

Babraham Parish Council: Minutes of Meeting held 13th April 2023

Present:

Denise Dear; Chair

Damon Stanwell-Smith Vice Chair

Jane Goody

Cllr Peter McDonald

Clerk: Anne Charteris

5 members of the public

	<p>Part I: Non-Confidential Information</p>
2304/01	<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence : Charlotte Boast, Chris Chapman</p>
2304/02	<p>To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda : none declared</p>
2304/03	<p>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 9th March 2023 The Minutes were approved by all and signed</p>
2304/04	<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>
2304/05	<p>Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald Cllr McDonald had sent in his report beforehand, this is available on the website but in brief:</p> <p><u>Bank Holiday bin collection changes</u> The addition of the Coronation to the usual schedule of Bank Holidays for Easter and the two May holidays means that over half the bin collections in April and May will be delayed by one or two days. Bin collection dates can be checked for any postcode in the district at https://www.scambbs.gov.uk/binday , which also provides links to add bin calendars to your mobile phone.</p> <p><u>New Government funding to decarbonise Council homes</u> South Cambridgeshire District Council has successfully bid for £1.7 million Government funding, to continue work to decarbonise Council homes. This will be added to the projects the Council has already started to improve the fabric of its Council homes. It will also support other measures being put in place to help the Council achieve its own and the Government's Net Zero targets.</p> <p><u>English classes for Ukrainians</u> More than 100 Ukrainian guests have learned English to help them settle into life in a new country thanks to classes funded by South Cambridgeshire District Council. The classes have transformed life for the children and adults of all ages and are part of a wider package of support from the Council since families began arriving from war-torn Ukraine</p> <p><u>Public encouraged to add Coronation events to digital map</u> Members of the public and community organisations across the UK have been invited by the government to share how they will celebrate the Coronation on a digital map launched on 4 March. The map can be found on the Coronation website, linked below https://coronation.gov.uk/events/</p>

	<p><u>Cambourne to Cambridge</u></p> <p>The recent County Council meeting on March 21st received a good deal of press coverage for the decision to create a public transport link connecting existing and planned settlements at Cambourne, West Cambourne and Bourn Airfield to Cambridge. There settlements are the best alternatives to development in the green belt, and this clustered development protects the vast majority of South Cambs villages from unsustainable growth. Public infrastructure including good transport links are necessary – and indeed this is a requirement of the local plan and without it the legal planning framework collapses.</p>
2304/06	<p>Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors Brian Milnes and Maria King</p> <p>1. Highways & Transport</p> <p>The condition of Cambridgeshire’s roads and pavements remains a serious challenge. This situation has been building for many years in which the council’s approach was one of ‘managed decline’. However, recent extreme weather has speeded up that decline very significantly. The peaty soil under the road surface has shrunk in hot dry weather, and expanded in wet weather, causing the surface to crater and split. Adding more tarmac to level the surface simply increases the weight and makes matters worse. The severity and extent of the problem is far beyond the maintenance budget of the council, so simply ‘freeing up some money’ is not an option. The council has been actively engaging with the Department for Transport to seek their support and funding.</p> <p>The council used a data interpretation and modelling tool to identify a ‘Safe and Dry’ programme of 115 locations where work was needed to improve flood resilience, and work began on the first fifty of these locations. The council is also undertaking a two-year programme to clean and plot all gullies and surface drainage features to improve highways drainage management into the future.</p> <p>The freezing spell over winter caused many road and pavement surface defects, and failure of pothole repairs. We encourage residents to report faults online.</p> <p>The county council plans to fit street lighting with energy-efficient LEDs. The council spends £3.3M a year on energy for street lights, and this sum will pay back in under six years.</p> <p>The working group on Heavy Goods Vehicles produced a new policy and criteria against which to judge applications for weight limits in villages. A number of applications have already come forward. The new funding pot for 20MPH schemes has attracted a large amount of interest.</p> <p>In autumn the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) consulted on its proposals for improved bus provision and active travel in the Cambridge area, which it proposed to fund through a charge for driving in a ‘Sustainable Travel Zone’ between 7:00AM and 7:00PM on weekdays.</p> <p>The results of the consultation will be published in the late spring, and the GCP needs to listen to the concerns of residents. The current proposals are not fair or equitable for South Cambs residents, and should not be implemented. What is needed is action to address the decades of decline in public transport inflicted by successive Governments and local councils.</p>
2304/07	<p>Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will be attending the neighbourhood plan workshops to represent our Vision document alongside the NP working group presentations. I will be able to answer questions on the contents of the document and in particular anything around the

