

LITTLE WILBRAHAM & SIX MILE BOTTOM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting 2015/4 held in St John's Church, Little Wilbraham on Wednesday 7 October 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs C Tebbit (Chairman), J Torode (Vice Chairman), P Addecott, D White, R Tilbrook, J Bramwell, County Cllr J Williams, D Bramwell (Parish Clerk), G Wood, P Taylor, M Reeman, B Reeman

15/080: Apologies for Absence: District Cllr R Turner, Cllr J Richardson

15/081: Open Forum: G Wood and P Taylor (SMB Sports & Social Club) explained their disappointment that Wadlow Wind Farm had not provided any funding to help the Club to comply with fire regulations relating to their current seat covering. The Club was not a charity and any deficit would be picked up by their committee members. However, there appeared to be nothing to stop committee members from closing the Club and sharing out any available funds. Currently, there were no plans to apply for charitable status.

15/082: Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 1 July 2015 were approved and signed as a true record by C Tebbit (Chairman).

15/083: Declarations of Interest: R Tilbrook: 15/098, 15/101; J Bramwell: 15/098

15/084: County Councillor Report: John Williams explained County Council had to make savings next financial year due to cuts in Government grants. This would include cuts in childrens' services. The Boundary Commission was looking to reduce County Councillors from 69 to 57 Councillors; decision due by end of 2015.

15/085: District Councillor Report: Robert Turner's report showed new timetable for the Local Plan. Now November 2015 Council meetings to consider work and modifications. Joint Public Consultation in December 2015 and January 2016. In March 2016: public consultation response considered and submission of further work and associated modifications to Inspectors for consideration.

A Boundary Review initiated by Local Government Boundary Commission for England due to unequal growth in parts of the District so some SCDC councillors were representing more electors than others. On 24 September 2015, the Full Council recommended 45 District Councillors - down from the current 57 Councillors. At a Special Council meeting, decision made to elect District Councillors in all-out elections every 4 years. The Review of Ward boundaries was scheduled to start November 2015 with final recommendations published in August 2016 allowing the new Wards to be ready for all-out elections in May 2018. The final decision to be made by the Boundary Commission. It was also decided that Parish Councils would have their elections at the same time as those held for District Councillors so saving election expenses.

Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership (SPEP): following public consultation, work would continue to support this partnership so as to empower communities to run their own energy saving initiatives; membership was free.

15/086: Police Report: Ecops reported that a car had been broken into at Six Mile Bottom Road, Little Wilbraham on Wednesday 30 September 2015 between 2pm and 4.45pm and items stolen.

15/087: New Street Lighting Installation: There was a lack of lighting in two areas on the High Street following the installation of the new street lights by Balfour Beatty. This was due to the removal of two old street lights not being replaced. Unfortunately, Balfour Beatty were not prepared to return to install new lights in these two areas.

15/088: Broadband: An open Public Meeting had been arranged by MP Lucy Frazer with Connecting Cambridgeshire, BT and Open Reach for residents to attend on 23 October 2015 at 4.30pm at Stetchworth. It was agreed that Tony Stead would be nominated as Little Wilbraham's Broadband Champion.

15/089: Little Wilbraham Fen SSSI: R Tilbrook and J Bramwell attended a meeting on 16 September 2015 with Monica O'Donnell, Alec Tompson and Paul Currington at Frog End Farm to resolve the upkeep of the Fen.

15/090: The Pits: It was agreed that the grass at the conservation area at the Pits should have its annual cut by CGM Ltd. It was also agreed that the hedge at the Pits along Little Wilbraham Road should be cut before Spring 2016.

15/091: Affordable Housing: On the 23 September 2015, C Tebbit, R Tilbrook and J Bramwell walked around Little Wilbraham with Ulrike Maccariello (Hastoe), Mark Deas (Cambs Acre) and Rob Clark (Architect) to

identify small parcels of land suitable for affordable housing. This report had been circulated to all Parish Councillors.

15/092: Church Green: A tree near to the Notice Board was now dead. David Taylor had agreed to take down and remove this tree at no cost to the Parish Council. J Bramwell agreed to assist. Approval had been given by SCDC's Tree Officer to remove this tree without a replacement being required due to its closeness to two other trees.

15/093: Recreation Ground & Allotments: Following Paul Lampton taking on half an allotment, he was now keen to take on a full allotment. As all the allotments had been let, J Bramwell agreed that Paul could take a quarter of his allotment. There would be no change to the annual fees for both parties.

15/094: Parish Grass Maintenance: CGM Ltd were continuing to cut the grass verges.

15/095: Local Bus Services 18 (Newmarket) & 17 (Cambridge): No change to current services but the No. 18 Newmarket bus could be axed next year due to County Council cuts.

15/096: Financial Audit Return & Annual Governance Statements 2014-15: The External Auditors had returned this document duly signed and dated with no comments.

15/097: Annual Budget Review 2015-16 –Approved. A letter dated 6 October 2015 had been received from Richard Morley, Treasurer of the Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall thanking the Parish Council for £2,200 (S106 monies), as 3rd party funding towards the £20,000 grant from Amey Cespa.

15/098: Public Works Loan of £30,000 less £25.00 fee was activated on 10 September 2015 for the rebuilding of the Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall. This loan was for 30 years from 10 September 2015 to mature on the 10 September 2045. The payments would be made on the 10 March and the 10 September each year, and the first payment of £788.49 would be on the 10 March 2016. The annual rate of interest was 3.27%, giving an annual payment of £1576.98; slightly less than the budgeted annual sum of £1675.00.

15/099: Primrose Farm Road replacement road sign: Cllr R Turner had reported that the new road sign had been installed by SCDC.

15/100: Planning Applications:

Front extension to 35 High Street, Little Wilbraham (S/2048/15FL) approved by SCDC

3 Station Cottages, London Road, SMB External Insulation approved by SCDC

16 Manor Close, Little Wilbraham (S/2276/15FL) 2 storey side extension refused by SCDC

7 High Street, Little Wilbraham (S/2322/15FL) External Wall Insulation approved by Parish Council

15/101: Tree Application: Removal of 2 dying trees in St John's churchyard approved by SCDC.

15/102: Correspondence: List circulated to all Parish Councillors

15/103: Letter dated 17 August 2015 received from MP Lucy Frazer following the public meeting held at St John's Church on the 4 August 2015 thanking the Parish Council for setting up the meeting.

15/104: Amy Hind, Office Manager to Lucy Frazer highlighted MP Mark Howell to host meeting at Linton Parish Council's office on Friday 6 November 2015 at 11am to discuss Neighbourhood Plans.

15/105: Cheques: Cambridgeshire Acre-£130.32; Parish Clerk-£303.17; Amey Cespa (East) Ltd-£2,200 (11% 3rd party grant funding), Burwell Print Centre-£176.75; CGM Ltd: £438.00-2 cuts July & August 2015

**15/106: Next Parish Council Meeting at St John's Church, Little Wilbraham
2 December 2015 at 7.30pm.**

Meetings for 2016 to be agreed with Parish Councillors at December 2015 Meeting.

15/107: Close of Meeting: 9.25pm

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____

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