Minutes of the Babraham Parish Council Annual Meeting

Held at Babraham Primary School Babraham On Thursday 9th March 2017 at 7.30pm

| | Present | On Thursday 9th March 2017 at 7.30pm ClIrs S Laurie, Ms C Rogers, Robert Attwood, Gareth Walker, .Jane Goody Clerk: A Angell |
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| | | 3 members of the public |
| 131 | Apologies | District Cllr T Orgee, County Cllr P Topping, Chris Chapman |
| 132 | Members Declaration of Interests | None declared |
| 133 | Minutes of Meeting held 9 th Feb 2017 | Approved unanimously by those present at meeting and signed |
| 134 | Matters arising from previous Minutes | Barclays Bank, new signatories, still not complete, Clerk to chase up. Garden area- SL to contact Scotsdales re the plant list. Gill Attwood and Jane Goody will be doing the planting.On top of the £200 donation from Scotsdales, Parish Council will put in extra money if required, up to £100, all agreed. Dockerills Yard- a letter has been sent to Abington PC voicing our concerns about the situation, Abington are in agreement and have approached the County Council. Any future application re the site can have conditions built into it. Abington will let us know of any future plans, the site is under observation because of the height of the piles of waste. The road is starting to get bad again. Village Noticeboard- RA has repaired this Pocket park trees- a report has been done and the estimate of £2500-£3000 given to do the work needed. CR is to look into getting quotes now that we know what needs doing. Bus shelter- results of the Local Highway Initiative application to be given on the 14 th March. Litter bins- there may be some spare from Sawston- CR to find out and see if suitable. There is a new bin ready to put in, a new one is needed by the Bus shelter. Welcome Pack- ongoing. Neighbourhood Plan- meeting to be held at Sawston PC on 16 th March, members of BPC to attend and discuss merits of joining with Sawston. Speeding traffic- letter sent to Vindis re their employees regularly speeding through the village, it did stop for a while but has been noticed again. CR to contac Speedwatch to see if the villagers can set up anything. Speed bumps may be the next step. |
| 135 | Public participation | Reports of the A1307 improvement meeting held at Linton was described as a complete shambles. Members of PC and residents attended, new Park and Ride site was proposed at Babraham, first time this has been mentioned. The discussions now |

| | | put on hold and will be reasses | sedlater | in the year with a prop | er consultatior | n. It was |
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| | | suggested that a village meetin | | | | |
| 136 | Report from | attached | 0 | | | |
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| 137 | Report from | attached | | | | |
| | Peter | | | | | |
| | Topping | | | | | |
| 138 | Report from Chris Chapman | Storm Doris; As you know a tree was blown over from the grounds of the campus across the main high street. Both ourselves and Babraham Farms attended to remove the tree, which they duly did once UKPN had isolated the power line. Many thanks to Jonah and Simon for calling out the Police, UKPN and BT OpenReach to attend. As a note the trees on campus are surveyed annually and biannually (depending on the tree) for condition so that we can assess and carry out any work required. The wall, which was demolished across a 2 metre section has been temporarily made secure and safe. The Institute has responsibility for maintenance and repair of the boundary wall and are looking to this. R and D2 Infrastructure. In advance of the planning application outcome the archaeological investigation required as part of the Outline consent has begun and will last for approximately 12 weeks. It will consist of a 1metre deep excavation across a 1.5-2.0 hectare area. Within that area further trench excavations will be dug for analysis of the archaeology. | | | | |
| 139 | Finance | | | | | |
| | Financial | | | | | |
| | Report as at 30 th Jan 2017 | Barclays Premium Business account | | | £78,167.75 |] |
| | | Current Account | | | £278.81 | |
| | | Petty cash | | | £0 | |
| | | | | TOTAL | £78,446.56 | |
| | Agreed payments | Payment to | Payme | nt for | Amount | Cheque |
| | | Anne Angell | Clerks salary March | | £73.60 | 101048 |
| | | Babraham School | | Hire March | £14.25 | 101040 |
| | | CCC via A Angell | | ighting | £359.58 | 101049 |
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| 140 | To consider other matters | Village Hall plans- nothing new to report from BBSRC re costings or rent etc 10 m boundary along the road to allow for any future road widening. RA to email Brian Reeve regarding the plans UK Power Network – hoping to attend one of the Council meetings. Work planned for 6 th June to end of August. PLANNING PERMISSION | | | | |
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| | | REF NO | PROPOSAL | AT | FOR | |
| | | S/0418/17/FL | Replace existing window with French windows and internal alteration to put additional velux rooflight | Stable Cottage, High Street, Babraham, Cambridge, CB22 3AG | Ms Janie Thomas | |
| | | PLANNING DECISIO | NS RECEIVED - PROPOSAL AT | | DECISION | |
| 142 | Correspon- | CORRESPONDENCE REC | CEIVED | | | |
| | dence Received | Parking problems – new site to report - <u>http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking</u> | | | | |
| | | Smithson Hill Proposals for development of Agri Hub Here are the links, alongside the other documents we have shared so far this year: - FAQ online <u>www.smithsonhill.co.uk/smithsonhill-proposals-parish-faq-2/</u> FAQ pdf <u>www.smithsonhill.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Parish-meetings-FAQs.pdf</u> EIA Scoping document <u>www.smithsonhill.co.uk/eia-scoping-february-2017/</u> Hinxton January presentation materials <u>www.smithsonhill.co.uk/agritech-jan-2017</u> | | | | |
| 143 | Matters for further discussion & | Rowley Lane- who o Pocket Park Local Highways Initi | | | | |

