

# Hinxton Parish Council: Minutes of Meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023

## Present:

Ceri Williams chaired the first part of meeting until Sam Nichols arrived.

Chiara Gardner

Sarah Robinson

Chris Elliott

Emma Senior

Anne Charteris-Clerk

Cllr Peter McDonald

Members of the Public: 15

	<b>Part 1 : Non confidential information.</b>
<b>2311/01</b>	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b> Hugh Taylor
<b>2311/02</b>	<b>To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda</b> CW-Hunts Lane
<b>2311/03</b>	<b>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023</b> Approved and signed off.
<b>2311/04</b>	<b>Exclusion of the Public.</b> To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded.
<b>2311/05</b>	<p><b>Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald.</b> The report can be found in full on the website, but in brief:</p> <p><b><u>Planning Application queries</u></b> The Greater Cambridge Planning authority processes well over 3000 planning applications every year, and most of these applications run smoothly. However, occasionally there are problems with the handling of planning applications. Concerns about the planning application process should initially be referred to the application case officer, whose name is listed on the application and whose contact details can be found here <a href="https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/about-us/contact-us/development-management-area-teams/">https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/about-us/contact-us/development-management-area-teams/</a> (we are in Area Team East).</p> <p><b><u>Council Financial Health</u></b> Councils across the UK are facing a collective budget gap of over £3 billion, according to recent research by the Local Government Association and Unison. This is affecting most of the 50 councils across the East of England, 29 of which face budget shortfalls of over £1 million, and 41 of which face a budget shortfall of some kind, which is likely to lead to a cut in service provision. South Cambridgeshire District Council is one of only 9 councils in the region that has no shortfall, with a balanced budget for the forthcoming financial year, thanks to our administration's careful financial management and well-designed investment strategy.</p> <p><b><u>Youth engagement workshops</u></b> As part of the council's youth engagement programme, planning officers have been running workshops in local schools introducing children to some of the design challenges and career options in development and planning</p>

