

Present:

Vice Chairman: Willy Brown

Steve Trudgill

Mark Alexander

Dick Jones

Julian Bright

Barbara Fagg

Jane Chater

District Cllr Tony Orgee

County Cllr Peter Topping

Clerk: Mrs Anne Angell

Members of the Public – a packed hall.

1. **Apologies for absence** – none
2. **Declaration of Members' Interests** - none
3. **To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 9th Nov 2015** -approved and signed
4. **Matters arising:**

Wellcome Trust 25 year vision.

Hinxton Parish Council along with Ickleton and Gt Chesterford PCs had been invited last autumn to a presentation at the Wellcome Trust to explain the proposed 25 year vision of the site. Following this, Martin Dougherty & Wendy Arntsen from the WT gave a presentation. Martin started the talk by saying that it would be most important to sort the traffic problems out before any large scale development could take place. He then outlined the planned proposals beginning with re-routing the A1301 from North End to Stumps cross in a large arc. Within this area would be buildings for start up bio companies, a village type area with shops and cafes, residences for visiting workers and other related buildings. He then described that the area to the east of this new road would be designated for up to 1000 houses, including some social housing, some kept for renting out by Wellcome but majority to be sold off as private housing stock.

There followed a question and answer session and it was apparent that residents were unhappy about the size of the proposal. The feeling was that Hinxton would be totally swamped and although WT has been a good neighbor this development would be too big and would not benefit the village. Martin replied that this is still in early stages, nothing would happen for at least 5 years but WT are keen to involve and inform the residents of local villages as to the progress of the plans by regular updates at meetings and on the websites.

b. Road signs Local Highway Initiative 22nd & 25th Jan – meetings WB to attend on the PC behalf. Still problems with Hexcel lorries trying to turn round. Hexcel say they are about to change their postcodes- though we had been told last year that this had been done. It was decided to arrange a meeting to try to sort this out.

c Meeting of Local Parish Councils regarding Neighbourhood Planning. WB went to the meeting held at Duxford, it was agreed that it would be beneficial to join forces with other neighbouring villages.

d. Gt Chesterford Development plans are still in the consultation stages and nothing decided yet.

e Contribution to Water charges for the Allotments- it was agreed that the PC will pay the bill of £39.41

f Imperial War Museum –it will be arranged for a speaker to come and talk at a later date.

g Precept for 2016/2017 This was agreed to be increased by 5% for the coming year- £10,870;

h. Agritech hub. Emma Fletcher reported on progress so far-

I have presented to the Cambridge Ahead Group and also met with the City Deal team. The plan for the area now shows the A505 as a road under strain which is good news.

- Have met with a number of local parish councils and the general feeling is that a combine 25 year plan is a good idea.

- I am holding a second meeting with the Parks on 25 January to discuss a co-ordinated transport plan

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with the parishes.

- I am actively involved with Smarter Cambridge Transport looking at transport hubs/park and rides
- We have made reps to the LSCC Growth Commission to have the area identified as a significant node between London and Cambridge and for assistance with infrastructure
- In terms of our thoughts for the site we have a technical team working on the technical issues on the land such as flooding, utilities, transport, ecology, archaeology. Only once we have all of this information will we be able to consider the next step.
- The new Cambridge Water pipe is still delayed and we are on a two week notice period for start on site from Bidwells. At the moment this does

Chairmans' report nothing else to report.

Public Session – none

Finance

Current position of Bank Balances at 3rd Jan 2016

Current A/C : £2919.25

Business A/C: £11013.61

Project A/C :£0

Bridge A/C: £2000.

Payments made

EON £61.58

Rob Smit Car Park £11226

Clerk Salary £717.12

HMRC £218.88

CCC Local Highway Contribution £215.54

Received

Interest 0.08

Allotments £45.00

Cheques to pay in £177.53

Money due in- Allotments £37.50

HMRC Vat reclaimed £2231.60

Planning Applications

S/3145/15/FL Installation of 4 speed bumps, Wellcome Trust Genome Centre

S/3142/15/FL Erection of glass reinforced plastic kiosk to house treatment process in relation to the pumping station Wellcome Trust

Planning decisions

Approved-

S/2347/15/FL Creation of New Footpath, Wellcome Trust, Hinxton Hall

Councillor reports: **Councillor Peter Topping County Council**
Councillor Tony Orgee District Councillor

SCDC Local Plan / City Council Local Plan

The District and City Councils are currently consulting on the outcomes of the further work carried out in response to a request from the planning inspector for further work on key issues.

The changes to the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan as originally submitted are:

- the housing allocation for South Cambridgeshire in the Plan period to be increased from 19,000 to 19,500;
- a proposed new housing allocation site in South Cambridgeshire to the north of Cherry Hinton;
- taking a portion of land out of the Green Belt in the Addenbrookes area;
- returning a portion of land designated for employment use in Fulbourn Road (just in South Cambridgeshire and outside the City boundary) into the Green Belt

The public consultation on these proposed changes would run from 2 December 2015 to 25 January 2016.

The one controversial element in this consultation is the proposal to take land out of the green belt in the Addenbrooke's area. There was little supporting evidence to take this land out of the Green Belt, at least part of the land could flood and it is very close to the Nine Wells site.

Planning applications and Local Plan timescales

The Local Plan examination in public has taken much longer than expected, and the extra information required by the inspector and subsequent consultation (see above) has further delayed the process.

