

## Minutes of Meeting Held on 8<sup>h</sup> July 2019

Present:

Chair: Willy Brown

Dick Jones

Graham Fagg

Steve Trudgill

Nicholas Cliffe

Clerk: Anne Charteris

Peter Topping

Members of the Public –2

**1. Apologies for absence – Peter McDonald**

**2. Declaration of Members' Interests –**

ST - allotment holder, WB – playground, NC- Hunts Lane

**3. To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.** Approved and signed

**4. Updates**

**North Uttlesford Garden Community.** The hearings by the Inspectors on Uttlesford's draft Local Plan were now under way in Saffron Walden. A draft statement on behalf of Hinxton Parish Council confirming our opposition to the NUGC had been circulated and, subject to minor improvements, was agreed. This would be presented orally in the following week by Ickleton PC as no-one was available from Hinxton on the date specified. A request for funds had been received from StopNUtown and Great Chesterford PC who were incurring very substantial legal costs. It was agreed that, while Hinxton PC greatly appreciated their work, it was not in a position to contribute financially but would ensure full publicity for the appeal to encourage individual contributions.

**Wellcome Trust Development.** The planning application was expected to come before the SCDC Planning Committee in September. One issue under consideration is the 'Section 106' measures we should propose to mitigate the impact of the WGC expansion on the village should it be approved. A letter on this had been agreed and submitted on 4 February 2019. There had been a meeting of four PC members with the SCDC planning officer and the WGC Development Director on 6 June followed by a visit by the planning officer to Hinxton Mill and a meeting with Cambridge Past Present and Future on 24 June. As a result of this a case had been made for one of the mitigation measures to be the insertion of a static, compound side-weir above the Mill on Wellcome land to deal with the heightened flood risk arising from the expansion. This was agreed and would be submitted next day. An important aspect of the S106 claims was whether and what might be requested to improve the Village Hall which would come under increased pressure from the proposed WGC expansion, whatever community facilities they might eventually build on their site. It was agreed that it would not serve future generations in Hinxton to neglect this unique opportunity and that the PC representative in the Village Hall Committee (ST) should request that they make suggestions.

**Iron Bridge.** The new bridge has now been installed. A small informal ceremony involving those who had built the original bridge twenty years ago was held after the Village Fete on 15 June. Thanks have been sent to Wellcome Trust. At the next Liaison meeting it would be reported that the earth ramp on the left bank will not be safe in wet weather and that trees need to be replanted in the area which was cleared for the construction equipment.

**Allotments.** No issues.

**Smithson Hill AgriTech Park.** On 27 May HPC had submitted additional comments on the amendments to the application. An interview opposing the application was broadcast on BBC Radio Cambridge on 4 June. A letter criticising the intervention of the Mayor was published in the Cambridge Independent on 5 June. (It had published an earlier letter objecting to the intervention of the Secretary of State on 18 September 2018.) The hearings by the Inspector on the appeal by SmithsonHill against the refusal of planning permission by SCDC had started. On 11 June, a statement agreed by HPC was made to the Inspector, confirming opposition to the application. A member of the village had accompanied the Inspector on a site visit.

**Playground report.** The wooden train is now considered unsafe as it is rotten. Fiona Marshall has looked into costs of replacing it, which could be between £1000 and £4000 plus installation. This will be raised at the next liaison meeting with the Genome Campus. The rubbish bin will be monitored to ensure that it is emptied regularly over the summer.

**Flint wall/Village Hall/Car Park repairs.** The Village Hall Committee have asked that a decision on repairing the car park be delayed as they were willing to contribute to the additional cost of providing a more lasting solution.

**Genome Campus Liaison committee.** Following Duncan Parsley leaving Wellcome, the next meeting will be chaired by Sian Nash. Items to be raised include a guarantee of limitation of liability before the new License for Permissive Paths is signed.

**Wetlands Conservation Committee.** Nothing to report.

**Duxford Aerotech Park.** DJ attended the meeting in Duxford, the impression was that the village is hostile to it; these proposals will be monitored.

**Huawei Spicers site.** The proposed buildings would be on the existing site. 24 July is the deadline to comment on the plans. We have no objections as long as infrastructure and especially transport are not adversely affected.

