

Babraham Parish Council:

Minutes of meeting held Thursday 14th July 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Denise Dear; Chair

Damon Stanwell-Smith: Vice Chair

Jane Goody

Richard Bandy

Charlotte Rogers

CLlr Peter McDonald

Clerk: Anne Charteris

Members of the Public: 0

	<p>Part I: Non-Confidential Information</p>
2207/01	<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies received from Chris Chapman (BRC) CLlr Rogers handed in her resignation from the Parish Council due to personal reasons, all present thanked her for her hard work over the past years and wished her well.</p>
2207/02	<p>To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda Damon Stanwell-Smith -Forest Garden</p>
2207/03	<p>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 9th June 2021 Approved and signed off</p>
2207/04	<p>Exclusion of the public To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.</p>
2207/05	<p>Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald</p> <p>Report posted on website. In brief:</p> <p>S Cambs Local Plan- Feedback on First Proposals The details on the feedback to first proposals has been published. It was published for the S Cambs scrutiny Committee. https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=417&MId=9437&Ver=4 The map source is here: https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greater-cambridge-local-plan/ As we know developers can submit sites up to the time of submission to the Government. The Council will now re-evaluate these.</p> <p>Northstowe Development More than £12.8 million in funding, to secure high-quality community facilities for Northstowe residents, is being proposed by South Cambridgeshire District Council.</p>

Biodiversity Net gain

In order to meet BNG targets the Council is looking a new schemes under development locally e.g. the Lower Valley farm a County Council owned farm and new rules from DEFRA.

<https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=9486&x=1>

Great Chesterford Hardcore Site : ESS/20/22/UTT

I've been following closely the development of this site. It has been permitted by the EA and us been submitted to ECC Planning. I am working on an ECC officer refusal given the noise and dust from the site. SCDC have said they may be able to provide monitoring although its across the border. I will meet the Site Director July 5th to understand their operation and communicate residents' concerns.

Climate change and flood money

The first spending from the Council's new Just Transition fund has been agreed. £2.175M over four years has been awarded for a business case for the first phase of the Council's plan for Cambridgeshire to reach Net Zero carbon by 2045. And £1.7M has also been awarded for flood work and nature restoration.

Highways IT system

A new Highways IT system is on the cards for the County Council—but officers have been asked to do more work on their proposals after a report to the Strategy & Resources Committee was sent back.

Household Support Fund

The Government has confirmed that it is extending the Household Support Fund for six months of 2022/23 and has allocated £3.58M of grant funding to Cambridgeshire for this. The Fund is intended to provide support to households through free school meals for eligible children during school holidays, and for payments to people in need.

Library@home award

Cambridgeshire's Library@home volunteers are one of three voluntary groups in the county to be given the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The Library@home service provides books and audiobooks to residents who find it difficult to get to a library through disability, illness or caring responsibilities. Volunteers visit once a month to bring and return library books and to have a chat.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisureculture/libraries/accessibility>

CENSUS

Cambridgeshire has seen one of the UK's biggest population increase over the past ten years, data just published from the 2021 Census shows.

Overall the number of people living in the county rose by more than 57,000 in the last decade to 678,600. This 9.2 per cent rise is higher than the East of England average, in a national picture which saw the East grow faster than any part of the UK.

