

MINUTES OF GREAT WILBRAHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING NUMBER 18

Held at Wilbraham's Memorial Hall on 14th November 2023.

Present: Councillor Hilary Burton; Councillor Andy Martin; Councillor Jens Kolind; Councillor Chris Page; Councillor Dave Crowther; Councillor Rob White .

In Attendance: County Councillor Claire Daunton; District Councillor Graham Cone; District Councillor John Williams.

Members of the public: 7

Members: 7 Quorum 3

Clerk: Mrs S Chambers-Turner

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

290. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor James Harmer

291. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

292. OPEN FORUM

Members of the public were permitted to speak in the open forum and discussed the following:

None

293. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Councillor Kolind, seconded by Councillor Page and resolved that the minutes from meeting 17 held on 12th September 2023 should be approved and signed.

294. DISTRICT AND COUNTY REPORTS

County Councillor Daunton provided a report that was circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. Additionally, Councillor Daunton reported:

- Highways have been made aware of the recent flooding of the Orchard and have provided schematic drawings for the flow towards the ditch in the Cemetery.
- Highways will be carrying out a public consultation early next year for both the double yellow lines at the Carpenters Arms and for the 20mph village wide scheme.
- The application by Ridge Clean Energy for the solar farm Six Oaks, is due to be decided upon this month by East Cambridgeshire District Council Planning Authority. Councillor Daunton is due to attend and speak at this hearing on behalf of the Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom.

District Councillors Hofman and Williams, and District Councillor Cone provided reports that were circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. Additionally, Councillor Williams reported:

- South Cambridgeshire District Council have been served with a Best Value Notice, which requires the Council to demonstrate that they are providing the best value service during the 4 day week trial.

Councillor Cone provided a report, which was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Additionally Councillor Cone reported:

- The District Council have a campaign to prevent batteries going into any of the bins. Nationwide, £150m has been spend repairing damage either as a result of fires from batteries in waste lorries or in recycling plants. More detailed information on the disposal of batteries is available from the District Councils website under what goes in which bin.

295. MATTERS ARISING/CHAIRMAN, COUNCILLORS AND CLERKS REPORTS INCLUDING

- None

296. FINANCE INCLUDING APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

- It was proposed by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Kolind and resolved that the Bank Reconciliation for Sept & October 2023 be approved.**
- It was proposed by Councillor Burton, seconded by Councillor Martin that the November accounts should be paid. Action: Clerk to set up payments for authorisation.**

Method	Payee	Item	Net	VAT	Total
Payments for Tonight's meeting:					
BACS	I Cummings	Lighting the Start	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
BACS	Fulbourn Scout Group	Donation if approved	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
BACS	GCM	Grass Cutting	£794.40	£158.88	£953.28
DD	SSE	Street Lighting	£63.38	£8.53	£71.91
		Grand Total>>>	£1157.78	£167.41	£1325.19

297. PRECEPT

The Finance Committee have reviewed the budget for 2024-2025 and have made the proposal that the precept request should be increased. **It was proposed by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Page and resolved that the Precept request for 2024/2025 should be £37275. Action: Clerk to complete the paperwork and return to South Cambridgeshire District Council.**

298. GROUNDWATER AUGMENTATION OF LITTLE WILBRAHAM CHALK STREAM FROM THE TEMPLE AND FULBOURN SSSI/FEN/NATURE RESERVE

The Parish Council had received a paper from a member of the parish with reference to the groundwater augmentation of Little Wilbraham Chalk Stream, which is available as a supporting document. A request was made of the Parish Council to support the efforts of group in liaison with other relevant organisations to ensure the river continues to flow. The Parish Council agreed in principle that they support the efforts of the group and Councillor White will be the key contact.

299. SCHEME OF DELEGATION

It was proposed by Councillor Kolind, seconded by Councillor Martin and resolved that powers should be delegated to the Clerk to carry out the functions of the Parish Council in the absence of a meeting.

300. GRANT APPLICATIONS

a. It was proposed by Councillor Kolind, seconded by Councillor Page and resolved that the grant application for refreshments for the lighting of the star event should be awarded.

b. It was proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Kolind and resolved that the grant application from Fulbourn Scouts group for the purchase of camping equipment should be awarded.

Action: Clerk to arrangement payment of grant applications.

301. WARM HUBS

It was noted that arrangements have been made for the Clerk to attend the Warm Hub mornings in the Memorial Hall to provide face to face advice to the residents of the village. It was agreed that this would be advertised on the website and Facebook in advance of the warm hub mornings. **Action: Councillor Kolind to make arrangements with Councillor Harmer to advertise.**

302. ENVIRONMENTAL

a. Councillor White reported that two meetings had recently been held with members of WEG to discuss various issues relating to the environment and this will be continuing to help the Parish Council assess the environmental aspects for the village.

