

ICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 19h.30 in the Gordon Woolhouse Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall.

Present: Terry Sadler (Chairman), Jess Bloomfield, Simon Cheney, Lucy Davidson, Lewis Duke, Owen McGuire, Tim Pavelin, Sian Wombwell, Peta Stevens (Clerk), County Councillor Peter Topping, District Councillor Tony Orgee, and David Lilley,

42/18 Apologies for absence. Michael Robinson,

43/18 Approval of the 21 February 2018 minutes. Approved by all, signed by the Chairman.

44/18 Adjournment for questions from members of the public. None

45/18 Matters Arising:

094/15 Local Government Transparency Code. No progress.

Action: TS, Clerk

181/15 Uttlesford Draft Local Plan, including proposed North Uttlesford Garden Community. The Chairman would attend a meeting of local Councillors next week to be briefed by the Chairman of Great Chesterford Parish Council.

Action: TS

193/15. SmithsonHill agri-tech hub at Hinxton SCDC Planning Committee had refused the application unanimously.

239/15 Wellcome Genome Campus: regular liaison and expansion plans. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman had a liaison meeting scheduled for 29 March. Those who had attended the WGC Consultations recently were disappointed that little new information was available. The proposal to move the A1301 appeared to have been abandoned. The housing element remained, with a range of 1000 to 1500 dwellings envisaged. Appropriate infrastructure would be provided, but traffic implications were vague. Cllr Orgee had seen Wellcome's indication of the possibility of some financial support for traffic calming measures in neighbouring villages. A planning application would be submitted to South Cambs either towards the end of this year or early in 2019.

Action: TS

37/16 Emergency Plan/ Risk Assessment Review. No progress.

Action: Lewis D, Clerk

127/16 Conversion of certain street lights to LED. Straightforward replacement of lamps had started on 10 March. The initial reaction to the new lights was positive. Some columns may need replacing so the programme would run into May.

129/16 State of Village Footpaths and an offer of funding towards clearing vegetation in Tin Alley. Following the felling of trees at risk in Tin Alley, the Clerk would liaise with a resident to settle the issue of cost.

Action: TS, Clerk

235/16 Proposal for motorway services off Junction 10 of the M11. No news.

90/17 Development at Howey's yard, front and rear gates. No response had been received.

Action: TS

159/17 Parish Planning Forum held on 12 September. Reply to question raised. Cllr. Orgee reported that the issue raised by the Chairman was of general concern with only 6% of Parish Councils' objections being forwarded to the Planning Committee. A review was under way.

Action: TS

220/17 South Cambridgeshire Community Awards. The Parish Council's Nominees Lucy Davidson and Katie Crawford, as representatives of the Icklestock Festival group, had received a Special award at the Awards ceremony held at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne. Councillors offered warm congratulations.

241/17 03 May 2018 District and Parish Council Elections. Councillors were advised that completed nomination forms for those seeking re-election had to be delivered to the Clerk by noon on 3rd April at the latest. She would then make a bulk delivery to Cambourne. Lewis Duke advised Councillors that he would not be standing again for election.

Action: All

09/18.4 Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation. The Chairman had submitted our objection to the deletion of Driver's Meadow as a Local Green Space. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda pending the Planning Inspector's final comments.

Action: Clerk

13/18 Skate park repairs and repainting. Work was scheduled to start next week.

Action: Clerk

14/18 Potentially dangerous headstone in Churchyard. This had now been repaired.

16/18 Annual Litter Pick 18 March. This was postponed due to bad weather but would be re-scheduled.

32/18 i. Defibrillator Training 03 March. This had also been postponed due to bad weather and would be rescheduled. Councillors agreed it would be good open the course to older children. **Action: Lewis D**
ii. Parochial Church Council Statement. A Church Steering Group was being set up to oversee refurbishment of the Church. It was agreed that it would be useful if a Parish Councillor was able to serve. **Action: All**
38/18 General Data Protection Regulations-effective from 25 May 2018. The training session that Lewis Duke had offered to attend had been cancelled without notice. He would try to reschedule. Although it had been thought that we were too small for this to affect us, it was now evident that the Parish Council would need to have a policy in place. It was noted from the experience of certain Councillors that the Regulations might prove more prescriptive than anticipated. **Action: TS, Lewis D, Clerk**

39/18 District Councillors' Engagement with Parish Councillors after the May Elections. The Chairman had submitted a response. It was agreed that this item be removed from the Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

46/18 Traffic Issues

Items brought forward by the Traffic Sub-Committee, which met on 07 March.

