

ICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 19h.30 in the Gordon Woolhouse Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall.

Present: Terry Sadler (Chairman), Simon Cheney, Lewis Duke, Tim Pavelin, Michael Robinson, Sian Wombwell, District Councillor Tony Orgee, County Councillor Peter Topping, and David Lilley.

223/17 Apologies for absence. Owen McGuire, Lucy Davidson, Jess Bloomfield, Peta Stevens.

224/17 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2017. Exceptionally, also to approve corrected minutes of the Meeting held on 18 October 2017. The November minutes were approved and accordingly signed by the Chairman. Since issuing the agenda, it had been realised that no corrections to the October minutes were needed.

225/17 Adjournment for questions from members of the public.

Revised Neighbours of Duxford scheme. David Lilley gave his view. Discussed later (Item 238/17).

Closure of Great Chesterford ticket office. Permanent closure in the second week of January had been advertised locally, but Greater Anglia had claimed no knowledge in response to a phone call.

226/17 Matters Arising:

094/15 Local Government Transparency Code. Chairman and Clerk to review whether any further information needed posting.

Action: TS, Clerk

181/15 Uttlesford Draft Local Plan, including proposed North Uttlesford Garden Community. Meeting of UDC's Planning Policy Working Group on 14 December may bring some news. Cllr Orgee planning to attend part of the meeting.

Action: TS

193/15. SmithsonHill bid for an agri-tech hub at Hinxton. Discussed later (Item 231/17 1.i).

218/15 Availability within the Village of Superfast Broadband. A fix for the exchange only Frogge Street residents will be implemented, paid for by Connecting Cambridgeshire. No date as yet.

Action: JB

239/15 Wellcome Genome Campus (WGC): regular liaison and expansion plans. Regular contact personnel at WGC had no information on the expansion plans. An approach to them for Play Area funding would need a clear plan, details of current secured funds, and a tangible proposal.

Action: TS, Lewis D, Lucy D

37/16 Emergency Plan/Risk Assessment Review. This work was ongoing.

Action: Lewis D

127/16 Conversion of certain street lights to LED. The upgrade had been confirmed. A timetable for the works should emerge after the end of January.

129/16 State of Village Footpaths and offer of funding towards clearing vegetation in Tin Alley. Awaiting tree surgeon. Liaison with adjacent landowners was ongoing.

Action: TS, Clerk

235/16 Proposal for motorway services off Junction 10 of the M11. IWM Duxford Neighbours Forum feedback: nothing heard from Moto following the 3rd meeting with IWM; IWM had also met with Gonville and Caius who had stated they were conducting a financial review of all landholdings.

Action: TS

69/17 Sawston Campus: Update. The application had been amended to include further transport assessments and offers to upgrade foot and cycle paths. A response had been sent to the effect that the Parish Council's concerns were not adequately addressed by the mitigation proposals. Cllr Orgee will attend SCDC January Planning Committee and speak.

Action: Cllr Orgee, TS

90/17 Development at Howey's yard, rear gates. No response from Planning despite a reminder. **Action TS**

107/17 State of footpath from Frogge Street towards Great Chesterford. CCC Highways had confirmed no funding was available for footpath repairs unless required in an emergency.

148/17 Home to School transport. Cllr Topping still trying to have issue resolved. No proposals received from Officials. Chairman had supported recent comments from Hinxton PC.

Action: Cllr Topping

148/17 Coploe Pit. CCV undertook work on 3 December. There was no longer any asbestos present.

159/17 Parish Planning Forum 12/09/17. Reply to question raised. The very low numbers of applications proceeding to Planning Committee had been taken up by the Scrutiny Committee. **Action: Cllr Orgee, TS**

219/17 Rural Community Energy Fund: Possibility of grants from SCDC. Chairman reported from Liaison Meeting that business rates retained from e.g. solar farms now formed a fund for grants. Low interest loans for green energy projects would shortly become available.

220/17 South Cambridgeshire Community Awards: Nominations close 19 January 2018. Potential nominees discussed. SC offered to research criteria and draft proposed submission(s). **Action: SC**

227/17 Traffic issues

Items brought forward by Traffic Sub-Committee.

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

i. Village Speedwatch Team. Chairman's update: a further volunteer had come forward; a final draft of the formal rental agreement with Little Abington had been prepared, and this was agreed.

ii. Vehicle-activated speed sign. Projected cost £3,500. Delivery awaited.

2. Abbey Street School Bus Stop (Minute 69/17). A bid has been submitted under the Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2018-19 for £7,000 for safety measures.

3. Traffic problems associated with the low bridge at Great Chesterford (Minute 69/17).

SC had established that there had been 38 reported bridge strikes over a 9 year period. Not regarded as high risk by Network Rail. The Council recognised the familiar issue of unreported incidents leading authorities to consider no problems existed.

4. Roundel signs on Brookhampton and Abbey Streets (Minute 90/17). CCC Highways have confirmed that roundels are being repainted by contractors, but a date cannot be given as they await optimum weather conditions.

