

# Minutes of the Babraham Parish Council Annual Meeting

Held at Babraham Primary School Babraham  
On Thursday 21st July 2016 at 7.30pm

	Present	Cllrs S Laurie, Ms C Rogers, Robert Attwood, Chris Chapman Clerk: A Angell														
32	Apologies	Peter Topping Gareth Walker District Cllr T Orgee														
33	Members Declaration of Interests	None declared														
34	Minutes of Meeting held 9th June 2016	Approved unanimously by those present at meeting and signed														
35	Co-opt new Councillor	Jane Goody was welcomed to the Parish Council by all present														
37	Matters arising from previous Minutes	<p>Dockerills yard on the A11 layby- new buildings going up- has planning permission been obtained? Also the piles of dirt are getting very high. TO to be asked at next meeting</p> <p>The George Pub -now opened, all present wished it success</p> <p>Village Hall- no more news at the moment due to time constraints.</p> <p>Speed sign- one showing actual speed and that would also record numbers of speeding vehicles to be purchased, it will use the same post and run on the mains electric. This will cost £2470 but agreed by all that it was worthwhile buying and installing asap.</p> <p>PT to be asked about cycle path and who has rights of way</p>														
38	Public participation	No one present														
39	Report from Tony Orgee	Attached														
40	Report from Peter Topping	To follow														
41	Report from Chris Chapman	<p>New amenities building built, a Research and Development building funded by Imperial College London should be finished in November.</p> <p>Cycle path - Permissive Path agreement done, planning approval given, work should start late summer/early Autumn. Path to join High Street at the layby opposite the George to make it safer for all road users.</p>														
42	Finance	Forms brought for adding new signatories to the bank account														
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43	To consider other matters	<p>Rubbish Pick- August 14<sup>th</sup>. Clerk to book litter pickers, bags etc. Delivered to Clerk. JG to co-ordinate.</p> <p>Maintenance and Grass cutting -new mower needed as the old one is not big enough and getting old. SL has looked at one which cost approx. £900 and it was proposed by SL and agreed by all to purchase one as well as keeping the old going for as long as possible</p> <p>Grass cutting A1307- 2 more accidents, SL has contacted Highways and they had agreed to cut but still not done, This will be chased up.</p> <p>School posters vandalised- no-one could explain this, everyone asked to be vigilant and if anyone in the village knows anything, please contact Clerk or a member of the PC</p>																																
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46	Matters for further discussion & inclusion in next Agenda	<p>Dockerills dite.</p> <p>Cycle path rights of way</p> <p>A1307 safety</p> <p>New bus stop</p>																																
47	Date of next meeting	<b>11<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30.</b>																																



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## Greater Cambridge City Deal

As I have reported previously the City Deal Executive Board initially decided to prioritise two specific road corridors, one of which is the A1307 Cambridge – Linton – Haverhill corridor.

I have also set out my view, shared by many others, that focus on the specific A1307 corridor was too narrow and that there was a need to consider the A1307 and A1301 corridors together in a holistic and integrated manner.

There was a consultation on high level options a few months ago, and there is likely to be a consultation, starting very shortly, on more detailed options. The Parish Council needs to be in a position to comment on these proposals, and so it would be helpful if members had a look at the consultation documents prior to the next parish council meeting.

## Cambridge Access and Capacity Study

The Cambridge Access and Capacity Study is another part of recent city deal work. The City Deal Joint Assembly (2 June) and the Executive Board (9 June) considered and supported consulting on a congestion reduction package. The consultation is likely to run from July to October.

The congestion reduction package incorporates the following:

- \* better bus services and expanded usage of Park and Ride
- \* better pedestrian and cycling infrastructure
- \* better streetscape and public realm
- \* peak congestion control points in the weekday morning and evening peak periods
- \* a workplace parking levy
- \* on-street parking controls (including residents' parking)
- \* smart technology
- \* travel planning.

The Executive Board also endorsed the proposal for a trial implementation of peak congestion control points, possibly on a phased basis in late 2017.

## Devolution

National government has been working with councils and public bodies in a number of different areas in England to look at deals that would transfer responsibilities and funding held nationally to local areas. There is one specific stipulation from national government for any devolution deal, that is, that there would be an elected mayor for the whole area to which responsibilities and funding would be transferred.

The responsibilities and funding that would be transferred in any deal are currently held by national government, so a deal would not change the way each council provides its services to their local communities.

The devolution deal that is being considered for our area covers housing and planning, transport, skills, employment and funding. The main features include handing over a multimillion pound grant to deliver affordable housing, handing over responsibility for

the key road network to the councils, extra multimillion pound funding to invest in transport links, and power and funding for both adult skills and apprenticeships.

National government's original idea for devolution to the area covered the three counties of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk, but the idea of having an elected Mayor for the whole of this area has met with very little support. However, local councils have discussed with national government a proposal to set up two separate areas for devolution: one to be Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and the other Norfolk and Suffolk.

Further work is being carried out regarding the exact details of a devolution deal. The intention is for each local council to meet (probably late in June) to debate the proposals and decide whether to continue with the process and consult members of the public. If so, public consultation is likely to take place from July to October.

Tony Orgee

District Councillor for Babraham

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Peter Topping

County Report

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### Tackling congestion in Cambridge City

I attended the Greater Cambridge City Deal Assembly which voted through a set of proposals which - subject to the CD Board agreeing them - will be consulted on over the summer. The proposals are not a flat congestion charge - which some people want - but a package of closing certain roads at certain times of the day to reduce the amount of short car journeys in the City, a workplace parking levy for firms and businesses over a certain size, and efforts to improve public transport, including dropping the charges for the park and ride car parks, and more funding for village buses. The proposals are quite controversial, especially workplace charging. I want to try to move some of the attention of the City Deal out from its current focus on Cambridge City.

### Devolution

This is about devolving powers from central govt down to Cambridgeshire and Peterboro. One of the possibilities is a sizeable amount of money to be spent on affordable housing mainly in South Cambs and an infrastructure pot. The downside to all this is we would have to have a mayor.

Closer to home....

### Highways Open Day

This is at the Highways Depot in Whittlesford on Monday 27 June from 10.00 to 5.00 and I urge the parish council to send a team to meet highways officers to discuss issues. The advantage is that all the right people are there in one building so if a proposal needed a view say from the policy people as well as the engineers you can get them into one huddle. This is the time to float ideas for the Minor Highways bids which this year need to be in during the summer rather than late autumn. I will chase up on the issue of cycleways crossing entrances to people's houses as not had a reply on that yet.

### Hexcel lorries

The meeting with County Highways and Hexcel went well. There is an article in the Cambridge News that hopefully will keep the pressure on Hexcel to do something about their impact on local villages because of errant sat-nav codes. The company have changed their postcodes after a lot of delay and are now putting up signs that drivers will understand - ie symbols not words.

### Education

There are some major developments proposed for the Whittlesford Bridge area totalling some 80 houses and I am in discussion with the county council about the provision of early years and primary school places in Sawston and Whittlesford as a result. I assume that children from Babraham pretty much all go to the village school. It would be helpful to know if the developments at Belbird and Icknield schools have any impact on Babraham.

### Babraham cycleway

I am told the county are planning a celebratory bikeride - it would be good if this focused on Babraham and will talk to Mike David the cycleways manager about this.

### Street Lighting.

The county's contractors are replacing the lights along the A505.