1. Local Highways Improvement Scheme 2016-17: (Minute 205/15).

i. Village Speedwatch Team. More volunteers had come forward but not all had completed the induction process. Information on over 350 vehicles had been submitted.

ii. Vehicle-activated speed sign. Projected cost £3,500. Following approval by CCC Highways, the Chairman had written to Balfour Beatty to seek consent to the use of the lamp columns identified as sites for the sign. The kit remained with CCC Highways and delivery arrangements would be made once Balfour Beatty had responded.

2. Abbey Street School Bus Stop (Minute 69/17). The £7,000 bid we submitted for safety measures under the Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2018-19 was unsuccessful. It would be difficult to justify the Council committing its own funds given the limited improvement that could be made.

3. Traffic problems associated with the low bridge at Great Chesterford (Minute 69/17). No Update.

4. Roundel signs on Brookhampton and Abbey Streets (Minute 90/17). No progress.

5. Upgrade of Hinxton Level Crossing; monitoring of delays (Minute 208/17.7). The Network Rail response to the issue raised by a resident clarified there was nothing that could be done to reduce the longer waiting times. The safety of users of the Mill Lane crossing was raised but it was noted that train drivers were required to sound their horn as they approached. This would be removed from the agenda. **Action: Clerk**

6 Air pollution measurement (Minute 208/17). Lewis Duke had made contact with a SCDC officer and information was awaited.

47/18 Youth Representation. None.

48/18 Reports from District and County Councillors. Tony Orgee's report was received immediately after the meeting and is attached as Appendix A. Peter Topping reported i.) Assessment work on the A505 would start in April; Parish Councils would be invited to submit recommendations for improvement. ii.) SCDC had received government funds to improve mobile phone signals. iii.) As CCC was withdrawing from providing school meals, there was a need to ensure that small village schools, such as Duxford, were not prejudiced. iv) CCC Highways had ringfenced funds for pothole filling

49/18 Correspondence received.

Correspondence had been circulated. It was agreed that in future the Clerk would report on, and include in the Minutes, only those items of direct concern which were not covered elsewhere in the agenda. **Action: Clerk**

50/18 Planning information received from SCDC Declarations of interest to be declared:

1. Application:

S/0312/18/OL Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for a detached bungalow, land to the rear of 11 Coploe Road. (Mr L Castle). The Parish Council accepted that the plot could be a suitable site for a single storey dwelling of modest proportions. However, since the land was already in the ownership of the District Council this could have provided an opportunity to increase the stock of social housing in the Village. Councillors were strongly of the view that the provision of a genuinely affordable new dwelling on the site, whether owned by the local authority or a housing association, which could offer a home to a person or family on the waiting list, was preferable to what appeared to be contemplated by this application. Agreed to object.

2. Applications approved

i. S/4543/17/LB Peter Macdonald. Harlequin House 43 Abbey Street. Conversion of uninhabited barn into 3 bedroom dwelling over 3 storeys.

ii. S/4447/17/VC Peter Macdonald. Harlequin House 43 Abbey Street. Variation of condition of previously approved plans.

iii. S/0248/18/FL Two storey side and rear extension to house, 7 Bird's Close. (Mr and Mrs Murphy).

3. Application Refused:

S/0068/18/FL Erection of a new dwelling together with new access and garaging arrangements, The Old Vicarage, Butchers Hill. (Mr and Mrs M Woodhead).

4. Tree Works in conservation area.

S/0848/18/TCU 8 Mill Lane. Mr J. Owen. Fell 2 dead elms and 2 multi-stemmed plum trees; ash tree; remove lower limbs and twin limbs touching GPO cable; remove basal growth from boundary row of 9 chestnut and lime trees; 9 limes -crown lift to 5m.

No concern was raised relating to this application, therefore no comment to SCDC.

51/18 Reports from Councillors.

SC – The new street lights were better than anticipated.

