

Present:

Chairman: Mrs Barbara Fagg

Steve Trudgill

Mark Alexander

Julian Bright

Clerk: Mrs Anne Angell

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies received from Willy Brown, Jane Chater and Tony Orgee
2. **Declaration of Members' Interests** – none expressed
3. **To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on Monday 13th July 2015** -approved and signed
4. **Matters arising:**

Car Park rear of Village Hall-Quote received from Rob Smit for just the disabled access for £4008 inc VAT. ST to speak to Village Hall Committee to confirm go-ahead,

New Parish Councillor, Dick Brown attended the meeting and was co-opted onto the Council

Litter Bin- not sure who is responsible for emptying this, Clerk to contact SCDC

Parking issues meeting- it was agreed that Hinxton does not have a problem with parking so no need to pay for Police patrols.

Bridges- inspections,& repair fund, Clerk to continue to look at this

Wellcome Trust Liaison Meeting- presentation being organised to show the 5 year plans for the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute.

Footpaths grass cutting- Clerk has contacted Bidwells but no-one has responsibility for cutting the permissive paths. ST to investigate.

Local Highways Initiative- options discussed were road signs to prevent HGVs using Hinxton to get to Duxford and also the continuing flooding problems in the village.

Lamp posts- these last 2 posts should be completed and connected by the end of September.

Grand reopening of the Wellcome Trust Conference Centre – 5th Oct, names forwarded to WT

Consultation on Agriculture around Hinxton, Emma Fletcher from Smithson Hill came to the meeting and spoke of NIABs proposal to have a seed trial site including labs and farm buildings on the land originally earmarked for Hanley Grange. Very early days but in principle seemed a good idea as this would stop any more plans to build houses on the site.

Hexcel Lorries – still causing problems, face to face meeting needed, Peter Topping to look into this.

Standing Orders- approved

Sawston area Police Panel Meeting- nothing noted.

Chairmans' report nothing else to report.

Public Session – none

Finance

Current position of Bank Balances at 5th Sept 2015

Current A/C : £4319.90

Business A/C: £11011.79

Project A/C :£2500

Bridge A/C: £2000.

Payments made

EON £78.40

D Smith Bus shelter repairs £348

MD Landscapes £180

CAPALC Training fees £420

CHUBB fire inspection £66.48

Received

Village Hall Utilities £125.84

Interest 0.09

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Money to pay out

Insurance renewal £1089.18

Planning Applications

Treeworks Wellcome Trust
Treework 85 High St

Planning decisions

Approved-

Ref. S/0864/15/FL Stables & paddocks 4 Hinxton Grange

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

Heidi Allen MP

I have written to and had action in response from our local MP, Heidi Allen, on three issues recently: school places shortage generally, the proposal for a footpath from Duxford to Whittlesford station (because she has a meeting with network rail on other matters and there was an opportunity to raise this directly with network rail), and the unresolved issue of clearing up the waste plant at Flint Cross after the fire last November. I also made her aware of the planning application from Vetspeed and its impact on the Duxford IWM.

As a result we have a site-meeting at Whittlesford railway station later this week with network rail managers. On the Flintcross fire Heidi has written to the chairman of the Environment Agency, who has replied and a site meeting takes place this week. On school places see later in this report.

Vetspeed planning application. The parish council may be aware that the planning application has last week been submitted to the county council from Vetspeed, owners of the Pet Crematorium plant on the A505 at Thriplow Heath.

As reported the ACT process requires a tall chimney, 25 metres or 80 feet high, to replace the current tallest chimney of some ten metres. The new chimney would be directly on the flight path into the Imperial War Museum airfield, and the IWM are very concerned. The other issue is the traffic increase along the A505, as the current processing deals with 18,000 tonnes a year and the capacity of the new plant is up to 30,000 tonnes.

A505 congestion: I met with the County's strategic transport team, specifically regarding the A505 and its congestion problems, and especially if the area continues to attract new business hubs, all of which bring in commuter traffic. At the moment there are plans from the Wellcome Trust to expand at Hinxton, expansion from Granta Parks and Babraham Institute based on successful planning applications, and the new bio-tech site proposed for the old Spicers site at Sawston. The team acknowledged that the A505 was severely congested, but said that for the moment their priorities were roads such as the A1307 which could support improved economic growth by linking the Haverhill population with employment opportunities in the Cambridge area.

