

**Minutes of a Meeting of Hinxton Parish Council (HPC)
held on 13th January 2020**

Present:

Chair: Graham Fagg

Steve Trudgill

Nicholas Cliffe

Rupert Kirby

Sam Nicholls

Ceri Williams

Emma Senior (from item 3)

Clerk: Anne Charteris

Members of the Public –1

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 11th Nov 2019

Approved and signed

3. Co-option of New Councillor

The Council voted to co-opt Emma Senior to the Parish Council, and welcomed her to the Council. Proposed by GF seconded by ST and all agreed.

4. Declaration of Members' Interests

ST - allotment holder, NC- Hunts Lane

5. Updates

Wellcome Genome Campus (WGC) Development & Section 106 Agreement

HPC has sent a letter to the Secretary of State to request his intervention in this case, and has also contacted our local MP to request his support. Other Parish Councils have supported this action.

Mitigations for the village via a S106 agreement – in the event that the proposal is approved by the Secretary of State – are under discussion via SCDC. We understand that SCDC received an updated S106 proposal from Wellcome prior to Christmas, and that this is under review. We have been assured by SCDC that this will not be concluded without an agreement of terms between Wellcome and Hinxton Parish Council.

In December, BBC Radio Cambridge ran a piece including the interview of the Chair of the Parish Council and Councillors Peter McDonald and Peter Topping, that highlighted local opposition to WGC expansion at the scale proposed. HPC considers that SCDC have stretched the national significance argument beyond the bounds of reasonableness, in particular in regard to its approval of 1500 housing units, a hotel and the extent of commercial business

park development.

Smithson Hill AgriTech Park

The Secretary of State has notified interested parties that determination of this case has been delayed until March 2020 to take into account new information resulting from the approval of the WGC expansion by SCDC. HPC will write to the Secretary of State confirming its opposition to the Agritech Park.

North Uttlesford Garden Community

Nothing new to report

Duxford Aerotech Park

Nothing new to report.

Whittlesford Parkway

Nothing new to report.

Huawei Development at Spicers site

This planning application is expected to be re-submitted.

WGC Liaison meeting

A meeting with the WGC team was held on 13 November 2020. The additional agreement regarding permissive paths and the iron bridge was signed and the first annual payment was subsequently made. Bidwells noted that steps would be installed at the ends of the bridge. The permissive path mowing regime was also agreed. HPC reiterated its thanks to WGC for its commitment of £1,000 towards the replacement of the wooden train in the village hall playground.

Flint wall/Village Hall/Car Park repairs

It was noted that repairs to the village hall and the car park have been deferred until such time as the outcome of the WGC development and associated Section 106 agreement are known.

Allotments

Rents have been paid. Clerk to arrange that the posts supporting taps will be replaced. There is one spare allotment, and this will be advertised on the HPC website and in the Hinxton News.

Playground

The Parish Clerk has been informed that our application for Community Chest funds to help support a renewal of the wooden train has been agreed and will look into a grant from Amey Cespa to cover the remaining costs for this and the repair of the flint wall adjacent to the playground. The Council expressed its thanks to the Clerk for pursuing these grant funding schemes.

Highways

Fast driving on Hunts Lane and Duxford Road remains a problem, especially during peak hours. NC has had signs made for Hunts Lane and will communicate with Highways in regard to getting these installed.

Highways has carried out the trimming of the hawthorn adjacent to 1 North End Road.

Litter on A1301

It was remarked that there appears to be less litter of late. Thanks have been sent to Dick Jones who has been litter picking on a voluntary basis. It was recognised that we need to keep an eye on this issue and get in touch with McDonald's and Highways again if it becomes a problem.

Local Highway Initiative

The Highways Improvement scheme has agreed to provide a grant to replace a part of the post and rail fencing alongside the river along Ickleton Road, subject to HPC paying 10% of the total cost (£785). All agreed to this.

6. New items for discussion

The Council was sad to learn that Peter Topping is stepping down as our local County Councillor, as a result of relocation. Peter has been a strong supporter of Hinxton and other local parishes, including most recently in regard to the proposal by Wellcome to expand WGC. The Council expressed its thanks to Peter and wished him and his family every happiness for the future.

In accordance with HPC tradition, gift vouchers have been sent to the Parish Councillors who retired last year, in thanks for the time and effort they devoted over several years. A donation was also made to a Yorkshire Tree charity in memory of Willy Brown, this being a charity dear to his heart.

7. Chairman's report

Nothing further to report

8. Public Session

No further business

9. Finance

The following payments and accounts were approved.

Bank balances 05/01/2020

Current account	£23,238.54
Business account	£11,035.67
Bridge account	£1,000.00

Payments Approved

EON	Utilities	£275.96
Clerk/HMRC	salary/expenses -	£666.96
Bidwells	Permissive footpaths license	£1000.00
Clerk	Vouchers for retired councillors	£150.00
PC protection		£8.10
CCC	Lighting	£95.59

Received

Interest from Bank	£0.08
Allotments	£110

To pay in

Allotments		£50.00
Came & Co	Refund of overpayment	£51.70

10. Planning

Applications received

Ref No	Description	Location
S/4409/19/TC	T1 Ash – Reduce Crown back to previous points (Amended Specification). Excessive shading during summer months. Over hangs neighbours garden and car parking space causing me concern and would like to keep the tree maintained.	101, High Street, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Cambridgeshire, CB10 1RF

no comments

Planning Decisions Approved

Ref No	Description	Location
S/2539/19/FL	Retrospective planning application for the erection of new kiosk over the top of	Genome Booster Station, South of Whittlesford Se Station, Land West of A1301, Hinxton, CB22 3HD
S/3435/19/VC	Variation of condition 3 (Windows & Doors), 4 (Hardstanding), 5 (Hard & Soft Lan	Churchfield House, Hinxton Grange, Cambridge Ro Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Cambridgeshire, CB10 1

11. Correspondence

Planning changes. Letters had been received from the Fewes Lane Consortium and the leader of SCDC in regard to questions about the mechanisms whereby planning applications were referred to Planning Committee. HPC decided to take no action on this matter for the time being, until the issues were better understood.

12. Councillor reports

Cllr Peter McDonald, District Councillor, had submitted his written report in advance.

13. AOB

Website. Brad Charteris, HPC website manager, had requested authority to develop the Community side of the website, including items of news or general interest. It was noted that the official Parish Council content would continue to be approved by the Clerk and Parish Council before posting on the website. All agreed to developing the website content further, subject to inclusion of a disclaimer indicating that any views on the community site were not necessarily those of the Parish Council.

Free Trees. SCDC have offered Parish Councils three free trees to plant on Parish land. The Clerk has received a voucher and will collect these from local Garden centre. Planting sites to be decided.

Defibrillator training. The Village Hall Committee had reported that the first training session had proved very popular and asked HPC if it would fund an additional one (£250 for 12 people). This was agreed.

Lamppost. The old concrete lamppost lamplight in Mill Lane has been decommissioned as a result of safety issues and non-functionality over several years. ES commented that the lane is very dark and there were questions as to whether a new light should be installed. NC to

look into this as part of his discussions with Highways.

ST reminded the PC that he will be standing down in May and discussed his duties for consideration and take-up by other Councillors.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Dates of next meetings

- **10th February 2020 – Supplementary meeting 7pm (subject to need)**
- **9th March 2020 – Parish Council Meeting 7 pm**

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