

Present:

Vice Chairman: Willy Brown

Steve Trudgill

Mark Alexander

Dick Jones

District Cllr Tony Orgee

County Cllr Peter Topping

Clerk: Mrs Anne Angell Members of public 9

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies received from Jane Chater , Barbara Fagg Julian Bright
2. **Declaration of Members' Interests** – ST expressed interest in Allotments
3. **To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 14th Sept 2015** -approved and signed
4. **Matters arising:**

Grass cutting- Martin Fordham kindly attended and was asked if he could help us find out who is responsible for cutting which footpaths, Michael Butler cuts all the paths around the outside of the water meadows- those which he can reach with his tractor mounted grass cutter, this is done once a year and paid for by Bidwells. MD landscapes cuts Ancient Lane. The Parish Council bought a strimmer many years ago which the late Cyril Moore used to do, no knowledge of what happened to the strimmer. Areas which need to be cut are the paths along the river and Clare field, but need to get permission from the latter. We will possibly ask for quotes for these areas once decided if we can do them.

Agri-Tech Hub- Emma Fletcher from SmithsonHill came to talk about the proposals for this venture based on the land bounded by the A505, the A1301 and the A11. NIAB have to move from their current land, the soil in this area is ideal for the seed trials which they would like to carry out, still at early stage but would be in the region of 650 acres of land, along with agricultural buildings and lab space, approx. 35 staff which would fluctuate with seasonal workers, also small groups of visitors from time to time . Also good area as there are other research companies in the area. General consensus was that this would be preferred to housing but deep concerns for the extra traffic, this would have to be sorted before any developments done but Emma said that they are talking to various groups to try and sort this problem. The land would be leased for 25 years, no plans for any housing. A meeting will be held in Hinxton Village Hall on the 19th Nov at 10am -2pm.

Wellcome Trust Vison- Local Parish Councilors were invited to a presentation at the Wellcome Trust to show their plans for the next 25 years. These are still at an early stage as they have not been approved yet by the Board. The suggestion is to decrease site security but increase building security to allow greater access to the site ,re-route the A1301 around the boundary of the Wellcome Trust land, more science buildings, village clusters/zones and housing for approx. 1000 workers. This is still in very early stages but Parish Council to ask a speaker from the Wellcome Trust to come to the January meeting and answer questions.

Imperial War Museum – community newsletter delivered to residents, looks set for funding cuts in the future, hoping to have a speaker from IWM attend the Jan meeting.

Vetspeed- planning to increase the throughput which will involve more traffic but a much bigger incinerator , this will need to be higher and there are concerns that the height and also the heat from the chimney will endanger planes from the IWM.

Car Park rear of Village Hall - with various donations and grants the car park is now able to go ahead, should be starting mid November

Local Highways Initiative- Hinxton has applied for more road signs to try to prevent lorries coming through the village, it seems that most are coming from Duxford so we will try again to talk to Hexcel.

Flooding in North End – still a problem, needs regular maintenance, will contact Highways again.

Uttlesford Plans- 9 potential sites for houses, nearest to us are at Chesterford and Saffron Walden. Majority of areas shown will not happen, but there is the potential- see Cllr Tony Orgees report for more details.

Allotments – there are enough allotments available for those who want them, Clerk to contact all holders to pay next years rent and give agreements to new Allotment holders.

Chairmans' report nothing else to report.

Public Session – none

Finance

Current position of Bank Balances at 2nd Nov 2015

Current A/C : £6,711.00

Business A/C: £11012.69

Project A/C :£8,637.21

Bridge A/C: £2000.

Payments made

EON £88.69

Came & Co Insurance £1089.18

EAAA Donation £200

Bobby Scheme donation £50

Clerk Salary £717.12

HMRC £218.88

Received

Precept £5175.00

Interest 0.08

SCDC Community Chest £1000

SCDC Sec 106 Money £5137.21

Money to pay out

CAPALC Councillor Training £35.00

Cambridge CC LHI contribution £215.54

Planning Applications

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

Treeworks Red Lion

Planning decisions

Approved-

None

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

From Tony Orgee

Hinxton Parish Council

9 November 2015

District Council electoral wards

South Cambridgeshire District Council has now submitted to the Boundary commission that:

- the number of councillors should be reduced from 57 to 45;
- the council should move to all-out elections rather than the current system of election by thirds;

- the new ward boundaries should come into effect from an all-out election in 2018;
- parish council election dates should be revised so that parish council elections are held at the same time as the all-out district elections.

