

Present:

Vice Chairman: Dick Jones

Steve Trudgill

Fiona Marshall

District Cllr Tony Orgee

Clerk: Anne Angell

Members of the Public – 0

1. **Apologies for absence** – Willy Brown, Mark Alexander, Julian Bright, Jane Chater
2. **Declaration of Members' Interests** – ST mentioned that he was now a member of a political party.
3. **To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016** -approved and signed
4. **Matters arising:**
  - a. Co-option of a new Parish Councillor- Fiona Marshall was welcomed as the new Parish Councillor
  - b. Footpaths and grass cutting. All have now been cut or about to be. Clare Meadow was cut by Bidwells. Clerk has contacted County Council re the public footpaths, she will try contacting Peter Taylor (Highways) to see why this has not been done yet. The little wooden bridge has been repaired by CPPF and they have also put up wattle screens by the sluice gate bridge.
  - c. Bridges- awaiting the report from Bidwells- some plates on the bridge are rusting through, need to look at options to at least replace these.
  - d. Gt Chesterford/Uttlesford plans- nothing official to report except that it looks like it may be Dunmow rather than Gt Chesterford.
  - e. Smithson Hill exhibition -PC councillors impressions and thoughts of the plans - a 250 ha site with crop trials, (plus some amenity space, green bits,conservation bits, footpaths and public access) and then 6ha of 1, 2 possibly 3 storey buildings towards the centre of the site with progressively 4,000 people working there located towards the centre of the area between the current dwellings and the A1301, though there is a large'development zone' on the map. They promise a 500m strip all round as a buffer with a green corridor/footpath down the side of the A1301 and plenty of access. 100,000 sq metres of "commercial space" access to green space and footpaths + better roads. Parish Council will be watching this closely, however no planning permission has yet been applied for
  - f. Ford, The Duxford side gate had its chain cut twice when the gates were last closed meaning some drivers went through and were stranded at the Hinxton gate. We need to have an emergency contact number displayed so that drivers know who to contact.  
Clerk to contact Peter Topping and Highways
  - g. Hexcel lorries. Hexcel has put up a sign up near the rear gate advising drivers of large lorries to turn round. There does seem to be an improvement however if anyone sees lorries coming through please contact the Clerk so that we have an idea of the numbers. Hinxton signs are due to be put up soon.  
Thanks were given to Mark Alexander, Peter Topping Hexcel and the Highways Dept for their efforts in getting these signs.
  - h. Wellcome Trust Liaison Meeting. Details attached. Next meeting Aug 18<sup>th</sup>.

- 5 **Chairmans' report** – The flint wall has fallen down again, this will be repaired shortly and the PC will consult to see if any way that the road can be improved to stop the puddles which form there causing the damage to the wall.  
Thanks were given to the Hinxton News editors- the format, content and coverage is excellent.

**6 Public Session – none**

**7 Finance**

Accounting statement read out and approved

Current position of Bank Balances at 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Current A/C : £7210.82

Business A/C: £11016.38

Project A/C :£0

Bridge A/C: £2000.

Payments made

ROSPA £117.60

Yorkshire Tax Bureau £144.00

Clerks fee and HMRC £1115.40

Garden voucher/expenses £76.50

Robert Smit £94.80

Received

Interest 0.16

Grass cutting contribution £281.16

Village Hall Utilities £315.04

**8 Planning Applications received**

**S/0783/16/FL Replacement of front hedge with 1.2m brick wall with 1.3m brick pillars  
97 High St, Hinxton. Mr Glenn Neaves. PC had no comments to make.**

**9. Correspondence .none**

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

**12 AOB**

**Date of next Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Tony Orgee, District Councillor –**

Hinxton Parish Council

11 July 2016

**AgriTech proposal exhibition– Smithson Hill**

I have been contacted by a number of local residents about this exhibition and would make the following comments.

The purpose of the exhibition was, in Smithson Hill's words, to share their emerging proposals for a site for

AgriTech and associated life sciences on land east of the A1301 and south of the A505 at Hinxton.

These emerging proposals were for:

- incubator units, grow on space, laboratory and office accommodation – approximately 100,000 sqm of lettable commercial floorspace;
- land for crop trials and demonstration areas;
- a new transport hub west of the A505 / A1301 roundabout promoting sustainable travel.

Floorspace per employee is usually thought of as about 30 sqm so the construction of 100,000 sqm would be capable of accommodating somewhere in the region of 3,000 to 4,000 employees.

