

## LITTLE WILBRAHAM & SIX MILE BOTTOM PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting 2015/5 held in St John's Church, Little Wilbraham on Wednesday 2 December 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs C Tebbit (Chairman), J Torode (Vice Chairman), R Tilbrook, J Bramwell, J Richardson, CCllr J Williams, DCllr R Turner, A Wright, C Anderson

**15/110: Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs D White, P Addecott

**15/111: Open Forum:** A Wright and C Anderson explained their progress on the Church Road site. They had been in consultation with Hastoe Housing Association and Cambridgeshire Acre on the provision of affordable housing on this site. The Parish Council agreed unanimously their support for 5 or 6 affordable houses, which was in keeping with Cambridgeshire Acre's Housing Needs Survey carried out in July 2014, with a mix of 1, 2 and 3 beds and two car parking spaces per unit on site. C Anderson explained that a pre-application for the 5-6 affordable units and one private dwelling would be sent to SCDC Planning Department.

**15/112: Minutes of previous Parish Council Meeting** held on 7 October 2015 were approved and signed as a true record by C Tebbit (Chairman).

**15/113: Declarations of Interest:** 15/119: D White; 15/128: R Tilbrook, J Bramwell

**15/114: County Councillor Report:** CCllr J Williams explained that the County Council's government grant should be known on the 24 December 2015. The government's proposal to allow county councils to use 2% for adult social care in order to prevent bed blocking would not cover the increase required to provide the living wage. £41 million of savings were required next financial year and tough decisions needed to be made on where cuts could be made. School funding was under review by the government across England and Wales and it was hoped that fairer funding in Cambridgeshire would result. It was noted that the Newmarket bus (No. 18) did not come on Tuesday, 1 December 2015 as it had broken down and no replacement available.

**15/115: District Councillor Report:** DCllr R Turner confirmed that the number of District Councillors would be reduced from 57 to 45 by 2018; the wards had not yet been decided. The revised Local Plan had been increased by 500 extra new homes giving 19,500 new homes in South Cambs DC and was now out for public consultation before being sent to the Independent Assessors in the New Year. It was noted that the Local Plan included 1200 new homes (40% affordable housing) north of Cherry Hinton of which 420 homes would be in SCDC and the remainder in Cambridge City plus a new secondary school and Marshall's Wing site would have 1,300 new housing units. A new road may be built between the airport and Coldhams Lane.

**15/116: Broadband:** The Public Meeting in Stetchworth on 23 November 2015 with MP Lucy Frazer, BT, Openreach and Connecting Cambridgeshire was well attended by Little Wilbraham residents. A second meeting with BT and Connecting Cambridgeshire was arranged for Little Wilbraham residents to be held at St John's Church, Little Wilbraham on 11 December 2015 at 11am when it was hoped that confirmation for Little Wilbraham to receive superfast fibre broadband by the end of 2016 would be given.

**15/117: Affordable Housing:** Hastoe Housing had been in contact with landowners to discuss possible sites in Little Wilbraham suitable for affordable housing. The current right to buy discussions by the government were of concern to some landowners.

**15/118: Little Wilbraham Fen SSSI:** C Tebbit was co-ordinating with P Currington and Natural England to ensure the right to shoot on the Fen could be signed.

**15/119: The Pits:** Nick Fison and D White had been asked for a price to cut the hedge abutting Little Wilbraham/Six Mile Bottom Road and Rectory Farm Road which were awaited. It was confirmed that CGM had cut the grass and grass verge at the Pits.

**15/120: Church Green:** A dead tree had been removed by D Taylor with help from J Bramwell and D Thurnham. R Turner agreed to send an invoice for the cost of one replacement cherry tree; the second replacement cherry tree had been donated by R Turner to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.

**15/121: Recreation Ground & Allotments:** J Torode confirmed that he was now working on his allotment.

**15/122: Local Bus Services:** It was noted that there was a Cambridge Dial-a-Ride scheme offering a daily service for City residents and also weekly, fortnightly or monthly services into the City Centre (or destinations on route) from South Cambs Parishes (plus certain neighbouring East Cambs Parishes). It also offered trips to certain supermarkets on designated days of the week. Contact: Johan Williams, Unit B, Rene Court, Coldham's Road, Cambridge CB1 3EW Tel: 01223 506335 website: [www.cambridgedialaride.org.uk](http://www.cambridgedialaride.org.uk)

**15/123: Bi-Annual Statement of Receipts & Payments** (April-September 2015) was approved by all.

**15/124: Annual Budget Review 2015-16** was approved by all.

**15/125: Annual Donations:** Donations agreed by all: St John's & St George's churches (upkeep of churchyards £500); Youth Group (materials and equipment only £100).

**15/126: SMB External Notice Board:** Gill Clifford reported the existing notice board had blown down in strong wind. This board had been wobbly and difficult to see through the plastic windows even after being cleaned. Gill had suggested putting a new board on a wall near to the village sign. It was agreed that Toby Owen would be contacted regarding the re-positioning of a new notice board.

**15/127: SMB Sports & Social Club:** Six Mile Bottom Sports & Social Club had been awarded £1000 from SCDC Community Grant Scheme "to help refurbish the village hall to meet fire and safety regulations" which was good news.

**15/128: Wilbraham's Memorial Hall:** A £30,000 cheque had been sent to the Treasurer of the Memorial Hall. Building works progress was good and currently on time with anticipated completion in Spring 2016. Of the £5,000 pledge mostly taken from S106 monies- £2,200 had been donated as 11% match funding to Amey Cespa; it was agreed that £2,800 could go to the Memorial Hall this financial year as the new building was due to complete in March 2016.

**15/129: Parish Precept and Budget Approval for 2016-17:** The budget was approved and it was agreed unanimously to request an annual increase of £500.00 for the 2016-17 precept giving total precept of £9,500 for 2016-17.

**15/130: Planning Application S/2276/15FL:** 16 Manor Close, Little Wilbraham: 2 storey side extension – refused by SCDC.

**15/131: Planning Application S/2508/15FL:** The Bungalow, London Road, Six Mile Bottom-demolish existing bungalow & erect new house – approved by SCDC.

**15/132: Planning Application S/2668/15FL:** The Windmill, Mill Road, Little Wilbraham-build 2 storey detached outbuilding comprising basement and ground floor-approved by Parish Council and SCDC.

**15/133: Boundaries Review:** Details and interactive maps available at [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk) or [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk). Views to be sent to Review Officer (South Cambs), Local Govt Boundary Commission for England, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London SW1P 4QP by 1 February 2016.

**15/134: Neighbourhood Plans:** It was agreed that such a plan was more suitable for larger villages to help deter planning applications for large housing developments.

**15/135: Correspondence:** CAPALC AGM 10 December 2015 at 7pm at Histon/Impington Village Hall.

**15/136: SCDC/Parish Council Forum** on 14.10.15-Minutes circulated and Liaison Meeting Agenda circulated on 8.12.15.

**15/137: Cheques for signature:** PKFLittlejohn LLP-£120.00; Postage, Cartridges-£44.28; Cambs CC-Great Wilbraham Road improvement-£340.00; Parish Clerk Quarterly Salary-£303.16; HMRC Income Tax-£75.80; CGM grass cutting-£214.20; Wilbraham's Memorial Hall Pledges-£30,000 & £2,800; CGM The Pits grass cutting-£193.20.

**15/138: Parish Council Meetings for 2016: 7.30pm at St John's Church, Little Wilbraham**  
24 February; 11 May (Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Meeting, PC Meeting);  
20 July; 12 October; 14 December

**15/139: Close of Meeting: 9.30pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair) Date \_\_\_\_\_

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