

MINUTES OF ICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Gordon Woolhouse Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall on Wednesday 20th November 2019 starting at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Sian Wombwell, Cllr Simon Cheney, Cllr Terry Sadler, Cllr Liz Gibson, Cllr Tim Pavelin, Cllr Hugh Molloy, Cllr Philly Hamilton,
David Lilley

128/19-20 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Leanne Smith (Clerk), Cllr Paul Rose, District Cllr Peter McDonald

129/19-20 Councillors Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda & Requests for Dispensation

None

130/19-20 Open Forum for Public Participation Including Youth Representation

David Lilley requested reinstatement of draft copy minutes to be circulated sooner. TS in favour. SW to ask LS to publish Draft Minutes as soon as available.

131/19-20 To approve minutes of meeting held on 16th October 2019

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2019 are approved and signed by the Chair.

132/19-20 Matters Arising

Cllr Wombwell reported that the Recreation Ground Repairs have now been completed. The invoice for works completed has been received from Bob Calladine. Cllr Wombwell also reported that the Cemetery Chapel Windows were currently being repaired and cleaned.

133/19-20 Traffic Issues

i. Fixed speed activated signs:

Cllr Sadler reported that fixed speed activated signs are not available due to Highways' policy.

ii. Moveable vehicle activated signs:

Cllr Cheney to email (via Cllr's Sadler and Molloy) the Speedwatch Team to suggest a sign moving rota for the MVAS. Cllr's Cheney and Sadler to liaise and seek assistance regarding downloading speed watch recording data. Clerk to assist.

The Speedwatch Team reported to Cllr Sadler that just over 1900 speeding vehicles in year to date. A session on 21/11/19 was due to be attended by Superintendent James Sutherland and a TV crew. As part of Operation Astragal (Road Safety Awareness week) more than 50 Speedwatch sessions had been arranged across the County, of which 8 were in Ickleton. Suggestion that the Speedwatch Team report monitoring records in Iceni. Clerk to action.

iii. LHI feasibility report – Butchers Hill:

The Parish Council considered the Highways' project for possible traffic changes to be much larger than intended. Cllr Cheney to ask for a lighter weight version of proposal.

134/19-20 Rural Crime Report

SW reported Hare Coursing continuing a major issue and asked for vigilance from all.

135/19-20 Reports from County and District Councillors

Report received by District Cllr Peter McDonald (Appendix A)

136/19-20 Correspondence Received

i. SCDC – Assets of community value:

The Ickleton Lion Public House is now registered as an asset of community value.

ii. Email received regarding dog fouling:

Noted and discussed.

iii. NHS big conversation:

Noted, to include in the next edition of Iceni.

iv. Bus survey:

Noted, to include in the next edition of Iceni.

137/19-20 Planning Information

i. For consideration

11 Bird Close, Ickleton for Mr Richard Bulgin - Erection of a 2-bedroom bungalow complete with on-site parking and bike storage facilities. The application was considered by the Parish Council. The application was opposed and the Parish Council recommends refusal to SCDC. The application was considered to be an over development of site, with inadequate car parking, and poor building design with a poor impact on existing house.

Land at 43 Abbey Street, Ickleton for Mr Peter MacDonald - Variation of conditions 3 (Hard and soft landscaping), 5 (Boundary treatment), 7 (Timber fins) and 10 (Ecological enhancement) pursuant to planning permission S/0946/19/VC to amend from pre-commencement to pre-occupation. No objections from the Parish Council.

ii. Planning Decisions

Wellcome Genome (see further details below).

iii. Planning Appeals

None.

iv. Tree Works

8 Mill Lane, Ickleton for Mr Owen - Walnut Tree causing damage to tennis courts and adjacent boundary hedge. Client to fell and replace with smaller ornamental species. Noted.

1 Abbey Street, Ickleton for J Flitton - Lawson cypress - Reduce height by approx. 2.5m and reshape top. To maintain at a size that befits its position. Noted.