The planning context is as follows:

- The site is **not** allocated for development in the adopted Local Development Framework and is **not** included in the emerging South Cambridgeshire Local Plan;
- This proposal is not formally before the inspector conducting an Examination in Public into the draft South Cambridgeshire Local Plan;
- Local Plan hearings into the adequacy of the employment land provision in the draft South Cambridgeshire Local Plan took place in late 2014, and this issue was not one that the inspector asked the district council to do additional work on in her May 2015 letter;
- The Smithson Hill AgriTech proposal is one of a number of emerging new strategic scale developments being promoted in the Cambridge / Greater Cambridge area; another is the expansion of the Wellcome Campus at Hinxton Hall;
- The draft South Cambridgeshire Local Plan is expected to be adopted in late 2017;
- The district council and Cambridge City Council have committed to develop a single Local Plan for Greater Cambridge (Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire) following the adoption of each council's present draft Local Plan;
- Proposed new strategic scale proposals should be considered through the new local plan preparation process, which will need to re-assess the need for future housing and employment growth, assess alternative special strategies and work with adjoining authorities under the duty to cooperate.

The Smithson Hill Agritech proposal therefore, at the present time, has no planning status.

## Cambridge Access Study

The Cambridge Access Study is part of recent work carried out in relation to the Greater Cambridge City Deal. The City Deal Joint Assembly (2 June) and the Executive Board (9 June) considered and supported

consulting on a congestion reduction package.

The congestion reduction package incorporates the following:

- better bus services and expanded usage of Park and Ride
- better pedestrian and cycling infrastructure
- better streetscape and public realm
- peak congestion control points in the weekday morning and evening peak periods
- a workplace parking levy
- on-street parking controls (including residents' parking)
- smart technology
- travel planning.

The consultation started today, Monday 11 July, and runs until 10 October 2016.

## Devolution

National government has been working with councils and public bodies in a number of different areas in England to look at agreements that would transfer a number of responsibilities and related funding currently held nationally to local areas. The one stipulation from national government is a requirement to have an elected mayor for the local area.

The responsibilities and funding that would be transferred in any deal are currently held by national government, so a deal would **not** change the way each council provides its services to their local communities.

National government's original idea was for a devolution agreement covering the three counties of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk, but this has since been modified to set up two separate devolution deals one for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and one for Norfolk and Suffolk.

The deal for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area has been negotiated with Government by Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council, Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council and The Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

The deal would mean that a greater number of decisions on public services would be made locally rather than nationally and covers housing and planning, transport, skills, employment and funding.

All seven councils believe that a devolution deal for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough would be an opportunity to boost jobs, transport and affordable homes across the county and have now put the deal out

for consultation.

It is proposed to form a Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority chaired and led by a Directly Elected Mayor. The deal could bring about the following benefits for the area, including:

- A new £20million annual fund for the next 30 years (£600million) to support economic growth, development of local infrastructure and jobs;
- A new £100million housing fund to be invested over the next five years to build more homes in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough including affordable, rent and shared ownership;
- A new £70million fund to be used to build more council rented homes in Cambridge over the next five years because house prices are so high in the city;
- Providing new homes across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough including affordable homes in Greater Cambridge;
- Rail improvements, including a new station at Soham, (new rolling stock, improved King's Lynn, Cambridge, London rail);
- A local integrated job service working alongside the Department for Work and Pensions;
- Co-designing with Government a National Work and Health Programme focussed on those with a health condition or disability, as well as the long-term unemployed;
- Integrating local health and social care resources to provide better outcomes for residents;
- A devolved skills and apprenticeship budget to give more opportunities to our young people;

There would also be checks and balances with representatives of the partner organisations making sure any decisions are made democratically. **No powers will be taken away from councils without their consent.**

The consultation period runs from 8 July to 23 August 2016.

Tony Orgee  
District Councillor  
Capital Projects

### **ACTION LIST**

**Hinxton Liaison Meeting  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm  
LA222, Conference Centre, Genome Campus**

<b>In attendance:</b>	Martin Dougherty	Chief Operating Officer
	Duncan Parsley	Capital Projects Director
	Steve Trudgill	For Hinxton Parish Council
	William Brown	For Hinxton Parish Council
	Dick Jones	For Hinxton Parish Council
	Emma Andrews	Porta Planning

**Action**

**1.0 Apologies**

**1.1** Apologies were received from Jayne Proctor and Wendy Arnsten.

**2.0 Minutes from Last Meeting**

**2.1** The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct.

**2.2** [2.2] The rabbit hole is still present on Ancient Lane. The contractors are currently on site and this should be repaired by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016. **HT**

