route of public footpath.
- ii. **Noted** – removal of new cemetery gates for re painting. Noted 5 year guarantee on works has been agreed.



- 27.4 **Library** – latest on proposed opening. Following lead from County – reduced service from July.
28. **Information, communications and consultations**  
i. IT issues – Facebook page, emails and website- report. Website FB feed issue and email issue now resolved.
29. **Community news**  
i. Neighbourhood Plan – update KR/SM. Social distancing rules permitting, consultation could start in September. Full Council need to approve NHP first – possible July agenda item. May require separate meeting.  
ii. Trees – resolved to approve offer of free trees (KR has requested native hedgerow plants for new cemetery) and proposal for strategy for planting in the village. Strategy will be drawn up in conjunction with landscape experts/Wildlife Trust as a coordinated approach to new planting. Need to preserve existing vistas. More grant funding may shortly be available from SCDC under zero carbon scheme – could fund tree expert to draw up plan. KR pointed out the Cambridgeshire Landscapes Guidelines document which should be a starting point for coordinated approach.  
iii. **Noted** Moon Gate – expression of interest in restoration project. Ownership and potential funding opportunities. Noted some confusion about ownership, but has been no interest expressed by legal owner in project to date.
30. **Financial**  
i. Resolved to approve- payments list -vouchers 39 to 41
31. **South Cambridgeshire District Council**
- 31.1 Planning Policy Monthly update and parish e-bulletin – **Resolved**– to arrange meeting with Gamlingay Coronavirus Support Group and Forward Gamlingay to consider options for setting up mobile warden scheme. JW, KW and SM to be invited. BS outlined successful Melbourn scheme, mix of paid staff and volunteers. SCDC offering funding for initial 2 years. Agreed that there was an opportunity to capture the community engagement that has happened due to Covid 19 to provide an important service for elderly and vulnerable residents. Application deadline is 10<sup>th</sup> July. BS left meeting.
32. **Cambridgeshire County Council**
- 32.1 **Noted** Re-lining work on Stocks Lane junction and elsewhere in village.
33. **Staffing and Councillor matters**  
i. Virtual training opportunities. WB booked in for councillor training 20.6.2020.  
ii. Clerks – update on office attendance days. No change to current arrangements.
34. **General Correspondence** – available in the office.
35. **Items for the next agenda. None raised.**
36. **To note the dates of the next Parish Council and Committee meetings**  
Full Council Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm, F and GP 28<sup>th</sup> July (noted should be 23.6.2020)  
Planning meetings 7pm prior to all meetings.
37. To formally record the **time of closure** of the Parish Council Meeting. 21.43

Signed.....

Dated.....

