

Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom Parish Council

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting 2016/2C held in John's Church, Little Wilbraham at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 May 2016

Present: Cllrs C Tebbit (Acting Chairman), J Bramwell, D Humphrey, P Lambton, J Richardson, G Clifford, CClr J Williams, DCllr R Turner, G Mutton, S Lee, D Lee, C Daunton, R Tilbrook, 4 residents from SMB, D Bramwell (Parish Clerk)

16/032: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs P Addecott, A Stead

16/033: Open Forum: Glyn Mutton from Hill: future housing at Six Mile Bottom

Glyn Mutton had met the Planners at a pre-application meeting to discuss a proposed plan for 53 new houses, including 40% affordable in Six Mile Bottom. Hill's would hold a Public Consultation at the Sports & Social Club, Six Mile Bottom on the 24 May 2016, 3.30pm until 7.30pm. All residents in Six Mile Bottom would receive a flyer from Hill inviting them to attend. At the consultation, residents would be asked to write down their comments.

16/034: Open Forum: Sue Lee explained that a Tea Party was being organised to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on Sunday, 12 June 2016 at 3pm-5.30pm at the Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall. All residents in Great and Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom were invited. It was agreed that, if required, up to £100 would be set aside by the Parish Council for this event.

16/035: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 February 2016 were approved and signed by C Tebbit (Acting Chairman).

16/036: The following Parish Councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Book:

C Tebbit, J Bramwell, D Humphrey, P Lambton.

16/037: The Parish Councillors present voted G Clifford to fill the vacancy by co-option for the Six Mile Bottom ward who then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Book.

16/038: Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: As all Parish Councillors were not present, it was agreed that C Tebbit would be the Acting Chairman for this meeting and the election for Chair and Vice Chair would be held at a future Parish Council Meeting.

16/039: Previous Parish Councillors: R Tilbrook, J Torode, D White and J Richardson, who had all decided not to stand this year, were all thanked for their time in working as Parish Councillors over the years.

16/040: Declarations of Interest: None

16/041: Six Mile Bottom Sports & Social Club: Letter of thanks to C Tebbit and J Richardson, dated 1 April 2016 received from G Wood, Treasurer of the SMB Sports & Social Club following their committee meeting attended by C Tebbit and J Richardson relating to applications for funding from the Parish.

16/042: Broadband and Mobile Coverage: Due to the slow progress in achieving faster broadband in Little Wilbraham, the Parish Clerk was asked to set up another public meeting with Noelle Godfrey, Connecting Cambridgeshire and Andrew Campling, BT to find out their timetable to provide faster broadband to Little Wilbraham residents.

16/043: Parish Grass Maintenance: CGM had cut the grass twice in Little Wilbraham in 2016 but had not been to Six Mile Bottom. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact CGM to arrange for the grass verges in Six Mile Bottom to be cut. Cllr John Williams reported that Cambs County Council would, in future, only be cutting the grass verges on the Little Wilbraham/SMB Road twice a year.

16/044: Recreation Ground & Allotments: As it was agreed that the trees on the Recreation Ground may need a prune this year, C Tebbit agreed to inspect them. It was noted that in Six Mile Bottom, Peter Taylor cut the cricket pitch and pruned the trees.

16/045: The Pits: As Alex Wright had reported that rabbits from the Pits had been eating wheat in his field, two drop boxes were purchased and installed near the top of his field – 5 rabbits had been caught during April 2016.

Robert Turner had installed a barn owl box and was due to scatter wild flower seed at the week-end 14-15 May 2016.

16/046: Church Green: The Green had been damaged by vehicles parking on it over the winter and driving off where BT had dug a trench at the front of the Green to accommodate the new copper wire for Great Wilbraham's broadband and had not re-instated sufficiently. It was agreed that Paul Lambton would look into installing bollards on the Green and report back to the Parish Council.

16/047: Local Bus Services 18 (Newmarket), 17 (Cambridge) & 115 (Addenbrookes)

Newmarket Bus (18) will continue to run during 2016-17; no subsidy required from Parish Council as currently funded by County Council. Hourly service for 115 to Addenbrookes from Park & Ride site at Newmarket Road, run by Whippet for 6 months from 1 April 2016; this service would be reviewed in October/November 2016 by the County Council. The timetable for this new service would be put in the Summer edition of the Warbler magazine.

16/048: Car Parking in Manor Close: Residents, some of whom have more than two cars, would like the grassed area at the top of Manor Close to be replaced with hardstanding for their vehicles. This area is owned by SCDC Housing Department and they would need to be contacted to find out if they would carry out this work. It was noted that Orchard Close, close but not easily accessible to Manor Close, had a car parking area which was under used. Cllr Robert Turner agreed to make enquiries at SCDC.

16/049: Village Notice Boards: Two village notices boards, one in Six Mile Bottom and one on the High Street, Little Wilbraham were now old and had been blown down by strong winds and needed to be replaced. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would obtain an estimate for the 2 notice boards and apply to SCDC's Community Chest for part funding.

16/050: Dog Fouling Signs: Paul Lambton suggested fixing new dog fouling signs to the new lamp-posts in Little Wilbraham. David Humphrey suggested moving the red dog waste-bin from the Church Green to the grass verge near the Public Right of Way path on Primrose Farm Road. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact SCDC.

16/051: Annual Budgets 2015-16 & 2016-17 were approved by all Parish Councillors present.

16/052: Annual Statement at 31 March 2016 was approved by all Parish Councillors present.

16/053: The Financial Regulations 2016 were approved by all Parish Councillors present.

16/054: Annual Governance Statements for 2015-16 were approved by all Parish Councillors present and were ticked, signed and dated by the Chairman.

16/055: Financial Audit Annual Return: Accounting Statements 2015-16 were approved by all Parish Councillors present, signed and dated by the Chairman.

16/056: SCDC Planning Consultation Letter dated 4 May 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that all Parish Councillors would be interested in attending training sessions in the new procedures being set up by SCDC's Planning Department.

16/057: Village Audits: It was discussed and agreed that Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom would carry out village audit walks around the two villages to establish if any repairs and/or improvements were required. C Tebbit to arrange for Little Wilbraham and G Clifford for Six Mile Bottom.

16/058: Next Parish Council Meeting: 20 July 2016 at John's Church, Little Wilbraham at 7.30pm

16/059: Close of Meeting: 10pm

Signed _____ (Chair)

Date _____ LITTLE WILBRAHAM & SIX MILE BOTTOM PARISH COUNCIL