5. Upgrade of Hinxtton Level Crossing; monitoring of delays (Minute 208/17.7). It was agreed that waiting times were excessive. To be raised with Network Rail. **Action: TS**

6 Air pollution measurement (Minute 208/17). Not actioned.

228/17 Youth Representation. None

229/17 Reports from District and County Councillors. Cllr Orgee's report attached as Appendix A.

Cllr Topping reported:

In his view the case for an AgriTech hub at the location intended had not been made out at all by SmithsonHill.

The school bus arrangements especially for primary schoolchildren were not acceptable and he was pressing for a solution.

He has met with UDC along with CCC and SCDC Officials. Substantive UDC responses to comments made by our Councils during the consultation are awaited. Nothing being said by our Councils to UDC can be construed as being conciliatory or lending support to their Local Plan. Progress of the Plan seems to have stalled and it may not be ready for submission to the Planning Inspectorate until next summer.

The Police response to illegal traveller occupations has been more robust following use of alternative legislation. More resources have also been devoted to countering hare coursing.

230/17 Correspondence received. This had all been circulated. No summary available owing to Clerk's absence.

231/17 Planning information received from SCDC Declarations of interest to be declared:

1. Applications:

i. **S/4099/17/OL** SmithsonHill: outline application for a new bespoke technology park containing up to 112,000 square meters of employment space. The planning application states the park will create up to 4,000 new jobs.

Lewis Duke declared a non-pecuniary interest and did not take part in the discussion or decision.

The Chairman would clarify the time limit for a response. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to **oppose** the application. Principal issues: impact on open countryside on overwhelmingly greenfield site; traffic concerns; weak cases for AgriTech and that particular location; unconvincing green credentials; an intensive and intrusive development amounting to nothing more than a standard business if not industrial park. The Chairman would draft a response for circulation and further discussion. **Action: TS**

ii. **S/3688/17/FL, 3 Abbey Street** (Dr J Stephenson) Remove unused door and install a larger window to replace the upper half. Unanimous decision: **Support.**

iii **S/3926/17/FL 14 Abbey Street** (Mr Barwood). Conversion of garage to form habitable accommodation. Unanimous decision: **Support.**

2. Approvals:

S/3482/17/LB 21 Church Street (Norman Hall) (Dr S Fawcett). Replacement of rotten black wooden fence with a black galvanised iron fence.

S/3222/17/FL & S/3223/17/LB Abbey Barns, Duxford Road (Erection of link extensions to existing office buildings. (Revised scheme).

3. Refusal S/3286/17/FL, 30 Butchers Hill (Mr P Grant) Demolition of a redundant garage and replacement with two storey extension.

4. Tree works:

i Abbey Farm, Duxford Road (L Duke who declared an interest and did not take part).

Large dead ash: reduction to monolith. Smaller ash: reduction. Leaning hawthorn & small field maple: reduce to 2ft stump. Remove dead tree from back garden. Silver birch: remove to ground level. (Not a protected tree & outside the conservation area.) No Objections.

ii 63 Abbey Street (T Sadler who declared an interest and did not take part. Chair occupied by L. Duke.) Crab Apple - fell to ground level. An ornamental tree that has outgrown its position. No objections.

232/17 Reports from Councillors.

Tim Pavelin.

Bus stop real time information signs could be misleading. Transponder on the bus probably at fault.

The absence of the Clerk following an accident at home raised issues of access to correspondence. The Chairman agreed. His first concerns were for her wellbeing. He had sent a card on behalf of the Council.

Lewis Duke

He had attended a flood training day. An emergency plan if created could attract a grant of up to £1500 for prevention measures. He would review what was required. Some elements could be incorporated into the general Emergency Plan. Re-engagement with local flood preventative measures should be considered. Defibrillator training: target date for potential update event agreed.

233/17 Finance.

i. Payments: John Williams (reimbursement of Harts' printing costs) **£113.16**; A Pavelin **£80**; Cambridgeshire ACRE (membership renewal) **£55**; John Sloper (repairs to sports storage) **£350**.

ii. Money received Ivett and Reid £148 (Cemetery fees: Mr J Bristowe).

iii. Bank Balances as at 1 December 2017: Community Account £46,482.44. Business Premium Account: £25,856.19. In the Clerk's absence these figures could not be brought up to date, but impact on the month's income and outgoings was minimal.

iv. Meeting of the Finance Committee; discussion of the 2018-19 Precept. Date to be arranged via email.

234 /17 Cemetery/ Chapel – Condition to be kept under Review.

- Cemetery Chapel: internal plaster repairs. Awaiting warmer weather
- Dying conifers. Awaiting tree surgeon.
- Culling of rabbits in cemetery grounds. Michael Robinson would source someone. **Action: MR**

235/17 Recreation Field and Recreation Area.

