

Present:

Chair: Willy Brown,

Steve Trudgill

Julian Bright,

Fiona Marshall

Jane Chater

County Cllr Peter Topping

District Cllr Tony Orgee

Clerk: Anne Angell

Members of the Public – 1

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Dick Jones, Mark Alexander-resignation
- 2. Declaration of Members' Interests** – ST & FM - Allotment holders.
- 3. To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 14^h Nov 2016** -approved and signed
- 4. Matters arising:**
 - a.Liaison with Neighbouring Parish Councils.** This is going well with all local Parish Councils communicating well and sharing any news. WB attended the Uttlesford meeting in Saffron Walden and also had slots on both local TV and Radio. No Garden Towns are being considered between Hinxton and Gt Chesterford. WB to meet with Gt Chesterford PC Chairman later in the week. Whittlesford PC are holding a drop in session for their Neighbourhood Plan,18th Jan at the Red Lion Whittlesford
 - b. Genome Campus/Hinxton liaison meeting (14th November)** Reported on in last Minutes. No date yet for next meeting
 - c. Putting minutes and possibly Hinxton News on village website.**
JB reported that Minutes are now all on there, it was decided not to put the Hinxton News on there at the present time
 - d. Lordship Farm renovation.** An email has been received from Henry Turtill (Bidwells) indicating that he has been working on the problem and suggesting that the Trust's intentions for Lordship Farm will be clear by the end of this month.
 - e. Smithson Hill** A presentation will be held in the Village Hall on the 19th Jan, questions in advance were asked for and there will be a Q &A session on the night. It was hoped that there would be a good turnout from the village.
 - f. Iron bridge repairs.** Still nothing heard from Bidwells, WB to send a letter, in the meantime Clerk to seek quotes from 3 contractors.
 - g. Litter pick Booked for the 1st April.** Clerk to arrange pickers, bags etc to be dropped off at JCs house, who volunteered to be in charge of this.
 - h. Winter Gritting.** Gritting of the village to be reinstated, this will commence on the 13th Jan. It is not possible to grit Duxford Rd, due to the runoff of the salt contaminating the river.
 - i. War Memorial.** Clerk has asked Ivett & Reed to do the work, this to be chased up as to

when it will commence.

j Whittlesford transport hub. TO will cover this in his report.

k Local transport feedback. WB sent a letter to Heidi Allen in response to an enquiry re Transport issues in Hinxton. Points covered were-

1. The 7A buses provide a poor link to Sawston and Cambridge. Journeys are possible but take up 20 minutes to Whittlesford station at times of little use to commuters. They take up to 1 hour 30 minutes to get to Addenbrookes/Cambridge with 2 or 3 changes and none are convenient for older people and people with no cars, nor attractive enough to get people out of their cars and onto the buses.

When we were last consulted, we asked for a bus link to Whittlesford Station, preferably around 0700. The first one is 0808 arrives 0822 which is no help to London commuters. The next bus is at 0923 arriving Sawston 0945-0950 (via Heathfield and Whittlesford), but for us that means 20-25 minutes to travel the couple of miles which takes 2 – minutes by car. We then can wait for the 7 to Addenbrookes and the City Centre or stay on the 7A arriving Babraham Park and Ride 10.03 (where the toilets are closed) and then wait for a further link to Addenbrookes and the Centre.

We used to have a direct bus to Sawston, Addenbrookes and Cambridge, taking about 40 minutes to get into Cambridge and which also went to Chesterford station in the other direction. It would be good if some form of this could be restored.

2. If we drive to the Babraham Park and Ride the new machines are complex and offputting and many people simply do not use the facilities for that reason.
3. They have withdrawn any gritting service through the village making winter journeys hazardous.

l. Permissive Path Agreement. This is now due for renewal, some points need clarifying- responsibility of bridges and also adding more paths such as a circular walk from Titchbault Rd.

m . Precept 2017. This was discussed, Hinxton PC have very little reserves in the event of any large expense which may arise, To this end it was decided on a 5% rise in the Precept from its current amount of £10,870 to £11415, Proposed by JC, seconded by ST.

n Allotments. 3 outstanding rents to be collected despite reminders from Clerk, ST to contact them. One half plot available, to be advertised in the next Hinxton News.

o Playground – FM reported that the parallel bars had been fixed as far as possible -invoice to follow from Rob Smit

5 Chairmans' report –

Flint wall had now been repaired .

Tree blocking the river had been reported to the Environment Agency and WT

IWM Duxford would like to give a short presentation on the Museum and its plans for the future, they will be at the next Meeting on the 13th March

White vans- these are causing a big problem by parking on the roads at North End and High St Junctions. They have been causing damage to the verges, stopping people using their drives and residents have had trouble getting pushchairs out of their property as they are parking on pavements. Letters have been written to the vans owners and the Police will be called in the future if they cause an obstruction.

Appreciation and thanks for all Marks hard work on the Parish Council, especially with Highways and the signs he will be sorely missed. Advert to be put out for new Parish Councillor

6 Public Session – One member of the public, came to hear the latest on the various planning issues.

7 Finance

Accounting statement read out and approved

Current position of Bank Balances at 3rd Jan 2017

Current A/C : £9,430.39

Business A/C: £11019.14

Project A/C :£0

Bridge A/C: £2000.

