Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom Parish Council

**MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting**

**held by video conference at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th May 2020**

**Present:** Cllr Carter, Cllr McCubbin, Cllr Lane, Cllr Cody, Cllr Humphrey (chair), Cllr Gill, Cllr Tilbrook

District Councillor Claire Daunton

**27/20-21: Open Forum**

Claire Dunton raised several issues arising out of recent local government decisions:

1. South Cambridge District Council is making grants available for hot meals to be provided for the elderly and others in need.
2. Working hours on building sites may be extended to allow work up to 21:00 on weekdays and to take place on Saturdays.
3. A resident of Orchard Close who had recently taken on an allotment found that it was not vacant. Several items, such as two doors, had been left behind. Cllr Cody and Cllr Carter agreed to confer with a view to disposing of the items along with other items left in the churchyard.
4. Park & Ride facilities are being brought back into use from 30th May; further information will follow.
5. New grants are being provided for charities, B&Bs, businesses in share office spaces and SMEs feeding into the hospitality sector. More information will be provided soon. Cllr Gill is aware of one resident of Six Mile Bottom who might be affected by the new grants and will confer once details are available. (Cllr Carter left the meeting at 20:10.)
6. Spaces to Breathe campaign, led by Camcycle, to promote more cycle routes in the light of the COVID19 situation: the Parish Council can apply for an emergency pot of money to assist with more cycling. Funding is limited, and speed of response is of the essence. Claire Daunton suggested that Wilbraham Road between the Primrose Farm crossroads and the A1303 junction near Bottisham Airfield Museum be made one way (heading South West) and the North East bound lane be converted to a cycle path. The pavement alongside the A1310 Newmarket Road could be upgraded. It connects to the existing cycle path that starts at the Bell Road junction. Crossings would be put at both ends to increase safety. It was noted that making a decision to implement such changes without consultation with residents was exceptional, but that the short time available for applications allowed no alternative other than to let the opportunity pass by. It was also noted that alternative means of transport are increasingly important now that the bus service has been withdrawn and its eventual re-instatement is uncertain. After some discussion, Cllr Humphrey proposed and Cllr McCubbin seconded the following proposal, *that the Parish Council supports an application for funding being made to enable the changes to Wilbraham Road as discussed to be effected on a trial basis, which may become permanent or be removed depending on their success. Any longer-term decision will involve consultation in the parish.* The proposition was passed unanimously. Claire Daunton said that the support of the Parish Council will be noted in the proposals which she has already put forward to the funding body.

**28/20-21: Apologies for Absence**- Hayley Livermore (clerk)

**29/20-21: Declarations of Interest**- None

**30/20-21: Covid19 Village Support** – no items other than those already covered in Open Forum were raised.

**31/20-21: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11th June at 19:30 via video conference.

The meeting closed at 20:45.

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

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