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 24th January 18**

**Present:** Cllr Humphrey, Cllr Carter, Cllr McCubbin, Cllr Brunner

Clerk, Hayley Livermore

District Councillor Robert Turner. County Councillor John Williams

5 members of the public

**101/17-18 Open Forum:**

Residents expressed concern about dangerous dogs in the parish after a recent attack and unsociable activity at The Hole in the Wall car park. The chairman said we have reported this to police and we have asked to discuss with them but have either received no response or been told that they do not have the resources at present. PC will follow up further.

**102/17-18:** **Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr Chennells

Cllr Stead

**103/17-18: Declarations of Interest:**

None

**104/17-18** **To approve the minutes of the meetings 20th September 17 and 15th November 17**

The minutes of 20th September 17 and 15th November 17 were approved and signed by the chairman.

**105/17-18: District Councillor report**

Appended to minutes

**106/17-18: County Councillor report**

Appended to minutes

**107/17-18: Manor Close Parking issues**

No update at present. RT will follow up with Wayne Newman at SCDC.

**108/17-18: Councillor Vacancy**

Councillor vacancy was advertised on the noticeboards. There were 2 applications. Both candidates attended the meeting and addressed the council, however one withdrew their application. Following a vote David Gill was unanimously co-opted onto the council.

**109/17-18: Defibrillator and phone box update**

Kevin Pritchard of KJP Building Maintenance has been asked to refurbish the phone box and common rights holders have agreed to give a grant of up to £400 for the refurbishment which will be gratefully received.

The defibrillator for SMB and cabinets and signs have been ordered for both and an electrician has been found to do the work. It is hoped that these will be in place in the next month.

CPR training will be arranged when everything is in place.

**110/17-18: Police response to drug dealing and dangerous dogs in the parish**

Discussed in Public forum

**111/17-18: Future projects for LW and SMB**

Cllr Carter had obtained quotes for a new climbing frame for the play area. It was proposed that this and The pits would be the 2 projects we will focus on in 2018-19, to be discussed further at next meeting. Clerk and Cllr Carter will investigate funding for the playground and report at the next meeting.

Regarding the LHI bid, Cambridgeshire County council feasibility study has concluded that a weight limit should not be put in place on the Wilbraham Road. The reason they give is that because they believe the majority of the HGV traffic is for local businesses (either located on the road or that need that access to it) and this restriction would not apply to them. Therefore the impact on total HGV traffic by putting a weight limit in place would be small. After discussion with CCC and Cllr Brunner it was agreed that the bid would change to a full feasibility study which can be used to support future applications to the LHI. This will cost £2400 and the council agreed to pay £240 towards this.

**112/17-18: Grounds maintenance 2018 including churchyard and cemetery cutting**

The council received an email from David Lee as treasurer of the PCC. In the past the Parish Council has given a grant to the Parochial Church Council towards the maintenance of the churchyards at St John, Little Wilbraham and St George, Six Mile Bottom. A number of people that in the past have cut the church grounds are no longer able to do this due to other commitments and the PCC asked the parish council either for a grant or to add the churchyards to their current grass cutting contract.

It was noted that St George in SMB is not in the boundary of this parish council. It was agreed to give a donation of up to £500 to the PCC towards church grass cutting. 3 councillors voted for this and 1 abstained from the vote. The donation is subject to receipts for grasscutting from the PCC. This will need to be applied for again and considered each year.

**113/17-18:**

**Finance**

**Cheques since the last meeting**

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| 651 | Safelincs Ltd | Defibrillator | £1137.60 |
| 652 | Safetytec Ltd | Defib cabinets | £944.46 |

**Cheques for signature**

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| 648 | Cambs ACRE | Payroll | £41.40 |
| 649 | CGM | Grass cutting | £125.40 |
| 650 | Burwell Print | Warbler printing | £195.17 |
| 653 | Hayley Livermore | Clerk wages | £279.86 |
| 654 | Carter Jonas | Sporting rent | £1.00 |

**Budget update 2017-18**

The bank sheet and bank reconciliation was circulated before the meeting. Bank account has a balance of £23180 after unpresented cheques as of 22/12/17. Spending is in line with budget.