However, individuals, organisation, developers still have the right to submit a planning application and there have been a number of planning applications for housing for sites that are not allocated for housing in the draft Local Plan. There have been two local examples in Mill Lane, Sawston. These applications have to be considered on their individual merits. A larger scale example would be the Cambridgeshire Sports Village / Community Stadium near the Trumpington Meadows development.

From what was said in the Wellcome Trust presentation tonight this appears to be the route that the Trust will follow regarding its proposals, that is, develop a masterplan and planning applications to go through the planning process rather than seek to modify the Local Plan to include the Trust's strategy. Since the draft Local Plan was actually submitted to government in March 2014, now would actually be a very late stage to attempt to get major change in the Plan.

Tony Orgee

District Councillor

County Council Report for January 2016 To Hinxton Parish Council

Peter Topping

1. Local authority budgets

The district council and the county council both face difficult decisions about what if any increases in council taxes should be decided for next year. The district has traditionally had a very low council tax rate, and so it may put the council tax up by £5.00 a year for a Band D property. The county has been offered the opportunity by the government to put its part of the council tax up by 4% because of the costs of adult social care. The county council has yet to decide on that, but may go for a lesser increase of 1.99%. There is a drive to reduce costs within the county, including rationalising the senior officer management structure. The challenge will be whether savings can be realised quickly enough. There is no doubt that the county faces real financial problems, and the audit committee, of which I am vice-chair, was told by our external auditors, PWC, that this county was behind the curve in terms of coming up with a transformation plan to save money and transform services.

I Attended two budget related meetings in recent weeks, one to find savings from the Public Health budget, and one to sign off the county accounts. So budgets and their management form a big part of the picture at the moment. The county is trying to see if it can save the lollipop road safety services, and has announced that it will find a way of keeping the streetlights on at night rather than turning them off. I have asked the health team to see if we can save an immunisation nurse post, as the county's immunisation levels are below national levels.

2. Local county planning issues

Vetspeed submitted further information at Christmas in support of their bid for the Pet Crematorium energy from waste plant on the A505. The County Council is inviting comments by 31 Jan but the matter will not come to the County planning committee until 10 March 2016.

3. Highways

I met senior county highways engineer, Emma Murden before Christmas. Now that Mike Cooper is leaving at the end of this week, the contact for highways work is Evan Laughlin, the district highways manager. He does not yet have someone working to him in Mike's old role, but he is recruiting a replacement for Mike who starts mid-January.

Emma was keen to stress the importance of logging everything on the county council's on-line reporting system. NB When the system reports a matter as closed that simply means the job has been allocated, so it is worth keeping an eye on progress.

I discussed the parish council's desire to see the footpath leading away from the bus stop resurfaced and would be prepared to pay towards it. Emma said she would provide an estimate of costs (which I have forwarded to the parish clerk) and confirmed that the county would be willing to do that work. I suggest getting some other quotes, although a third party contractor will need to satisfy the county that the work will be done to a suitable standard as the liability for the foot path remains with the county.

I have been told that the cycleway crossing the Institute's land is now with the Babraham Institute governance and that Chris Chapman has been working closely with county cycling officers to get this through.

I will be attending a briefing from the county on their plans for the full length of the A1307. I also attended a meeting with the representatives of SmithsonHill who are seeking to develop a bio-tech/agritech site on

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land to the south east at the McDonalds roundabout at Sawston. The interesting thing to note is they are trying to find ways of putting together an improvement plan for local transport along the A505. I have said to the county that if you want to push "community resilience" and having people doing more things for themselves, you have to make it easier for that to happen, especially when the village is paying for it. I have put forward a proposal for a seminar for local PC clerks to build a better knowledge base of how to take projects forward with the county.

4. In other news...

There is a consultation on the **county's libraries**, including the mobile library service, and it will be important that people comment. Previously savings have been made from back office support, management costs, a more self-service approach, some service reductions and other efficiencies across the service. Now, the Library Service has to make some tough decisions and the Council is asking people for their opinions about the options.

Proposals include a combination of reducing opening hours at larger libraries, reducing management and professional staff and spending less on new library stock. Other options are still being discussed by the Council, including budget proposals for the Mobile Library Service and possible changes to Archives and Local Studies. Although current options do not include transferring the running of any of the 32 libraries to the community at this stage, this may still be an option the following year when even more savings are needed.

The Consultation which can be found online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraryconsultation and closes on Monday, 15 February.

I am attending a meeting on 2 Feb at MP Heidi Allen's office in Westminster with managers from both Abellio and Network Rail to move forward proposals for a footpath under the A505 linking Whittlesford rail station through to Duxford.

Congestion charge - the district council is considering whether a congestion charge in Cambridge should be considered at some point in the future once better public transport was in place. The plan would be to use some of the revenue from the charges to improve public transport.

Wellcome Trust plans for the Sangar Institute at Hinxton. There are proposals to build 1,000 houses as part of the 25 year plan to develop the site. Not surprisingly this has met with dismay locally. Hinxton are keen to join in any Neighbourhood Plan work with other local villages. This area is also facing a agri-tech site proposal on what would have been the Hanley Grange site.

As County Council health committee member I have raised concerns about the ending of the **UnitingCare contract to provide services for older people** across Cambridgeshire. The impact on the local health economy of the deficit (that has been created by the failure of the contract) of £8.4m needs to be understood. I have been interviewed on regional TV to voice these concerns.

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