

Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom Parish Council

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in St John's Church, Little Wilbraham at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th July 17

Present: Cllr Humphrey, Cllr Clifford, Cllr Stead, Cllr Brunner, Cllr Chennells, Cllr Carter
Clerk, Hayley Livermore
District Councillor Robert Turner. County Councillor John Williams (from 9pm)
Mira Nichols from West Wratting Parish Council
1 member of the public

35/17-18 Open Forum:

Parking in Manor Close has become an issue due to an excessive amount of cars, no designated parking spaces and inconsiderate parking. Cllr Turner to organise a meeting with residents and Lynn Roberts who is the housing officer for the area.

One resident raised the issue of the amount of Lorries travelling through Great Wilbraham and Little Wilbraham. It was noted that it is not illegal for them to travel through the villages and the best way of tackling this is to approach the companies directly and discuss this. Cllr Brunner will discuss this with other councils as he plans to set up a meeting regarding all transport issues.

Mira Nichols who is the vice-chair of West Wratting Parish council attended the meeting. West Wratting suffers from lorries short cutting from the A11 to Haverhill. The junction is in Six Mile Bottom jurisdiction. Cambridgeshire County Council highways would in principle be happy to erect a sign saying unsuitable for heavy vehicle at the entrance to Six mile Bottom Rd to West Wratting. It was agreed that Cllr Brunner will follow up on this.

36/17-18: Apologies for Absence:

None

37/17-18: Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Stead for item 54/17-18

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39/17-18: County Councillor report

1.Consultation has started on a proposed high quality route for cyclists and walkers between Fulbourn and Cambridge city centre via Cherry Hinton and Romsey. Called Greenways it is planned that a number of these routes will connect surrounding villages to the city for commuting and leisure. The aim is to increase local cycling as a means of tackling congestion and promoting the health benefits of cycling and walking. The exhibition for the

Fulbourn route is being held at Fulbourn Primary School from 4.30pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th July. I am pushing for the Greenways scheme to be extended to the Wilbrahams.

2.The Arts Council of England have awarded Cambridgeshire County Council £1million towards the CREATE (Centre for Research and Engagement in Arts, Technology and Education) project to be based at St Luke's Barn on the site of the former St Luke's Primary school, in French's Road, Cambridge. The plan includes rehearsal, recording and broadcasting spaces for local musicians.

3.Also the County Council's Community and Cultural Services will become a National Portfolio Organisation and receive a £694,980 grant from the Arts Council of England for the next four years. The Service has succeeded amid intense competition from organisations across the country in gaining this status. This support will enable a programme of performances, Book Festivals and workshops across the County's libraries. The Council will work to transform library spaces for these activities.

4.Electricity cabling work by UK Power Networks is due to start along Hills Road from Cherry Hinton Road to Brooklands Avenue on Saturday 22 July. It will last about four weeks on Hills Road and two weeks on Brooklands Avenue, Clarendon Road, Fitzwilliam Road and Shaftesbury Road.

5.Over the summer holiday Cambridgeshire County Council is asking for views on closing 30 of its 40 Children's Centres to save £1 million.

40/17-18: To approve the minutes of 10th May 17 and 21st June 17

The minutes of 10th May 17 and 21st June 17 were approved and signed by the chairman.

41/17-18: Planning applications S/2353/17/FL and S/2354/17/LB New window to the existing extension to the side elevation facing garden. Primrose Farm, Primrose Farm Road, Little Wilbraham, Cambridge, CB21 5JZ

The above application was supported with no comments. Proposed by DH, seconded by AC.

42/17-18: Councillor Vacancy

Councillor vacancy was advertised in the noticeboards and Warbler magazine. There were 2 applications. One candidate attended the meeting and addressed the council. The other candidate's application was read out by the chairman. Following a vote Robert McCubbin was unanimously co-opted onto the council.

44/17-18: Update on Grass cutting

We now have a contract with CGM which lasts until the end of the grass cutting season in 2018. Grass cutting has improved and we will stay with the 7 cuts a year at present and review again in the autumn. A litter pick of the villages will be organised.

45/17-18: Six Mile Bottom sports and social club application for grant

Six Mile Bottom sports and social club have applied to the council for a grant to refurbish the club inside. The total cost of the planned works is £9000. The clerk has spoken to SCDC and ascertained that the PC can give the £513 of S106 money earmarked for 'Community spaces' to the Social club. It was agreed to give £1000 on top of this, therefore a total grant of £1513. Proposed by Cllr Humphrey, seconded by Cllr Carter.

