Minutes of Meeting Held on 13th March 2017

Present:

Chair: Willy Brown,
Steve Trudgill
Julian Bright,
Fiona Marshall
Jane Chater
Dick Jones
County Cllr Peter Topping

District Cllr Tony Orgee Clerk: Anne Angell Members of the Public –2

- **1. Apologies for absence** None
- **2. Declaration of Members' Interests** ST Allotment holder FM Allotment holder, playground and the Car Park
- 3. To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 9th Jan 2017 -approved and signed
- 4. Matters arising:

a.Imperial War Museum- Plans and update. Alicia Gurney from the IWM gave a very interesting talk explaining that this was the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the airfield. It started with WWI as a training area for the Royal Flying Corps until 1961 when it ceased being a Military airfield IWM has been there for approx. 40 years. There are over 100 listed buildings and it is s upported by the other sites owned by IWM. The plans are to increase the visitors and to have a consistently high number of visitors. Parking and transport remain the main challenges. It is an internationally important site and still a living airfield. It wants to see the historical part of the site as its core- perhaps changing the entrance to be in the security gate. It wants to review and expand learning services, have a larger storage area to the west to free up the old hangars, remove the Land Warfare and rehome the exhibits in a different area. Possibility of a hotel on site to enable visitors to stay locally. There are still lots of stories to share and exhibits to put in place, hopefully under cover and make the Museum more accessible as an all year round attraction.

**b. Liaison with Neighbouring Parish Councils.** This is going well with all local Parish Councils communicating well and sharing any news. Possible thoughts are that it may be better to support one plan and hope that this will prevent other plans getting approved. Wellcome Trust may have something more specific in the next 3-4 months.

# c. Genome Campus/Hinxton liaison meeting .

Trees in Knights Close- these need looking after better, some need replacing as they have died. Lime trees on the allotments- going to be re-pollarded, also trees along sides of the allotment to be trimmed.

Ancient Lane to be cut.

The small footbridge between the sluice and the Iron bridge is the responsibility of CPPF. There is a plank loose and both Wellcome Trust and CPPF have been notified,

Flint wall- the puddle is still causing a problem, to be added to our road resurfacing proposal.

#### d. New Parish Councillor

No one has shown interest as yet, to be readvertised.

#### e. Lordship Farm.

The farmhouse is to be sold as it is not thought cost effective to be done up before sale..

**f. Smithson Hill** They have now published a link to Questions and Answers from the meeting held in January

They have said that they would like to hold another presentation in May

- **g Iron bridge repairs**. There have been 3 contracvtors approached for quotes but no quotes as yet. Bidwells have quoted costs of approx. £9000 before any work begins, this was considered very high especially as no estimate yet for the cost of the actual work. WB to approach Duncan Parsley to see if an estimate could be obtained and any way to negotiate a lower price.
- **h. Litter pick Booked for the 1**<sup>st</sup> **April.** Pickers are booked, JB agreed to collect these afterwards and take to JCs for collecting.
- **i Defibrillators** cost to be looked into, also where it could be kept, needs to be a focal position . Clerk to contact Red Lion- perhaps the porch?
- **j. Hinxton Parish Plan** –need to make a list of what is wanted in the village, an article in Hinxton News to see what residents think? Contact Joan Denny fron Whittlesford PC who is their Administrator for their Plan.
- k. Whittlesford Moto service area. FM and DJ to attend Whittlesford Parish Council meeting

**l.Playgroud update-** the baby swings have been removed as the posts were rotten, the seats are a lright, just the frame and chains to be replaced. Cost to replace is approx. £2000 plus VAT. ST proposed that this is done, seconded by JC

- m. Permissive Path Agreement. This is now due for signing off in the next week or two.
- **n** . **Policies for the coming Audit-** Clerk to circulate for approval.
- o Allotments. Now all taken and all paid for.
- p Surface Dressing of High St. The footpaths and road are in a really bad state of repair,
   Clerk to write to Highways to ask for a site visit to have these repaired/resurfaces.
   Each Coucillor allocated a section of the roads to report potholes.
   Rob Smit has tendered a quote to replace some gravel and do some reseeding. This was agreed WB proposed and ST seconded and he will be asked to carry this out.
- 5 Chairmans' report –

Nothing else to add

- 6 Public Session .
- 7 Finance

Accounting statement read out and approved

Current position of Bank Balances at 7th March 2017

Current A/C : £7703.03 Business A/C: £11020.08

Project A/C :£0 Bridge A/C: £2000.

