



Minutes of a Meeting of Gamlingay Parish Council held at Gamlingay Eco Hub, Kier Suite on Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chair H Gould, Vice Chair W Boyne, councillors A Foster, J Darcy, A Kirby, S Martin, R Petch, K Warburton, D Hooper, L New, P Webb, A Kirby. Clerk K Rayner. Apologies from County Councillor S Kindersley and Cllr B Smith. and 1 member of the public.

101. To receive **apologies for absence and to receive declarations of interest** from councillors on items on the agenda. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) and to grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate. To receive any applications for co-option to fill vacancy.

Apologies from DF, CS, TG

Request for Co-Option received from Ms. R Stanton resident of the parish. **Resolved to co-opt to fill outstanding vacancy.** Clerk to forward paperwork for completion to new Councillor.

102. 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.

No items raised.

103. To approve as a correct record the **Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council 9th November 2021 and F&GP meeting 23rd November and to note any issues arising.**

89 (ii) SK-Hatley Rd closure-representative in attendance to answer questions- representative did not attend.

Item 90.2 (iv) Wildflower verges-minutes to note and plan to note-noted.

104. **To receive correspondence/reports** from:

i. Cllr Smith- South Cambs District Council-apologies

ii. Cllr Kindersley – Cambridgeshire County Council -apologies

iii. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Community Safety Group, Police

Minutes in pack for information. Public session 5th December cancelled due to covid level. Vacancy for new treasurer. New members required.

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

105.1 Community Buildings and recreation spaces

- i. Eco Hub – end of year -report finalization (GCC Ltd)

End of year accounts- awaited. RFO to make finalization to precept on receipt of outstanding information

- ii. Cemeteries and churchyards – a. Common beech, St Mary’s Churchyard- Report and resolution

Clerk presented report. Discussed options and interest in potential to carve monolith into sculpture (local artist). Discussed options to re-use wood (furniture rather than firewood)– enquiries have been made. Due to health and safety concerns it was agreed that all arisings should be removed from site by the contractor. Issue to be resolved subject to liaison/agreement with PCC representative Rev Hilary Young.

Resolved- Remove tree to 5m monolith, subject to permission granted for removal by Statutory Planning Authority (Conservation area/TPO).

Tree replacement- agreed to be replaced within St Mary’s Field cemetery -location to be agreed.

Agreed to accept quotation from GTS for removal (£2460 incl VAT) subject to checks.

(Insurance checks and work arrangements (access and equipment))

- iii. Old Methodist Chapel – plumbing/update AF

AF advised leak had been fixed with sealant. AF thanked for resolving the issue.

- iv. Log Field (Land off Park Lane-Merton College) correspondence relating to renewing lease-report and actions arising

Clerk presented report and advised of help received from Cllr C. Smith. Concerns expressed about current proposed lease length and also some aspects of the revised wording departing from the 2011 lease.

Resolved- not to currently agree a three year new lease as supplied by Hewitsons in November 2021. Clerk authorized to raise issues with Bursar and request extension to seven years less one day- and other issues as identified in the report (item 5.2).

- v. Bowls Club and recreation field- correspondence with Chair, mole activity

Correspondence concerning Bowls Club wish to invest short term into current facilities at the current site.

Clerk advised that any s.106 resources should now be switched to alternative sports facility investment (i.e., football). Clerk advised total reserves identified for Bowls Club in 2022 totals £8k.

It was resolved clerk to contact Bowls Club to advise that the priority of this budget would be to remove the conifers from the site.

Welcome further discussions about plans for facility. Mole activity- clerk has called out pest control to attend site. Dog mess- concern about anti-social dog mess- support offered by clerk to print and laminate signage for the football club. Problem is that there are limited places for signage to be put up.

105.2 Library – to note opening hours and closure 23rd December to 4th January 2022

Noted.

106. Information, communications and consultations

- i. Climate Emergency working party – update (KW)

KW advised first meeting has taken place, minutes to go to the next F&GP meeting. Group members reported on their areas of expertise/interest and one action potentially a solution for wildflower arisings to

be dumped on local muck heap. Clerk to follow up this action. KW advised focus to be Gamlingay Show, and to continue to try to engage with youth groups and representatives.

ii. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority-Consultation on the regions transport future- draft response for resolution

Clerk presented report. Councillors discussed the options for raising resources to pay for enhanced public transport provision for Gamlingay, and enhanced service for Cambourne, Park and Ride venues, and Central Cambridge. HG stated opposed to congestion charges and emissions charges as this penalizes those least well off. Proposal suggested that central Cambridge businesses should pay for costs of public transport through their rates. Concern raised that service would stop at 7pm for Gamlingay (no late bus for accessing leisure venues in the evening). Recommendations in the report were considered.

