

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th March 2019

Present:

Chair: Willy Brown

Dick Jones

Steve Trudgill

Fiona Marshall

Graham Fagg

Nicholas Cliffe

Cllr Peter Topping

Members of the public: none

1. **Apologies for absence** - Julian Bright, Anne Charteris (Clerk)
2. **Declaration of Members' Interests** - Allotments ST and FM; playground FM and WB
3. **To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 14th January** – approved and signed
4. **Updates**
 - a. **North Uttlesford Garden Community** – Uttlesford DC submitted its Reg 19 draft Local Plan to the Inspectors in January. There had been a consultation on the Revised Sustainability Appraisal, on which Hinxton Parish Council (HPC) sent in comments on 18 February. The Inspectors, Louise Crosby and Elaine Worthington had been named and had started work. The dates of their public hearings would be in June and July. HPC had been accepted to appear. The Chair of Great Chesterford Parish Council and the Chair of StopNUTown would be standing as independent councillors in Uttlesford's forthcoming District Council elections in May.
 - b. **Wellcome Genome Campus** – the outline planning application had been submitted on 11 December 2018. HPC leafleted the village in the first week in January 2019 with a summary of the application and guidance on submitting comments to SCDC. At HPC request, Wellcome made a public presentation in the Village Hall on 9 January. The subject was the main topic of a well-attended public discussion at the Parish Council meeting on 14 January. HPC's formal objections, including two traffic surveys, were submitted on 31 January. All neighbouring Parish Councils have also submitted objections. Of some 135 individual comments submitted to SCDC, the objections out-number the supporting comments by 6:1. HPC wrote to the Chair (and Governors) of the Wellcome Trust on 9 February asking for a meeting. She replied offering a meeting with the Development Director on 28 February. HPC replied on 3 March refusing this with its reasons for having no confidence in the utility of such a meeting. On 6 March a collective letter was sent to her from the Chairs of the PCs of Hinxton, Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford, Pampisford, Great Chesterford and Little Abington (later joined by Great Abington) expressing concern at the scale of the proposal and requesting that it be scaled back. The date of the SCDC planning committee on the application has not yet been fixed.

- c. **Iron Bridge** – the Environment Agency has approved the Genome Campus procedures for the removal and replacement of the Iron Bridge on the Cam. The work is expected to be done over about ten days in April, during which time adjacent footpaths will be closed.
- d. **Allotments** - at the previous PC meeting it had been proposed to raise the annual fee for a standard allotment from £7.50 to £10 from next November. This was formally proposed and approved *nem con*. It was stated that the fee was set to meet the costs of providing water and associated facilities for allotment holders.
- e. **SmithsonHill business park** – the planning application had been refused on 9 grounds by SCDC in March 2018. This was appealed against in September. HPC submitted an additional response of opposition on 24 October. Also in October the Secretary of State ‘recovered’ the appeal, enabling him to over-rule the Inspector’s report when it was produced. HPC published its objections to this in the Cambridge Independent on 18 December. On 18 January 2019 the Chairs of the PCs of Hinxton, Ickleton, Duxford, Pampisford, Whittlesford, Great Abington and Little Abington wrote collectively to the Secretary of State objecting to his intervention and requesting a meeting. The Planning Inspectorate replied that he could not have such a meeting for procedural reasons but that the letter would become part of the documents considered in the appeal. The appeal is due to start on 11 June and HPC has been registered to appear.
- f. **Playground** – the barbed wire on the fence has to be made safe. The flint wall collapse has to be managed.
- g. **Flint wall/village hall/ car park repairs** – three quotes were considered for the repair of the car park. It was agreed *nem con* to accept the one from Proedge. The Village Hall Committee would be consulted for comments and with regard to timing.
- h. **Genome Campus Liaison** – some of the dead saplings on Knights Close have been replaced. The permissive path agreement will be reviewed when the Iron Bridge has been replaced. As yet no further meetings were scheduled.
- i. **Wetlands Conservation Committee** – there had been a useful and informative meeting with reports on bird and other surveys. The largest of the three lakes had been subject to removal of excess weeds, reeds and silt in January as the first of three planned annual stages of clearance.

5. New Items for Discussion

- a. **Car dealership on Duxford land on south side of A505** – HPC had submitted its objections to this on 21 February. The objections related to the impact of the proposal on the landscape and on local traffic.
- b. **Litter pick** – the village litter pick would be organised
- c. **Review and adoption of following documents-**

Risk Assessment Village Hall
Financial Risk Assessment

Financial Regulations
Standing orders

6. Chair's report

The Chair was sorry to report that DJ no longer wished to act as Deputy Chair. The PC thanked him for his past work and was pleased that he was willing to continue as a PC member.

7. Public Session – no public were present

8. Finance

Current position of Bank Balances at 1st March 2019

Current A/C : £13,884.09

Business A/C: £11,030.18

Bridge A/C: £2000.

Payments for Approval

EON	Utilities	£282.43
Clerk/HMRC	salary/expenses -	£667.16
1-2-3 reg	website	£71.86
CPRE	subs	£36.00
PC protection		£8.10
McAfee	Antivirus cover	£42.99

Received

Interest from Bank		0.16
Hiscox Ins	Refund from Insurance claim	£250
Allotments		£82.50

To Pay in

Village Hall Committee	Utilities	£221.38

9.Planning

Applications received:

S/0722/19/TC	Tree Works Conservation Area	St Mary And St Johns Church, Church Gr
S/0713/19/FL	Installation of two flues at the Bridget Ogilvie Building	Existing Ogilvie Building, Wellcome Gen

		Campus, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, CB10
S/4772/18/NM	Non Material amendment of planning permission S/0625/18/FL by changing the central car port (with timber frame, weather boarded walls) into a garage by ;Reducing its length of extension from 5.95m to 5.0m, Increased width from 2.8m to 3.0m	The Limes, 37, High Street, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Cambridgeshire, CB10
S/0174/19/FL	Installation of outdoor gym equipment and associated works	Wellcome Trust Genome Campus, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, CB10 1RQ
S/0252/19/FL	Art Installation	Hinxton Hall Limited, Wellcome Trust Genome Campus, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, CB10
S/0175/19/FL	Improvements to the service area of the Sulston building	Wellcome Genome Campus, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, CB10 1RQ
S/4797/18/TC	2. Apple in rear garden - crown reduce 6-7ft, crown thin 25%, re-shape as neccessary	26, High Street, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, CB10 1QY

Decisions: no comments

10 Correspondence - none

11. Councillor reports: **Councillor Peter Topping County Council**
Councillor Peter McDonald District Council

both separate

12. AOB – FM requested that we pressed SCDC as to why the ceiling had been lowered so that Hinxton was no longer eligible for small village grants

Date of next meetings:-

8th April 2019 - Planning meeting 7 pm (to be confirmed)

13th May 2019 – Parish Council Meeting 7 pm