Payments made Utilities £265 CCC Street Lighting £64.74 Hinxton Parish Council

Clerk/HMRC salary £626.34 MD Landscapes £180 Cambs ACRE Subs £54 CPRE Subs £36 SLCC subs £88 Robert Smit £378 123 website subs £35.86 Received

> Interest 0.08 Allotment rents £30

Payments due in

Village Hall Utilities £263.09

## 8 Planning Applications received

S/0657/17/AD Good Times (Sign) McDonald's Restaurant, Cambridge Road, Hinxton,

### **Planning Applications decisions**

- 9. Correspondence . Parking problems- report page http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking
  - 10. Councillor reports: Councillor Peter Topping County Council Attached Councillor Tony Orgee District Councillor Attached

#### **12 AOB**

Signs for the carpark and for acknowledging WT and Community Chest donations discussed. Clerk to contact Roger Tongue.

No police presence in the village Clerk to write to Sawston Police Station Wall along High Street- Ivy needs clearing- Clerk to contact Russell Smith Farms Village sign needs repainting

Meeting finished at 10.15pm

Date of next Meeting: 8th May 2017

19.00 Annual Parish Meeting19.45 Parish Council Meeting

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#### **District Council Budget 2017-18**

The District Council decided its budget and Council Tax requirements at its meeting in late February. By a large majority, with only one councillor voting against, the District Council decided to increase its portion of Council Tax by £5 per year for a Band D property – from just over £130 per year to just over £135 per year for a Band D property. This is a rise of 3.8%.

By way of comparison, a 1% increase in the District Council's portion of council tax raises about £70,000 whereas a 1% increase in the County Council's portion of council tax raises about £2.4 million.

#### Waste / Recycling collections

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The revised waste / recycling collection rounds were introduced on 27 February 2017. There were some teething problems in the first two weeks, for exampleand some roads in Pampisford, the southern end of Sawston and some roads in Stapleford. Great Shelford. In each case material not collected on schedule was early the next morning. This was regrettable but these change over problems were sorted out quickly.

We have now had a complete two-week cycle of waste and recycling collections and the system should now have settled down, but if there are any problems, please let me know.

#### **Local Parish Council Chairs**

After your last meeting, I contacted the Chair of Hinxton Parish Council to ensure that the Chair of Pampisford PC was invited to informal meetings of chairs of local parish councils so that concerns could be shared and issues of mutual interest discussed.

### A1307 Local Liaison Forum (LLF)

I was ratified as Chair of the A1307 Local Liaison Forumat the first meeting of the A1307 Local Liaison Forum which was held in Linton on 20 February.

The meeting date was deliberately chosen to be between the publication of agenda papers (expected on 16 or 17 February), and the meetings of the City Deal Joint Assembly (1 March) and the City Deal Executive Board (8 March).

A number of proposals were put forward relating to various parts of the A1307 between Haverhill and Addenbrooke's.

The proposals included road safety measures, bus only lanes, an improved cycleway between Babraham and Granta Park, a Park and Ride site near Four Wentways and a revised road layout at the A1307 / Haverhill Road, Stapleford / Gogs Shop junction but **nothing** linking in the Genome Campus / Sawston / Pampisford area with the A1307.

The clear view of the meeting was for a pause in the process whilst further work was done including talking to all landowners potentially involved, discussions with neighbouring local authorities and internal joined – up work, for example in relation to any connections with the Genome Campus area.

The original timescale was for a second public consultation exercise on the preferred options commencing in July 2017.

The City Deal Executive Board (meeting on 8 March) decided that there should be a number of workshops involving the Local Liaison Forum to could consider the options set out in the agenda papers **and other proposals** before a further round of consultations starting in September.

### Cycleway through the Babraham Campus

The cycleway between the Gogs roundabout and the roundabout at the northern end of the Babraham Campus was further extended in early February by the opening of a new stretch of cycleway through the Babraham Campus grounds. The City Deal is proposing to construct a cycleway between Babraham and Granta Park with improved access to the bridge over the A11 – one of the ideas that was widely welcomed at the Local Liaison Forum, the only other cycleway that needs to be constructed to link Babraham, Granta Park and the Genome Campus is to complete a link between the A505 and Babraham.

### **Tony Orgee, District Councillor for Hinxton**