

Present:

Chairman: Willy Brown,
Mark Alexander
Steve Trudgill
Fiona Marshall
Jane Chater
District Cllr Tony Orgee
County Cllr Peter Topping
Clerk: Anne Angell
Members of the Public – 2

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Dick Jones, Julian Bright,
- 2. Declaration of Members' Interests** – ST- Allotment holder.
- 3. To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 11th July 2016** -approved and signed
- 4. Matters arising:**
 - a. Wellcome Trust Liaison Meeting- Minutes attached below. ST had the following comments to make-
 - 2.2. The rabbit hole was never filled in but it is less deep than it was but still somewhat of a trip hazard.
 - 2.1 I would be interested to know the details.
 - 3.1 I have had it reported to me that some trees appear not to be doing so well, particularly those surrounded by nettles at the back of No 27 High Street (resident has sent photo to DP).
 - 3.5 Bidwells volunteered to survey this and get estimates for repairs.
 - 3.6 This has been done (by PC).
 - b. Footpaths and grass cutting. The Public footpaths have not been cut this year at all, Clerk will contact County council and Peter Taylor (Highways) again to see why this has not been done yet.
 - c. Bridges- still awaiting the report from Bidwells- Clerk to follow this up and see why its taking so long. A sample of possible new material for replacing the metal plates was brought to the meeting- this is an open grid made from fibreglass which would be stronger, last longer and also let water and debris through. The wooden bridge repair has now been done, quite a lot of ivy growing on it so WB and ST will see if it can be tackled by themselves or if we need to get someone in to do it.
 - d Allotments- early reminder that rents will soon be due. Several plots have remained untouched and other allotment holders are complaining about the weeds and also the path along the south side which is overgrown and also quite a bit of rubbish needs removing. WB to email those concerned and see if they still want the plots- if so must be cleared by Dec or they will be taken off them.
 - e Hunts Lane lorries- still a problem but not sure what else can be done about this. The PC has looked into this in the past and to change the speed limit is very costly and also a long process.
 - f. Ford, A resident had contacted Clerk re how slippery the surface of the ford was and whether possible for it to be resurfaced. This has been talked of in the past but nothing yet done.

- g. Hexcel lorries. New signs have now been put up at various points directing drivers away from the village, the main cost of these signs-approx £7000 has been covered by Hexcel. 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.

Thanks were given to Mark Alexander, Peter Topping Hexcel and the Highways Dept for their efforts in getting these signs. A letter will be sent to Karen Lunn (CCC) and Hexcel thanking them for their efforts and contribution

- h. Informal meeting of Parish Councils- this group consists of Gt Chesterford, Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford and Hinxton, it was started in April so that Parish Councils can compare notes and inform other villages re local planning applications and so that Parish Councils could unite to fight any controversial plans. Next meeting 16th Sept.

- i Local Highways Improvement Grant- this closes Nov 30th. Possible projects would be flooding at NorthEnd/High St and also where the flint wall keeps eroding due to water collecting near the village hall.

- J Smithson Hill development. Hinxton Parish Council were not involved formally in the exhibition held last July and members only visited it in their private capacity. Since the proposals were vague, it was not thought appropriate to respond to them. It was noted that they implied the clear aspiration that several thousand people would work on the site and that they do not exclude the probability of substantial housing, and that the traffic and environment implications would be severe.
Hinxton Parish Council agreed that it viewed the proposals with extreme disquiet and would oppose anything of this scale most strongly. We also had a specific request that, if and when the exhibition at the parish hall was repeated it would be with an advertised presentation by one or more of the Smithson Hill team, allowing ample time for questions and answers. WB to write to them to ask for this exhibition and also to give booking details asking for a suitable time to hold the next meeting, preferably mid Nov onwards.

- k. Playground, several small maintenance jobs need doing, quotes obtained and Robert Smit to be asked to do these works. Community Chest grant to be applied for to help cover the costs.

- l. Village Hall- new lights purchased and installed at the rear of the hall. The matting on the car park is lifting in places, Rob Smit to be asked to inspect it and advise, to give quote of any work need doing.

5 Chairmans' report – Nothing to add.

6 Public Session – e member of the public attended as they were very concerned about the Smithson Hill Proposals, they agreed that a meeting – not attached to a Parish Council meeting- would be Beneficial so that villagers could give their opinions.

7 Finance

Accounting statement read out and approved

Current position of Bank Balances at 5th Sept 2016

Current A/C : £7101.47

Business A/C: £11017.30

Project A/C £0

Bridge A/C: £2000.

Payments made
Utilities £109.52

Payments to make
Came & Co Insurance £1084.50
Village Hall Committee – new lights £49.98

Received
Interest 0.17
Village Hall Utilities £190.73

8 Planning Applications received

Notification of Tree Works CA468 - The Hay Loft 17 Mill lane Hinxton

Ref: S/2096/16/FL McDonald's Restaurant, Whittlesford Service Station, reconfiguration of site

To include side by side ordering, canopies, signage

Ref: S/2295/16/AD McDonald's Restaurant, Whittlesford Service Station, new fascia signage

Ref S/2095/16/AD McDonald's Restaurant, Whittlesford Service Station, internally illuminated sign

Ref S/2094/16/AD McDonald's Restaurant, Whittlesford Service Station, Freestanding illuminated sign

No comments to any of these plans.