Resolved- Support recommendations 1,3 and 4 in report-hourly bus service for Gamlingay residents from Biggleswade to Cambourne- Cambridge. Support option C raising existing and proposed parking and additional parking fees to be increased in Cambridge.

Clerk to respond by closing date. (20th December)

iii. Legal Updates-NALC- LTN 31 –

Noted- Discussion on Power of Competence- next election is May 2022.

107. Community news

i. Feedback on Gamlingay Fireworks Event- Friends of GVP-thank you

Noted

ii. Christmas Lights event- 4th December- feedback

AK advised facebook group brought together an opening event and thanks to Nick and Sandra for their help. Difficulties in getting the volunteer group together-AK wants to be better organized next year and consult Potton on best practice. Councillors thanked Brogan Group for putting up Christmas lights this year- much appreciated. Lights planned to come down approx. 12th January, dependent on cherry picker and manpower availability (and quietness of streets).

108. Financial

i. To be approved- payments list -vouchers

Payments 238-244 were approved. Additional payment made to refund Christmas Lights expenses (AK) was approved (244)

ii. To receive a report and recommendations from F&GP 23rd November 2021 and resolve the Precept 2022-23

Deferred until next meeting. Awaited final costs for Mill Hill Footpath (County Council) and clarity on end of year accounts (Eco Hub) for RFO to present.

109. South Cambridgeshire District Council

i. First School Field- asset of community value- decision expected 5th January 2022

Noted

- ii. First proposals-Local Plan for Greater Cambridge consultation -response submitted, and Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan- r.16 consultation has ended

Noted. Neighbourhood Plan- inspector has submitted some questions for the Neighbourhood Plan group to respond to over the Christmas period. Zoom meetings have been arranged.

- iii. Draft Street trader licensing policy- for comment (14 days response time)

Noted- no response made

- iv. Grow Gamlingay Tiny Forest -return of funding- Lower Field proposal and response

Representative unable to attend. Currently discussing with objectors to the scheme for it to be located on Lower Field. Cllr B Smith researching concerns due to floodplain. The Council has previously resolved to agree the location as the second choice as the First School field permission has not been forthcoming from the County Council.

110. Cambridgeshire County Council

- i. Notes of meeting with County Council concerning First school Field- to note.

Clerk expressed dissatisfaction and frustration as County Council will not progress the valuation and a potential lease for the field, as declaring there may be a further use for land and buildings, three years on from mooring agreement for a field lease. Objections have been received from County Council opposing GAM 7&8 Local Green Space and reuse of buildings for community purposes. SM advised that clear recorded agreement to lease the field to the parish council has been reneged upon. RS advised she has access to meeting minutes which stated that the field would pass to the community. RS to supply to clerk.

- ii. LHI- Costs report and programme details- Mill Hill Footway/cycleway- resolve finance and programme implications

County Councils highway officer has failed to supply the associated costs of this proposed footway by the deadline stated. This means that the Precept can not be determined at this meeting. Item deferred to 11th January.

- iii. Gamlingay Footpath 10 to Green Acres/Green End closure- Morris Homes-latest

County Councils Rights Of Way Officer (ROW) and District Councillor Bridget Smith will be attending a site meeting on Friday to discuss the reopening of the footpath. It is understood that Morris Homes have made no arrangements for the path to be reopen. ROW Officer has tasked clerk to gather objections from members of the community. A flier has been prepared- WB, RP and RS to deliver to Green Acres estate and Elizabeth Way. Cinques Rd leaflet has already been delivered. Facebook post- 10 residents have already responded to the request for reopening. Clerk to gather list and supply to ROW Officer in the new year.

111. Staffing and Councillor matters

i. Training – feedback

Clerk advised CAPALC training is there for new councillors and existing Councillors. LN to re arrange Finance training when next session is published. RS advised training needs to be done (introduction session) within 6 months of joining. Training currently delivered on zoom.

ii. Quarterly Risk Assessments- reports from Councillors- urgent items

Councillors reminded to undertake quarterly assessments of all areas. Any major issues, please report directly to the clerk.

112. General Correspondence – available in the office.

Noted

113. Items for the next agenda –items:

108 (ii) Precept, 110 (ii) Mill Hill Footpath costs and finalization of budget and 110 (iii)Footpath 10- further actions to support reopening. Other items to Update- First School field-asset of Community Value, Grow Gamlingay tiny forest- update (Lower Field)

DH requested addition for next agenda- Festival for Jubilee-4th and 5th June 2022- Recreation Field.

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

Full Council 11th January at 7.30pm, F&GP 25th January 2022 7.30pm.

Planning meetings 7pm prior to all meetings.

Noted

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

Closed 8.46pm

Signed.....

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