www.ons.gov.uk/census <<http://www.ons.gov.uk/census>>

2207/06	<p>Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors Brian Milnes and Maria King Report is on the BPC website but in addition to Cllr McDonalds report, in brief:</p> <p>Resourcing Net Zero The Council's Environment & Green Investment Committee is moving ahead to implement its ambitious climate change strategy. On 7th July the Committee approved a business case for the first phase of a three-phase approach to getting Cambridgeshire to Net Zero Carbon by 2045. The first phase will use the £2.175M awarded by the Strategy & Resources Committee and will involve eight workstreams.</p> <p>Nature & Climate Declaration and Climate & Ecology Bill The County Council is supporting the Nature & Climate Declaration and endorsing the Climate & Ecology Bill. The Declaration asks the UK Government to deal with key climate risks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfilling the UK's fair share of emissions reductions to ensure that the average global temperature increase will not exceed 1.5 degrees Celsius • Halting and reversing biodiversity decline by 2030, and • Delivering a more ambitious and integrated environmental protection and decarbonisation plan. • <p>Active Travel programme phases 1 & 2 A programme of Active Travel (Tranche 2) projects, to encourage walking and cycling across Cambridgeshire, is set to be delivered in the next few months. The delivery of the projects follows an earlier trial which led to a series of cycling and walking schemes being introduced during the pandemic. These were funded by the Government to encourage people to make more active travel choices (Tranche 1). The trial has enabled the county council to make a number of those schemes permanent with active travel at the heart of the Joint Administration's vision for Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>Hauxton and Sawston 20Mph zone applications approved Well done to Hauxton and Sawston Parish Councils for securing funding to design and implement new 20mph zones in the villages. The design and consultation phase of the project will take place in July-December 2022 and provided there are no objections or issues, the schemes will be implemented in Q1 2023.</p> <p>Cambridge South West Travel Hub update The planning application for a new Travel Hub in Hauxton, to be located on the Hauxton side of M11 Junction 11 has been approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council Planning Committee on 15 June. The application has now been submitted for approval to the Secretary of State for Transport.</p> <p>Haslingfield Greenway The public engagement programme kicks off on 11th July with people encouraged to share their views on the options for the designs for the Haslingfield Greenway. The route will connect Haslingfield with the city via Cantelupe Farm, Grantchester and Barton Road, with an additional spur to Hauxton. A virtual event will be run on Monday 18th July. The engagement period closes on 5th August. To find out more and share your views with us please visit the Haslingfield Greenway webpage or copy this link into your browser: https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/Haslingfield-GW-2022</p>
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	<p>East West Rail Drop-in session East West Rail Co. are holding a drop-in session from 2pm to 8pm at Haslingfield Village Hall, CB23 1JP on Tuesday 19th July 2022.</p> <p>Streetworks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 July -5 August Cycle lane on Cambridge Road, Great Shelford as lies between Davey Crescent and Hobsons Acre will be suspended for carrying out water works • 9-10 August 01:45 – 04:15am Hauxton/L Shelford level crossing closed for inspection • 17 August 00:15-04:30 Harston/Newton (Newton Rd – Cambridge Rd – London Rd – A10 – Station Rd) closed to carry out work as per the 2021 LHI scheme • 6-8 September Barton Road, Haslingfield footpath closed for electrical works • 21-23 September 64-66 New Road, Sawston footpath closed for water supply works for newbuilds
2207/07	<p>Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative No report submitted</p>
2207/08	<p>Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed No public present</p>
2207/09	<p>Clerk’s Report Clerk asked that Councillors respond in good time to emails sent round, if no replies or feedback received then this makes her job much harder.</p>
2207/10	<p>Forest Garden Project. To hear and comment on updates from Hannah Thomas. Hannah was unable to attend but had sent in a report, in brief: A representative was elected from the PC to be the liaison and point of contact, this will hopefully make processes and decisions quicker. The new contract for Year 2 between Hannah and the PC was signed off. Eight more mulching, strimming and watering sessions have been held but despite this, several trees have been lost, likely to drought. Quotes have been obtained for LBC for irrigation. Quotes for levelling the ground and additional materials are awaiting. To speed up decision making, an addendum to the contract was proposed, this will allow spending up to £500 with delegated authority. “The Parish Council provides the Project Manager with delegated authority to spend the approved Forest Garden Year 2 budget on any individual goods or services below the value of £500, provided that such goods and services are aligned with the approved budget descriptions and follow the due process for spending of PC funds” The end of grant report was revised to emphasise that the “How to” guides had been dropped due to budget constraints. Revised report submitted to the Zero Carbon Community officer; confirmation of grant closure was received with thanks. A new potential grant proposal for the “How to” guide for Forest Garden progress was discussed with the Zero Carbon grant officer, who was very supportive of the idea, A new proposal was developed and submitted.</p>
2207/11	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Cllrs to consider report and to resolve on any actions. Proposal and contract for next year was submitted, this will allow the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>

