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**Minutes of a Meeting of Full Council held at Gamlingay Eco Hub on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.45pm.**

Present: Chair S Martin, councillors W Boyne, A Foster, A Kirby, J Howell, R Petch, J Evans, R Howe. Clerks L Bacon and K Rayner. County Councillor S Kindersley and District Councillor B Smith. 4 members of the public.

19. Resolved to accept apologies for absence from T Gurney and to receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None received. To consider co-option request: G Squance. Resolved to co-opt G Squance.
20. 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. RP – declaration of interest (non pecuniary) as board member of Gamlingay Leisure (item of relevance - matter arising).
21. Resolved to approve and sign the Minutes of the Annual General meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and to consider any matters arising. Response from Gamlingay leisure regarding use of OMC. Noted. To note the F&GP minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. Noted (typo on agenda – should be 2023.)
22. 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. P Jenkins – here to answer any questions on item 25 iv. Montessori use of Old Methodist Chapel.
23. Note Correspondence from Local MP, District and County Councillors, Police and reports from local groups.
  - i. Cllr B Smith-District – Will ask for Lupin field planning application to be referred to committee rather than officer delegation due to level of public interest. Representative from GPC will be expected to attend. Likely to be September. SK and BS will also comment via the Planning Portal. BS – the only planning weight for this proposal will be that it is self-build, otherwise it is contrary to all policies– provision of self-build plots is a central government directive but is problematic as people could register an interest in lots of different areas but not follow this through. There is now a charge to register to discourage speculative additions, this may become an annual fee to try and increase accuracy of list and local need. Local Plan is now 5 years old and has recently been reviewed to check it is still complainant. A few tweaks are needed. Combined Authority Local Transport Plan has not been approved by Peterborough, not has the Mayors plans for bus franchising which is needed to pay for bus improvements – legal counsel is investigating whether Peterborough has the power to veto this. SCDC 4 day working



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week trial has been extended following independent evaluation and has proved successful in terms of improving recruitment (especially in planning department) and staff health and wellbeing. Performance has been maintained and improved in most cases. £1/3m saved by replacing agency staff. JE – do staff still do 40 hours? BS – 80% of the normal working week hours are done and staff have Mon or Fri off. It is to be seen as a reward for fitting 100% of work into shorter hours – salary remains the same. Refuse service now included in extended trial. Private sector – 4 day week very successful. Request - Forward Gamlingay need a GPC representative.



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- ii. Cllr S Kindersley -County. Potholes – all will be done over time. Online system does not show as many reports of defects as he would expect. All roads now being scanned to see where deterioration is likely in order to target work earlier, but progress likely to be subject to delays. EW Rail – preferred route announcement now made. Most expensive option. Will significantly impact local communities as population will increase significantly with development associated with railway is put in place at Tempsford in particular. These developments are not included in the local plan. Reports all favoured the northern approach but the decision went against these. Some community groups intent to make a legal challenge. There may be an opportunity to revisit the northern approach option. AF asked about the Opposition view on EW rail. SK – has asked this question and can't see it being supported. Chair asked what GPC can do? SK – first statutory consultation is early next year. JE – is street furniture such as bollards also subject to delays in installation? SK – yes, but worth copying SK in when making a report on problems on highways/rights of way so he can chase up. SK/BS left meeting.
- iii. Gamlingay Community Safety Group –tribute to late Amanda Cawthorn, Neighbourhood Watch – RP – GCSG appreciated the help and guidance Amanda gave them, she was very active as Biggleswade community champion and will be sadly missed. Speedwatch - clerks to chase for an update. RP said not many sessions this year.
- iv. Climate Action Group – a. CANFFUND session – to approve attendance/mileage (KR). Resolved. b. Scything support request – St Mary's. Resolved to support concept of training volunteers and getting equipment to scythe the areas of the churchyard. AF – understood that the new maintenance regime requested by St Mary's would be cost negative to GPC, so he would not support any additional funding from GPC being allocated to scything proposal. c. SLCC place based initiative (to note). Noted.



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24. To consider S106 package and recommendation of planning committee on planning application 23/01631/OUT for 10 self-build properties on land west of Heath Road (known as the Lupin Field) and resolve response to SCDC. Resolved that the S106 package does not mitigate the potential harm that the application would cause to the local environment nor outweigh the significant material objections that the Planning Committee considered in relation to this application. Resolved to support Planning Committee resolution and to object to the application on the grounds outlined (housing demand and supply/mix and type of housing/evidence of demand for self-build/NHP policies/privacy/access/ecology/biodiversity and flooding issues.). Noted very strong local objections from local residents. Over 20 detailed objections logged on the online system and 3 more received by GPC to date. JH – asked for contact information of planning officer to be published/circulated for residents to submit comments on application.
25. To receive reports from other initiatives involving the Parish:-
  - i. Eco Hub a. to receive report on long term maintenance fund. Item for approval- LTMF. Noted report – schedule produced by contractors is very unsatisfactory and NM and PD will be working on a version themselves. Legal advice is being taken on getting a refund on costs already paid for this. Resolved to approve charge of £737.80 to LTMF. Clerk has informed GCC Ltd that any increase to sinking fund allocation will need to be considered at precept meeting in November.