This response was not good enough in my view and I have since then had meeting with the chief exec of the Cambridgeshire Local Enterprise Zone and spoken to the head of infrastructure at the county council. My views were reported in the Cambridge News and I went on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire. The best solution to congestion problems on the A505 and nearby roads is to use the planning process to get the expanding businesses to pay, including public transport and road improvements. I will continue to keep the pressure on and report back.

Finally, there has been a bid for **an agri-tech hub** and an enterprise zone at Hinxton along from MacDonalds roundabout. The land previously owned by Tesco Land for the Handley Grange housing bid has been acquired by Smithsonhill, who want to build an agri-tech hub there, which would attract

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investment from government and also organisations like NIAB (National Inst. of Agricultural Botany). The enterprise zone is not likely to succeed, but the agri-tech hub might well. The issue will be to understand the scale of the buildings proposed, and the impact on traffic at the increasingly busy roundabout.

Bid to highways local traffic improvement fund and other traffic issues

There is an Open Day at the depot at Whittlesford Bridge on Sept 17th and I urge the parish council **to visit and take advantage** of the chance to talk informally with officers about plans.

Police proposals for parking enforcement

I attended a meeting at Sawston in July where Police Inspector Sutherland outlined the options in response to the challenge from local villages for something to be done about taking enforcement action on parking. There were various options discussed at the meeting, but the one that found most favour was for villages - or groups of villages - to contribute to a grant fund, paying in £1,000 for 42 hours of PCSO time over a six month period to patrol with a specific emphasis on parking. Smaller villages could team up. The hours would be agreed in discussion with the parish council, and the whole scheme will be reviewed after six months. The benefit of the grant approach means that there are savings on admin. costs which would otherwise add to the bill.

Hinxton ford

the county has made good on its fixing of the pathway round the gates at the Duxford end of Hinxton ford and the commentary from cyclists has been positive. I investigated recent closures of the road gates at the end of August. I have had a response from Mike Cooper but it is not very detailed.

School places

I am setting up meetings with all the local heads of schools on their projected intake for Sept 2016 to prepare for a meeting with the county council in Sept this year on reception class sizes and how the county will manage demand. The aim is to ensure there is not a repeat of the situation locally this year.

Neighbourhood plan and the district council's strategic housing plan

There is a meeting at Whittlesford memorial hall on 29 Sept at 7.30 pm where officers from the district council will set out how to go about producing a neighbourhood plan. Hinxton might want to send an observer, in the way that Pampisford and Duxford are going to.

Travellers

The travellers previously at Sawston/Pampisford roundabout have moved along to Shelford - i have asked the county enforcement team if there is enough ground to warrant saying there has been a breach of the order. However, I would prefer that they stayed in Shelford rather than we have them move on and the travellers then turn up somewhere else.

From Tony Orgee Hinxton Parish Council

14 September 2015

District Council electoral wards

The Boundary Commission for England is considering the electoral arrangements for South Cambridgeshire District Council.

At present elections are by thirds with one third of the District Council being up for election at any one election. The Council has one-member wards, two-member wards and three-member wards, for example, The

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Abingtons ward, which includes Hinxton, is a single-member ward, the Linton ward a two-member ward and Sawston a three-member ward.

The District Council is being offered two alternatives: retain the present setup of one-member, two-member and three-member wards but with a single all-out election electing the whole council in one election, or retain the existing system of election by thirds but in that case have only three-member wards.

The District Council is currently asking for the parish council's view on this issue.

Issues such as the number of councillors in future and how villages will be grouped in wards will be discussed in due course. However, there is likely to be a reduction in the number of councillors, from the present 57 to something in the region of 45.

The current timetable is that the revised electoral arrangements will come in force for the district council's elections from 2018.

Locality Leads

The District Council is aware that parish councils do not always know who to contact about specific issues. In order to address this issue which had been raised by parish councils, the district council have appointed locality leads, who should be the first point of contact for a parish council. The Locality Lead for the south-eastern part of the district, including Hinxton is Kathryn Hawkes. Kathryn can be contacted at Kathryn.Hawkes@scambs.gov.uk

The Wellcome Trust

The Wellcome Trust is in the process of planning for the future, and I have urged the Trust to discuss its views with local parish councils as soon as possible. A meeting had been due to be held on Saturday, 12 September, for a visit to the site and presentation of proposals. However, this meeting was cancelled because of a clash with an important SCDC Second World War event, but will be re-scheduled within the next few weeks.

Tony Orgee

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District Councillor

Meeting closed at 9pm.

Date of next meeting: 9th Nov 2015 19.45 Hinxton Village Hall