b. A grant had been previously requested by WEG for the Nature Recovery Plan and more information has been reviewed. It was hoped that Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom would have discussed the combined funding, but unfortunately this was not possible. **It was proposed by Councillor Burton, seconded by Councillor White and resolved that 2/3^{rds} of the funding requested be awarded to WEG to start the necessary administration, up to a value of £600.** **Action: Clerk to inform WEG of the successful application.**

c. The residents of Frog End have been canvassed about the cherry tree replacements. A meeting is due to be held with a member of WEG to discuss the proposals that have been put forward. **Action: Clerk to contact Highways about the requirements for this area.**

d. The Parish Council lease a piece of land at the top of Butt Lane to a local farmer and it was discussed that this area would be ideal for a wooded area. **Action: Councillor Burton and Councillor White to speak with the tenant to discuss the Parish Councils plans.**

e. The hedge on the lanes has now been trimmed but there are other areas that require maintenance, including hedging that over hangs the pavements which are the residents responsibility. A letter will be composed and will be delivered to the relevant householders.

f. The Parish Council received correspondence from Mr Bond, dated 13 October noting concerns about the potential use of the verge outside his home at Orchard Close as a 'Trodd' for access to Wilbraham Common. It was agreed that the Chairman would respond to Mr Bond, asking for a meeting.

303. ORCHARD

It was reported since the last meeting that the Orchard flooded during the recent heavy rain. It was reported to Highways Flood team who suggest that it is the responsibility of the Parish Council to maintain the ditch as it is privately owned. However, it was agreed that the water is coming from the road surfaces and that this has not occurred until after the ditch was cleared to allow for the surface water to enter from the gulleys and chambers. Further discussions will be held with Highways to discuss the areas of responsibility and investigate solutions to prevent further flooding.

304. PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

None

Tree Works

23/1004/TTCA, S211 Tree Works Notice, 29 Angle End, Great Wilbraham. T1 Alder Dying – Fell, T2 Birch x 2 Reduce height by 1.5-2m. Reduce remaining upper canopy to shape round. T3 Box Elder, reduce height and spread on all sides by up to 1.5m and shape round. T4 Yew – fell. **The Tree Warden agreed that the trees need pruning but would like to see a replacement for the tree that is felled in a suitable area.**

305. HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND CYCLING

- a. It was agreed that no application would be submitted for the 24/25 round of the Local Highways Improvement (LHI) scheme due to the need to have a long term plan, but Councillor Kolind thanked all those involved with making the previous applications.
- b. The 40mph buffer zone LHI is now complete. The 20mph LHI plans have been received but further information is not currently available. The plans for the double yellow lines at the Carpenters Arms have now been reviewed and changes have been made by the Highways team. A public consultation for the double yellow lines is expected in January 2024.
- c. **Councillor Kolind attended a meeting of the AtoB1102 group who are proposing a potential bus route which would complement the current provisions for villages along the B1102. Great and Little Wilbraham were invited to become members of the working group to discuss issues relating to the parishes. It was felt that currently the proposals of the group are focused on B1102 but these will possibly not benefit the community at this stage.**
- d. Councillor Kolind discussed that there was a need for long term Highways matters to be strategic in nature and the village should be consulted as to what they feel is important. Therefore, it was agreed that a public meeting should be held in January to allow residents to raise concerns and make suggestions for improvements including road safety at the school. In the meantime, any incidents including matters relating to the school should be reported to the Clerk so that records can be maintained.

306. JUBILEE BENCH

A quotation for £500 had been received for the installation of the Jubilee Bench. **It was proposed by Councillor Kolind , seconded by Councillor White and resolved that the quotation should be accepted and the contractor instructed to carry out the works. Action: Councillor White to accept the quotation.**

307. SIX OAKS ENERGY FARM

Ridge Clean Energy have now upped the Community Benefit offer to £30k. Discussions are still ongoing with Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom and Bottisham Parish Councils to see how the funds will be distributed.

308. MEMORIAL HALL

- a. Correspondence had been received from the Memorial Hall Management Committee about the finances of the Memorial Hall and whether the Parish Council would consider assisting with the ongoing finances. It was agreed that a meeting would be necessary to further investigate the needs of the Memorial Hall.
- b. Members of the Memorial Hall Management Committee were present to discuss an application to the Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund. It was suggested that match funding would be required to make the application and that a community survey would be distributed to gauge public opinion on placing solar panels on the Memorial Hall. **It was proposed by Councillor Kolind, seconded by Councillor Martin and resolved that the Parish Council would commit £2000 towards placing solar panels on the Memorial Hall.**
- c. It was discussed that in the absence of a Children's Christmas party that £200 would be allocated to purchase presents for the children at the school and Weany Warblers.

309. COMMUNICATIONS

The article for the edition of the Warbler has been produced by Councillor Harmer and with the editorial team.

310. MOTION TO EXCLUDE

That the public (including representatives of the press) be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item No 304 because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Categories 1 & 2 Part 1 Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972(as amended).

311. CLERK RECRUITMENT

It was discussed that no applications had been received for the Clerk position, therefore it was agreed that the Clerk would remain in post.

312. AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Items for inclusion on next month's agenda to be sent to the clerk 7 days before the meeting.

313. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm 9th January 2024 at Wilbraham's Memorial Hall

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