

Minutes of Meeting Held on 11th November 2019

Present:

Chair: Graham Fagg

Steve Trudgill

Nicholas Cliffe

Rupert Kirby

Sam Nicholls

Ceri Williams

Clerk: Anne Charteris

Peter Topping

Members of the Public –6

1. Apologies for absence – Peter McDonald

2. Declaration of Members' Interests –

ST - allotment holder, NC- Hunts Lane

3. To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 30th September Approved and signed

4. Updates

Wellcome Trust Development & Sec 106 Agreement

It was noted that Wellcome's outline planning application to expand the Genome Campus (WGC) had been approved in full by SCDC's Planning Committee at its meeting of 24 October. The Planning Committee acknowledged that this proposal was outside the recently adopted 2018 Local Plan. It also recognised the substantial harms that will be caused by expansion of WGC, including to landscape and visual impact, traffic, agricultural land, heritage, and potentially water management. However, the Planning Committee was of the view that all these harms were outweighed by the national significance of WGC's research activities and the medical and economic benefits anticipated to follow.

In discussion, it was commented that, because this was an outline planning application, Wellcome will in due course submit detailed plans to SCDC and these may provide further opportunities for discussion.

It was also noted that, since this application is outside the Local Plan, SCDC is obliged to refer it to the Secretary of State, who can call it in for determination. Following discussion, it was agreed that HPC will write to the Secretary of State to request his/her intervention in this case. It was additionally agreed that HPC will approach the Parliamentary candidates for South Cambs with a view to soliciting their assistance in this regard.

In regard to Section 106, GF commented that he had spoken with SCDC's Planning Officer and with Wellcome's Director of Planning, and understood that the Section 106 terms are the subject of ongoing negotiations. SCDC is awaiting a response from Wellcome prior to further discussions.

Smithson Hill AgriTech Park

The Secretary of State's determination of this case has been delayed as a result of the upcoming general election and is expected in February 2020.

North Uttlesford Garden Community.

This proposal continues to await the outcome of the Uttlesford Local Plan process, now expected after

Hinxton Parish Council
the upcoming general election.

Duxford Aerotech Park Nothing new to report.

Whittlesford Parkway.

Further consideration of the proposed rural travel hub has been deferred until after the upcoming general election. This will be considered as part of the recently initiated multi-modal study of the A505 corridor.

Huawei Spicers site.

This planning application was withdrawn for landscaping reasons, and we understand will be re-submitted following discussions with SCDC.

Genome Campus Liaison meeting –

A meeting with the WGC team is scheduled for 13 November, at which it is anticipated that the additional agreement covering bridge repairs on Wellcome land will be signed.

Flint wall/Village Hall/Car Park repairs.

It was noted that further discussion about repairs to the village hall and the adjacent flint wall and car park have been deferred, potentially until agreement has been reached between SCDC and Wellcome under Section 106 (WGC application).

Allotments. Reminders to be sent out. 2 allotments have not been tended, the holders will be asked if they still want them, if not they will be offered to someone on the waiting list. The PC agreed that there should continue to be no buildings on the allotments.

Playground

The Parish Clerk has made an application for Community Chest funds to help support a renewal of the wooden train, and will explore whether a grant from Amey Cespa might be feasible to cover the remaining costs for this and the repair of the flint wall adjacent to the playground.

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. AC reported that flashing signs could be installed on Duxford Road, but these will cost in the region of £2,500 each and will be at the cost of the PC (unless the costs can be mitigated by Local Highways Improvement Grants).

Responsibility for replacement of the bollards/fencing by the side of the river on the Ickleton Road remains unclear. We have applied for a grant from the Highways Improvement scheme.

Highways has confirmed that trimming of the hawthorn adjacent to 1 North End Road has been booked in for this winter.

Defibrillator – now installed in the Porch of the Village Hall. A letter has been sent to all residents with details of the code to use this. We may need to install a light so that the keypad can be seen at night.

5. New items for discussion

Parish Councillor vacancy

A Notice of Vacancy has been posted in regard to the vacancy created by Dick Jones' resignation and one resident has indicated interest in filling that position. Subject to there being no further candidates, an extraordinary meeting of the PC is scheduled for 9th December for the purpose of co-opting a new member to the PC.

Precept for 2020/2021 This was discussed and a 10% increase was proposed by ST, seconded by NC and all voted in agreement. The amount requested is £15,200

Street Lighting

AC reminded the meeting that the PC owns two lamp posts in the village, one in Mill Lane and one in Church Green. Previously, electricity costs were paid via Cambridge County Council, but will in future be outsourced to an independent energy company (substantially more expensive!).

It was discussed whether we need to keep both lamp posts. It was noted that the one in Mill Lane was not working and was right outside a residential window, and the one in Church Green was the only one in that area. It was agreed to retain the light in Church Green and to have the one in Mill Lane removed. The Clerk will action this.

Lorry Incident Duxford Rd/ High St

It was reported that a lorry was recently stuck at the junction of High Street and the Duxford Road, having travelled from Duxford. It was noted that there have been several similar incidents again over the last months, despite the signage indicating that the route is not suitable for HGVs. It was agreed that this problem should be monitored.

6 Chairman's report

Nothing to add

7. Public Session.

No further business

8 Finance

The following payments and accounts approved.

Bank balances 02/11/2019

Current account	£24,278.42
Business account	£11,034.75
Bridge account	£2,000.00

Payments Approved

EON	Utilities	£117.99
Clerk/HMRC	salary/expenses -	£333.58
Came & Company	Insurance	£1084
B Hurst	Installing Defibrillator	£219.60
PC protection		£8.10
SLCC	SUBS	£76.00

Received

Interest from Bank		0.08
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To pay in

Came & C0	Refund of overpayment	£51.70
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9 Planning

Applications received

S/2539/19/FL	Retrospective planning application for the erection of new kiosk over the top of existing kiosk	Genome Booster Station, South of sford Service Station, Land West o, Hinxton, CB22 3HD
S/3435/19/VC	Variation of condition 3 (Windows & Doors), 4(Hard standing), 5(Hard & Soft Landscaping), 6(Boundary fencing) & 7(External Lighting) of planning permission S/2952/15/FL for Erection of detached stable for three stable boxes, tack and hay store	Churchfield House, Hinxton Grange, ridge Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Cambridgeshire, CB10 1RG

no comments

Planning Decisions

Approved

S/2939/19/FL	86, High Street, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, CB10 1QY	Mains gas to the house, gas boiler and dual fuel range cooker installed.
S/2940/19/LB	86, High Street, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, CB10 1QY	Mains gas to the house, gas boiler and dual fuel range cooker installed.
S/2975/19/FL	87, High Street, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, CB10 1QY	Single storey extension, conversion of outbuilding (Revised Proposals following consent S/1542/18/FL)

11 Correspondence

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

13 AOB Ann Howsden Trust.

- Ann Howsden Trust. Virginia Walker had previously indicated to the PC that one of the trustees of the Ann Howsden Trust had resigned, and that Jenny Goodwin had agreed to stand for this position. It was noted that, under the terms of the Trust document, election of a new trustee requires approval of the PC. ST proposed and CW seconded to approve Jenny Goodwin as a trustee of the Trust, and the PC unanimously approved.

Meeting finished at 8.30

Date of next meetings 9th Dec 2019 - 7 pm To Co-opt new Parish Councillor
13th Jan 2010 – Parish Council Meeting 7 pm

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