Budget 2016-17

The District Council's budget-setting process for 2016-17 is now underway. The Council's financial situation is very difficult but at present there are a number of unknown quantities, the most significant of which is the amount of government grant that the District Council will receive for the financial year 2016-17. This will be announced within the next month as part of the chancellor's Autumn Statement.

Local Highways Improvement(LHI) scheme

Proposals submitted by local parish councils will be considered at meetings to be held on 22 and 25 January 2016.

SCDC Local Plan / City Council Local Plan

The further work requested by the planning inspector conducting the hearings into these two local plans, has almost been completed and reports are going to meetings of the District Council and Cambridge City council, both meetings to be held at 6 pm on Monday 30 November. The proposed main changes that have come from the work carries out 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;
- an extension of land for employment in the Addenbrookes area;
- a reduction in land for employment use in Fulbourn Road (just in South Cambridgeshire and outside the City boundary)

The councils will be asked to agree a public consultation (running from 2 December 2015 to 25 January 2016) on these changes.

The Wellcome Trust / Uttlesford Local Plan

Together with a number of parish councillors from Hinxton, Ickleton and Great Chesterford, I attended a

Hinxton Parish Council

meeting at the Genome Campus on 7 November about the Wellcome Trust's emerging views about the future. A verbal report has been given by parish councillors, but I want here to describe the Uttlesford Local Plan.

Uttlesford District Council withdrew its previous Draft Local Plan in January 2015 and is now in the process of consulting on a new Local Plan to guide development to 2033.

The local plan process in Uttlesford is therefore at an earlier stage than the process in South Cambridgeshire where the South Cambridgeshire Draft Local Plan was submitted to government in March/April 2014.

The present Uttlesford consultation is based on two broad scenarios for growth: a total of 8,750 new homes in the plan period or 11,750 in the plan period.

In Uttlesford current or existing planning permissions have been granted for around 5,000 dwellings and the Council has made a windfall allowance of 750 dwellings spread over 15 years during the plan period.

The consultation therefore focuses on the land that would be needed to be allocated for the other 3,000 or 6,000 dwellings needed (depending on which growth scenario was finally agreed).

The consultation documents sets out a range of approaches:

8,750 growth scenario (that is, land allocation for 3,000 additional dwellings)

- one new settlement of 3,000 dwellings;
- or growth in villages and on the edge of Bishop's Stortford;
- or growth of towns (specifically Saffron Walden and Great Dunmow);
- or some hybrid of the above.

11,750 growth scenario (that is, land allocation for 6,000 additional dwellings)

- two new settlements, each of about 3,000 dwellings;
- or growth in villages, on the edge of Bishop's Stortford, and at Saffron Walden and Great Dunmow);
- or some hybrid of the above.

The consultation document identifies

- nine areas of search for a potential new settlement;
- seven areas of search round Saffron Walden for an expansion of the town;
- two areas of search on the edge of Bishop's Stortford ;
- and six areas of search round Great Dunmow.

The local sites identified as areas of search in the consultation document include two of the nine areas of search for a new settlement; these are close to Stumps Cross, one to the east of the junction of the M11, A11 and A1301 and one to the west. In addition, Great Chesterford is one of seven villages in Uttlesford classified as a Key Village, so if the final version of the Local Plan includes some growth in Key Villages, then growth of Great Chesterford could be a possibility.

In summary, the Uttlesford Local Plan process has a long way to go before the Plan is finally adopted but the current consultation document includes two potential sites for a new settlement and one key Village which could be allocated for some growth which are relatively close to Hinxton.

Tony Orgee District Councillor

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Date of next meeting: 11th Jan 2016 19.45 Hinxton Village Hall