



GAMLINGAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GAMLINGAY PARISH COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting of Gamlingay parish council held at Gamlingay Eco Hub Kier Suite **on Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm**. Present. HG (Chair), LN,DH, ,KW,BP,AF,SM,WB,JD. Cllr B Smith and clerk KR (via zoom). No members of public were present.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

146. To receive **apologies for absence DF, TG,RS,CS** 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. Apologies from DF, TG,RS,CS- previous engagement. Clerk LB unwell. Cllr S Kindersley-previous engagement. No declarations of interest received.
147. 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
148. To approve as a correct record the **Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council 8th February 2022 and to note any issues arising.**

No concerns -approved. Minutes to be signed at future meeting.

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

- i. Cllr Smith- South Cambs District Council

Covid briefing -latest numbers and situation reported. Red cross, emergency committee set up to help humanitarian plight in Ukraine, particularly influx into Poland-. SCDC recently housed 8 families from Afghanistan- consideration further refugee housing to be made available. HG asked regarding progress of Morris Homes to provide an alternative route for footpath 10.Urgency to reopen a footpath route-have currently failed to do so? BS- county on the cusp of legal action- temporary route being pursued. Make a safe route a priority. HG-New route was not approved at the time of the planning application. Avenells Way someone fell over last week because it was slippery-AF- path was resurfaced. BS has not heard of other

incidents- AF to contact person concerned to find out more detail. BS any other questions or issues requiring her attention? No further questions. BS left the meeting.

ii. Cllr Kindersley – Cambridgeshire County Council –

Not present.

iii. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Community Safety Group – request for room hire funding for recruitment event (Crime Prevention budget)

Agreed allocating £50 grant from this year's crime prevention budget to the group for general expenditure.

Police, Speedwatch update

Speedwatch update in the pack from SW. Application for new position at Green End- location now has been approved- first exercises can be scheduled. Contacting 2 people to sign up- training- just needs email addresses and online training for anyone who wants to do it.

BP is concerned about speeding traffic on Stocks Lane- wants a crossing, safe crossing to health centre from Blythe Way. BP to request location on Stocks Lane for speedwatch monitoring. JD-no trucks should be allowed down Stocks Lane/Church Lane at school times. BP- Blythe Way pedestrian crossing-could not see far enough down the road- incidences of speeding traffic making it unsafe to cross.

Neighbourhood Watch

Meeting planned for this Saturday morning- coffee morning- NW co-ordinator for the area is attending- application for funding- will have a presence at event. Agreed allocating £50 grant from this years crime prevention budget to the group. KW underline benefit of Neighbourhood Watch and publicize it. Need volunteers for every street- to compare notes.

150. To receive reports on other Parish Council matters:

150.1 Community Buildings and recreation spaces

i. Eco Hub a. Increase charges 2022/23

noted;

b. Long Term Maintenance fund -review update

Clerk advised NM arranged for review of LTM mechanism and requirements going forward. LN-Quote seems reasonable- approx. £11k for five year review. Meeting to be arranged to look at finer detail. More to follow

c. Covid regulations updated

noted

ii. Cemeteries and churchyards –

a. Common beech-revised contractor

Noted slight increase in cost

b. estimated date of removal (consideration)

Tree scheduled to be removed in July but is bird nesting season. Can delay until September- but there is a small risk that if there is a Summer storm tree could be vulnerable to fall. Inconclusive vote about removing tree in July. The ecological issue bird nesting-KW- if we take the tree down before birds have finished there will be lots of community criticism. Explain due to the risk tree is to be taken down-could hit the church. Net the tree to prevent nesting? HG generally not in favour of that. It was resolved to wait until September, subject to PCC accepting the risk that the tree could fall and damage church premises if there is a summer storm. **Resolved- to wait until September if PCC agree to accept the associated risks with this.**

c. replacement trees, working group notification-correspondence-noted

d. Request for wood- Almshouse trustees.