138/19-20 Updates on current applications

Wellcome Genome Campus

SCDC Planning Committee have voted to approve the application. Cllr Sadler reported that CPRE, Ickleton Society, Ickleton Parish Council and Hinxton Parish Council have all sent in requests for the decision to be called in by the Secretary of State. Cllr Wombwell expressed deep disappointment that opposition from 12 Parish Council's had been completely ignored. Cllr's Sadler and Molloy to attend a liaison meeting at the Genome Campus on 25th November 2019.

UDC Planning Notification

Amendment to application in April 2019 for 76 houses on right hand side of the road between Great and Little Chesterford. Cllr Sadler recommended that the Parish Council write to maintain its objection.

139/19-20 Reports from Councillors

Cllr Molloy reported on poor state of fence in Brookhampton Street, and parking issues near to 31 Abbey Street which obstructs access to Howey's Yard. Clerk to chase about broken bollard at 31 Abbey Street. He also reported the Allotment Association was keen to plant a Village Orchard and the Council is invited to consider where would be suitable. Cllr's Cheney and Molloy to discuss.

Cllr Gibson gave a report on the Ickleton Village Hall AGM. An application has been made for a Community Grant from SDCS towards the cost of blind repairs/lights. The quote for this is £8-£10,000. Cllr Pavelin asked if the Parish Council are prepared in principle to fund a Water Fountain outside Village Hall. This was agreed. Cllr Gibson also gave update on the Duxford War Museum Meeting. Proposals for a hotel had gone forward to the planners. Marshalls Aerospace and Defence Group decision about their preferred relocation site has been extended to end of December. A505 problems remained an issue. Air Show attendances for 2019 were a record. The 2020 Air Show dates arranged.

140/19-20 Financial Matters

i. To Approve Payment of November's Accounts:

Clerk's salary (confidential)

Clerk's expenses – £77.06

Tim Pavelin – £100.00

Sheriff Amenity - £368.40

Ickleton Village Hall hire - £63.00

Glasdon UK Ltd (Dog bins) - £380.10

CAPALC (cemetery management training) - £120.00

The following invoice was received after the agenda was published but is due for payment:

Bob Calladine - £1,200.00

Cllr Sadler requested in-year production of accounts, with estimates of expenditure to be incurred before year end to assist with determination of Precept for next financial year. Clerk to action.

ii. Defibrillator replacement pads and chargepak £95.00 + VAT. The Parish Council agreed to order these items.

iii. Fireproof document holder

The Parish Council agreed in principle that a fireproof document holder for Ickleton cemetery burial books could be purchased.

iv. Internal auditor – The Parish Council agreed to outsource a new Internal Auditor and to acknowledge Ken Worthing’s hard work over the years. Clerk to action.

v. Pension - Re-enrolment and re-declaration to be completed by 2 March 2020.

141/19-20 Woodland Trust application for free trees

Cllr Wombwell to check details on the website.

142/19-20 Financial Regulations

To be discussed at December’s meeting.

143/19-20 Councillor vacancy

To be discussed at December’s meeting.

144/19-20 Street lighting

After discussion and consideration, it was decided that Eon provided the cheapest quote and therefore the Parish Council would arrange the supply through them on a one-year contract.

Clerk to action.

145/19-20 Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CAPASP) supporters

Noted, to be included in the next edition of Icene.

146/19-20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 7.30pm

****Please note that this is the second Wednesday of the month due to Christmas****

Any business and payments to be considered at the Parish Council Meeting must be delivered to the Clerk for inclusion on the agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Appendix A

Report for Parish Councils – November 2019

South Cambs Business Support

I have been asked by the Leader to be a Business Champion and initiate a review on how we can help businesses with a focus on SME's and employees < 10 people. In January we will bring forward proposals to have dedicated staff/partners in the Council e.g. on planning to make the interaction with South Cambs a lot better and more streamlined. Tentatively 2-3 extra staff to talk to local business and act as dedicated people handling issues within the Council.

Q2 SCDC Contact Centre Performance

The Q2 performance is still inadequate and is a real priority for the new CEO. The telephone response times are dreadful.

