

Minutes of the Babraham Parish Council Annual Meeting

Held at Babraham Primary School Babraham

On Thursday 10th Nov 2016 at 7.30pm

	Present	Cllrs S Laurie, Ms C Rogers, Robert Attwood, Gareth Walker .Jane Goody Clerk: A Angell District Cllr T Orgee Chris Chapman 3 members of the public																														
90	Apologies	Peter Topping																														
91	Members Declaration of Interests	None declared																														
92	Minutes of Meeting held 13th Oct 2016	2 alterations made, then Approved unanimously by those present at meeting and signed																														
93	Matters arising from previous Minutes	Barclays Bank, new signatories, still not complete, Clerk to chase up. Pocket Park- some Poplar trees need lopping, CR has contacted SCDC to obtain a tree surgeon , however CC has said that Jonah will be inspecting woodland soon and will include the Pocket Park and let the Parish Council know of the outcome.																														
94	Public participation	No members of the public present																														
95	Report from Tony Orgee	To follow																														
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97	Report from Chris Chapman	Sirens will be sounded on the 11 th Nov at 11am to mark the 2 minute silence. New alarms will be installed in the near future to notify emergency evacuation. The cycleway is progressing well and should finish on time. Post and rail and post& wire to be put up to mark the boundary, a hedge will be planted as well.																														
98	Finance	Adding new signatories to the bank account- still awaiting confirmation																														
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99	To consider other matters	<p>New bus stop- to be incorporated into the Local Highways Initiative application along with solar studs, redoing the path and drop kerb.</p> <p>The cycleway- PT confirmed that cyclists have the right of way, residents who live along Babraham Road on the A1307 to be contacted about this.</p> <p>Nnewsletter- RA has compiled the first one, this is now ready to go.</p> <p>Garden area- thanks to Gill Attwood for turning up, Chair commented that members who said that they would attend any such activities should let him know if they couldn't make it as a matter of courtesy to others.</p> <p>Quote has been received and approved to remove the tree stumps so that gthe next stage could begin. Scotsdales would be approached to see if they would donate any plants/shrubs, also Babraham School to see if they would like to donate a tree/shrub for the area. The seat and notice board need some maintenance and repair work- RA volunteered to do these.</p> <p>It was suggested that rather than a telephone box, a Police box could be installed as a mini library, this to be looked into.</p> <p>Welcome packs for new residents was thought to be a good idea, along with a poster/pamphlet showing the walks that were in and around the village. JG to be responsible for taking welcome packs round.</p> <p>The fireworks at both the School and the Pub went well.</p>																				
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101	Correspondence Received	<p>Cambridgeshire Constabulary Panel Meeting</p> <p>Cambridgeshire Acre Parish Council Conference Friday 18 November 2016 at the Burgess Hall in St Ives, from 9am - 1pm.</p>																				
102	Matters for further	<p>Welcome Pack for newcomers to the village.</p> <p>Dog Mess in Church Road</p>																				

	discussion & inclusion in next Agenda	
103	Date of next meeting	12th Jan 2017 at 7.30.

A Angell Clerk

16th Nov 2016

County Council report to Babraham Parish Council: Nov 2016

from Councillor Peter Topping 07825 876582 peterwwtopping@gmail.com

Devolution and the City Deal

The City Deal remains the subject of a lot of opinion and comment. The key thing for South Cambs villages is that much of the work being done (or proposed to be done) on transport infrastructure in and to the City of Cambridge is about making people who live in South Cambs able to access the city without sitting in a long queue of cars. Through ticketing so that people don't have to buy a paper ticket and can transfer it between buses is being explored.

There have also been proposals for Greenway cycle routes out from the City to villages, one of which would extend to Linton, going through Babraham and with some new cyclepaths being built there and going under the A11 to link to Abingtons.

Devolution is about central government transferring responsibilities such as for skills training and big transport infrastructure programmes from Whitehall to a devolved set of local authorities. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is likely to be one such area. For South Cambridgeshire the government will give new money to speed up the building of affordable houses as this is a key shortage. This would not be building on new sites but sites already identified in the current Local Plan, amounting to 2,000 affordable homes. The government is very clear that with the devolution deal there has to be a directly elected mayor that everyone will be able to vote on in May 2017. No Mayor, no government money.