9. Correspondence .Flood awareness questionnaire

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

12 AOB

Date of next Meeting 14th Nov 2016

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12 September 2016

Cambridge Access Study and Tackling peak-time congestion in Cambridge

The Cambridge Access Study was carried out as part of the work of 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 consultation package (*Tackling peak-time congestion in Cambridge*) describes the key parts of the proposed congestion reduction package in the following words:

- **Congestion control points** These are similar to the established and successful core scheme in the city centre. 'Virtual closures' for general traffic at key points on the city's road network would create a low-traffic zone during rush hour through which only buses, cyclists, local taxis and emergency vehicles could travel. Drivers could still access streets in the zone but would need to find an alternative route or – as is the aim - switch to bus, cycle or walking for part of their journey. The closures would be enforced through the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition and £60 penalty fines.

- **A Workplace Parking Levy (WPL)** Based on a successful scheme in Nottingham, big employers with lots of parking space for employees would be charged an annual fee for each commuter parking space.
This will likely be those employers with more than ten parking spaces. This would also encourage people to switch to other modes as well as create an important new funding stream to invest in better local transport to ease commuter trips.
- **On-street parking controls** The package supports an expansion of Residents' Parking Zones in areas near large workplaces would further discourage commuter car journeys and work with WPL ensuring parking is not displaced to nearby streets, ensuring limited on-street parking is prioritised for residents.
- **Smart technology** The use of technology and data to help people make smart travel choices including 'digital way finding', real-time traffic alerts and intelligent traffic signals prioritising bus and cycle trips.

The consultation runs until **Monday 10 October 2016**.

Devolution update

As I have reported to previous parish council meetings, 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.

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 therefore put the deal out for consultation to assess the public's views on the devolution package on offer.

The proposal includes forming 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;

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- 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.**

A consultation period ran from 8 July to 23 August 2016. The consultation included an Ipsos MORI poll of over 2,000 local residents, an on-line survey and comments received from businesses, community groups, parish councils and other organisations. The results of the Ipsos MORI poll have just been announced and all the responses will be considered at special council meetings. All the councils involved are organising special council meetings about the devolution proposals towards the end of October, the special County Council meeting being on 25 October, and the special District Council meeting on 26 October. By the end of October, therefore, there should be a clear indication about the future of devolution for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area.

District Council wards and County Council divisions

On 6 September the Local Government Boundary Commission for England was due to publish its final recommendations on District Council election wards (for election in 2018 onwards) and for County Council electoral divisions for the council election in 2017 onwards.

The announcement on revised district council wards has now been postponed until 18 October but an announcement was made on County Council divisions.

Overall, the number of county councillors will reduce from 69 to 61 and Hinxton will remain in the Duxford division.

Local Highway Improvement (LHI) funding

Details of the 2017/18 round of the Local Highways Improvement scheme have just been circulated to parishes. Bids for funding in 2017/18 have to be submitted by 30 November 2016. As in previous years parishes are required to agree a financial contribution of at least 10% to any approved scheme.

Tony Orgee
District Councillor for Hinxton

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Hinxton Liaison Meeting
Thursday 18th August, 2pm
LA222, Conference Centre, Genome Campus

In attendance: Duncan Parsley Capital Projects Director
 William Brown For Hinxton Parish Council
 Dick Jones For Hinxton Parish Council
 Jane Wagstaff Capital Projects Administrator

Action

1.0 Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Martin Dougherty, Wendy Arnsten, Steve Trudgill, Henry Turtill, and Emma Andrews.

2.0 Minutes from Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

2.2 [2.2] The rabbit hole on Ancient Lane has been filled.

2.3 [2.3] The Environment Agency does not have a river maintenance plan.

2.4 [2.5] The external decorating of the Trust houses and cottages is underway and is on target for completion by the end of August 2016.

2.5 [2.5] HT has provided a written summary of the works being undertaken to include in the village newsletter.

2.6 [2.6] MD wrote a Campus Vision update article for the June 2016 village newsletter.

2.7 [2.7] 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 [2.8] DP wrote an article about the floodplains which was included in the village newsletter.

2.9 [2.9] HT sent an email update regarding the possibility of a permissive path being opened on Trust land to the north of the village. HT is making enquiries with Natural England to see if this would have any effect on the HLS scheme in operation on the northern section of the Trusts Estate to ensure nothing is done that would put the scheme in breach or potential reclaim of grant funding.

HT

2.10 [3.3] It was reported that HT had checked with the Electricity Board to determine how access to the electricity pole in the paddock would be provided.

2.11 [3.4&3.5] It was reported that HT had written an article for the village newsletter detailing completed works and future works to be undertaken in the village by Bidwells.

2.12 [3.10] It was not known whether HT had examined the ash tree regarding fungus at the top of the tree.