Payments made

Utilities £156.67

Royal British Legion wreath £18.50

Clerk/HMRC salary £1047.12

Received

Interest 0.08

Village Hall Utilities £130.11

Allotment rents £120

8 Planning Applications received

Planning Applications decisions

9. Correspondence .

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.

Meeting finished at 9pm.

Date of next Meeting 13th March 2017

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Hinxton Parish Council

9 January 2017

Waste / Recycling collections

As part of its ways of reducing spending without affecting front-line services, the District Council has joined in sharing certain of its services with Cambridge City Council and Huntingdonshire District Council, for example, legal services are shared across all three councils.

The District Council has set up a shared service with the City Council for Waste / Recycling collections. At present there are roads on the edge of Cambridge where the District Council collects on one side of the road and the City Council on the other.

By sharing services coupled with computer analysis of routes, a new set of collection routes is being drawn up. The new routes will result in saving over 10,000 miles of travel per year by the collection vehicles, but will maintain the same collections as at present. The only difference that the public might see is a possible change of collection day. Details of collection days are due to be announced shortly, and the new routing arrangements are expected to be in place by the end of February.

Hinxton Parish Council
Council house repairs

The District Council out-sourced its council house repairs to Mears some years ago.

There have been comments about a Mears van parked in Hinxton, a van that also has the SCDC logo on its side. In the first instance any concerns about where this van is parked should go to Mears, and similarly where there are concerns about the parking of other commercial vehicles, any expressions of concern should be made first to the driver, if known, and then to the relevant company.

City Deal update - transport hubs

A short while before Christmas, one of member of the City Deal Executive Board, Francis Burkitt, asked for suggestions of possible locations of transport hubs. A relatively small number of suggestions were put forward.

Shortly after Christmas, Councillor Burkitt announced the sites that had been suggested, including one for Whittlesford. This suggestion was put forward by Little Abington Parish Council. These sites therefore represent the individual views of the respondents rather than an area –wide systematic appraisal of need.

SCDC's Community Chest

Hinxton is a parish with a fairly small precept – of the order of £10,000 per year. Any major unforeseen expenditure required during the year is therefore likely to have a significant impact on the parish council's budget. It is important, therefore, to remember the District Council's Community Chest. Grants of up to £1,500 can be made, and the parish council has made successful bids in the past.

Though all the Community Chest funds for 2016-17 have now been allocated, the new financial year starts in April when funds will again become available.

Tony Orgee
District Councillor for Hinxton

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County Council Report to Hinxton Parish Council

January 2017

From Councillor Peter Topping 07825876582 peterwwtopping@gmail.com

County wide This week sees the start of work on the Ely bypass. Why does this matter to us? It is the sort of big infrastructure work that will help move people round the county more easily. Under the Cambridgeshire Devolution proposals, I am seeking improvements to the A505 included in our Devolution II bid to central government in 2017.

I attended the Health Committee where we were looking at the Sustainability & Transformation Plan being put together by the health commissioning group. Savings of between 10-12% need to be achieved over the next 5 years, and the committee's role is to scrutinize this work on behalf of residents who access health services. The Chief Exec of Addenbrookes attended and we asked him about how the hospital is improving since being put in special measures 18 months ago.

The Full County Council meeting in December agreed to reverse the decision to reduce gritting routes. This was universally welcomed. The original gritting cuts were part of a package of measures to save money, and avoid putting up the county precept. But clearly the gritting work is a key frontline service.

Hinxton Parish Council

The county council must spend a lot of money on adult social care. In the next budget in February, there will be difficult choices between putting up the precept to pay for adult social care, or cutting back on other services to keep the increase as low as possible. There is a survey of Adult Carers being carried out by the county to better understand what support those people need in their role.

Devolution update I am leading the work to accelerate building affordable houses across the county, especially in South Cambs. These are on sites that already have been assigned, so this isn't about building on new land. We are also trying to find ways of encouraging self-build houses.

City Deal the City Deal has been urged to consider introducing a congestion charge on people driving into Cambridge at peak times. I oppose this because I see it as an unfair tax on residents of South Cambridgeshire whose work takes them into the City. The public transport systems need to be improved first before this could be considered

Closer to home

I had a meeting with the county council officers to review how the ford is being managed. I think that the council is now much more responsive in terms of re-opening the ford after flooding. There is an issue with the build-up of moss at the ford which makes the surface slippery for vehicles. The water cannot be contaminated with cleaning agents so one possibility is to clean the surface manually in the summer when the water levels are low.

The Whittlesford Neighbourhood Plan group is holding a drop-in event on WEDS 18 JAN at the Red Lion at Whittlesford Station for businesses and residents. The district council is running an event on how to write a NP after all the views and evidence have been gathered in.

I had a meeting with Uttlesford District Council re the proposals for a settlement at Chesterford and I will update the parish council on this at the meeting.

The Babraham Institute cyclepath secured by the county council through the grounds of the institute with their co-operation and agreement will be formally opened at the end of the month by a celebratory ride followed by tea.
Peter Topping