- Update: play area refurbishment project. No progress currently.
- Damage to skate park surface: painting and repairs. Michael Robinson will find a carpenter. **Action: MR**
- Weeds in bark on playground area. On hold pending Play Area progress.

236//17 Churchyard: Inspection of potentially dangerous headstone. Michael Robinson will ask a carpenter to look at it. **Action: MR**

237/17 Affordable housing. Lack of time had prevented progress.

238/17 Feedback from Neighbours' Forum IWM Duxford 23/11/17.

The changes made to the Neighbours of Duxford scheme were discussed. The Chairman reported that views expressed at the Forum were very mixed. Everyone had been concerned about the absence of consultation with Parish Councils. It was agreed that the change was unwelcome, and could lead to a loss of goodwill in the locality. A reversal of the changes could provide a positive boost in pr. The Chairman would write accordingly. **Action: TS**

The traffic management report was considered to be deficient, glossing over problems that had been experienced on the local roads and by visitors during Air Shows. The Chairman stressed that complaints and comments needed to be made to the IWM more or less immediately after events, copied to him. He could not take up issues of which he was unaware, or where contemporaneous reports were absent.

239/17 Feedback from SCDC/Parish Councils Liaison Meeting 30/11/17.

The existence of a Combined Authority headed by an elected Mayor had led to project funding that may otherwise have been elusive. Examples: Milton WTP upgrade; Foxton crossing redesign.

Roads: A428 dualling underway; A10 Milton interchange upgrade and A1307 scheme all progressing. The A505 was now recognised by Government as a key road, and was on the Mayor's list.

Rail: Cambridge South is happening. SCDC are pushing for four-tracking so that it will work.

The Chairman had noted something said by Nick Wright, SCDC Deputy Leader – “The Local Plan is intended to stop the countryside disappearing.” This was very apposite in the context of recent applications.

240/17 General Data Protection Regulations: legislation wef 25 May 2018 (e-mail circulated 21/11).

Item not discussed. To be included in next Agenda.

Action: Clerk

241/17 03 May 2018 District and Parish Council Elections.

A mention of upcoming Parish Council elections to be placed in Icene.

242/17 Adjournment for questions from members of the public. None.

243/17 Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 17 January 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 21h45.

Chairman

Date

APPENDIX A DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Ickleton Parish Council

13 December 2017

Uttlesford Local Plan (2011 – 2033) update

The first stage consultation on the draft Uttlesford Local Plan ended on 4 September. The council received almost 6,000 written comments from over 2,000 individuals and organisations to the consultation and is now using these comments by residents, businesses, neighbouring councils and other bodies to inform the next stage of the emerging Uttlesford Draft Local Plan.

Uttlesford District Council has stated that the council 'is taking the time to fully evaluate these responses and to carry out further work to address some of the issues raised, such as the water cycle, archaeology, heritage, employment, and transport and sports facilities'. It has further stated that 'the additional work will strengthen the evidence base and is necessary to ensure that the next version of the Local Plan is ready to be consulted upon.'

The next meeting of the Council's Planning Policy Working Group is meeting tomorrow (Thursday 14 December) to consider the complete set of consultation responses and way forward for the Local Plan.

As a result of the extra work being undertaken, 'the council will make a decision on the next version of the Plan in late spring 2018 before a further round of public consultation takes place.'

I will be attending tomorrow's meeting in part (it clashes with a meeting of Pampisford Parish Council) and report back key points from the meeting.

Recycling changes from 11 December

Just a reminder that as from last Monday (December 11) all recyclable paper should go directly into the blue bin and residents can use the black caddy for their personal purposes.

Sawston Trade Park

This planning application will now go to the January 10, 2018 meeting of South Cambridgeshire District Council's Planning Committee. The meeting will start at 9:45 am and the agenda papers will be published a week in advance, so should be available on the council's website from January 2 or 3, 2018.

As stated in my report last month, I requested that the application be sent to Ickleton, Hinxton and Duxford Parish Councils because of the potential traffic implications for the A1301 / A505 and the likelihood of increased rat-running through these three villages.

SmithsonHill AgriTech Park

The planning application for an AgriTech Park was submitted in November and is now subject to a period of consultation. The consultation was due to end on January 8, 2018 but I have recommended to parish councils that they ask for an extension because the consultation period goes over the Christmas and New Year holiday period, the size of the application documentation and the schedule of parish council meetings. Little Abington Parish Council has already negotiated an extension till 26 January, and I understand that following a request from Councillor Peter Topping, leader of SCDC, an extension till January 26 has been formally agreed for all responses.

I am very happy to offer help and advice to parish councils and local residents about this application.

SCDC Local Plan

The District Council is still awaiting the inspectors' report following the hearings into the submitted Local Plan. Some further consultation will be required by the inspectors, but this will be limited solely to the issues raised by the inspectors. Any further consultations will involve a six-week consultation period.

Tony Orgee,
District Councillor for The Abingtons ward