**Whittlesford Parkway.** Discussing the proposed plans around the railway station, it was suggested that there should be more landscaping around the old chapel. More traffic problems were likely.

**Aston Martin/Porsche garage.** The planning application, which HPC had opposed, has been refused.

## 5. New items for discussion

**Report of internal Audit.** This was shared with Councillors. All had gone well. It was suggested that we should make sure that the Precept ensured we had enough in Reserves. The Clerk was congratulated on her work on this.

**Parish Councillor vacancies.** There are two vacancies at present; four residents had been approached to see if they were interested without any volunteers so far.

**Permissive path agreement.** Should be signed off at next liaison meeting

**Clerk Training.** The Clerk has booked in to attend two training courses on Finance and Budgeting/Finance control in September.

**Hunts Lane.** Speeding is still causing concerns, NC to look into getting some signs to say "Concealed

**Access to driveway at 96 High St.** The person who owned the vehicle which used to park causing an obstruction has now left the village, which may solve the problem but it will be monitored,

**Tree on verge at 1 North End Road.** Clerk to contact Highways to ask for judicious pruning

**Hinxton News.** Mike Boagey has suggested that the News be reduced to 8 pages each month with a bumper issue produced quarterly. The Council expressed its whole-hearted appreciation of his team’s efforts and of the value of the Hinxton News to the village

**Speeding on Duxford Road** – more traffic is cutting through and speeding is a concern, Clerk to ask for some signs to be put up through the Local Highways Initiative, also to apply for bollards/railings replaced alongside river in Ickleton Road.

### 7 Chairman’s report

Bradley Charteris had kindly volunteered to take over website. This was gratefully accepted.

**8 Public Session.** No further business

### 9 Finance

The following payments and accounts approved.

Current position of Bank Balances at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Current A/C : £20,413.15

Business A/C: £11,032.92

Bridge A/C: £2000.

### Payments Approved

EON	Utilities	£173.47
Clerk/HMRC	salary/expenses -	£667.16
Frankau	Grass cutting	£720
MD Landscapes	Grass cutting	£204
PC protection		£16.20
ROSPA	Playground safety check	£120
Auditing Solutions	Internal Audit	£276
Jackie Scott	Signs maintenance	£21.81
Frankau	Grass cutting church	£756

### Received

Interest from Bank		0.09
HMRC	VAT rebate	£552.79
CCC	Contribution to grass cutting	£281.16
Village Hall Committee	Utilities	£374.28
Church	Grass cutting	£630

### To pay in


## 10. Planning

### Applications received

<a href="#">S/1973/19/TC</a>	Row of horse chestnut in rear garden - Crown lift to approximately 4.5m Row of horse chestnut in rear garden - Roadside crown reduction to clear phone line by up to 1m	Lordship Farm House, 21, Mill Lane, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, CB10 1RD
<a href="#">S/1887/19/TC</a>	Ash - four branches to be removed to allow for more light into the garden.	The Dayrell, 2, Hunts Lane, Hinxton, Saffron Walden,
<a href="#">S/1804/19/TC</a>	T2) Multi-stemmed lime - Fell to ground level and grind out stump. This tree is on the fence line , has caused damage to the existing fence and the neighbour wishes to erect a new fence which is at present not possible as the coppice stump is adjacent to the boundary and various stems inhibit the erection of a fence.	St Mary And St Johns Church, Church Green, Hinxton,
<a href="#">S/1666/19/TC</a>	Reasons for work : beech tree is shading neighbours opposite and has caused reduced light proposal work : Eastern tree surgery 1. crown reduce spread by approximately 2-2.5 m on all sides 2. crown reduce height by approximately 3.5 m 3. shape and rebalance	Dinyan Cottage, 96, High Street, Hinxton,

*no objections*

### Planning Decisions

## 11 Correspondence

**12 Councillor reports:** Councillor Peter McDonald District Councillor had submitted a written report in advance.

## 13 AOB

Meeting finished at 8.30

**Date of next meetings**    **12<sup>h</sup> Aug 2019 - Planning meeting 7 pm To Be Confirmed**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sept – Parish Council Meeting 7 pm**

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