SW- The pothole at the end of Grange Road had become a serious traffic hazard.

Lucy D –Circulated evidence showing that the light pollution from the Cam Valley crematorium had reappeared. She had received a complaint about the high cost of local bus fares. David Lilley pointed out that nothing could be done as this was a commercial operation.

Lewis D – Expressed concern that the A1307 options would do little to ease Cambridge traffic problems in general. Cllr. Orgee advised that the main thrust was to improve traffic infrastructure to support the growth of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

TS –The pedestrian entrance from Back Lane into the Recreation Field was now in a bad state of repair. Charles Frankau would be asked to investigate what could be done.

52/18 Finance.

i. Payments made to:

A Pavelin (Emptying Litter Bins) **£80**; C Frankau: invoices for the 2016-17 financial year: i. Rolling football pitches **£400**, ii Green/Churchyard/Verges **£1,250**, iii Recreation Field (incl. play area) **£1,600**, iv Cemetery **£1,000**, v. VAT **£850**. **Total £5,100**; Little Abington Parish Council (3 months' hire of Speedwatch equipment) **£60**; Dom Pallett **£320** (cutting hedge at rear of Recreation Field); Approval of Clerk's salary and expenses + PAYE (October & November 2017 plus estimate for March 2018) Salary **£758.87** PAYE **£151**.

ii. Money received: Icene advertising income: Moncraft: **£30**; D K Tills **£60**, G Boatman **£60**; J Bennett **£10**, Cheryl Diana **£60**.

iii Bank Balances as at 28 February 2018. Community Account **£ 42,321.99**

Business Premium Account **£25,856.19**

iv. Review of Clerk's salary The Clerk left the room for the Councillors' discussion. It was decided to increase the Clerk's hourly rate to Spinal Column Point 24 of the National Pay Scale.

53/18 Cemetery/ Chapel – Condition to be kept under Review.

- Cemetery Chapel: internal plaster repairs. Awaiting warmer season.
- .Culling of rabbits in cemetery. The culling had taken place.
- Quote to cut yew hedge. Dominic Pallett would be asked to do this.
- Ickleton Burial Board Fees review. Also review Funeral Directors conditions. It was agreed unanimously to increase the various charges by reference to the current CPI inflation rate. Funeral Directors' conditions would remain unchanged
Action: Clerk

54/18 Recreation Field and Recreation Area.

- Update: play area refurbishment project. Lucy D provided an update on fundraising. One application had been unsuccessful while Amey Cespa had advised her to submit a revised application for a maximum of £20,000. She would circulate copies of the application. She had been offered fencing units which would be invaluable for a future Icklestock. Storage would be needed.
- Maintenance of football pitches. Charles Frankau would be asked to roll the pitches. **Action: Clerk**
- Weeds in bark on playground area. Nothing to report.

- Grass cutting quotes for next financial year. As quotes requested from current contractors had not arrived, this item would be held over to next month.

55/18 Churchyard.

- Dominic Pallett would be asked to cut the yew hedge.
- The Church spring-clean. This would be held on Saturday 14 April and, as usual, the Parish Council would undertake a clear up of the churchyard at the same time. At such a difficult time for the Church, it would be supportive if as many Councillors as possible could attend. It was agreed to start at 9.30a.m.

56/18 Ickleton Annual Fete. To be held 30 June 2018 in the Church and on the Village Green.

57/18 Affordable housing. Nothing to report.

58/18 Traffic arrangements for Cereals Exhibition 2018 13-14 June (email 19 Feb). The organisers intended to replicate the same arrangements used for the last two Exhibitions although the Parish Council hoped there would be adequate action by marshals this time. The organisers intended to drop a leaflet to all Ickleton residents to explain the potential traffic implications and a warning message would be included in scene in due course.

59/18 Stansted Airport Planning Application UTT/18/0460/FUL Time limit for response 03 April. The Stop Stansted Expansion group had urged supporters to lodge a brief objection with UDC about the lack of suitable time allocated to construct a reasoned objection. The Chairman would submit an objection. **Action: TS**

60/18 Cambridge South East Transport Study It was agreed not to submit a response.