Original stance in December was to remove all arisings mainly due to health and safety- no variations proposed. Further written request received by clerks and included in pack from the Almshouse Trustees. WB new wood needs seasoning- cannot be used for a year and issue of storage. Happy to stick with the original decision in December. Discussion about burning wood- logistics chopping and storing – health and safety. 8 voted for and 1 objected. **Resolved to remove all arisings by contractor/previous decision stands.**

iii. Old Methodist Chapel – floor inspection-

Site visit was planned for today AF unfortunately did not get the message, clerk to find out if visit occurred. Guttering damage- Request made to enter compound or for Morris Homes to fix guttering. Morris Homes have agreed to do this, but won't be imminent. This was appreciated.

iv. Bowls Club – withdrawn interest in a new site, requests for: tree reduction, new fence, new electricity supply and s.106 funds- consideration of response-

Challenge is to get inexpensive electrical supply fit for purpose- AF-battery storage is a possibility- £8k parish council funds identified for the entire removal trees and replacement fencing-£3k identified to help for battery storage/solar provision to sustain existing facility. SM Tree replacement is required -yes but not in that location. Seek alternative location for replacing the conifer trees. The trees have to be taken down from inside the compound due to bank/proximity to watercourse-risk of damage to green.

v. Ground works – report on progress-

OK-most have been done

vi. Risk Assessments for all areas (quarterly)- report urgent items-

Lower field bridge-HG- temporary repair done- issue reported to County Highways- has maintenance responsibility for the bridge as it is a public footpath. Cemetery and war memorial-WB- all OK, SM- reminder needed of what is needed? Clerk to look into area of responsibility. All Councilors with RA responsibilities to contact clerks if further information is required.

150.2 **Library** – latest

Latest statistics were noted.

151. **Information, communications and consultations**

i. Climate Action Group – update, draft minutes –

Draft minutes to be circulated-Clerk to action

ii. Neighbourhood plan – update

Inspectors report is not published yet- it has sensitive content. Clerk to publish on website when it is published on SCDC website. SM- what to do next- what happens?- SCDC has 5 weeks to decide whether the plan fulfills the basic conditions and whether the plan can proceed to referendum. Inspector is likely to want revisions to documents an map changes which will take time and additional cost. Clerk is currently working on publication of documents of the Neighbourhood plan which be put on the website in the next month or so, when clerk is able to return to the office. Clerk advised that referendum costs are paid for by SCDC. (Waterbeach example).

iii. East West Rail- Cambridgeshire approaches- request to sign letter-

Agreed

152. **Community news**

- i. Gamlingay Jubilee Committee Saturday 4th June 2022 - grant award and update on planned event/s.

Agreed and noted. DH- full steam ahead with the preparations- it is going very smoothly, plan of event/s being advertised- weather an issue, volunteer roles- independent risk assessor to undertake assessment. Details will be attached to public liability. Co-operation of groups being included for party packs, contributions to schools, history society etc.

- ii. Proposal - to seek a meeting with Greensand Medical Practice, to understand how the practice ensures that it is performing within acceptable norms and meeting the needs of the catchment area, how residents' concerns are addressed and what (if anything) the Parish Council can do to assist – K Warburton-

Rewording of proposal- link in pack care quality commission report in 2017. Opinions and views expressed locally- should reflect concerns of community- 71 comments on social media (not pc page)-most people are tolerant of existing position- surgery are doing their best- is it the best set up/framework for our community? – Issue relating to access to book nurse appointment. Issue on access in Potton due to development/expansion. No of patients 1700 Cambs, Gam 2,100 without new houses (LN). KW old school- site for new health facility-ideal location. SM- what comes back from examiner from the Neighbourhood Plan policies will provide a steer. CC don't support use as surgery on the old school site. HG-The local MP is in discussion- same story. HG to find out from MP if there is any more news on this.SM advised the current system is the Patient feedback form- fill it in to express views on the service. HG-There is a culture shift- personable approach is right- hands off approach a step too far- digital appts are fine for those who like them but are not a substitute. DH offered private meeting with son who runs practices in Cambridge – KW not necessary to have a meeting. DH- danger PC may be 'blinded by science' HG advised that there may be a conflict of interest with DH suggestion. This would be unfavourable territory that should be steered clear of. It is a practical situation- not talking 'personal medical conditions' just issues relating to access to appointments- is the matter at hand. HG to update from discussions MP office – about this issue at next meeting.