46/17-18: Six Mile Bottom Audit

The audit of Six Mile Bottom was completed by Cllr Clifford and a copy has been given to all councillors and the clerk. Cllr Humphrey will post details regarding this to the website. Cllr Carter agreed to complete the audit of Little Wilbraham.

47/17-18: Local Highways Initiative bid

The amount of HGV's travelling along Wilbraham Road was discussed with Evan Laughlin earlier this year and he suggested a bid to the Local Highways initiative to have a weight limit on Wilbraham Road introduced. The clerk reported that the closing date for applications to the LHI is October and a minimum of 10% of the total cost can be offered. It was decided that this was the highest priority in terms of traffic calming in the villages and will be applied for. Details to be finalised at September meeting.

48/17-18: Dog fouling signs

The clerk from Great Wilbraham Parish council has been in contact to ask if the council would like to share an order of the glow in the dark dog fouling signs. It was agreed that there were enough dog fouling signs in the villages at present and these signs were not particularly attractive. Clerk to notify Great Wilbraham PC.

49/17-18: Financial risk assessment

At the internal audit it was highlighted that the current financial risk assessment document was not sufficient and had not been reviewed. Clerk has produced a new document which was circulated before the meeting. This was approved and signed by the chairman and will be reviewed annually

50/17-18: Finance

Parish Council Bank Balances and reconciliation

The bank sheet and bank reconciliation was circulated before the meeting. Bank account has a balance of £28946.03. Spending is in line with budget.

It was agreed to approve the payments of the following outstanding invoices and the cheques were approved and signed by Cllr. Humphrey and Cllr Clifford.

619	Cambs ACRE	Payroll	£95.40
620	Hayley Livermore	Clerk wages	£279.66
621	Six Mile Bottom Sports and Social club	Grant for refurbishment	£513.00

51/17-18: Clerk wages 2017-18

Clerk wages increase every April in line with NALC guidelines. Increase for 17-18 was agreed by the council.

52/17-18: Asset Register review

The asset register was reviewed and agreed that all assets were present and correct on the document.

53/17-18: Report on signs for BMX track/removal of track

Cllr Humphrey has spoken to David White who has agreed to remove the BMX track free of charge. However it was agreed that facilities should not be removed when only a small amount of money for signs required is involved. Therefore it was agreed that Cllr Brunner will obtain a quote for the signs for September meeting.

54/17-18: Parking Manor Close

Discussed in Open Forum.

55/17-18: Items for next meeting

Local Highways Initiative bid
Six Mile Bottom War memorial
Cycling update
Transport

Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 20th September 17

The meeting was closed at 22:20pm

Signed _____ (Chair)

Date _____ **LITTLE WILBRAHAM & SIX MILE BOTTOM PARISH COUNCIL**

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July District Councillor's Report for the Wilbraham Ward 10th July 2017

Local Plan

The Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire local plan examination Hearings Programme is near to its completion. The last items being considered include;

- Transport
- Joint omission sites
- Site visits
- Gypsy and travellers

Omission sites are the six sites on the edge of Cambridge that have been identified as suitable for housing or employment without significant harm to the Cambridge Green Belt.

- Next steps

In August, the inspector provides a draft schedule of modifications to the council including any changes or additions to the council's schedule. In September, officers consider the inspector's draft modifications, engage with lead members and raise any concerns with the inspector informally. The inspector publishes the modification and will ask council to conduct public consultation. If the modifications are considered sound, then our joint trajectory with the city carriers **more weight** in planning considerations relating to the 5 year land supply.

Judgement made concerning the 5 year housing supply.

At the recent parish council liaison meeting, Stephen Kelly responded to a question from Swavesey parish council, who were wondering what effect this judgement had with applications in rural areas outside of the development framework.

In his response, Stephen reminded us that SCDC has a 3.7 yr land supply and that the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has the presumption for development.

Planning permission is a judgement made that considers many things including harm caused to countryside and landscape. In our case, if there is no land supply and no land supply with latitude, the protective countryside and landscape policies have less weight with regard to the NPPF, resulting in less suitable and less sustainable developments being approved. Examples include Linton Road, Balsham and Orwell, Hurdleditch Road.

The scale of our shortfall in housing, no Local Plan and insufficient land supply encourages speculative development as SCDC is almost required to approve development unless harm is determined to be greater.

Fact> 8 houses being build weekly, but the build rate needs to be 18 houses per week, such that SCDC has to build 26 houses per week to catch up!

