

Babraham Parish Council:

Minutes 14th October 2021

Present:

Cllr Stuart Laurie
 Cllr Robert Attwood
 Cllr Charlotte Rogers
 Cllr Jane Goody
 Cllr Brian Milnes (Cambridge County Councillor)
 Cllr Peter McDonald (South Cambridgeshire District Councillor)
 Chris Chapman (BRC representative)
 Clerk Anne Charteris

	Part I: Non-Confidential Information
2110/01	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllr Glyn Huskisson
2110/02	To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda None declared
2110/03	To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 26th August 2021 Minutes approved by all Councillors and signed off
2110/04	Exclusion of the public To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. No members of the public present
2110/05	Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed No Members of the public present
2110/06	Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald Report had been received prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors and posted on the website. The Local Plan has now been published and consultation period to begin on the 1st November, there are 4 main areas of development in our region. Details can be found here https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan Afghan resettlement: 5 homes have been provided for them, all in the same area, Cambridge Council providing education Visit South Cambs website- this is now available, it lists local Businesses, details here https://www.visitsouthcambs.co.uk/ Sawston Library The reopening was on Saturday, October 2nd, with an official ribbon cutting ceremony at 10am. The building replaces the original Sawston Library regrettably lost to fire in 2012. Local Gritters- there are a shortage of drivers this year, CCC is looking for volunteers to help grit areas in the village. Also lorry drivers needed so if anyone interested please contact CCC.

2110/07	<p>Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors Brian Milnes and Maria King</p> <p>Report had been received prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors and posted on the website.</p> <p>Main points- Highways: continuing to improve communication between Office and contractors, recognise the need to spend money as wisely as possible.</p> <p>Gulley cleaning- resources and budget increased to improve this service, especially difficult due to frequency and severity of storm events.</p> <p>Councillors asked if a level crossing could be installed at the new housing development on Sawston Road due to the numbers of people, especially children, crossing at this point from the cycleway.</p>
2110/08	<p>Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative</p> <p>Chris Chapman explained that that the name has now changed to Babraham Research Campus Ltd.</p> <p>The Public Art has now been installed and is open- this is sited on the new cycleway which runs towards the entrance at Cambridge Rd.</p> <p>Local Plan: proposed that some land has been taken from the green belt inside the Campus, this will be for Research & Development and more houses for workers. Any development done will be to protect and enhance the setting, the river and increase travel sustainability. This will be done alongside the Babraham Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Recent Planning application- this is due to be determined in November.</p> <p>The overhanging brambles have been removed from the wall in Rowley Lane.</p> <p>Ivy on the flint walls will be cleared and also work is due to commence soon to cut back trees 1m from the wall, dead trees removed as necessary.</p> <p>Cllrs reported that the light on the bridge near Pocket park is out- CC said thatvhe will have his workmen look at it.</p>
2110/09	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>Street Lighting update- refund from Haven of £256 due shortly as they have overcharged us.</p> <p>Free Tree scheme – 6 native trees as whips have been ordered and will be delivered later this year. These to be planted along the High Street and Pocket Park Species order are: Alnus glutinosa (Common alder) x2, Sorbus aucuparia (Rowan) x2 and Prunus avium (Wild cherry) x2</p>
2110/10	<p>Forest Garden Project. Report from Hannah Thomas.</p> <p>Earlier this year, £9835 was awarded from the Zero Carbon Community Fund to BPC to develop a Zero Carbon Forest Garden. This will be on the strip of land beside the River which runs towards the Church, kindly provided by BBT.</p> <p>In May, a Forest Garden designer was commissioned and the design is now complete. The design is very important as the trees should have ample spacing so that it looks spacious but still have lots of trees. Hannah Thomas recently visited the Forest Garden in Falmouth- she met with Simon Miles who designs these gardens and was able to see an example of what the garden could look like and also order the trees and plants. 62 different species will be planted, these include apples , gages and plums but all the species will be edible. Some of the apple trees will be native to the East of England and</p>