- iv. Great British Spring Clean – to consider signing up to promote this initiative-25th March 10 April-

No resolution

153. **Financial**

- i. Annual membership requests- CAPALC, Cambridgeshire ACRE.

It was agreed to membership of CAPALC and Cambridgeshire ACRE 2022/23.

- ii. To be approved- payments list -vouchers 294-299

Deferred- invoices were not available to view at the meeting. Clerk to circulate detail by email.

- iii. Community Chest grant – application-Jubilee mugs for children-

Clerk KR from memory cost from PC funds is approx. £700 , with successful grant application. KW Concerns expressed about the costs and why 420? Clerk-420 children-school capacity for Primary school. Currently have about 389 pupils (January 2022). Should it be for all children? Not all at Primary School are from Gamlingay- concern. Cost involves 3 colour, parish council logo and queen jubilee logo. SM-Does it have to be a mug? AF- monarch has been on the throne for so long- it won't happen again-needs to be marked in some way. Commemorative mugs are traditional and sustainable way of reminding next generation. By 1st

April will know end of year position. ? **Agree to apply for the grant on 1st April, and consider resources after end of year financial position is clear.**

v. Electric Vehicle- servicing and replacement batteries- update-
Being serviced locally, cheaper quote for batteries received, thanks to CS for helping to resolve the matter.

154. South Cambridgeshire District Council

i. SCDC bulletin -Climate Change action fortnight- CAMCYCLE feedback
KW advertised events with CAG. Clerk KR attended CAMCYCLE session, very informative about changes to pedestrian and cycle priority on the roads, and new thinking about design of 'school streets' and deregulation of minor roads to create safer sustainable travel. Clerk to put some notes together to circulate for information.

ii. Parish Council election-May 2022 -28th March date for nomination papers –
Registration numbers need to be sought from the Electoral Register, and for proposers and seconders. Clerks can take in paperwork but need to be organised and make an appointment at Cambourne to ensure safe delivery within timescales, councillors requested to be organized. Please contact the clerks- if you need any advice- councillors and prospective new councillors. Notices are going up on 28 March.

155. Cambridgeshire County Council

i. LHI- Costs report and programme details- Mill Hill Footway/cycleway-
resolve finance, community contributions, and programme-report-
£1000 contribution promised from Brogan- greatly appreciated. Awaiting feedback from farm Shop owner. The project costs provided by CCC are OK in principle-. **Decision on how project is financed is to be deferred.** Clerk to chase Farm Shop owner for a response. Consideration of funding and potential vire of funds to be referred to next F&GP.

ii. Gamlingay Footpath 10 to Green Acres/Green End closure- latest.
ROW- officer working to agree temporary route- noted.

iii. Park Lane Footpath 8- response from Rights of Way Officer
Footpath not impeded by new fence line. Matter for individual to pursue as private matter.

iv. Cycleway meeting- minutes to note

HG- MP Richard Fuller looking into central government new fund C Boardman - looking into funding options- initial will from each parish to agree necessity to link to Gamlingay is needed- access cycle ride and Gamlingay facilities good for wellbeing- to take on board-Potton. Feasibility costs could be an issue for smaller parishes- cycling to local rail stations are key outcome for the project. WB -Green Wheel Potton- link into Gamlingay need to get permission from landowners owning verge may be a problem. Needs survey- further work may be needed from Potton TC to gauge Potton residents' views. Project is moving along

156. Staffing and Councillor matters

i. Councillor training- WB- Planning-SCDC- feedback
WB completed training- 3 hours and clerk to record on training schedule.

iii. Topics for Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 7.30pm-
For next meeting- dates have been agreed APM on the 10th May and AGM Full Council Tuesday 24th May (first meeting after election)

- iii. Annual leave - noted
- iv. Pay award 2021-22 - noted

- 157. **General Correspondence** – available in the office. Noted
- 158. **Items for the next agenda – chairmanship training HG to report**
- 159. **To note the dates of the next Parish Council and Committee meetings**
Full Council 12th April at 7.30pm, F&GP 22nd March 2022 7.30pm.
Planning meetings 7pm prior to all meetings.
- 160. To formally record the **time of closure** of the Parish Council Meeting
Meeting closed at 9.03pm