2311/06	<p><b><u>Homes for Ukraine update</u></b> The war in Ukraine may no longer be on the front pages of our newspapers but the crisis continues for those families who have been displaced by ongoing hostilities. The council has recently launched a Homes for Ukraine Landlord Incentive Scheme, designed to make more options available to guests who are moving on after their initial stay with a host. Landlords who can provide properties in South Cambridgeshire to Homes for Ukraine guests resident in the district will qualify for a financial incentive. The incentives differ depending on the size of the property, and whether the property is provided at market rent or at local housing allowance rate. The landlord must also provide a minimum tenancy of 6 months from the outset. To express interest, please sign up here, email HFULiaison@Scams.gov.uk or call the Home for Ukraine team on 01954 71341</p> <p><b><u>Continuous Improvement and Key Performance Indicators</u></b> The District Council regularly monitors its performance across all services as part of a philosophy of continuous improvement. Performance is tracked by a set of 31 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), which are examined quarterly along with the other members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee. In the last assessment we examined the council's performance for the period April–June 2023, including scrutinising the KPIs and performance against the business plan for the year. Overall, the council is maintaining excellent performance levels when compared with other councils, with most KPIs showing steady good performance or gradual overall improvement.</p> <p><b><u>Cambridgeshire County Report</u></b> Cambridgeshire County Council's estimated budget gap for 2024/5 has increased from a predicted £16m to more than £23m – largely due to increases in demand for services and inflationary pressure. In papers published for last week's Strategy, Resources and Performance committee, the Council is also estimating that without action being taken this gap will grow, and is predicted to be more than £20m in the following year, and a further £19m+ the year after that.</p> <p><b><u>Fostering Teenagers</u></b> The Cambridgeshire Fostering Service is asking parents whose own children have flown the nest, either to attend university or gain independence in other ways, to consider fostering vulnerable young people. In Cambridgeshire, there are currently more than 400 young people in the 12-18 age range who, for reasons beyond their control, are unable to continue living with their birth families. These young people would benefit hugely from the invaluable experience of people who have raised teenagers and supported them on their journey to independence.</p> <p><b><u>Quality Of Life Survey</u></b> Most Cambridgeshire residents feel happy and safe in the county, well connected to their local communities, and believe it is a great place to raise children – according to the County Council's first annual Quality of Life survey involving more than 5,500 residents. But unsurprisingly this is less likely to be the case for people in some specific groups, with a stark finding that loneliness in Cambridgeshire is far higher than the national average. Loneliness was most likely to be reported by those aged 18 to 25, who also reported more struggles with their mental health.</p> <p><b>Updates</b></p> <p>a. <b>Wellcome Trust Campus Development &amp; Village Hall extension.</b> James Tipping, Principal Planner from Greater Cambridge Planning attended the meeting to discuss the Village Hall extension and Parking issues at the development.</p>
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	<p>He started by giving an overview of the Section 106 agreement: this is a legal document attached to an Outline Planning proposal, it is signed off by several bodies-Wellcome Trust, SCDC and CCC. This outlines obligations which WT have to adhere to and is in place to mitigate the impact of the new development. These include Highways, money, schools etc.</p> <p>The Village Hall extension is a requirement of the Sec106 community elements. WT will provide a Community Hall of approx. 285sqm. If HPC decided not to proceed, then WT would have to build their hall with an extra 90sqm.</p> <p>There is some leeway on the size of the extension i.e.: the extension could be slightly smaller so that more money could be spent on associated works such as flooring, repairs and upgrading.</p> <p>Question: Urban and Civic have said in Community Forums that the money does not all have to be spent on the Hall, is this correct?</p> <p>Answer: There can be some variations but all parties would need to agree.</p> <p>Q; If we had a smaller extension, then would the money go down accordingly?</p> <p>A: No requirement for money to be reduced if a smaller hall built.</p> <p>Q. What are our next steps?</p> <p>A. Need to get a full structural survey of the Village Hall done, this will show what repairs and upgrades needed e.g. flooring, roof, Insulation, windows, flint section etc.</p> <p>This can then lead to a feasibility study to see what is needed and how much money available.</p> <p>All parties need to meet to pin down the legal situation and have it written down, Once options are known, we can then go the village and let them know what is available and see what people think, it is recognized that approx. a third of the village keep up with what is happening but we need to make sure that everyone has a say.</p> <p>One suggestion is to create a working party comprising of Villagers and a member of the PC to ensure that information is shared effectively.</p> <p>Proposed by ES to arrange a Structural survey, seconded by CW, all in agreement and that the cost to come out of the money given by WT for legal and design work.</p> <p><b>Parking.</b> More details of the parking arrangements at the development should be coming soon. We know that there is an underground car park planned. The Design guide says 1 car per plot. However, a car sharing scheme is not thought feasible as the development is in a remote location and bus service is not that good.</p> <p>Q: WT seem to have grossly underestimated the number of cars that will be there, campus workers already park in the High St, this is only going to get worse.</p> <p>A: Parking permits for Hinxton Village residents is one possibility. A full survey could be arranged, this costs about £1200 and this would show the needs of the village but using historical data, not forecast data, a traffic regulation order would be needed for permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Wetlands Committee. Next meeting Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, Minutes will be put on the website.</li> <li>c. Playground. Kompan quote to replace the wheel on the Pirate ship is £638, this included a new wheel, but the old one was still here so this should bring down the cost. ES proposed we go ahead, seconded by CW, all in agreement.</li> <li>d. Highways Our application for 20mph speed limits was refused. It will be presented in the next round of applications.</li> <li>e. A505 Report: meeting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov re new works on the BP roundabout</li> <li>f. Ford signage. Signs are here, will be put up soon.</li> </ul>
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2311/12	Signage for Ford	initially paid by Clerk	£47.93
	SLCC	Subscription	£73.00
	Ecclesiastical	Insurance	£2885.18
	Mike Boagey	Hinxton News x 3 months	£300
	McAfee	Computer protection, vpn 2 years	£130.99
	Clerk RBL	Wreath	£25,00
2311/12	Payment Received		
	Lloyds	Interest	£34.62
	Village Hall Comm	Utilities	£417.49
	SCDC	Precept	£8292.50
2311/13	Allotment rent	rent	£10
	Planning Applications Received.		
	Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council		
	Proposal: Submission of details required by condition 21 (Design Guide) of planning permission S/4329/18/OL		
2311/13	Site address: Wellcome Genome Campus Hinxton Saffron Walden Cambridgeshire CB10 1RQ		
	Reference: S/4329/18/COND21		
	Public Access link: <a href="https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/S/4329/18/COND21">https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/S/4329/18/COND21</a>		
	Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council		
2311/13	Proposal: Creation of a low level connection between the Thornton building and the EMBL-EBI South building		
	Site address: Wellcome Trust Genome Campus Cambridge Road Hinxton		
	Reference: 23/03876/FUL		
	Public Access Link: <a href="https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/03876/FUL">https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/03876/FUL</a>		
2311/14	No objections to this application		
	Decision Notices		
	Items to report for inclusion in the next meeting		
	Dates of next Meetings 7.30pm Village Hall:		
2311/16	Full Meeting		8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2024
	Part II: Confidential Information		
	Exclusion of the Press and the Public: To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting.		

Signature *Anne Charteris* Parish Clerk 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023