



**Minutes of a Full Council Meeting of Gamlingay parish council held at Gamlingay Eco Hub Kier Suite on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm.**

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

116. Resolved to receive apologies for absence from D Finnigan, S Martin and T Gurney and to receive no 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.
117. 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.
118. Resolved to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and to note any issues arising.
119. To receive correspondence/reports from:
  - i. Cllr Smith- South Cambs District Council. Green bin collections resume this week. Have been issues with staff shortages due to sickness and lack of HGV drivers. Cllr Smith asked if the Parish Council was aware of any planned Jubilee events – D Hooper is involved in early planning with a couple of councillors, not much response to appeal for volunteers. SCDC has submitted response to Cambridge South station consultation by Network Rail – supports the principle but has concerns about biodiversity/adverse impact on nature. Cllr Smith has been lobbying for extension to permission for council to hold meetings remotely – current legislation means these must be in person, risky during Covid and expensive to hire large rooms to permit social distancing. Flooding – complaints about Church St (near crossing) and Cinques Road. Footpaths in Manor Rd and Murfitt Way have been resurfaced and Blythe Way roadworks due in March – does not include

paths. Mini forest location for Grow Gamlingay scheme – advise now received that Lower Field is suitable if correct species are planted.

ii. Cllr Kindersley – Cambridgeshire County Council. Roadworks – Croydon Hill will be closed for 6 weeks for water works, no alternative to total closure. Works on A1198 Arrington to Hardwick will also cause closures during same period. New Chief Executive and interim post holder appointed. Extra meeting has been planned to discuss postponed business. PW asked when contractors are coming back to rectify Greenacres ironworks – SK did not know/will inquire. SK and BS left the meeting.

iii. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Community Safety Group, Police. WB – nothing to report, no events can be arranged at the moment and Police surgery has been cancelled. Vacancy for a treasurer for GCSG.

120. To receive reports on other Parish Council matters:

120.1 Community Buildings and recreation spaces

- i. Eco Hub – latest opening arrangements and to note appointment of new manager. Manager has started, concentrating on increasing corporate bookings. Many recent cancellations due to high covid cases but hopeful that this will improve soon. Possible grants available to offset revenue loss.
- ii. Cemeteries and churchyards – a. Common beech, St Mary’s Churchyard- update. SCDC has no objections. Work will be scheduled after liaising with PCC – Chair offered to be contact. b. Volunteer councillor required to liaise with PCC – Chair. Moles in St Mary’s cemetery need to be treated – clerks will inform pest control.
- iii. Old Methodist Chapel – annual risk assessment (KW). Completed today. Items raised – hi vis paint needed to replace tape on steps front and back. AF offered to do, along with checking bulb in front external light. Flooring movement – AF has checked this and considers it is not currently problematic. Resolved to undertake further investigation/flooring repair if required in summer when hall is vacant.
- iv. Log Field (Land off Park Lane-Merton College) correspondence relating to renewing lease. Revised lease for consideration. Noted 5 years now offered. CS not satisfied with break clause – 3 months’ notice could be given by landlord. Signage – council would not

support signage erection or maintenance of signage, this would be down to the landlord. Clerks to pass on comments and ask for revised lease for consideration with changes as outlined in email exchange with Merton.

- v. Bowls Club and recreation field. Awaiting response from Bowls Club to proposal to make reserve funds available to prioritize conifer removal.
- vi. Cinques car park – maintenance requirements. Contractor asked for quotation to repair car park surface in was done previously (clerk to check how long ago).

120.2 Library – to note 2022 opening hours. Now as normal but footfall is low currently.

121. Information, communications and consultations

- i. Climate Emergency working party – update and proposed next meeting date (KW). Meeting 20.1.2022. Ideas invited via the Gazette and to councillors. HG – would like to see CEG lobby for grey water recycling to be included in all new builds in the village. KR – the NHP policy does refer to better insulation and improvements to building standards. CS does not consider that Morris Homes, developers at Green End, have included as much green technology as was implied during planning discussions.
- ii. Neighbourhood plan – response to inspectors’ comments for information. HG – noted that County Council commented that the NHP was not compliant with national policy. KW – the inspector seemed satisfied with the NHP. KR – the inspector will assess all responses with regards compliance and Gamlingay NHP is a relatively simple one with only 12 policies.

122. Community news

- i. Gamlingay Green – to note Gazette article/leaflet and consider any response required. Noted this was a letter to the Gazette, not a direct request to the Parish Council. Council will respond as necessary if pre application discussions are requested or when a planning application is received. Councillors must be mindful of predetermination. NHP group will consider whether to respond through Gazette.

ii. Grow Gamlingay – latest on tree planting project. SCDC has confirmed suitability of Lower Field location and varieties that would be best. Project will hopefully move forward during winter 2022.

123. Financial

i. Resolved to be approved- payments list -vouchers 245 -256

ii. To receive a report and recommendations from F&GP 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 and resolve the Precept 2022-23 following consideration of LHI- Costs report - Mill Hill Footway/cycleway and GCC final accounts 2021. Resolved to agree precept of £207, 477 noting that this is unchanged from first draft. Alternative funding for automatic front door opening will be sought by GPC/GCC to enable release of additional surplus to general fund to cover half sinking fund contribution from GCC in Sept 2022. LHI – Mill Hill footpath scheme. Costs still unspecified, many unknowns. Budget shortfall currently, plan to approach businesses on Mill Hill for contribution. If funding is still short, council wishes to proceed once final costs are identified, traffic scheme reserve can be called upon. Section 106 funds expected to cover some of cost – associated with West Road development. Precept requirement represents 0% increase per Band D household due to increase in number of households.

124. South Cambridgeshire District Council

i. First School Field- asset of community value- decision to note. Re registered for 5 years. Council need to consider building funds for potential land purchase should it be available in future.

125. Cambridgeshire County Council

i. LHI- Costs report and programme details- Mill Hill Footway/cycleway- resolve finance and programme implications. Officer has outlined potential savings and unknowns in email but no final costs available.

ii. Gamlingay Footpath 10 to Green Acres/Green End closure- submission of objector's letters (58) and report and recommendations from County Rights of Way officer to note. Noted. Morris Homes should open part of footpath immediately as it is not within development site. 59 letters of objection to closure were received from local residents -an excellent response. ROW Officer is fighting hard to resolve this case and get footpath re-opened.

- 126. Staffing and Councillor matters
  - i. Working from home/meetings - latest government advice. Noted this still stands, clerks attending the office as necessary using safe working procedures.
  - ii. Quarterly Risk Assessments- reports from Councillors- urgent items. Clerk LB will check which areas have vacancies and report back at next meeting.
  - iii. To note launch of Nimble – e learning platform (CAPALC). Noted.
  - iv. CAPALC – article request for March ebulletin, draft. Ideas for inclusion – fight to reopen footpath 10, set up of Climate Emergency Group, Grow Gamlingay project. Items may also be suitable for Gazette article.
- 127. General Correspondence – available in the office. Noted.
- 128. Items for the next agenda – Jubilee event (DH to email clerks with details)
- 129. Noted the dates of the next Parish Council and Committee meetings  
Full Council 8<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm, F&GP 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 7.30pm.  
Planning meetings 7pm prior to all meetings.
- 130. To formally record the time of closure of the Parish Council Meeting 20.56

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