Streetlighting Improvements - LED upgrade and replacement program

SCDC aims to upgrade its streetlights to LEDs by March 2021, which will include the replacement of existing streetlights columns and brackets, where structural condition requires this. Standard streetlights will be upgraded initially, with heritage/ornate lights within a second phase of works, given their bespoke nature. We will work closely with Parish Councils and Members when considering upgrades to heritage/ornate lights. SCDC streetlighting in residential areas will be dimmed by 40%, giving a 60% light output between 10pm and 6am in line with CCC streetlights to improve the consistency of lighting. The upgrade seeks to benefit the communities and the environment by: - Improving the quality of SCDC streetlighting - Reducing energy consumption by at least 60% - Reducing light pollution by dimming lights during set hours and improved control of light output - Supporting the wellbeing of people and wildlife by installing a warmer colour temperature LED - Reusing and recycling materials where possible within the upgrade The upgrade also seeks to: - Provide a beneficial and cost-effective alternative to existing sodium lamps which are gradually being phased out - Reduce maintenance and associated costs due to the greater lifespan of LED (25 years) and through the replacement of older units - Enable the future incorporation of smarter lighting measures to the benefit of communities. The policy is here:

https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s113747/Appendix%20A_SCDC%20Streetlighting%20Policy.pdf

Councillor Allowances

A £98 per year increase in basic member allowance has been agreed by Councillors at South Cambridgeshire District Council following an independent panel making recommendations after comparing the rate to other similar councils.

The changes agreed at the Council meeting will see the overall bill for member allowances fall by around £60,000 as the number of Councillors representing communities across South Cambridgeshire was cut from 57 to 45 last year.

The recommendations follow an independent panel assessing the time spent carrying out various roles, such as chairing committees and representing the Council on shared bodies such as the Combined Authority and Greater Cambridge Partnership.

All Councillors receive a basic allowance to compensate them in part for the time they spend representing communities. This will now be set at £5,010 per year, up from £4,912. This is similar to the allowances at neighbouring district councils and others in the region.

The independent report also recommended increasing the additional allowances Councillors receive for chairing and sitting on a number of committees. The biggest increase was £1,748 per year for the Chair of Planning Committee after the independent panel looked at the number of hours needed to carry out the role. This takes the allowance for the Chair of Planning Committee up to £6,360 per year.

The increase in basic member allowance agreed is the same percentage as the staff pay award increase for 2019/20. Councillors also agreed to link any future increase to any inflation increase in staff pay.

Following a request from the Combined Authority, the independent remuneration panel also recommended an additional allowance for South Cambridgeshire District Council's Councillors who have additional roles on the Combined Authority board, scrutiny and audit committees. The panel also recommended an additional allowance for members who have roles on the Greater Cambridge Partnership board and assembly.

Zero Carbon Grants

The submissions for the above will be initially considered at a January meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee

Local Developments - Latest Status:

A505 Study First meeting for this is Monday Nov 18th. I will update you after that. Will also ask they take into account the Uttlesford Study done.

<https://uttlesford.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s4887/Appendix%20e%20%20Transport%20Study.pdf>

Agri Tech

I filed a FoI (Freedom of information) with The Ministry of Housing , Communities and Local Government to check there has been no background lobbying of the Secretary of State. They responded to say it was too costly to check all Ministers diaries !

Wellcome Genome Campus:

To our dismay and representation South Cambs approved an outline planning application to provide a further 150,000sqm of space for employment, conferencing and supporting facilities at the Wellcome Trust's Genome Campus in Hinxton. There will be up to 1,500 homes for campus-based staff, 30% of which will be affordable.

Our next steps:

1. Hinxton are considering a request to the SoS to call in the decision on basis of landscape, infrastructure etc 2. Hinxton to engage on the S106 negotiations with Toby/SCDC 3. Hinxton & Ickleton to engage on the design statements etc including the stepped housing development we have asked for.

Local Headline Issues

Babraham: Meeting on Nov 21st to progress the boundary change/potential S 106 agreements

Duxford: Marshalls Aerospace: I have joined the working group with Thriplow to engage with Marshalls. There is a meeting January 28th.

Hinxton: See above on WGC.

Ickleton: See above WGC.

Pampisford: on going discussion on the Village Hall glass replacement. Support for residents around Glebe Crescent.

Peter McDonald November 10th Councillor

Duxford Ward: Parishes of Duxford, Hinxton, Ickleton, Babraham, Pampisford 2019.