



## GAMLINGAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Gamlingay parish council held at Gamlingay Eco Hub Main Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: H Gould (Chair), W Boyne (Vice Chair), C Smith, J Darcy, P Webb, R Petch, S Martin, K Warburton, L New. Clerk L Bacon and 3 members of the public.

34. Resolved to receive **apologies for absence from councillors D Finnigan, A Foster, A Kirby and T Gurney and District Councillor B Smith and County Councillor S Kindersley and to receive declarations of interest** from councillors on items on the agenda - none. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) and to grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate. To receive an application by co-option from D Hooper. Resolved - D Hooper was co-opted.
35. 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. J Richardson provided details of a possible housing development site near East Lane in Gamlingay with the potential for recreational land to be provided to the village (relevant to item 38.6). A pre application submission has been made to SCDC. SM asked if the applicant had engaged with the Neighbourhood Plan in terms of the possible development – no, this had not been done. Councillors thanked the applicant for the information provided but made no comments in relation to the site or the proposal.
36. Resolved to approve as a correct record the **Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and to note any issues arising. None.**
37. To receive correspondence/reports from:

- i. MP Anthony Browne – East West Rail survey. A response has been submitted on behalf of the Parish Council repeating previous comments.
- ii. Cllr Smith- South Cambs District Council- apologies noted.
- iii. Cllr Kindersley – Cambridgeshire County Council representative – apologies noted. Report had been circulated earlier today. KW – considers that the Prime Minister was not interested in MP Anthony Brown’s comments on East West rail. HG feels that the government should not proceed with plans that were made pre Covid as the pandemic has likely affected the way people will travel in future and things should be reevaluated. CS understands that digging has already started in places – HG thinks this is speculative. KW also feels that the Luton Airspace consultation was a fiasco and a bad reflection of today’s democracy.
- iv. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Community Safety Group, Police – PCC meeting report 30.6.2021 - W Boyne. PCC survey on priorities for future policing is open until 30<sup>th</sup> July and is open to all to respond. WB felt the Speed Watch presentation at the PCC meeting was very ambitious in terms of targets for reducing road deaths by 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2040. Specials are being used to lead speed reduction campaigns. There was also a presentation on scams. WB was thanked for attending and reporting back.
- v. Speedwatch – results-Station Road and Potton Rd, the Heath. S Walder – Speedwatch coordinator. Major change is that Speed Watch can now pass data from the MVAS sign to SCDC to target enforcement measures, although SW has not seen any enforcement since the local group started. Potton Rd, The Heath – offence rate was 5%, this is what is generally seen. Item 38.5 was brought forward for discussion. The PC has not resolved what to do with the additional MVAS sign purchased on request from GVP, but SW was aware of a suggestion that it be offered to Speed Watch. SW cannot commit sufficient time to move a second sign around the village but offered to move it between the two agreed locations on Drove Road if no other solution could be found. SW suggested a solution would be if the GVP volunteers signed up to Community Speed Watch and undertook the relevant training. This would mean that the additional sign could be brought into use without an additional application for an attachment license and all insurance/risk assessment etc. are already agreed and in place. The locations on Station Rd that were approved by the GVP safety group could then be added to the

Speed Watch schedule. GVP volunteers would be expected to help in all Speed Watch locations, not only those outside the school. KW commented that GVP's original concerns about traffic around the school related mainly to parking rather than speed.

38. **To receive reports** on other Parish Council matters:

38.1 **Gamlingay Guardians** – uptake of revised scheme and to note date of committee meeting 20.7.2021. Noted 2 members now joined.

38.2 **Community Buildings**

- i. Eco Hub – a) water fountain – completion of installation and progress on Gateway feature. Fountain very well received; no water bill yet, but will be increased. Gateway feature – progressing. b) GCC Trustees meeting minutes, noted. c) Request for drawdown of long-term maintenance funds for sanding floor in reception area – resolved to approve.
- ii. Cemeteries and churchyards i. repair to St Mary's entrance by Morris Homes. Resolved to write formally to thank Morris Homes and to put an article in next Gazette. ii. Complaint re grass cutting Stocks Lane – to consider any further response. Resolved not to take any further action. Ground's man will cut back hedge as much as possible but will not be fully cut until bird nesting season is over – normal schedule. iii. Anti-social behavior in the cemetery. Noted that closure of gates once Covid restrictions end may discourage use of cemetery as a cut through. HG to draft an article for future Gazette about different uses of recreation spaces in the village.
- iii. Old Methodist Chapel –MCMC meeting minutes/verbal report. Not available. Leaking toilet reported today – plumber will be called tomorrow.