SCDC Corporate Plan

A listening and engagement exercise is being conducted by council officers to be concluded by August. Informal conversations will be had with residents in the larger villages in the district including Fulbourn, gathering views via an online [comments form](#) that can be completed collectively (from the parish) or individually. The council wishes to encourage people to send in photos or videos that show what is important to them. The information gathered will help councillors and officers to draw up a plan for the next year five year 2018-2023 version. Contact Richard May. Current objectives are;

- **LIVING WELL** Support our communities to remain in good health whilst continuing to protect the natural and built environment
- **HOMES FOR OUR FUTURE** Secure the delivery of a wide range of housing to meet the needs of existing and future communities
- **CONNECTED COMMUNITIES** Work with partners to ensure new transport and digital infrastructure supports and strengthens communities and that our approach to growth sustains prosperity
- **AN INNOVATIVE AND DYNAMIC ORGANISATION** Adopt a more commercial and business-like approach to ensure we can continue to deliver the best possible services at the lowest possible cost

Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder

At the annual Council meeting on 25th May, Cllr Sue Ellington was appointed to the newly created cabinet position for Health and Wellbeing. Research has shown that more than half of all people over 75 live alone and two fifths of all older people say their television is their main company. Social isolation has serious health consequences with 70% of people who are socially isolated suffering depression. With the number of people aged 65+ projected to rise by over 40 per cent (40.77%) in the next 17 years to over 16 million, considerable planning is required to ensure that councils are able to provide the services required including homes and housing, building Community and citizenship, home and residential care and digital inclusion. (Details from AgeUK and The Office of National Statistics)

City Deal update

A new name has been agreed that is hoped to better reflect the objectives of the “City Deal”. We should remember that £500 M was bid for and provided from Central Government to improve Cambridge and surrounding area as part of Cambridge’s expansion and development aspirations for the future.

Greater Cambridge Partnership.

The proposed vision is “Working together, to grow and share prosperity, and quality of life for now and in the future”

It has four objectives;

- Transport – create better and greener transport delivered using big and small schemes
- Housing – accelerate housing delivery with houses for all
- Innovation – making it easier for passengers and commuters to make “Smarter” travel decisions using “real-time” information on road traffic congestion, expected bus and train arrival times etc. A “Travel App” has been developed that has successfully been “Alpha” tested. The app is anticipated to be launched in the autumn after further testing and trialling.
- Skills – Cambridge is a graduate-lead economy. In Cambs, it is more difficult on average to gain well paid work if you do not have a degree. There is therefore an even greater requirement to boost apprentices. This does have the knock-on effect of;
 - Having employers that provide opportunities for apprentices and value them
 - Requiring there to be local training facilities
 - Students that are keen to take on apprenticeships

Greenways.

Greenways 1. Cambridge has planned a network of 12 cycleways radiating out; 6 in place this year and 6 more to be in place next year which extend out 5 miles.

Greenways 2 vision is to extend out the cycleways further to communities beyond 5 miles so as to include Fulbourn and Waterbeach (possibly the Wilbrahams??).

Greenways 3. This vision is to link those cycleways beyond 5 miles, to other villages possibly Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom?

Rural Transport Hubs

This concept is to have car parks at existing bus stops or to increase car park sizes at eg Shrepreth railway station. Of the 105 parish councils in the district, 20 responded with what they wanted with 6, including Shrepreth and Swavesey, having specific ideas of what they wanted. This concept is to encourage commuters to use existing bus and rail services in places where bus operators do not plan to provide a regular “Park and Ride” service.

Expressways

To preserve rural Cambridgeshire, South Cambs District, and the Green Belt, the majority of development is planned in new or existing satellites (e.g. Northstowe, Cambourne). But, to link these new developments, five (5) Expressways are proposed;

1. St Ives – already in place
2. St Neots to Cambridge route – formally the Cambourne-to-Cambridge better busways
- 3 & 4. North/South link – Ely - Waterbeach – Cambs North – Cambs (Central!) Station – Addenbrooke’s – Foxton
5. South –East link – PROPOSED and being discussed Sawston – Linton – Haverhill

The proposed garden village of 5000 dwellings at Gt Chesterford, as described in the Uttlesford draft local plan submission, would raise the priority of transport links, such as Expressway 5. Vehicles to use these are the Bullet Bus or Advanced Very Rapid Transport (AVRT). These vehicles replace the now obsolete “Guided bus” technology! AVRT carry 42 passengers, in a 16 m long driverless carriage, using a dedicated network (think of a vehicle like the shuttle train at Stansted or Canary Warf but which does not run on a track). Being driverless, the costs are lowered enabling the possibility underground (tunnel) travel under Cambridge. Greater Cambridge Partnership and Combined Authority Major to jointly commission an independent “Compare and Contrast” study to judge between the AVRT and light railway options.

