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Minutes of a Meeting of Full Council held at Gamlingay Eco Hub on Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Vice Chair W Boyne, councillors A Foster, A Kirby, J Howell, R Petch, J Evans, R Howe. Clerks L Bacon and K Rayner. County Councillor S Kindersley.

34. Resolved to receive apologies for absence from G Squance, T Gurney and S Martin and District Councillor B Smith and to receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None received.
35. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) and to grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate. None.
Reminder to councillors to update Register of Interest forms and to declare any interests at each meeting to be recorded in the minutes. Noted.
36. To approve and sign the Minutes of the Annual General meeting held 13th June 2023 and to consider any matters arising. Noted typo – Full Council on 13th June, AGM was 9th May. AGM minutes (not available at last meeting) and FC 13th June – resolved to sign both. To note the F&GP minutes of 27th June 2023. Noted.
37. 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.
38. Note Correspondence from Local MP, District and County Councillors, Police and reports from local groups.
 - i. Cllr B Smith-District. Apologies noted.



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- ii. Cllr S Kindersley -County. Councillors were surprised by the recent Times article outlining government plans to develop the Cambridge area as a new “silicone valley”, with up to 250 000 new homes. Local authorities had not been consulted. SK will keep PC updated on any developments. JH – does not consider Cambridge to be a suitable region for expansion of this scale in this sector due to cost of living, housing and available skill set. Asked what the thinking behind it is. SK – seems in complete contrast to “levelling up” agenda and against policies for not building on green belt. Proposed new hospitals in Cambridge are not yet built and these need to have parking provision etc, which is not yet in place. Suggested that the government doesn’t understand the “life sciences” sector. South Cambridge station is being built and EW Rail is proposed to use southern approach, despite being more expensive option. CCC end of financial year – overspend of £728 000, small percentage of overall budget. Increase in budget for SEN schools – Gamlingay is due to get new SEN provision on ex First School site. Department for Education is funding holiday activities for those in receipt of free school meals or classified as low income – PC asked to publicise this. Fire authority – control room system needs updating, Suffolk area wants to be under separate system in future – may cause issues. Preschool provision – planning application for mobile on GVP site will go to committee in September as there have been objections, so the facility will not be open in time for term start, but alternative provision will be made. Road lines have been repainted – outside ex First School site included as this site is still designated as being in educational use. Civil enforcement requires lines/signage to be visible for fines to be issued. JE asked if any drivers have ever owned up to demolishing the bollards on Stocks Lane junction – these are frequently replaced. SK – not sure but thinks occasionally the culprits have been charged. May need to reassess requirement for bollards in this location as they clearly cause issues with vehicles negotiating the junction. JE asked about the recent challenge to SCDC’s 4 day week. SK – SCDC are an employer and not committing any offence, the 4 day week has saved money and productivity is the same or improved. The government can send in commissioners to check but cannot insist it is stopped without new legislation. JH – 4 day week offers flexibility to allow greater diversity in the workplace. SK left the meeting.



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- iii. Gamlingay Community Safety Group – no report, Neighbourhood Watch – no report, Speedwatch – updated noted, pleased to hear of new volunteer and proposed upcoming speed checks, Climate Action Group – KR to try and arrange a zoom for those still interested in Aug prior to next FC meeting.
 - iv. Forward Gamlingay! – to note update on plans to spend Economic Development fund. Request for Parish Council representative. Both noted.
39. To receive reports from other initiatives involving the Parish:-
- i. Eco Hub - to receive report on long term maintenance fund. Noted representative from Carter Jonas will be visiting the Hub later this month to go through the schedule they prepared and try to address the problems identified by N Muirhead and P Dolling – both have offered to attend.
 - ii. Millbridge Brook Meadows - Proposal to form working party to look at options for replacement of maze on MBM and play equipment elsewhere (JE). Resolved to agree to establish working party – name to be decided, not specifically identifying play equipment, but rather more generally items to enhance village environment. Idea of memory tree considered. Could be a suitable installation in centre of maze, depending on price. New working party can assess it alongside other ideas. JE to draft appeal for volunteers to join working party to meet first in September. JH and WB felt it would be good for a sensory element to be incorporated in any new installation on MBM.
 - iii. Football Club – request for rabbit control measures. Standard operating procedure for shooting rabbits was considered. May not be effective for rabbit control, limited effect on breeding potential and should only be used as part of a coordinated programme. Not suitable in non-open ground or in the vicinity of human habitation. Resolved – not supported due to health and safety concerns about vicinity of housing and difficulty of securing area which is classified as public open space for recreation. Renewed ferreting when timing is suitable was supported.
40. Old Methodist Chapel
- i. To note arrangements for handover of building to new hirer. Meeting arranged with new hirer. Locks to be serviced/changed prior to handover. Electrical checks arranged. Window lock – quote to be sought, may be required by contents insurer. New hirer informed that remedial ground works may be required once Rainbow remove their outside equipment.
41. Cemeteries and churchyards



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- i. To consider updated quotation for repair to churchyard wall. Resolved to accept noting that funding will be required from closed churchyard reserve.
- 42. Information, communications, and consultation
 - i. East West Rail – noted engagement event Friday 7 July at Tempsford Stuart Memorial Village Hall, Church Street, Tempsford, SG19 2AW – 2pm to 8pm. No attendees from GPC.
 - ii. Reject Luton Airport Stacking (RELAS) meeting – 17.7.23 @8pm. Noted.
- 43. Financial
 - i. To approve payment vouchers 82 –86. Vouchers approved 80 -92 (81/82 were approved at F and GP but not included on list signed at meeting).
 - ii. To consider revised quote for repairs to church yard wall at St Mary's. Resolved above.
 - iii. To note decision from Energy Ombudsman on complaints about streetlighting energy supplier. Noted successful resolution on all 6 issues. Clerk LB has accepted the resolution, YU energy now have to decide whether they accept it within a certain timescale.
- 44. Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council items
 - i. Early years provision – next meeting 20.7.2023. Noted Chair will need an update prior as she has been on leave.
 - ii. Cambridgeshire Matters monthly newsletter to note. Noted.
 - iii. Road Closures/road works -notifications- to note. Noted closure of Stocks Lane (not notified) due to Gigaclear installation this week has caused many traffic problems.
- 45. Staff and Councillor matters
 - i. To consider Annual leave request 7. Resolved to accept. Noted LB apologies for September meeting.
- 46. Routine Correspondence – available in the office.
- 47. Items for the next meeting. Insurance renewal (end of long term agreement 1.10.2023).
- 48. Dates of next meetings: -Planning and Full Council Tuesday 12th September 2023, Consultation Committee, Planning and F and GP 25th July 2023. Noted.
- 49. Record Closure time of meeting. 20:33