	<p>Cllr Dear proposed that the contract be approved, seconded by Cllr Goody, all in agreement.</p> <p>The Parish Council formally delegates authority for approval of payment of invoices to Richard Bandy so long as it is in accordance with these milestones and the budgets outlined. The process would be that the invoice would be recommended for approval by Patrick Axon (as chair of the NP committee) to Richard Bandy (as PC representative on the NP committee) who would ask the Clerk to pay the bill. The full PC would be informed at the next PC meeting that the contracted milestone had been reached and payment has been made in accordance with the contracted obligations on both parties.</p>
2207/12	<p>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. Deferred until the next meeting</p>
2207/13	<p>Roads & Traffic To discuss and review traffic and transport issues and resolve on any actions. Speed reduction measures extended to the A1307- money may be available from the new development which would mean that this could be used to extend the speed calming, this would be a cost of approx. £8k. Clerk to find out what the situation is. Cllr McDonald to speak with Highways regarding the speed signs-it was thought that the distance between the signs was not enforceable?</p>
2207/14	<p>General Village Matters and new items for discussion To discuss any other village matters.</p> <p>Two engraved tankards have been purchased to thank the 2 previous Councillors- Chair Stuart Laurie and Vice Chair Rob Attwood- for all their hard work on the Parish Council.</p> <p>Footpath from the school which opens onto Church Lane- this may be a safety hazard as children run through the gates onto the Church road, often leaving the gate swing open into the road. Need to establish if this is a Public footpath or is it on the school land? Look into ways of making this safer.</p> <p>Tree outside the Georg Inn- this tree is in need of some pruning back, however it is not certain who the land belongs to on which the tree stands. Clerk to try and find out.</p>
2207/15	<p>Auditors report. Councillors confirmed that they had read the Auditors report and all approved. Clerk reported that all the documents have now been sent to the external Auditor.</p> <p>FINANCE</p>
2207/16	<p>Receipts (as of 12th July 2022) SCDC Community Chest for Jubilee bench £566</p>

	<p>Public Access link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/0693/TTCA</p> <p>Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: T1 2 x small Sycamore at front - to fell Site address: Yorke House High Street Babraham Reference: 22/0692/TTCA Public Access link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/0692/TTCA</p> <p>Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: T1 Box in adjacent garden (Home Farm) - fell to ground level T2 Row of Beech in adjacent garden on rear boundary (Home Farm) reduce height by approximately 2.5 - 3m down to previous reduction points. Trim back on garden side T3 Sycamore on left boundary - reduce height by approximately 4 - 4.5m. Reduce spread on all sides by approximately 2 - 2.5m. Shape round T4 Sycamore in front - Reduce height by approximately 4 - 5m down to approximately 1.5m below previous pruning points. Reduce spread on all sides by approximately 3 - 3.5m to approximately 1 - 1.5m behind previous pruning points T5 Plum on front boundary - Reduce height by approximately 2 - 2.5m to below adjacent street lamp. Reduce spread on all sides by approximately 1.5m. Shape round T6 Cedar - Fell to ground level Site address: Wyndham House High Street Babraham Reference: 22/0691/TTCA Public Access link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/0691/TTCA</p> <p>No objections raised,</p> <p>Planning decisions (as of 4th July 2022)</p> <p>2207/22 None received</p> <p>Correspondence.</p> <p>2207/23 Items for inclusion in the next meeting CSET coming to the meeting to give update.</p> <p>2207/24 Date of next meeting: Thursday 18th August 2022 at 7:30pm Note later date due to members not able to attend usual date.</p> <p>2207/25 Part II: Confidential Information</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Signature: <i>Anne Charteris</i> 22nd^h July 2022 10 Duxford Road, Hinxtton, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 1RB 01799 531827</p>
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