38.3 **Recreational Spaces**

- i. Grow Gamlingay project – feedback from site meeting First school site. No resolution on location yet but discussions are ongoing about site – item 43. lii refers.
- ii. Ivel Valley Drainage board works program 2021 to note. Noted.
- iii. Playground – to note damage to aerial runway, actions taken and options. Damage to joint on equipment installed 2014 noted. Manufacturer has not responded. Equipment was immediately taken

out of action once fault was noticed. Local metalworker can potentially weld if corrosion is not extensive. JD – Brogan group has appropriate equipment and can likely effect repair, he will inspect and arrange.

- 38.4 **Library** – latest on full opening. Will proceed to normal opening hours from Monday provided volunteers are available. Manager is contacting them.
- 38.5 **Gamlingay Village Primary-i.** Speeding signs, correspondence history and next steps to resolve. Discussed earlier. Clerks to contact GVP to make suggestion about volunteers joining Speed Watch ii. Planter – actions taken and responsibility on-going. Council thanked Gamlingay Allotment Gardening Association for donation of plants and labour. GVP will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of planter and plants.
- 38.6 **Bowls Club-** meeting to discuss future of Gamlingay Bowls Club-to note. Arranged for Monday 4.30pm. Outcome to be reported to Sept full council for discussion/resolution.
39. **Information, communications and consultations**
- i. Neighbourhood Plan. SM gave a summary. Mapping is complete, landscape assessment almost done. A special meeting in August may be required to agree to submit Reg 16.
  - ii. Greenacres visibility splay issue – letter and response to note. Noted hedge is now cut.
  - iii. Luton airport – air space changes consultation outcome to note. Noted. Consultation was unsatisfactory.
40. **Community news**
- i. Annual Parish Meeting – minutes to approve for publication. Noted that Annual Report is included as an appendix and is published on website. Resolved to approve.
  - ii. To consider request to support wildflower planting grant application to Gamlingay Community Turbine – J Shelton. Resolved to approve areas to sow yellow rattle and bluebells and additional two fruit trees. Consultation with nearby residents will be essential before any further wildflower planting will be considered – this part of the grant application was not approved. Future extension of wildflower meadow proposal. More scientific research and public consultation would be needed. The area was carefully planned by environmental

experts to support multiple habitats/eco systems and increasing one aspect (wildflowers) may affect others. The multi recreational purpose of the area must always be taken into consideration. DH suggested that beehives may be a valuable addition to the area if more wildflowers were planted – would need to be properly managed. Any planting of wildflowers on the banks adjacent to properties would need prior consultation – as has been done before at Chapelfield with mixed responses. The Council would not consider changing the carefully planned area without consideration of wider public views and impact of costs of maintenance and impact on carbon footprint – as referred to in Clerk KR's summary.

41. **Financial**

- i. To be approved- payments list -vouchers 72 -96. Approved.
- ii. Covid recovery grant award and draft plan for joint event with Eco Hub to note. Noted grant of £2000 has been received. Plans are in early stages but likely to be early October and intended to provide paid employment to local entertainers who have not been able to work during the pandemic. Will also showcase the Hub and groups using it can use event for promotion, but it is not intended to be a commercial event, but rather a celebration for residents of the end of the restrictions under Covid. DH asked if the organizers of past Battle of the Bands might be interested in being involved (Forward Gamlingay!).

42. **South Cambridgeshire District Council**

- i. Review of gambling policy to note. Noted

43. **Cambridgeshire County Council**

- i. Cycling and walking Infrastructure Plan submission (deadline 13th July). Noted Clerk KR has submitted a detailed response on behalf of GPC.
- ii. Footpath to Farm Shop- report on progress. Agreed that project should correctly be referred to as Mill Hill path in future. County has received required surveys and is reviewing and finalizing plans prior to sending to GPC for approval and then to safety audit. Timescales – 15 weeks approx. Once contactors are on site delivery will be up to 4 weeks. Costs – to be discussed further at finance committee. Shortfall will need to be met by S106/request to local business for contributions.

iii. First School field – progress on lease discussions. CCC has now made an offer to GPC regarding this land. Further discussions/negotiations are required about the detail of the lease arrangement. A meeting is to be arranged with Chair of GPC/CCC reps soon and a more detailed proposal can hopefully be put to Council for resolution in September. Resolved that GPC will respond to CCC at this stage to confirm that it is still keen to take on the Playing Fields for use by the local community.

44. **Staffing and Councillor matters**

i. Training – requirements, planning. Noted.

ii. Return to work arrangements/office open hours after 19<sup>th</sup> July and request for consideration of home working and annual leave. Resolved to approve annual leave and home working proposal.

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

46. **Items for the next agenda** – Climate emergency and carbon action plan KW. First School field lease, Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16, Bowls Club proposals.

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

Full Council 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, F&GP 27<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm.

Planning meetings 7pm prior to all meetings. Planning meeting in August if required. All noted.

48. To formally record the **time of closure** of the Parish Council Meeting 20.52

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