

MINUTES OF GREAT WILBRAHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING NUMBER 20

Held at Wilbraham's Memorial Hall on 27th February 2024.

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

In Attendance: County Councillor Claire Daunton.

Members of the public: 11

Members: 7 Quorum 3

Clerk: Mrs S Chambers-Turner

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

332. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

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

None.

334. OPEN FORUM

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

- The recent flooding of the Orchard and Cemetery areas and to raise questions about burial plots.
- Minutes of last meeting on website

335. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor White and resolved that the minutes from meeting 19 held on 9th January 2024 should be approved and signed as a true record.

336. DISTRICT AND COUNTY REPORTS

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

- The public consultation for the 20mph limit through the village is ready to start and it is expected that this will occur very shortly.
- The school governors in February talked about the possibility of restarting the Stars programme for road safety.
- It is likely that the double yellow lines by the Carpenters Arms is going to happen sometime in March.

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

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

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

- None

338. FINANCE INCLUDING APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

- It was proposed by Councillor Burton, seconded by Councillor Kolind and resolved that the Bank Reconciliation for January 2024 be approved.
- It was proposed by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Burton that the February accounts should be paid. *Action: Clerk to set up payments for authorisation.*

Method	Payee	Item	Net	VAT	Total
Payments for Tonight's meeting:					
BACS	Cambridgeshire Acre	Membership	£54.17	£10.83	£65.00
BACS	Microsoft 365	Subscriptions	£291.50	£58.30	£349.80
BACS	Watch The Dot	Website Support	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
BACS	Mrs S Chambers-Turner	Clerk Salary February			Confidential
		Grand Total>>>	£365.67	£73.13	£438.80

339. FROG END

Two of the new trees to replace the bird cherries on Frog End have been planted, the other two are due to be planted this week, due to their late arrival.

Councillor Martin raised concern over the state of the grass verge at Frog End which was due to the parking of residents vehicles. A letter has been sent to all households in the area to be mindful that this is not a parking area and that the properties can be access from the rear. It was also noted that the verges are being affected by heavy goods vehicles when they mount the kerb wish raised concern for pavement users. The Parish Council wish to explore installing bollards in the area which Councillors Kolind & Martin will investigate with County Councillor Daunton.

340. CEMETERY

A member of the public was present to discuss the Cemetery and to ask questions which included spacing and the water level. During the last few months there has been significant rain fall which in turn has meant that the water level in the ditch was extremely high. The Clerk also raised concern over this as the Cemetery is an active burial area. Presently the water appears to be accumulating in the orchard area, but it is not clear what the status of the cemetery area is as the water is not pooling on the top in the same fashion. It was agreed that should any burials be required in the next few months, that these would be assessed on a case-by-case basis as it is not clear what the water level is in the cemetery, but the site does have a natural descent towards the orchard. To assess this guidance will need to be obtained from a specialist company. Cambridgeshire County Council have been contacted to see what their flooding officers suggest, as this has not occurred until the ditch was cleared to take the surface water from the roads. An on-site meeting has been arranged with the flooding team to see the extend of the flooding and for suggestions to be made.

Action: Clerk to seek advice from ICCM for a company that specialises in drainage of

cemeteries. Councillor Burton to meet with the representatives from Cambridgeshire County Council.

341. POLICIES

It was proposed by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Crowther and resolved that the policies put forward by the policy working group should be accepted as per appendix a. The Parish Council gave thanks to the working group for carrying out this extensive project.

342. ENVIRONMENTAL

- An onsite meeting has taken place with the tenant of the Gravel Pits on Butt Lane. It appears that tenant is not in full agreement with ending a tenancy for this area. However, the Parish Council wish to explore using the area for a Coronation Wood. It was agreed that the Parish Council will give notice to the tenant requesting that the land be vacated at the end of the current Farm Tenancy Agreement which ends in September 2024. Councillor White & Burton will draft a letter requesting the end of the tenancy with the Clerk.
- Access to the Common was discussed and it was agreed that this will be explored with Wilbraham estate.
- A joint meeting has taken place to discuss the Chalk Streams and the river augmentation. It is hoped that the group can work together to lobby politician's to concentrate on the augmentation.
- Councillors Harmer and White on behalf of the Parish Council have undertaken some of the trimming of the area to make it more passable.
- The Parish Council have received correspondence from a resident on Angle End in response to the letters that were sent about vegetation overhanging the pavements. The Council will work with the householder to ensure that the appropriate works are undertaken.
- The footpath at Toft Way has finally been maintained and the Parish Council wish to thank Simon Plumb for carrying out this work on their behalf.

343. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Preparations for the Annual Parish Meeting which is due to be held on 26th March 2024 were discussed. There will be a formal section to provide updates for the residents of the activities of the Parish Council during the last 12 months and then it will be an open discussion held as a full group session. **It was proposed by Councillor Burton, seconded by Councillor Harmer and resolved that a budget of £150 would be set for refreshments.**

344. PLANNING MATTERS

None

345. HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND CYCLING

- A public meeting was held in January on various aspects of highways, transport and cycling which was well attended by residents. It was agreed that a report of the meeting would be published on the website, for those who were unable to attend.

- Councillors Burton and Page have met with the Interim Head of the Primary School to raise awareness of safety issues around the school. It was expressed that the Parish Council are keen to work together with the school to ensure the safety of the children.
- A meeting was held with Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom Parish Council to discuss the possibility of a cycle route that would encompass both villages and link Bottisham and Fulbourn. However, it was suggested that this would need to be taken to Highways for feasibility studies. At this stage this is just a concept to be ready should any funding become available in the future. The next action would be to have informal discussions with Bottisham Parish Council to see if they would be willing to be involved with such a project.

346. COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Councillor Burton brought forward the idea of a Community Warden to support those in the village that required additional support. South Cambridgeshire District Council already have a mobile Community Warden scheme for which an expression of interest would need to be submitted. However, it would be expected that the Parish Council would make a contribution to be able to implement such a service. It was noted that Teversham and Fulbourn had previously used this type of scheme but have since ceased. Councillor Burton will prepare the expression of interest and find out further details.
- A meeting is due to take place in March with the Memorial Hall Management Committee to gain an understanding of how the committee conducts its business and what is needed moving forward from the Parish Council to support this valuable community asset. The Memorial Hall is also launching a 100 club to raise funds, details can be found in the Warbler.
- A Solicitor has been instructed to look over the Community Benefit Agreement from Ridge Clean Energy for the Six Oaks Energy Farm.
- The Parish Council have made an application for a free portrait of King Charles III, the location where this will be placed will be discussed at a later stage.

347. ACTION PLAN

Councillor Burton had prepared a draft version of the Action Plan for 24/25 which was circulated ahead of the meeting. Councillors will prepare any comments for inclusion and return to Councillor Burton in good time so that they can be included in the Annual Parish Meeting.

348. AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

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

349. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm 14th May 2024 at Wilbraham's Memorial Hall.