

Present:

Chair: Willy Brown,

Steve Trudgill

Fiona Marshall

Julian Bright

Dick Jones

Graham Fagg

Clerk: Anne Angell

Members of the Public –2

1. **Apologies for absence** –Jane Chater District Cllr Tony Orgee
2. **Declaration of Members' Interests** – ST Allotment holder
FM - Allotment holder, playground
3. **To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 10^h July 2017** -approved and signed
4. **Matters arising:**

a. North Uttlesford Garden Village The six local Parish Councils have each sent responses to the Uttlesford Consultation. There have been meetings with Cllr Rolfe, representatives have attended the Grosvenor presentation and there have been 2 meetings with SCDC. Tony Orgee and the SCDC response has lent strength to the opposition. Large developers wanted to meet up but none of SCDC agreed, we would only meet if we could meet the actual Grosvenor people once submissions are read, The County Council will be meeting in Oct. There are now 5 large banners put up in the village. It was agreed to put weight on Wellcome Trust who sent in a detailed set of questions. The issue of water is becoming a strong issue. Heidi Allen knows the issues and is grateful to be kept in the loop. It would be a good idea to arrange a meeting with her, it may be best to go along with representatives from other PCs. The PC to send a letter of thanks to SCDC for their help with this planning proposal when they were already very busy with other planning matters.

b. Smithson Hill Agritech. There is an article in Sawston News this month. Planning application for this should be in shortly, this will then be acted upon.

c. War Memorial. This has now been repaired and looking very good. The cost is £1,770. This has been sent to the company that damaged the plinth, as yet no response. We will pay the invoice and try to recover the cost from the company, it may be best to ring and speak directly to the Manager.

d. Wellcome Trust Liaison Meeting. Lordship Farm has now been sold and is to be renovated into a family home.

The trees in Knights close will be replanted..

A quote has been received for removing the lime trees round the allotments. Martin Fordham was asked to see if he knew if there was a reason for these being planted in the first place, but he did not know of anything. Although regular trimming would be the preferred option, it may be better for the allotments if the trees were not there shading the plots. This will be discussed at the next Liaison meeting.

The ivy has now been removed from the flint wall. Perspex sheets are to be put on the wall to

protect it. We need to find out who owns the flint wall which faces the playground.
A contractor will be coming to replace the small wooden bridge over the sluice.

e. Iron Bridge

No further news on this. Wellcome Trust have admitted ownership. It has now been blocked for more than a year, this will be raised again at the next meeting with the Trust.

f. Village signs. We have contacted someone to refresh the village signs, these should be done sometime later this year.

g. Playground report. A new lock has been put on the gate as the previous had to be cut off as it couldn't be opened. The flint wall needs some repairs made once ownership is discovered.

h. Community Chest The grant from SCDC has now been received, this was used to pay for the baby swings. The plaques on the wall acknowledge this grant.

i Local Highway Initiative One suggestion was for the railings on Ickleton Road which run alongside the river to be replaced, they are bent and the wooden posts are rotten. Speeding issues were raised but this may be something we could contact both Ickleton and Duxford about, to see if something could be done as a joint proposal. WB to contact them. Clerk to contact Highways as well.

j. Insurance renewal. It was agreed to continue with Hiscox as our insurance providers.

k. Community Gritting scheme This was discussed, it was felt that asking residents to grit the roads was a way that the CC was cutting costs, the Health & Safety plus training aspects was thought not acceptable, so it was voted against us doing this.

l. Sawston Trade Park development Hinxton PC agreed with both Sawston and Pampisford in that although there was no objection in principle to development of a brownfield site, there were objections to the scale of the development and the increased traffic implications on this already congested road.

m. Flooding This continues to be a problem, Wellcome Trust says that it has done everything and Highways say it is not their problem. When the drains were cleared 2 years ago this did improve the situation, however this needs regular maintenance to stop the flooding. Clerk to contact Highways again.

n. Allotments There are 2 plots now available. There is one person on the waiting list and they will be offered one plot, the other will be advertised in the Hinxton News.

The land is owned by Wellcome Trust and Bidwells /PC will be looking at the contract with the view of drawing up a new one, to be ready for the annual rent payments in November. This will be discussed at the next meeting with Wellcome.

o. Gt Abington Neighbourhood Plan. PC to write a letter of support for this plan whose aims are-

a) seeking to preserve the rural character of the landscape beyond the A11

b) catering for the less well-off on land which I imagine could have been turned into a pricey housing estate

c) helping to block road routes north and east from Uttlesford's proposed NUGC

p. **Huntsman Emergency Planning Meeting.** WB attended this routine safety briefing along with representatives from Ickleton and Duxford PCs. The outcome of the meeting was that the total max risk is low, the probability of an accident is low and the procedures in place are good.

q. **IWM/Moto proposal.** Nothing new to add on this yet.

r. **Standing Orders.** The new set of Standing Orders were circulated to the Parish Councillors and these were agreed upon.

Other matters- 2 people had been interested in the old safe, but both decided it was too heavy to be moved, It will now stay and be used for storage.

Car park signs have now been erected, thanks to Julia Lowndes for arranging these.

5 Chairmans' report –

Nothing else to add

6 **Public Session** – It was asked if there was anyone acting as the voice of the allotment holders, if a new contract was going to be drawn up then it would be good to have allotment holders input.

The new agreement would be in two stages, one agreement between Wellcome Trust and the Parish Council, another between the Parish Council and the Allotment holders.

It was also asked, following on from the Huntmans Emergency Plan, whether an Emergency plan existed in the Village. There is one in place, however it is probably out of date and Clerk will look into this and update it.

7 Finance

Accounting statement read out and approved

Current position of Bank Balances at 31st Aug 2017

Current A/C : £8,766.46

Business A/C: £11,022.81

Bridge A/C: £2000.

Payments made Utilities £89.69
 Clerk/HMRC salary/expenses - £624
 MD Landscapes - £384.00
 YTB –Accountants - £144
 ACRE Subs - £54
 PKF Littlejohn - £120

Received Interest 0.16
 Village Hall Utilities- £691.24
 Community Chest -£1000

Payments due in Village Hall Utilities - £237.74

8 . Planning Applications received

S/3025/17/TC 3 Duxford Rd, Hinxton. Application for Tree works

Planning Applications Approved

**S/1994/17/FL Retention of an existing building and installation of an additional
Adjacent single storey building - Gardeners Compound, Wellcome Genome Campus**

9. Correspondence

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

11 AOB

Litter bin in Playground is coming loose, Clerk to contact SCDC.

The level crossing between Hinxton and Ickleton will be closed between 14th and 22nd Oct.

The school bus which takes children from Hinxton to Duxford has changed its route- it picks up from Hinxton, then Ickleton, goes past Duxford school up to Heathfield then back to Duxford, a journey of 45 minutes, more if traffic is bad. 45 mins is just within the max amount of time for a journey but is too long especially for the younger children. This to be monitored and any problems then it will be discussed and complained about,

Meeting finished at 9.30pm.

Date of next Meeting : 13th November 2017

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