

Present:

Chairman: Willy Brown,
Steve Trudgill
Dick Jones,
Julian Bright,
Fiona Marshall
Jane Chater
County Cllr Peter Topping
Clerk: Anne Angell
Members of the Public – 0

1. **Apologies for absence** – Mark Alexander , District Cllr Tony Orgee
2. **Declaration of Members' Interests** – ST & FM - Allotment holders.
3. **To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 12th Sept 2016** -approved and signed
4. **Matters arising:**
 - a. **Uttlesford's plans for Great Chesterford.** WB to attend the Extraordinary Meeting of the Uttlesford District Council to be held in Saffron Walden on 16 November, along with members from Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford and Great Chesterford who are united and working together in opposing this.WB to write a piece for the next Hinxton News.
 - b. **Genome Campus/Hinxton liaison meeting** (14th November). Plans for the near future include improving roads within the campus, back up generators to be installed, trees planted in Knights Close to be looked at, any that have died to be replaced.
WB is to write to SCDC planners and also Wellcome Trust and Bidwells regarding the bad state of repair of Lordship Farmhouse which is a Grade 2 listed building, plaster is coming off the walls and internal doors are not closing due to damp.Concern was raised for the fabric of this lovely house
 - c. **Putting minutes and Hinxton News on village website.** JB to look into this
 - d. **Allotment allocation** for next year. Reminders have gone out to allotment holders, rent due 1st Dec. There are some saplings which need removing and the pathway cleared of rubbish, Clerk to find someone to clear this away.
 - e. **Smithson Hill plans.** Meeting to be held on the 19th Jan (Date to be confirmed) in Hinxton Village Hall to give residents a chance to have their say.
 - f. **Iron bridge repairs** – still no news from Bidwells, Clerk to write again.
 - g. **Local Highways Initiative** – Clerk and PT to contact Highways to see what needs doing to North End/High Street to prevent the flooding there.
 - h. **Winter Gritting.** Hinxton is not down for gritting, but the secondary street plans may have us on there. PT to check on this
 - i. **War Memorial.** Ivett and Reed have been asked to do the repair work on the Memorial, it was discussed whether to remove th railing and replace these with a chain, also to look at ways to prevent this from being hit by vehicles in the future. Clerk to investigate

5 **Chairmans' report** – Nothing to add.

6 Public Session – No one present

7 Finance

Accounting statement read out and approved

Current position of Bank Balances at 9th Nov 2016

Current A/C : £10,334.57

Business A/C: £11018.24

Project A/C :£0

Bridge A/C: £2000.

Payments made

Utilities £99.95

Chubb Fire £66.48

PKF Littlejohn Auditor £120

Came & Co Insurance £1084.50

Village Hall Committee – new lights £49.98

Clerk/HMRC salary £971.96

Received

Interest 0.16

Village Hall Utilities £190.73

Precept £5435.00

To pay in

Village Hall Utilities £130.11

8 Planning Applications received

S/2893/16/TC Hinxton House, New Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Cambridgeshire, CB10 1QZ
Tree works

Planning Applications decisions

Ref S/2095/16/AD McDonald's Restaurant, Whittlesford Service Station, internally illuminated
Sign - approved

Ref S/2094/16/AD McDonald's Restaurant, Whittlesford Service Station, Freestanding
illuminated sign - refused

9. Correspondence .

10. Councillor reports: **Councillor Peter Topping County Council Attached**
Councillor Tony Orgee District Councillor Attached

12 AOB

Rob Smit has been asked to mend some of the playground equipment

Duxford Road street sign- this has been propped up but needs to be repaired properly

Tree which has fallen into the river needs removing before river levels rise over the winter as it will prevent the river running.

Clerk to contact Highways re the dip in the road near the village Hall which is causing water to erode the flint wall.

Date of next Meeting 9th Jan 2017

Uttlesford Local Plan

I can fully appreciate local concerns about a possible new settlement in the Great Chesterford. A few years ago I was completely opposed to the Hanley Grange proposals (opposed by both the District Council and the County Council) and also to the earlier proposal for Abington New Town.

I have retained a great deal of the documentation relating to the work carried out in opposing Hanley Grange and in rejecting the Abington proposal as the site of a new town in the County Council's Structure Plan in the early 2000s.

I am of the view that the reasons put forward then are equally valid in relation to any proposals for a new settlement in the Great Chesterford area and am working closely with Peter Topping on this issue.