	<p>elements concerning The Close. We have sent out a letter to all residents of the Close to let them know I will be attending those workshops.</p> <p>My attendance times will be: Wednesday 19th 6pm - 9pm Thursday 20th 6pm – 9pm Saturday 22nd 3pm – 6pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planning applications within the Parish Council agenda pack relate entirely to the tree works and foliage clearance previously reported at BPC meetings. The clearances will be undertaken once the nesting season is completed. • Further improvement works on the River Granta are due to be undertaken over the next six months, dependent upon the Wild Trout Trust availability to carry out those works. We will keep the village updated as we have more information on start dates.
2304/08	<p>Cheveley Park Development Plans</p> <p>Nothing new to report. The development should be available on the web, this will be found and posted once known.</p>
2304/09	<p>Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Cambridge South East Transport (CSET)</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
2304/10	<p>Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed</p> <p>Concern was raised regarding motorists still speeding and swerving into the George driveway, causing a risk to pedestrians. A question was asked as to whether a 2-way speed camera could be put here, Cllr McDonald will contact Police to see if they would do speed checks, this will be looked at as agreed it was a good idea.</p> <p>Another question was if the present speed sign could have the data downloaded and posted on the website.</p> <p>Concern also raised regarding the Cheveley Park development and the development of the houses on the Close. The Neighbourhood Plan exhibition that is being held at the George would be able to answer many questions and everyone is urged to attend to discuss these plans.</p>
2304/11	<p>Forest Garden Project.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forest Garden progress <p>With the exception of two plum trees that were not ready to be uprooted yet, all the 2nd year trees have been purchased and planted in four planting sessions, three with the community and one with the Babraham School children and families via Friends of Babraham School.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Rabbit proofing the north end of the garden <p>The rabbit proof fencing has been completed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Forest garden governance <p>The PC agreed to the governance structure in the March meeting. Key personnel will be identified and a steering committee established.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Funds for Forest Garden year 3 <p>A potential funding body (Plants for A Future: https://pfaf.org/user/cmspage.aspx?pageid=366) has been identified as a potential source of funds and communications with the fund Treasurer suggests that the Forest Garden is eligible.</p> <p>Next steps:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invite membership to the Steering Group and draft ToR for approval of the Group. - Apply for funds for the 3rd year of the project. <p>Invoices for payment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) £407.90 – Invoice from Simon Miles, The Forest Garden, for 2nd year shrubs 2) £1765.10 – Invoice from GA Construction and Groundworks Ltd for rabbit proof fencing construction and materials. 																								
2304/12	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The Local Plan included a call for sites, even if some applications were rejected, it doesn't stop planners re-applying. The Neighbourhood Plan can be used as a tool for rejecting an application. The forthcoming exhibition will give villagers a chance to see the proposal, There will be a formal referendum later this year for the village to agree to submit the Plan.</p>																								
2304/13	<p>General Village Matters and new items for discussion</p> <p>To discuss any other village matters.</p> <p>Kings Coronation: updates</p> <p>A proposed plan for a donation to the village for the coronation would be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree a donation to the village of 500 pounds with respect to Coronation events 2. Donate 250 pounds to the church for Coronation day (May 6th) refreshments at the Church (open during the day) and a small selection of Coronation gifts (to be sourced and chosen from probably Etsy) for village children who visit 3. Donate 250 pounds to The George for selection of Coronation sandwiches and small cakes to be available during their organized funfair. <p>Both will invoice the PC with upper limit of 250 pounds, subsequent to the event.</p> <p>Litter- there has been a lot of litter left at the entrance to Church Lane. Clerk to see if a litter bin can be put here and ask if SCDC will empty it.</p> <p>Next months meeting will be the both the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The APM will give residents a chance to hear updates from the different groups in the village and what has been happening.</p> <p>The Annual meeting of the PC is where Councillors will be re-elected.</p>																								
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	Unity Trust	Bank Charges	£22.20								
	CAPALC	Training	£80								
	YTB	Payroll	£144.00								
	Red Graphic	NP postcards for exhibition	£60.00								
	Zoom subs	Paid by Clerk and payment made	£143.88								
	GA Construction	Rabbit fencing Forest Garden	£2118.12								
	Simon Miles	Plants	£407.90								
	CAPALC	Subs	£202.54								
	Dropbox	Subs paid by clerk and refunded	£95.88								
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2304/18	Applications Received:										
	Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council										
	Proposal: Section 1 Linton Lodge										
	Yew, Box, Yew, Sycamore and 6 x yew cut back all to wall edge - an average of 1.5ms										
	From - The Close to Home Farms entrance										
	3 x Yews, Elm, 3 x Yews , Sycamore reduce laterals over verge by 1.5 m and prune to clear UKPN lines by 1 m,										
	Sycamore - dead fell										
	Elm - dead fell										
	Section 2 along High Street near Sewage Works										
	Sycamore - prune to clear UKPN by 2.5 m										
	Yew - cut back to wall edge by 1m										
	Sycamore - dead 50% pollard at 4m										
	Section 3 - from Home Farms up to hump back bridge										
	Ash - prune to clear UKPN lines by 2.5m										
	Poplar - dead fell										
	Group of Yews - cut back to wall edge by 1m										
	Leylandii - cut back to wall edge by 1m										
	Elm suckers - cut back to wall edge by 1m										
	Sycamore - prune to clear UKPN lines by 2.5m										
	Section 4 from the Bridge to school entrance										
	2 poplars - prune to clear UKPN by 2.5m										
	Sycamore Sucker - cut back to wall edge by 1m										

	<p>Site address: Babraham Research Campus, Babraham Hall High Street Babraham Reference: 23/0335/TTCA Public Access link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/0335/TTCA</p> <p>2304/19 Planning decisions: None</p> <p>2304/20 Correspondence.</p> <p>2304/21 Items for inclusion in the next meeting</p> <p>Date of next meeting: Annual Meeting of BPC Thursday 11th May 2023 at 6:30pm Followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm</p> <p>2304/22 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> 21st April 2023 10 Duxford Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1RB 01799 531827</p>
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