Closer to home

My understanding regarding cyclists and cars accessing roads from driveways is that the cyclist has the right of way.

I have spoken to the Highways Depot about the gritting routes. We should see what the secondary gritting routes look like as it may be more of our roads are covered. I suggest the Parish Council explores with local farmers whether they can grit some key roads and enter into a formal agreement on this.

Cllr Orgee and I have kept up the pressure to ensure Uttlesford District Council does not propose a major new settlement at Gt Chesterford as all the commuter traffic would flow up through our area and roads. The county council are also feeding in their views and issues with the plans.

Traveller caravans occupied land along A505 at Thriplow. This is a field over which a high court injunction was secured in 2009 so it should be quicker to move the nine caravans off. Notice has been served by the enforcement team from the district. The risk is that they will move east along the A505.

Peter Taylor from the Highways Depot is making good progress on pothole filling so keep reporting them as the highways team are on a bit of a roll at the moment.

Ch Insp Sutherland has confirmed to me that the popular e-coppers system is being retained by the police after lots of parish councils said how much they used it to alert residents of local crime trends.

Babraham Parish Council 10 November 2016 from Tony Orgee District Councillor for Babraham

City Deal update - Greenways

The County Council has recently published a report on Greenways - an investigation of potential cycle routes between Cambridge and surrounding villages / towns. The routes considered include Cambridge – Sawston and Cambridge – Linton, and there is a separate appendix for each route.

The City Deal Board made up of representatives of the County Council, City Council and District Council, together with representatives of Cambridge University and the Local Enterprise Partnership, are expected to consider a report about proposals for the A1307 Three Campuses corridor in March 2017, and the Sawston Greenway and Linton Greenway reports may influence what is put forward. I have attached the Greenways Report and the appendices for the Sawston and Linton routes to this report.

City Deal update - Cambridge Access Study and Tackling peak-time congestion in Cambridge

This consultation ended on 10 October, and proved to be very controversial. Officers are now working on all the consultation responses and a further report will be presented to the City Deal Executive Board sometime early in 2017.

Parish Planning Training

The District Council has arranged a programme of Planning Training for parish councillors.

23 November 2016, 1.30 – 4.30 pm National Planning, which will cover National Planning Policy and Guidance venue SCDC , Cambourne

30 November 2016, 6.00 – 8.30 pm Nuts and Bolts of Planning, which covers an introduction to planning for new parish councillors and is suitable as a refresher for existing members venue Sawston Village College

Three meetings have been arranged for early 2017, all to be held at SCDC, Cambourne, and all timed for 6.00 to 8.30 pm

23 January Section 106 agreements, what they are, when they can and cannot be used and examples from round the district

February (at a date to be decided) Policy writing for Neighbourhood Plans

13 March Affordable Housing

SCDC Scrutiny Committee

I am the Chair of SCDC's Scrutiny Committee. In recent meetings we have scrutinised the performance of the Planning Department and continue to receive updates on performance.

At our most recent meeting, held yesterday, we focussed on the Contact Centre, which receives between 12,000 and 16,000 calls a month. We were concerned about the number of calls where the caller rang off before being put through to a call handler, but noted that in the last two months performance had improved. The Committee will continue to monitor the Call Centre's performance. Call Centre staff are trained to be able to answer queries on a range of council services and procedures, and the vast majority of calls are handled without having to pass the caller on to other staff in the council.

Local Highways Improvements (LHI) scheme

The deadline for submitting a bid to the County Council's Local Highways Improvements scheme is 30 November. The new zebra crossing now being constructed on Babraham Road, Sawston is a local example of a successful LHI bid, and is being funded by the County Council and Sawston Parish Council.

The maximum grant available from the County Council is £10,000 and the parish council must contribute at least 10% of the cost.

Winter Gritting

County Councillor Peter Topping has stated in his report this month that he is concerned about the gritting route through Babraham being removed from the primary gritting routes programme. I will support Peter in his efforts to get the route from Babraham Road, Sawston through to High Street, Babraham and to Babraham crossroads reinstated in the primary gritting routes schedule.