Winter Gritting

Winter gritting is a county council responsibility but is of such importance in my view that I have supported Peter Topping in his efforts to get some roads, previously gritted, to be re-instated in the primary gritting routes schedule,

City Deal update - Greenways

The County Council has recently published a report on Greenways - an investigation of potential cycle routes between Cambridge and surrounding villages / towns. The routes considered include Cambridge – Sawston. There is a separate appendix for each route.

The City Deal Board made up of representatives of the County Council, City Council and District Council, together with representatives of Cambridge University and the Local Enterprise Partnership, are expected to consider a report about proposals for the A1307 Three Campuses corridor in March 2017, and the Sawston Greenway and Linton Greenway reports may influence what is put forward. I have attached the Greenways Report and the appendices for the Sawston route to this report.

The Parish Council may wish to make some comments about cycleway linkage to Icletton and to Great Chesterford.

City Deal update - Cambridge Access Study and Tackling peak-time congestion in Cambridge

This consultation ended on 10 October, and proved to be very controversial. Officers are now working on all the consultation responses and a further report will be presented to the City Deal Executive Board sometime early in 2017.

Parish Planning Training

The District Council has arranged a programme of Planning Training for parish councillors. I have attached, for information, a copy of the leaflet that was circulated to parish councils. **Please let me know** if you did not receive an electronic copy of this leaflet from the District Council.

SCDC Scrutiny Committee

I am the Chair of SCDC's Scrutiny Committee. In recent meetings we have scrutinised the performance of the Planning Department and continue to receive updates on performance.

At our most recent meeting, held yesterday, we focussed on the Contact Centre, which receives between 12,000 and 16,000 calls a month. We were concerned about the number of calls where the caller rang off before being put through to a call handler, but noted that in the last two months performance had improved. The Committee will continue to monitor the Call Centre's performance. Call Centre staff are trained to be able to answer queries on a range of council services and procedures, and the vast majority of calls are handled without having to pass the caller on to other staff in the council.

Local Highways Improvements (LHI) scheme

The deadline for submitting a bid to the County Council's Local Highways Improvements scheme is 30 November.

The maximum grant available from the County Council is £10,000 and the parish council must contribute at least 10% of the cost.

Devolution update

Each of the seven councils involved in discussions about a devolution deal for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is holding a special council meeting during the week beginning 14 November to decide whether to agree to the deal on offer or not. We should therefore know by the end of the week whether this deal will go ahead for implementation from April 2017.

Tony Orgee

District Councillor for Hinxton

County Council report to Hinxton Parish Council: Nov 2016

from Councillor Peter Topping 07825 876582 peterwwtopping@gmail.com

Devolution and the City Deal

The City Deal remains the subject of a lot of opinion and comment. The key thing for South Cambs villages is that much of the work being done (or proposed to be done) on transport infrastructure in and to the City of Cambridge is about making people who live in South Cambs able to access the city without sitting in a long queue of cars. Through ticketing so that people don't have to buy a paper ticket and can transfer it between buses is being explored.

There have also been proposals for Greenway cycle routes out from the City to villages, one of which would extend to Linton.

Devolution is about central government transferring responsibilities such as for skills training and big transport infrastructure programmes from Whitehall to a devolved set of local authorities. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is likely to be one such area. For South Cambridgeshire the government will give new money to speed up the building of affordable houses as this is a key shortage. This would not be building on new sites but sites already identified in the current Local Plan, amounting to 2,000 affordable homes. The government is very clear that with the devolution deal there has to be a directly elected mayor that everyone will be able to vote on in May 2017. No Mayor, no government money.

Closer to home

I have spoken to the Highways Depot about the gritting routes. We should see what the secondary gritting routes look like as it may be more of our roads are covered. I suggest the Parish Council explores with local farmers whether they can grit some key roads and enter into a formal agreement on this.

Cllr Orgee and I have kept up the pressure to ensure Uttlesford District Council does not propose a major new settlement at Gt Chesterford as all the commuter traffic would flow up through our area and roads. The county council are also feeding in their views and issues with the plans.

Traveller caravans occupied land along A505 at Thriplow. This is a field over which a high court injunction was secured in 2009 so it should be quicker to move the nine caravans off. Notice was served by the enforcement team from the council and the caravans have gone. The risk is that they will move east along the A505.

Peter Taylor from the Highways Depot is making good progress on pothole filling so keep reporting them as the highways team are on a bit of a roll at the moment.

Ch Insp Sutherland has confirmed to me that the popular e-coppers system is being retained by the police after lots of parish councils said how much they used it to alert residents of local crime trends.

If I can assist the parish council in refining its bid for the Minor Highways Improvement Scheme – which has to be submitted by end Nov – then please get in touch. I have the details of the project manager at the county.

