

# Great Wilbraham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Great Wilbraham Parish Council  
Held Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> 2017, 7.30pm at the Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall

- Present:** Stephen Bartlett (Chair), Sally Ramus, Roddy Tippen, Joy Bray and Trish Davis  
The Clerk, Natalie Mulvey and seven members of the public were in attendance.
- 17-18/21 To receive and approve apologies for absence** - Apologies had been received from C Jackman which had been accepted.
- 17-18/22 Declarations of interest and dispensations**
- (a) To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda – None
  - (b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests – None
  - (c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate – None
- 17-18/23 Open Forum for Public Participation (10mins) – None**
- 17-18/24 To sign and approve minutes** – Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May were proposed by J Bray seconded by S Ramus and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to be a true record of events and were duly signed by the Chairman.
- 17-18/25 To discuss well-being and the importance of this for the village**  
*The meeting closed at 7.39pm to hear comments from the public*  
J Bray talked members through the numerous activities taking place in the village, she felt that they should be mapped out and a link network set up. E Adams advised that the Hall Committee would be interested in setting up a drop-in coffee morning. They would like to see if some volunteers would come forward to organise this. J Bray felt the coffee morning would fit into requests raised in the mental health questionnaire, in addition, she believes it is a service being offered by other local villages but appreciated that it would be time intensive to run and would require considerable commitment. She advised that Teversham has a Community Warden Scheme managed by Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This is to support local people aged over 60 to live independently and thought it may be something the Parish Council could consider, in addition, some villages offer community lunches. J Williams raised the carers lunch which is offered once a month in Fulbourn. S Bartlett asked for resident's views on both what the Parish Council should focus on, along with anything that they may not have considered. E Adams asked whether the Parish Council could support the Memorial Hall Trustees with the efforts in community cohesion. S Bartlett reported that the Parish Council has a funding mechanism to support any of the community projects, and would be keen to support where possible. R Turner reported that SCDC would be circulating a package of options available shortly. J Bray felt it was important for all the information to be easily accessible in one area. S Bartlett suggested members allocated areas of responsibility be reinstated as a way of hopefully having areas in the village covered. J Bray agreed to start the list of village activities that could be put on the website in a prominent place. She would work on the concept of a champion for each enterprise/group.
- ACTION: J BRAY
- 17-18/26 To discuss the website and village archive** – P Davis reported that the website was undergoing a revamp. The Parish Council provider had been changed. In the background, a new website is being operating with the aim to more closely meet the needs of the village. There are many community group websites in the village. P Davis was disappointed that this information was not centralised in one location. The Parish Council are considering introducing a Facebook

page. P Davis asked for any views on improving the website. The new website should be launched in around a month and is mobile friendly. P Davis also advised that she would like to start a village archive. She reported that the Cambridge Community Archive Network is a service which records the local history of villages. It records memories, in the form of photographs, written text, audio and video recordings for everyday life. Information on this site cannot be included on the Warblers website. P Davis felt that CCAN presented the information in an attractive format and asked members to have a look at the service to see if they felt it was something the Parish Council should be involved with.

S Bartlett suggested that supporting community groups by hosting their websites may be a way of ensuring all information would be stored centrally.

**17-18/27 To consider the need and options for village cycleways** – S Bartlett reported that a Little Wilbraham resident R McCubbin is working on a notion of the East Cambridgeshire Cycle Link. S Bartlett circulated an aerial view with seven potential routes. R McCubbin has agreed to come to the Parish Council and explain the project. A resident advised that there is a weekly cycle group and raised his concerns about the length of time this project was taking. The difficulties in getting this project underway were discussed, including the major costs involved. J Williams reported that there is a big gap in the area and he is therefore hopeful that some funding will be found from the city deal. R Turner and J Williams agreed that they would do everything they could to support the project. R McCubbin will be forming a group to support and move the project forward as quickly as possible. R Turner suggested information on which land owners would be supportive of the project would be helpful, in addition, evidence of the numbers of people who would use the path.

**17-18/28 To consider traffic restrictions and possible calming measures** – S Bartlett advised that this topic had not been covered at the APM as planned. A resident felt that a clarification on weight restriction regulations should be explained in the Warbler. S Bartlett advised that he had met with Evan Laughlin Cambridgeshire County Council Highways who had expressed his concerns over weight restrictions and believed the best way to resolve the situation was for both villages to work together to look at reducing speed limits. A resident reported that they had spoken to CCF about applications to the Wadlow Wind Farm Community Fund and had established that speedwatch evidence, even if it was historic, could be used to support an application for speeding repeater signs. The resident confirmed that the maximum level of funding that might be received from an application would be £4,500 and the next deadline was 1<sup>st</sup> August. J Williams advised that funding for speeding signs could also be gained from the Local Highways Initiative. S Bartlett explained that funding for the units was only one aspect of the project and would be working closely with Evan Laughlin to propose a way forward.

**17-18/29 To consider whether there is a need to improve signage re dog-fouling** – S Bartlett felt there was a feeling at the APM that although residents supported the signage the images were not quite right.

S Bartlett thanked residents for joining the meeting and their contributions.

*The meeting re-opened at 9.21pm*

It was proposed by J Bray, seconded by S Ramus and unanimously RESOLVED to purchase ten of the glowing eyes signs. The Clerk was asked to approach LW&SMB Parish Council to see if they would be interested in sharing the cost and if they were a purchase ten of the pink fairy signs would also be made.

ACTION: CLERK

**17-18/30 Dates of next meetings**

20<sup>nd</sup> July 2017, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 26<sup>th</sup> April (APM Annual Parish Meeting) and 17<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

**17-18/31 Agenda items for next meeting** – S Bartlett proposed that R McCubbin be invited to the July meeting to present his project. J Bray advised that she start work on a register of community groups and report back. P Davis would report back to members when the new website would be going live. S Bartlett agreed to contact CCF to confirm requirements for an application.

ACTION: S BARTLETT/J BRAY/P DAVIS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.28pm.