**Budget and precept 2018-19**

Budget was circulated during the meeting. It was agreed that in future 5% of the precept will be allocated to donations, and 20% will go towards village projects. It was agreed that in order to achieve this as well as the increase in the cost of grass cutting and clerks wages, and to keep healthy reserves, the precept would increase to £11875.

**114/17-18: Grant donation policy**

Deferred until the next meeting. Clerk will circulate a revised policy for consideration.

**115/17-18: Governance and accountability update**

Governance and accountability document was updated with minor changes by NALC in March 17. Noted and adopted by the council. Signed by the chairman.

**116/17-18: Cycling Update**

Regarding the cycle path proposals, Cllr McCubbin heard back from David White regarding various proposed cycle routes, many of the options going passed his property - Hawk Mill Farm. He did not wish to see the current footpath through the farm upgraded to a cycleway due to increase in through traffic and loss of privacy. He also felt that a tarmac cycle path along the droves could suffer damage by agricultural vehicles and the 3m width would be not wide enough for them to fit on. He did suggest a route joining Little Wilbraham Road just south of the A14 bridge. However, this would still require cycling along this busy road over the bridge and crossing the A1303. The various options were viewed on a map and discussed by several of the councillors. No conclusions were made.

**117/17-18: Items for the next meeting**

Manor close

Projects for the village

The Pits

Grant donation policy

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** Wednesday 14th March 2018

**The meeting was closed at 22:10**

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)**

**Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ LITTLE WILBRAHAM & SIX MILE BOTTOM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Appendix 1**

**District councillor report**

Local Plan

After receiving the inspector’s draft modifications, the Council has published the Main Modifications which are available for comments during the public consultation period starting 9am Friday 5th January and closing at 5 pm on Friday 16th February 2018. The 100s of Main Modifications are described in Chapters 5, 6 and 7 of the Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Main Modifications Consultation Report (RD/MM/010). These Main Modifications have been identified by the Inspectors as being necessary in order to make the plans “sound”. Comments will only be recorded for modifications that are in bold underscored type.

 • Land Supply - Of particular interest is “Policy 3: Spatial strategy for the location of residential development” modification CC- MM007 where the method to calculate the amount of land that is suitable and available for housing development, the Liverpool methodology plus 20% buffer, is described. This methodology is used to calculate the five year housing land supply.

• Affordable Housing – There is a modification to encourage more smaller developments so that affordable housing will only be sought in developments of more than 10 houses (11 or more houses or 1000 m2).

• Local Plan Review – a new policy has been introduced so that the Local Plans of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire District Council can be reviewed in 2019 with a view of preparing one joint Local Plan for the two authorities.

 After the consultation period, the comments and a summary, will be considered by the Inspectors who may decide whether any further hearings are required or if any issues need to be revisited. The Inspectors will present their final conclusions in their Reports for each Local Plan. If the reports conclude that the local plans are sound, the Councils can make arrangements for the Local Plans to be adopted, subject to making the Modifications that have been identified by the Inspectors.

Determination of planning applications

Planning applications continue to be decided in accordance with adopted plans. Decision takers can give weight to emerging plans, depending on how advanced they are, how significant unresolved objections are and their degree to consistency with the NPPF. At the moment, the Council can not give significant weight to the Main Modifications (including CC- MM007) in decision making. This re-iterates that we do not have a 5 year land supply so we are still subject to speculative applications. Village Development Frameworks are still effective but have little weight at the present time due to a lack of 5 year land supply.  All details can be found on the web page https://www.scambs.gov.uk/mainmods

Planning Delivery Fund

On 4th December, a £11M fund was made available to encourage more innovation in the design quality of new housing developments, especially Garden Towns and Garden Villages, as well as to provide design advice and support to local authorities.

 A garden town is a development of more than 10,000 homes. Garden villages are

smaller settlements of between 1,500 and 10,000 homes.

 This £11 million is equally split over the financial years 2017/18 to 2018/19, and will be administered under three dedicated funding streams: a Joint Working Fund, a Design Quality Fund, and an Innovation Fund.

 Housing chiefs at South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils say they will look at the funding arrangement in further detail and investigate the possibility of a joint bid between the two authorities.