| Date of next | 13 th April 2017 at 7.30. |
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| meeting | |
| A Angell Clerk | 20 th March 2017 |

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Waste / Recycling collections

The District Council's revised waste / recycling collection rounds were introduced on 27 February 2017. Things went very smoothly in most villages but there were some teething problems – for example, some roads in Pampisford and the southern end of Sawston were not collected the first day but early the next morning. This was regrettable but these change over problems were sorted out quickly.

A1307 Local Liaison Forum (LLF)

I was ratified as Chair at the first meeting of the A1307 Local Liaison Forum which was held in Linton on 20 February.

The meeting date was deliberately chosen to be between the publication of agenda papers (expected on 16 or 17 February), and the meetings of the City Deal Joint Assembly (1 March) and the City Deal Executive Board (8 March). However, the agenda papers relating to the A1307 were only published at about 4 pm on the afternoon of 20 February, so those attending the LLF meeting had had virtually no time to consider the agenda papers before the meeting.

A number of proposals were put forward relating to various parts of the A1307 between Haverhill and Addenbrooke's.

The proposals included road safety measures, bus only lanes, an improved cycleway between Babraham and Granta Park and a revised road layout at the A1307 / Haverhill Road, Stapleford / Gogs Shop junction but nothing linking in the Genome Campus / Sawston / Pampisford area with the A1307.

A Park and Ride site near Four Wentways was proposed and six indicative sites were identified (three on the Babraham side of Four Wentways and three on the Little Abington side), though it was stated that not all landowners of potential sites had been informed about the proposals.

The clear view of the meeting was for a pause in the process whilst further work was done including talking to all landowners potentially involved, discussions with neighbouring local authorities and further proposals should be considered, for example, locating a new Park and Ride site further along the A1307 beyond Linton, and making connections with the Genome Campus area.

At the City Deal Joint Assembly meeting (1 March) it was decided to request delaying the next round of consultations from July till September so that 'a second public consultation exercise on the preferred options [would] commence in September 2017 after further workshops had taken place with Local Liaison Forums and councillors, and agreed a delegation to finalise consultation materials.'

The City Deal Executive Board (meeting on 8 March) took this a stage further by agreeing to the delay so that the Local Liaison Forum could consider these (that is the options set out in the agenda papers) and other proposals.

District Council Budget 2017-18

The District Council decided its budget and Council Tax requirements at its meeting in late February. By a large majority, with only one councillor voting against, the District Council decided to increase its portion of Council Tax by £5 per year for a Band D property – from just over £130 per year to just over £135 per year for a Band D property. This is a rise of 3.8%.

By way of comparison, a 1% increase in the District Council's portion of council tax raises about $\pounds70,000$ whereas a 1% increase in the County Council's portion of council tax raises about $\pounds2.4$ million.

Planning

The planning application for a new dwelling on the site of the corner of Oak Lane and Blacksmith's Row was considered at the District Council's Planning Committee meeting held on 1 March. The Parish Council's support was noted, but only for 'one dwelling' on the plot. I supported the Parish Council's view, and the application was approved.

Local Highways Improvement

The agenda papers for the County Council's Highways and Community Infrastructure meeting to be held on 14 March are now on the County Council's website.

The priority list of Local Highways Improvement schemes can be viewed and the recommendation includes support for the bid put forward by Babraham Parish Council.

As a Panel member who reviewed the bids submitted I was very happy to support the Babraham bid, though as I represent the area I was not allowed to vote on this bid.

Tony Orgee, District Councillor for Babraham