

Minutes of Meeting Held on 9th March 2020

Present:

Chair: Graham Fagg

Steve Trudgill

Nicholas Cliffe

Rupert Kirby

Sam Nicholls

Emma Senior

Clerk: Anne Charteris

Peter McDonald

Members of the Public –0

1. Apologies for absence – Ceri Williams

2. Declaration of Members' Interests –

ST - allotment holder, NC- Hunts Lane

3. To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 13th January 2020 Approved and signed

4. Updates

Wellcome Trust Development & Sec 106 Agreement

It was reported that, despite representations from Hinxton PC, and other Parish Councils and groups, and notwithstanding the support of our MP, Anthony Browne, the Secretary of State's Planning Casework Unit determined not to call in Wellcome's application for review. The Secretary of State took the view that – under the government's "localism" policies – planning matters should be the responsibility of the local council. This means that SCDC's decision on 24 October 2019 – to approve the application on national significance grounds – stands, subject only to any challenges in the form of judicial review.

The PC remains in discussion with Wellcome and SCDC in regard to appropriate mitigations for Hinxton under Section 106. It was noted that meetings with Wellcome and SCDC had recently been held, but that there has been little progress in regard to Wellcome's offer, which the PC considers derisory. SCDC plan to take this up with Wellcome. The PC expressed its gratitude to Peter McDonald – our district councillor – who has been highly supportive in these activities.

One component of our proposed S106 mitigation is a new or substantially upgraded village hall. Following the recent meeting with Wellcome, the PC had asked local architects Colin and Toni Moses if they could assist with outline designs. A survey of the village hall had been conducted and approximate costings put together for the outline designs. These were discussed and will be shared with Wellcome as part of the ongoing process.

Smithson Hill AgriTech Park

The Secretary of State's determination had been delayed as a result of the recent general election and is expected about the 20th March.

North Uttlesford Garden Community.

It was noted that the Planning Inspectorate had found Uttlesford's Local Plan to be unsound and the proposal to establish NUGC to be inappropriate based on a range of issues including harm to landscape and heritage assets.

Duxford Aerotech Park Nothing new to report.

Whittlesford Parkway. Nothing new to report.

Huawei Spicers site. It was noted that the planning application had been re-submitted.

Genome Campus Liaison meeting –the next meeting has yet to be arranged

Wetlands - Conservation Group walkround on 12th May at 1pm. Next meeting 16th Sept 12 noon

Flint wall/Village Hall/Car Park repairs. Clerk is applying for a grant from the Amey Cespa fund, still in early stages.

Allotments All allotments are now taken.

Highways- Nick Cliffe has been in discussions with Hghways regarding new signage to put up in Hunts Lane, this is a long process and a decision may not be made until next spring. It was proposed that we ask for all of Hinxton to be made a 20mph zone and possibly have Hunts Lane a one way road, going from the A1301 to the High St. This has been turned down in the past but worth trying again.

Litter Dick Jones is still collecting litter along the A1301 and our thanks go to him for his efforts.

5. New items for discussion

Increase in Clerks hours. It was agreed by all that the Clerks hours be increased due to the growing amount of work that needs to be done.

Safeguarding policy. This policy has recently been updated. The Chair of PC is currently the named contact, but an alternative person is sought.

Reviewing Parish Council Policies.

The various policies such as Financial and Standing orders need reviewing and approving. The Clerk will send these round to Councillors for their agreement.

VE Day Grant- there are grants of up to £1000 for villages to apply for if they are holding celebrations on VE Day. Chair to ask Village Hall committee and other groups if anything is planned.

Damage to New Bridge. The iron bridge was damaged in the recent high winds when a tree fell on it and damaged the railings. The tree has been removed and Wellcome are looking into getting this repaired as soon as possible. There is another tree which has fallen across the river near the level crossing. This will be removed by Wellcome once permission has been obtained to cordon off a section of the road.

Parish Council reps meeting with the Acting Police and Crime Commissioner. This meeting was again cancelled at the last minute.

Village Spring Clean. The PC agreed that the annual spring clean was a useful means of tidying up the village and suggested 18th April for the activity. Chair to ask Julian Bright if he would arrange this again as he had done in previous years.

6 Chairman's report Nothing to add

7. Public Session. No further business

8 Finance

The following payments and accounts approved.

Bank balances 1st March 2020

Current account	£23,721.19
Business account	£11,036.62
Bridge account	£1,000.00

Payments Approved

EON	Utilities	£334.13
Clerk/HMRC	salary/expenses -	£667.16
CPRE	Subs	£36
MD landscapes	Grass cutting	£204
haven	Lighting	£22.59

Received

Interest from Bank		0.08
Allotments		£40
SCDC	Community Chest	£1000
VHC	Donation Train	£250
VHC	Utilities	£471.35

To pay in

9 Planning

Applications received

20/01137/FUL	New temporary office building comprising a 2 storey modular construction	Wellcome Trust Genome Campus Cambridge Road Hinxton
20/1148/TTCA	Horse Chestnuts- various work on several trees	Hinxton House New Road Hinxton CB10 1QZ
20/1153/TTCA	Ash Tree- repollard and shape	101 High Street Hinxton CB10 1RF

no comments

Planning Decisions

S/0026/20/AD	4 freestanding illuminated signs	MacDonalds
S/0161/20/TC	Malus trees, remove height and width by 25% to 50%	87 High Street Hinxton
S/0281/20/TC	Leylandii- fell to ground level- in poor form	105 High St Hinxton

Approved

11 Correspondence

12 Councillor reports: Councillor Peter McDonald District Councillor had submitted a written report in advance.

13 AOB

- ST brought along two “Footpath closed signs”, to be kept in the Village Hall for future use.
- Clerk asked if another filing cabinet could be purchased. All agreed subject to clarification with the VH Committee.
- Hinxton News – Mike Boagey has confirmed that he will only edit the Hinxton Life, the quarterly magazine, from now on, and is looking for someone to take over the monthly newsletter. It was noted that the newsletter could disappear if nobody can be identified to coordinate it.

Meeting finished at 9.15 pm.

**Date of next meetings 13th April 2020 2019 - Planning meeting 7 pm To Be Confirmed
 18th May 2020 – Annual Parish Meeting 7pm
 Parish Council Meeting to follow on**

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