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- ii. Millbridge Brook Meadows a. To note Chronicle online article re mobility scooter access and to consider suitability and quotations for alternative access arrangements. No budget currently available for changing the kissing gates. Resolved - benefit would not warrant the expenditure of public funds at this time – the only difficulty in access is for large sized mobility scooters, only one person has indicated that this is affecting them. Other mobility scooter users and several other residents have commented in person and on social media that they would not support removal of the barrier of kissing gates – these afford protection to children and pets and stop other vehicles accessing the areas in question. A short alternative route has always been provided and a motorised vehicle will be able to complete this route quickly and easily. Signage will shortly be erected and published to signpost this. An appropriate time to consider changing the gates would be when the current ones reach the end of their useful life. b. Dedication of land for access – for information. Noted not applicable due to built structures – not all natural features.
- iii. Open spaces a. to resolve signage requirements – draft wording and locations. Resolved to approve. Maps and explanation of alternative route to be put up at Millbridge Brook Meadows and Lower Field. b. Cinques – to consider quotation for remedial works to car park. Resolved to approve. c. St Marys Field cemetery new trees- update- to note. Noted.
- iv. Old Methodist Chapel – to consider applications for use of building, estimated income and expenditure and potential use of S106 to improve facility. Expressions of interest were considered. Plymouth Brethren – have identified alternative building and hope to move this forward. Will keep GPC informed. Montessori nursery – most appropriate as continued early years provision/need for this in the village/will occupy building for most hours out of applicants – best for income generation and should cover GPC costs. Potential for increased hours. OFSTED inspection still to be done but as this is an extension of Montessori provision in a building currently used for early years, this should be fine. Rainbow will need to vacate and remove any outside equipment by 14<sup>th</sup> August – clerks to inform them (they had requested to the 24<sup>th</sup>). Some remedial groundworks may be required after Rainbow remove sheds/equipment. AF – outside decoration will be required soon and gutter repair. To be arranged as appropriate.



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Resolved – to offer building to Montessori nursery to rent from August 14<sup>th</sup> 2023. Resolved to approve quotation for building electricity check.

26. Information, communications, and consultation
  - i. East West Rail – to note upcoming consultation webinar 20.6.23 and route announcement. Noted. KR to attend.
  - ii. Annual report 2023 – to note. Noted.
  - iii. Report on cemeteries and churchyard maintenance for publication – noted. SM asked that it be made clearer that the article is from GPC.
  - iv. Traffic Management Centre – incident reporting. Invite to councillor training. Noted.
27. Financial
  - i. To approve payment vouchers 55- 65. Resolved to approve.
  - ii. To sign Indemnity Agreement Unity Trust Corporate Multipay card (resolved at F and GP). Resolved to sign.
28. Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council items
  - i. Early years provision – update and notes from teams meeting 9.6.23. CCC intends to install a mobile classroom “at risk” i.e. without planning permission in place. This is not due process. Chair made it clear that she could not predetermine the application, but that GPC has previously made its position clear – it is concerned about the highways implications of increased traffic on Station Road – already an area of some concern in terms of road safety. In addition, GPC has concerns about the temporary nature of the provision– would prefer/expect to see plans for permanent preschool provision given that CCC has recognized the need and has S106 funds in place. GPC does appreciate that provision needs to be in place for Sept. AF – thinks it will be difficult for Highways to approve the proposal. CCC will submit and determine its own planning application, it should be marked as retrospective. GPC will comment as a consultee once it is notified. GVP should be advertising the new provision soon and has said they will share this with GPC. Update on First School site – CCC intends to demolish newer parts of building and cover the “abnormal” costs of doing this by selling the older front section for housing. Clerk (KR) – these capital receipts should be used for the village to provide investment in permanent pre school provision. SM – should ask CCC to be specific about use of capital receipts at next meeting in July. CCC intend to submit for pre planning advice on



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- conversion of older buildings soon. Not clear if Dept for Education require the site to be clear – CCC asked to check this. AF asked what provision has been made for Montessori who are located within the area of build? P Jenkins – has been told they will be relocated, but not to where. Security of site – cameras being erected.
- ii. Connecting Cambridgeshire survey results. Noted.
  - iii. Parish Liaison meeting – feedback W Boyne. Noted WB and KR attended – mostly taken up with survey results as iii. above. Cycling network plans were outlined.
  - iv. Greensand Medical Practice- summary and matters arising (DE). Noted. JE keen to seek a meeting with GMP. SM – need a specific matter to raise, as GPC is not responsible for healthcare and does not have a say. Resolved – to ask GMP what it plans to do with S106 from recent nearby developments. Also add access to GMP to agenda for discussion at next meeting with Pottton Town Council.
  - v. Road Closures/road works -notifications- noted. To publish on social media for info.
  - vi. Library statistics – for information. Noted.
- 29. Staff and Councillor matters
    - i. To consider Annual leave requests. Resolved to approve.
    - ii. To consider SLCC membership renewal KR/LB. Resolved to agree to cover costs.
  - 30. Routine Correspondence – available in the office. Noted.
  - 31. Items for the next meeting. No items.
  - 32. Dates of next meetings: -Planning and Full Council Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023, F and GP 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Noted. Apologies from GS noted.
  - 33. Record Closure time of meeting – 21:37

Signed.....

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