**2.3** [2.3] JP continues to chase the Environment Agency for a river maintenance plan. **JP**

**2.4** [3.3] HT has confirmed with Martin that he is not required to undertake the grass cutting.

**2.5** [3.4] HT informed the meeting that the next programme of works will include decorating the cottages. This will take place during summer 2016. HT will provide a written summary of the works being undertaken to include in the village newsletter. **HT**

**2.6** [5.3] MD wrote an article about the Campus Vision for the village newsletter and this has been published. MD will write a further update for the newsletter possibly in June or July 2016. **MD**

**2.7** [5.8] DP will write a paragraph for inclusion in a future newsletter explaining that electricity generation by the mill is not technically possible. **DP**

**2.8** [5.8] DP will write an article about the floodplains as noted in [5.7] of the previous minutes. This will be included in the next newsletter. **DP**

**2.9** [5.9] The possibility of a permissive path being opened on Trust land to the north of the village was discussed. It was felt that it would be prudent to see what DEFRA's view is first and then to approach Martin.

**2.10** [5.11] Note: The display boards were not required for the History Night.

**3.0 Hinxton Village Update**

**3.1** The Ancient Lane hedges have been cut back and there has in general been positive feedback from the village.

**3.2** Tree planting on Knights Close has been undertaken and has received very positive feedback.

**3.3** A new fence has been erected around the paddock. HT to check with the Electricity Board how access to the electricity pole will be provided. **HT**

**3.4** HT to send list of completed village works to ST to be included in the village newsletter. **HT**

**3.5** It was felt it would be useful for the village if a list of works that are going to be undertaken by Bidwells were included in the village newsletter and published on the village website. HT is to write a mini article and include a programme of works. The deadline is 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016. **HT**

**3.6** Robin Driver has agreed to cut a path in his meadow.

**3.7**

HT has a meeting arranged with the Listed Buildings Officer on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 regarding Lordship Farm, when minor elevational changes will be discussed.

3.8

ST recorded his thanks to Steve Scott and Julian Rayner for a very successful and enjoyable open evening.

3.9

The parish clerk was asked to examine the Iron Bridge. It was reported that the structure of the bridge is fine, but there is however an issue with the planks that go across the bridge.

3.10

HT is to examine the ash tree as there are concerns about the fungus at the top of the tree. HT is to write a paragraph on his findings for the newsletter. HT

3.11

It was reported that there has been some flooding at North End. The problem may be caused by blocked pipes under the road. An annual clean has been recommended.

3.12

The Village Hall grounds will be open in time for the fete on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

3.13

SR thanked WGC for the donation of a raffle prize to the fete.

3.14

The sign in the Village Hall carpark still doesn't say that it is part funded by the WGC.

3.15

Barbara Fagg has resigned from the Parish Council creating a vacancy.

3.16

ST recorded his thanks to JP for organising the Nature Tours.

3.17

The Parish Council has written a robust letter to Uttlesford Council regarding it's concerns about the Great Chesterford development.

3.18

Members of Hinxton, Ickleton, Great Chesterford and Duxford Parish Councils held a meeting to discuss the various building projects that are being proposed in the locality. They generally have the same concerns regarding potential development. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 2016.

3.19

DJ attended a SmithsonHill meeting. Although DJ felt there were some positive discussions concerning proposed developments he felt it was uncertain where the funding would come from.

3.20

There was a positive reaction to the possible plans to include a cycle path to provide access to Whittlesford Park train station avoiding the A505.

3.21

HT is to search the Land Registry to discover who owns the plot of land between the Trusts land and the station. HT

4.0

#### 4.1 **Genome Campus Update**

Practical Completion for the BIC building is due on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. The fit-out of the café is complete and carpets are being laid. By September 2016 50% of the building should be occupied.

5.0

#### 5.1 **Campus Vision Update**

There is little new to report as the appointment of an executive team is on-going.

5.2

The strategy for the type of houses that might be built is open to discussion.

5.3

Feedback from the village is that if the houses were built for the use of campus staff it would be more palatable than if they were built for commercial use.

5.4

Hinxton Parish Council

The possibility of a workshop-type meeting for a future Parish Council Liaison Meeting with a representative body from the village was discussed.

**6.0 Date of Next Meeting**

**6.1** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, 2pm, LA222, Conference Centre. It was suggested that people's holiday dates are checked before confirming this date. JW to action. **JW**