	<p>supplied from the East of England Apples and Orchards company. Some climbing plants will be growing up the trees. The planting will only go as far as the Avenue only, so that the view will be retained.</p> <p>The garden will need to be fenced off so that deer and dogs will not be able to enter it- it is important that people have access but as this will be a garden then animals must be deterred as much as is possible. There will be a gate, however access is to be discussed at a later date. It is hoped that the planting of the trees will be done by volunteers and the schoolchildren will be asked to get involved as they are keen to help. This should happen late November/early December.</p> <p>A website will be set up for this Forest Garden and there will also be a link from the PC website.</p>
2110/11	<p>Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) As Glynn Huskisson was absent, this will be deferred until the next meeting.</p>
2110/12	<p>Roads & Traffic</p> <p>Nothing to report this month.</p>
2110/13	<p>Defibrillator</p> <p>CR has now registered the defibrillator; it will be checked every 2 weeks and log kept. It requires some items such as gloves, razor, scissors tec, these will be purchase and put in the cabinet.</p>
2110/14	<p>Review Policies</p> <p>To review and approve, if agreed, Parish Council Policies. No policies this meeting for review, the new Code of Conduct will be reviewed in the next Meeting</p>
2110/15	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Report from Cllr Attwood.</p> <p>We now have the money awarded to us for the Neighbourhood Plan. Need to schedule what is needed to be approved by the team of at present 4 people, 2 more to be added.</p> <p>Hannah Thomas is to be appointed as Project Manager, she will then formalise the Working group and decide their roles. There will be a Public announcement to the Village and a website will also be set up. This will provide data and Minutes of Meetings of the Working Group.</p> <p>There will be consultation with the Village, a Focus group will then be set up which will be in addition to the Working Group and residents will be encouraged to take part. This will gather data from all demographics, The Parish Council were then asked to approve this.</p> <p>There will be a Zoom meeting on the 18th Nov to look at Housing needs, age groups and demographics</p> <p>Proposal- For the initial phase of the Neighbourhood Plan, to formalise a Working Group with Hannah Thomas as lead consultant. All meetings to be Minuted and published on the Parish Council website and on the Neighbourhood Plan website once set up. Proposed by RA. Seconded by SL, all members in agreement.</p>
2110/16	<p>Ox-Cam Arc Spatial Framework Consultation As Glynn Huskisson was absent, this will be deferred until the next meeting.</p>

2110/17	<p>General Village Matters and new items for discussion</p> <p>Bus shelter- thanks given to CR who has painted over the graffiti.</p> <p>History Board -update. GH as sent round an initial wording for the new History board. Need to look into material to make it out of and printers that can do the work. Needs to be weatherproof.</p> <p>Redrow Homes – proposals to divert an existing footpath and create a new footpath/bridleway on our development site at Land South of Babraham Road in Sawston, Cambridgeshire. Plan was available to see this diversion, the path will now be a bridleway and will run round the new development. No objections to this by the PC but it was noted that we would like more notice in future- we asked for an extension as we were only given 2 days to comment on this proposal.</p> <p>Book Cabinet: This has now been painted and ready to put into position.</p> <p>FINANCE</p>																																								
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2110/22	<p>Planning Applications (as of 10th Oct 2021)</p> <p>No applications received</p>
2110/23	<p>Planning decisions (as of 10th Oct 2021)</p> <p>None received</p>
2110/24	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>Janie Thomas – email re Supersize Cambridge- promote the Rule of Law - being eroded by strategic plans done by SCDC & GCP without proper environmental impact assessment or democratic discussion</p> <p>Communities Duty Officer: Flood & Volunteer training available</p> <p>Greater Cambridge Local Plan consultation period</p> <p>Resident complaining of overhanging growth -Flint wall Rowley Lane</p> <p>Emails from SCDC</p> <p>Coronavirus updates</p>
2110/25	<p>Items for inclusion in the next meeting</p> <p>Ox-Cam Link</p>
2110/26	<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th November 2021 at 7:30pm</p> <p>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> 17th Oct 2021</p> <p>10 Duxford Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 1RB</p> <p>01799 531827</p>