61/18 AGM Wednesday 16th May followed by Parish Council meeting. Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 23rd May. The Chairman asked Councillors to consider possible guest speakers for the APM and topics for discussion. Peter Topping suggested inviting a senior person from the Wellcome Genome Campus which might enable residents to get a better idea of Wellcome's plans. An alternate, suggestion was to invite someone knowledgeable about the conservation of the Ickleton Church paintings.

62/18 Adjournment for questions from members of the public. None.

63/18 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 18 April 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 22h00

Chairman

Date

Agritech Park

Planning application ref S/4099/17/OL for an Agritech Technology Park to the east of Hinxton village was determined at the March 7 meeting of the SCDC Planning Committee. The planning application involved land in Hinxton, Pampisford and Whittlesford parishes, and therefore each of these parish councils was allowed to speak at the meeting.

The agenda papers for the application ran to about 60 pages, and Committee members visited the site on Tuesday 6 March. The officer recommendation was delegated refusal.

At the meeting there were seven public speakers: Emma Fletcher from SmithsonHill spoke on behalf of the proposals. Six speakers spoke against the proposals: the Chairs of Hinxton, Pampisford and Whittlesford Parish Councils, Barbara Fagg – a resident of Hinxton - on behalf of objectors from Hinxton, myself as district councillor for Hinxton and Pampisford, and Peter Topping as district councillor for Whittlesford.

Following the public speakers, the Planning Committee members discussed the application and eventually unanimously supported delegated refusal.

Wintry weather

I am pleased to be able to report that during the recent week of wintry weather, the so-called 'beast from the east', the District Council's waste and recycling collection teams carried out their collection rounds in full, and no properties were left without a collection.

SCDC Budget

South Cambridgeshire District Council's budget-setting meeting was held on 22 February. The recommendation to the Council from its cabinet is for an increase in Council Tax of £5 per year for a Band D property (pro-rata for other Council Tax bands).

The District Council decided to increase its portion of Council Tax by £5 per year for a Band D property, and proportionately for other council tax bands.

The net result for a Band D property in Ickleton is as follows

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| County Council | £1,249.83 |
| District Council | £140.31 |
| Police and Crime Commissioner | £198.72 |
| Fire Authority | £68.76 |
| Ickleton Parish Council | £72.59 |
| Total | £1,730.21 |

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan update

The six-week consultation on the main modifications required by the planning inspectors to the Local Plan has now finished.

We now await the inspectors' report.

Wellcome Genome Campus

The Wellcome Trust held the two community workshops on Saturday 27 January and on Tuesday 30 January at the Genome Campus. I attended the 30 January event.

The Wellcome Trust subsequently held two follow up community workshops: one on Saturday 17 March and another on Tuesday 20 March, and I was able to attend both sessions.

Wellcome, in their own words, are 'exploring the potential for future development at Hall Farm.' They are 'exploring what future development could look like and how this could best serve the existing research community, companies and staff already operating on site and the surrounding villages, as well as any future users of the Campus

Details of future proposals are still in the process of being worked up but it seems clear that there are two changes since the previous work of about two years ago – the proposal to re-route the A1301 round an expanded campus no longer features, and the previous ideas about 900 to 1,200 new homes associated with development appears to have risen to of the order of 1,500.

Uttlesford Local Plan (2011 – 2033)

The next meeting of the Planning Policy Working Group is scheduled for Tuesday 17 April at 7 pm. with further meetings scheduled for 23 May and 31 May 2018. The 31 May meeting may well result in a recommendation to Uttlesford's Cabinet (meeting on 12 June 2018) regarding the Regulation 19 Consultation. In turn, the Cabinet is then likely to make a recommendation to the Uttlesford Full Council meeting the next day (13 June). Hence by the middle of June we should know the full details of the Uttlesford Regulation 19 Local Plan consultation, at which there will be a further opportunity to comment on, support or object to the Uttlesford Local Plan.

The Cambridge South East Transport Study

The Greater Cambridge Partnership's 'Cambridge South East Transport Study' consultation has now started and was originally intended to run until Tuesday 3 April. However, because delivery of leaflets to villages along and near to the A1307 and proposed transport routes was adversely affected by the recent very cold weather, the consultation period has been extended until 9 April

Tony Orgee, District Councillor for The Abingtons ward