 Rural Travel Hubs

 Four South Cambridgeshire villages have been proposed as possible areas for new “rural travel hubs” to better connect residents with public transport, walking and cycling routes.

 The three villages being proposed for extra facilities are Oakington, Sawston and Whittlesford. Foxton missed out this time.

 Plans for the three pilot areas will be discussed at the Greater Cambridge Partnership’s Joint Assembly on Thursday 18 January, and Executive Board on Thursday 8 February. If approved, full business cases for two of the rural travel hubs will be drawn up, including expected construction costs. Residents and partners in each of the three areas would then be invited to help shape new facilities at their hub.

 Sawston’s possible hub could see new sheltered bus stops, a drop-off area, secure cycle parking, cycle lockers and 50 car parking spaces. It could be set up to the north of the village, close to the junction of the A1301 and Cambridge Road. This location would help residents benefit from improved connectivity to Shelford Railway Station, several bus routes and the National Cycle Network.

Combined Authority Board.

 On 29th November 2017, Board members agreed funding of £150,000 for a strategic review of commercial, subsidised and community services, which will then be fed into the new Local Transport Plan.

 The 2017 Bus Services Act enables Mayoral Combined Authorities to consider franchising as a potential option for bus service provision. The current situation is that bus services are deregulated and privatized. Local authorities have to tender contracts to run bus services to less lucrative destinations or to provide services at quiet times such at evenings and weekends. This is something that will be fully explored by the strategic review.

The aim of the review is to identify a number of options for medium and long term service improvements. The review will look at wider economic and social benefits of an effective bus service.

Community Awards 2018

Final Reminder.

Nominations for “Community Awards 2018” close midnight 19th January 2018.

Community Chest

So far, £80,000 in grants has been awarded this financial year. Funds still remain so please continue to make applications.

**Appendix 2 County Councillor Report**

1. The County Council has been successful in obtaining £1.3 million from the Department of Transport’s fund for road safety for specific road safety measures along the A1303 Newmarket Road between Stow-cum-Quy and the A11 flyover including the junction with Wilbraham Road. I have asked for a safe crossing at Bottisham for cyclists from the Wilbrahams. Work is due to start this month.
2. The government funding settlement for the 2018/19 Council Tax announced before Christmas made some changes – firstly by increasing the Council Tax increase permitted without a referendum from 1.99% to 2.99%, in addition to 2% for Adult Social Care. However as with this year the Government assumes the County Council will use these caps to the full. Also the amount councils will be able to keep from business rates in future years will only rise to 75% of the amount raised locally instead of the expected 100%, and that no further central funding will be made to cover the local government pay offer of 2% for staff on nationally agreed pay scales, with more for the lowest paid. Unfortunately, the County Council’s administration has so far refused to increase Council Tax by the levels permitted by Government and the current assumption of a 2% Adult Social Care precept and a 0% Council Tax means our projected core spending power actually reduces by 0.8% in cash terms at a time when we are seeing spending on adult social care and children services soar. This can only mean unnecessary cuts to roads, libraries, bus subsidies etc.
3. The County Council has relaunched the Supported Lodgings scheme and is looking for people with a spare room or annex who can support a young person leaving care, aged 16-21. Carers can be from a wide range of backgrounds and walks of life and an allowance of £250 per week is paid to them while they have a young person placed with them. Although the Supported Lodgings scheme requires less intensive support than other types of foster care, carers do need to be able to make time for the young people in their care and show the ability to listen and understand their needs. Carers are also required to offer advice on all aspects of independent living, such as cooking, washing and budgeting. For more information, please contact Cambridgeshire County Council’s Fostering Service on 0800 052 0078 or visit our Supported Lodgings webpage.
4. The Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable have written jointly to advise of changes proposed to policing as the current policing model is no longer sustainable and is hampering the Constabulary’s ability to manage demand. Like forces across the country, Cambridgeshire faces an unprecedented workload and, as a result, officers and staff are working long hours and juggling heavy workloads. It remains committed to working to protect the most vulnerable people and targeting the most serious offenders. But this means the Police must be realistic about what they can and cannot attend, and make some difficult decisions such as not taking a proactive line on speeding. This boils down to having 50 more warranted officers but a big reduction in the number of PCSOs in our communities effective April 2018.