Babraham Parish Council: Minutes of Meeting held 13th Jan 2022

Due to the unusual nature of the meeting which would incorporate a presentation by Steve Mumford (MD of Cheveley Park Farms, and as the Clerk was unable to attend due to ill health, the chair decided to rearrange the agenda to suit the meeting and also take the Minutes.

Present: Stuart Laurie (Chair), Charlotte Rogers & Jane Goody

Invited speaker: Steve Mumford (MD Cheveley Park Farms)

Reports: Peter Mac Donald

Public approx 10 members

Including Hannah Thomas, Matthew Punshon. Patrick Axon of neighbourhood plan group.

	Part I: Non-Confidential Information
2201/01	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies from Anne Charteris (Clerk) and Chris Chapman
2201/02	To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda Declared by Stuart Laurie & Charlotte Rogers due to their connection with Cheveley Park Farms Ltd
2201/03	To elect Vice Chairman following Cllr Attwoods resignation Chair proposed Charlotte Rogers, who agreed to stand until the May election of officers, and she was duly elected by the council members.
2201/04	To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 11th Nov 2021
2201/05	Exclusion of the public To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.
2201/06	Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed
2201/07	Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald Report circulated to members and posted on the BPC website
	Peter Mc Donald gave summaries of both the district and county councils activities. He advised that the green bin collections had re-started and that business grants for local businesses were available following the Covid situation. He also indicated that CARF (Covid related), the business rate relief programme was operating. Peter explained that developments could be submitted and accepted, if thought appropriate, by the District Council planning group, at any stage of the Local Plan, but emphasised that the consultation time for the current local plan had passed. Chair requested information regarding the commencement of traffic calming in the high street and repair of dangerous pavement near the thatched cottages.

2201/08 Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors Brian Milnes and Maria King

Report circulated to members and posted on the BPC website

2201/09 | Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative

Chris Chapman is hoping to present more details of the Babraham Campus vision. This to be arranged as soon as possible,

2201/10 | Clerk's Report

2201/11 | Forest Garden Project. To hear and comment on updates from Hannah Thomas

Hannah Thomas presented an update regarding the forest garden. She had publicised the garden in the latest newsletter and put out a call for volunteers from the village and the Babraham campus to help plant the trees etc when they arrive. A local contractor had been engaged to erect rabbit and deer fencing around the garden area.

2201/12 Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Cambridge South East Transport (CSET)

To review updates, discussions and actions by GCP with regard to CSET and to resolve on any actions.

2201/13 Roads & Traffic

To discuss and review traffic and transport issues and resolve on any actions.

2201/14 | Precept

To discuss budget and setting of Precept for 2022/23

2201/15 Cheveley Park Farm Proposals discussing their vision for future development west of the A1307

Steve Mumford addressed the meeting, referring those present to the bound vision documents supplied. CPF purchased the farm in 2018 with the intention of farming the area, however, with the selection of Babraham as the site for the park and ride and the Cset bus route the option to develop the farm became viable. As a result, CPF had engaged a top development consultancy to produce a vision of such a development in the future. Their vision had been submitted to the local plan for consideration, and redesignation of green-belt status, following the district council's call for development sites, however, CPF had not received any feedback from the planners at the time of the meeting.

The vision included development to the West of the A1307, joining with the proposed development on the Sawston/ Babraham boundary, through to Rowley Lane and to the A11. A proposed 3000 houses, 2 junior and 1 senior schools, shops and leisure facilities. The East side of the A1307 would be agriculture and parkland adjoining the Wandlebury woodland area.

Peter McDonald said that he felt it very unlikely that the proposal would be accepted by district council.

Steve informed the meeting that he and Chris Dant (Finance director of Cheveley Parks) were leading the proposal on behalf of Cheveley Park Farms Ltd.

Steve assured the meeting that the presentation was NOT part of a consultation with residents and would not be viewed as such by Cheveley Park Farms or their representatives.

One member of the meeting expressed a feeling of great sadness that if adopted such a scheme would transform our quiet 100 home village to a sprawling new town of over 3000 houses.

After questions Steve left the meeting.

2201/16 | Neighbourhood Plan

Hannah Thomas (the contracted consultant to the NP) informed the meeting that in September 2021 a formal working group was established consisting of 7 members, one of whom was a BPC member, who acted as liaison between the two groups. The group had contacted AECOM to advise on local housing needs. A website had been established to provide information including maps of ownership etc. A resident survey to ascertain the needs and wishes of villagers had been set up and circulated, and Hannah urged parishioners to complete and return the survey as soon as possible, the closing date being the 24th January. Following Rob Attwood's resignation, Stuart Laurie volunteered to join the NP until May and act as liaison with the BPC. The council agreed this action.

2201/17 | General Village Matters and new items for discussion

To discuss any other village matters.

Rob Attwood had resigned for personal reasons and a further resignation was received verbally from Glyn Huskisson prior to the meeting, and we await her written confirmation.

FINANCE Deferred until the next meeting due to absence of the Clerk

2201/18 | Receipts (as of 5th Jan 2022)

2201/19 | Payments (as of 5th Jan 2022)

2201/20

Clerk Nov & Dec	Salary	£665.60
HMRC Nov & Dec	Tax	£166.40
Haven Power: Nov/Dec	All periods	£22.75
Hannah Thomas	Forest Garden Nov & Dec	£700
Hannah Thomas	Neighbourhood plan	£2768.40
Hugo Fox Nov	Website provider	£35.99
	Twist & spray Paint for	
Cllr Attwood	noticeboard	£9.99
Cllr Laurie	Mower service & PostFix	£85.69
Brookfield	Bins	£135
lonos	Email subs	£45.60
Survey Monkey	Sub	£384
Unity Trust	Service charge	£23.40
	Materials for Forest Garden	
GA Construction	Not yetpaid/ taken off bank	£5066.09
Landscaping	balance	

A full list of payments will be circulated and reviewed at the meeting.

2201/21 | Balances and Bank Reconciliation at 8th Jan 2022

Balances held

Unity Current A/C balance	£34,477.04
Unity Savings A/C balance	£61,246.62
Cambridge Building Society	£80,000.00

	PLANNING	
2201/22	Planning Applications (as of 5th Jan 2022)	
	No new applications	
2201/23	Planning decisions (as of 5th Jan 2022)	
	None received	
2201/24	Correspondence.	
2201/25	Items for inclusion in the next meeting	
2201/26	Meeting closed at 9pm Date of next meeting: Thursday 10th Feb 2022 at 7:30pm	
	Part II: Confidential Information	
	Exclusion of the Press and the Public: To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting.	
	Signature: Anne Charteris 10th Feb 2022	
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