HT

2.13 [3.17] WB/DJ are to send DP a copy of the letter the Parish Council had written to Uttlesford Council regarding concerns about the Great Chesterford development.

WB/DJ

2.14

HT

[3.21] HT is to search the Land Registry to discover who owns the plot of land between the Trusts land and Whittlesford Park train station.

3.0 Hinxton Village Update

- 3.1** The trees planted on Knights Close appear to be thriving.
- 3.2** WB & DJ are to check with HT to confirm whether the footpaths can be cut earlier in the year next year than they were this year. It was felt the paths would then be used and this would avoid the need for a second cut. **WB/DJ**
- 3.3** ST to provide HT with a map to give to the contractors cutting the footpaths showing the paths that require cutting. **ST**
- 3.4** None of the public rights of way have been cut. The Parish Council will make enquiries of the council
- 3.5** The iron bridge at the end of Ancient Lane has been closed and the Parish Council is getting tenders to repair the foot panels.
- 3.6** The wooden bridge to Ickleton Road has some loose side slats taped up. The Parish Council has commissioned a joiner to repair it.
- 3.7** WB thanked the Trust for allowing Hinxton villagers to take part in the Thursday lunchtime summer wildlife walks.
- 3.8** The Parish Council has written a robust letter to Uttlesford Council regarding its concerns about the Great Chesterford development. DJ to forward a copy of the letter to DP. **DJ**
- 3.9** DP advised that he had attended the SmithsonHill event in Hinxton village. It was felt there was greater concern amongst the village regarding this project than the Trusts Vision. The feeling was that it was not well designed, vague and there was apprehension regarding the amount of commercial buildings and housing that might be built. The Parish Council will be writing an article about the SmithsonHill project. WB/DJ will forward a copy of the article to DP. **WB/DJ**
- 3.10** Part of the flint wall in the village has fallen down. HT reported via email that the repair is in-hand. The frustration is that Highways will not commit funds to repair the depression in the road and the ineffective drain, both of which cause ponding of water, which creates a water splash which then damages the wall. HT keeps pressing Highways but there is no budget. **HT**
- 3.11** HT reported via email that he has instruction from the Trust to look at options for the re-use of the Bunk House at Lordship Farm. This is at an early stage and he will report further once the options have been put to London for consideration.
- 3.12** HT reported via email that Bidwells are also looking at a revised scheme for the refurbishment of Lordship Farm which has been prepared and will be going for pre-app consultation with South Cambs District Council shortly. As soon as Bidwells are in a position to share these schemes with the Parish Council, they will do so.

4.0 Genome Campus Update

- 4.1** DP updated the meeting on the progress of Capital Projects on site.
- 4.2** *BioData Innovation Centre*: Approximately half of the building has been let. External landscaping is ongoing and the team continue to close out outstanding defects.

Ogilvie: The 12 months defect period will end in September 2016.

4.3

Fallow Room in the Data Centre: This project will look to extend the Data Centre.

4.4

The plan is for this area to house DRUPS (Diesel Rotary Uninterruptible Power Supply) to ensure there is no loss of power. The installation of DRUPS will also be combined with fitting out the Fallow Room. A planning application to extend the Data Centre will be submitted in September 2016.

4.5

A planning application will be submitted for a generator flue in the wet labs before the end of 2016.

4.6

Frost coils within the older buildings on campus will be changed to give protection to -15 degrees.

4.7

A project to put a chilled water ring main on the roof of the Sulston Building is planned. This would give some resilience to the chillers and help improve their life span.

4.8

The roof leak and the cracked tile issues in the Conference Centre have been resolved. There are a few issues with the showers in the bedroom block but these are being resolved.

4.9

The goods-in canopy will be completed before the end of September 2016.

4.10

Although the spoil mound has been lowered and smoothed over, a revised planning permission request will need to be submitted. It was noted that the spoil heap doesn't impact the flood plain or the ecological zone.

4.11

There are also a number of medium projects ongoing on site:

4.12

Refurbishment of the finance office is ongoing. This will require a planning application to extend the life of the portacabins for finance personnel to use for the duration of the refurbishment.

4.13

Refurbishment of the other 3 rooms in the Data Centre to make them more energy efficient is ongoing.

4.14

Converting the cabin in the grounds maintenance yard to a double stack which will require a planning application.

Campus Vision Update

5.0

There is little new to report as it is the early stages of a long project.

5.1

5.2

The appointment of an executive team is on-going and some progress has been made towards appointing a Project Director.

AOB

6.0

6.1

The effect of the Brexit vote was discussed. The majority of the Institute's funding comes from the Wellcome Trust and they remain in a strong position to continue their agreed funding. EBI is funded by individual European countries which should hopefully minimise any negative effect. The main concern is the impact Brexit may have on jobs and whether there is a reduction in the take up of jobs by Europeans following the vote.

6.2

DJ reported that Uttlesford District Council are discussing a number of housing development projects in the vicinity.

Date of Next Meeting

7.0

Thursday 10th November, 2pm, LA222, Conference Centre.

