



GAMLINGAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at Gamlingay Eco Hub on Tuesday 27th July 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: P Webb (Chair), S Martin and L New. Clerk L Bacon.

123. To elect a chair and vice chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee –resolved to defer until all members are present at next meeting. Resolved to receive apologies for absence – B Petch, C Smith and A Foster and clerk K Rayner. No declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests (if any) and to grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.
124. Resolved to **approve and sign the Minutes** of the F&GP meeting held 11th May 2021 and to consider any matters arising - none. Noted the Full Council minutes of 13th July 2021.
125. 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.
126. **Finance:**
 - i. Payments to be approved vouchers 97 – 107 - resolved
 - ii. Bank reconciliation April, May and June – resolved to approve.
 - iii. First quarter budget review and covid costs to Council update noted.
 - iv. To consider grants towards a. annual fireworks display – Friends of Gamlingay Village Primary. A grant of £1000 this year was considered, but it was deferred until costs of other items on agenda were calculated. If £1000 is resolved, then it would be on the understanding that this level of support is possible due to underspend due to Covid and that any contribution in future years would need to be reapplied for and reassessed considering the pertaining budget and b.



Gamlingay WI – towards bench. Resolved to defer until final costs are received from the WI.

127. General purpose

- i. Noted rate change – GCC Ltd (Eco Hub rental rates).
- ii. To receive report on Gamlingay Guardians committee meeting 27.7.2021 and to consider any recommendations to Full Council. Noted and agreed to accept resignation of Head Guardian with regret.
- iii. Neighbourhood plan – update KR. SM did update – Landscape assessment has been received. Mapping is complete.

128. Recreation spaces/community buildings

- i. PCLC meeting 26.7.2021 -to note minutes and consider any recommendations to Full Council. Noted only one GPC representative was present – meeting had new GCC attendees, so a basic background on the relationship between GCC and GPC was given. No recommendations.
- ii. ROSPA reports 2021 and aerial runway damage – Progress. Noted grounds man had completed the repairs he can manage. J Cobb has done a site visit with a view to adding several jobs to the previously agreed quotation. CPM playgrounds quote – resolved not to proceed with repainting the toddler climbing frame, replacing the tiles under the see saw or repair/replace parts on the toddler see saw. Section 106 funding will be received soon which could potentially replace these pieces of equipment with something more up to date in terms of health and safety and play value. Noted some problems with this equipment currently e.g., hot, and slippery metal surfaces. Resolved to approve the check to shackle bolts, toddler slide mulch wear pad and work to investigate space net adjustments. Brogan group has welded the fault on the aerial runway – will need to be checked and the seat will need to be refixed by playground contractors.
- iii. Rainbow Pre school a. To note repair to cistern leak (AF) and any works required. Noted that no further plumbing works are required.
- iv. Bowls club – minutes of meeting 19.7.2021 and any recommendations to Full Council. Minutes noted. Noted recommendation that options be discussed again in November prior to precept calculations.

129. Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council items



- i. Local Highways Initiative Scheme – applications open for 2022. To consider any submission. Suggested schemes for consideration at Full Council
 - a. further extension to footpath on Mill Hill if possible
 - b. Station Rd/Stocks Lane junction - safety for pedestrians improvements – parking restrictions/railings
 - c. Station Rd/Church Lane junction – remodeling – Clerk to investigate if this is eligible.
- ii. Noted advice on traffic management for Remembrance Day parades.
- iii. Mill Hill footpath proposal – latest information from County Council. Noted County does not support warning signage for vehicles or pedestrians to show new footpath. Businesses which benefit (particularly the farm shop) should now be asked to contribute as there is a significant shortfall in funding. Potential sources include external contributions, reserves put aside for future highways projects. Finance implications will need to be discussed in full at future meeting. Noted that County estimates on highway projects have sometimes been very over inflated in the past.

130. **Publications and communications**

- i. To consider requirement for continuation of publications committee. Resolved to disband this committee as the functions of it are covered under agenda items on both Full Council and Finance and General Purposes committee.
- ii. Noted positive direct feedback from latest Gazette article on biodiversity and to next submission.

131. Staff and Councillor matters

- i. Training schedule to note. Noted LN missed finance training online session due to problems with connection. Needs to be rebooked.

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

133. Next meeting - Annual Investment Strategy, insurance review.

134. Dates of next meetings: -Planning and Full Council Tuesday 14th September 2021, F and GP 28th September 2021. Noted there may be an additional meeting for planning and to approve Neighbourhood Plan regulation 16.

135. Record Closure time of meeting – 20.33

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