



## GAMLINGAY PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Chair S Martin, A Foster, R Petch, W Boyne. Clerks L Bacon and K Rayner and 1 member of the public.

31. Resolved to receive **apologies for absence from J Evans and to receive declarations of interest** from councillors on items on the agenda.  
None.
32. To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests (if any) and to grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate. None received.
33. Resolved to **approve and sign the Minutes** of the F&GP meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and to consider any matters arising. Noted delay to supply of coronation bench – may need to choose different design if delay continues. Noted the Full Council minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
34. 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. **No items.**
35. **Finance:**
  - i. Payments to be approved. Vouchers 93 – 108. Resolved to approve.
  - ii. Bank reconciliation June 2023. Resolved to approve.
  - iii. Streetlight energy complaint – update from ombudsman on Yu energy response. Noted deadline for supplier resolution is 14<sup>th</sup> August.
  - iv. To note end of inspection period for accounts year ending 31.3.2023. Noted no queries raised by members of the public.
36. **General purpose**
  - i. To receive quarterly risk assessment reports.

- Millbridge Brook Meadows – no issues apart from recent path damage (vandalism).
- Village sign – some rot showing at base, may need new post.
- Northfield Close play area – no issues.
- Cemeteries and churchyards – pedestrian gate at St Mary's does not close. Topple testing of headstones to be undertaken by clerks/ground man.

**37. Recreation spaces/community buildings**

- Eco Hub a. Reminder of PCLC on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 7pm. Noted rescheduled to 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm.
- Millbridge Brook Meadows a. quarterly meeting report (verbal). G Williams and J Evans attended. GW – thanks to PC for funding for hedge laying, will apply to Tithe fund for remainder. Clerks have chased path repair quote. 27/9 rake off event – GW to speak to local residents about possibility of disposal of cuttings (£500 quote from farmer to remove). Grounds man can dispose of some under hedgerow. Orchard – in good shape. Trees nearest railway bridge most exposed and not in such good condition – may need moving at some stage. JE has submitted articles to Gazette and FB on 10 year anniversary ideas and general updates.
- Old Methodist Chapel a. to consider quotation from locksmiths. Door locks – approved. Window locks – to be fitted to all opening windows at same time b. To consider rent amendment request from Rainbow. Resolved - as Council has already agreed a rent reduction for Rainbow to the end of tenancy and must be mindful of the costs it incurs to run the building, it cannot reduce the rent retrospectively. Also, as previously explained It is not normal business practice for tenants of properties to be given reductions for days they did not occupy the premises in question. It was agreed to remove all Mondays from the date of request (18<sup>th</sup> July) and reduce the invoices for July and August accordingly, with a final day of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August.
- Closed churchyards – repair to churchyard wall- date of works to note. Noted not yet scheduled as road closure is required.

**38. Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council items**

- i. To sign S106 indemnity agreement relating to Green End Public Highway and pedestrian improvements. Resolved to sign noting £25k will be paid directly to the Parish Council – project spend to be resolved.

39. **Publications and communications**

- i. To consider any items for next Gazette/social media posts. Village show – items to include Action Plan. Clerks to circulate timetable for councillor attendance. JH asked how other social media platforms could be considered – advised to suggest for future F and GP for consideration.

40. **Staff and Councillor matters**

- i. Annual leave requests. None.

41. **Routine Correspondence** – available in the office. Noted.

42. **Items for the next meeting.** Budget quarter 1 review.

43. **Dates of next meetings:** -Planning and Full Council Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023, F and GP 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Noted additional planning 22<sup>nd</sup> August (not confirmed).

44. **Record Closure time of meeting 7:59**

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