# **Minutes of the Babraham Parish Council Annual Meeting**

## Held at Babraham Primary School Babraham On Thursday **8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016** at **7.30pm**

	Present	Cllrs S Laurie, Ms C Rogers, Robert Attwood, Gareth Walker .Jane Goody Clerk: A Angell 1 member of the public							
62	Apologies	Peter Topping District Cllr T Orgee Chris Chapman							
63	Members Declaration of Interests	None declared							
64	Minutes of Meeting held 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2016	Approved unanimously by those present at meeting and signed							
65	Matters arising from previous Minutes	Dockerills yard on the A11 layby- A letter has been sent to TO stating that they will only support these plans as long as Chalk Hill Rd is not used for access and as long as the heap of material is not too high. The brambles at the bus stop on the Haverhill side need cutting back, the other places- corner Rowley Lane and near Blacksmiths close have been cut. RA action the bus stop brambles PT to be asked about cycle path and who has rights of way at next meeting							
66	Public participation	Brambles at the bus stop the only thing mentioned							
67	Report from Tony Orgee	To follow							
68	Report from Peter Topping	To follow							
69	Report from Chris Chapman	I am glad to see that the negotiations on the village hall land lease are continuing to be positive and having talked with John Eacott I know the same positivity exists at BBSRC to see this through. Proposed pre-start meeting for the cycle path construction programme, this has been arranged to look at arrangements for CCC and their contractor to be able to carry out the construction of the path and a suitable start date. The meeting is due for September 16 <sup>th</sup> and is purely one between CCC/Contactor/Campus only to ensure the arrangements for construction meet with our approval so as not to hinder everyday business.  After this I should have a start date and for the path and an estimate for completion.							
70	Finance								
	Financial Report as at 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2016	Barclays Premium Business account Current Account Petty cash		TOTAL	£77,020.90 £186.41 £0 £77,207.31				
	Agreed								
	payments	Payment to	Payment		Amount	Cheque			
		Cambs ACRE Babraham School Anne Angell	Room Hi Clerks sa	Subscription Room Hire Aug & Sept Clerks salary Sept		101027 101028 101029			
		HMRC	TOTAL	Tax TOTAL		101030			
71	To consider other matters	Blacksmiths Close – plans armore information is needed	_	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		iouse,			

44	Dockerills yard- they are still using Chalk Hill, email TO again. Clerk.  Cycle path rights of way — need to speak to PT  Speed sign- this is going ahead and has been ordered at a cost of £2470.30 ex VAT. Show the next 4-6 weeks, it will replace the current sign and we will have access to the actual revehicle speeds which we can use to show to Police.  The bus shelter has been cleaned out, SL to contact Peter J Taylor about moving/ replacing Church Lane has now been cut.  PLANNING PERMISSION							
		APPLICATIONS RECEIVED -						
		REF NO	PROPOSAL	AT	FOR			
		S/2273/16/FL	First Floor extension over an existing single storey side extension and new front porch	49 Church Farm Cottages, Babraham	Lynda Turner			
		PLANNING DECISIONS						
		REF NO	PROPOSAL A	т	DECISION			
45	Correspon- dence Received							
46	Matters for further discussion & inclusion in next Agenda	Garden area clear up n Local Highways Initiativ Trees in Pocket Park Welcome Pack for new	ear seat- volunteer day in Oct/Nov ve					
47	Date of next meeting	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2016 at 7.30.	14th S + 2015					

A Angell Clerk 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016

Babraham Parish Council 9 June 2016

**Greater Cambridge City Deal** 

As I have reported previously the City Deal Executive Board initially decided to prioritise two specific road corridors, one of which is the A1307 Cambridge – Linton – Haverhill corridor.

I have also set out my view, shared by many others, that focus on the specific A1307 corridor was too narrow and that there was a need to consider the A1307 and A1301 corridors together in a holistic and integrated manner.

There was a consultation on high level options a few months ago, and there is likely to be a consultation, starting very shortly, on more detailed options. The Parish Council needs to be in a position to comment on these proposals, and so it would be helpful if members had a look at the consultation documents prior to the next parish council meeting.

Cambridge Access and Capacity Study

The Cambridge Access and Capacity Study is another part of recent city deal work. The City Deal Joint Assembly (2 June) and the Executive Board (9 June) considered and supported consulting on a congestion reduction package. The consultation is likely to run from July to October.

The congestion reduction package incorporates the following:

- \* better bus services and expanded usage of Park and Ride
- \* better pedestrian and cycling infrastructure
- \* better streetscape and public realm
- \* peak congestion control points in the weekday morning and evening peak periods
- \* a workplace parking levy
- \* on-street parking controls (including residents' parking0
- \* smart technology
- \* travel planning.

The Executive Board also endorsed the proposal for a trial implementation of peak congestion control points, possibly on a phased basis in late 2017.

Devolution

National government has been working with councils and public bodies in a number of different areas in England to look at deals that would transfer responsibilities and funding held nationally to local areas. There is one specific stipulation from national government for any devolution deal, that is, that there would be an elected mayor for the whole area to which responsibilities and funding would be transferred.

The responsibilities and funding that would be transferred in any deal are currently held by national government, so a deal would not change the way each council provides its services to their local communities. The devolution deal that is being considered for our area covers housing and planning, transport, skills, employment and funding. The main features include handing over a multimillion pound grant to deliver affordable housing, handing over responsibility for

the key road network to the councils, extra multimillion pound funding to invest in transport links, and power and funding for both adult skills and apprenticeships.

National government's original idea for devolution to the area covered the three counties of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk, but the idea of having an elected Mayor for the whole of this area has met with very little support. However, local councils have discussed with national government a proposal to set up two separate areas for devolution: one to be Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and the other Norfolk and Suffolk. Further work is being carried out regarding the exact details of a devolution deal. The intention is for each local council to meet (probably late in June) to debate the proposals and decide whether to continue with the process and consult members of the public. If so, public consultation is likely to take place from July to

**Tony Orgee** 

October.

District Councillor for Babraham

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**Peter Topping** 

**County Report** 

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Report to Babraham Parish Council - June 2016

Tackling congestion in Cambridge City

I attended the Greater Cambridge City Deal Assembly which voted through a set of proposals which - subject to the CD Board agreeing them - will be consulted on over the summer. The proposals are not a flat congestion charge - which some people want - but a package of closing certain roads at certain times of the day to reduce the amount of short car journeys in the City, a workplace parking levy for firms and businesses over a certain size, and efforts to improve public transport, including dropping the charges for the park and ride car parks, and more funding for village buses. The proposals are quite controversial, especially workplace charging. I want to try to move some of the attention of the City Deal out from its current focus on Cambridge City. Devolution

This is about devolving powers from central govt down to Cambridgeshire and Peterboro. One of the possibilities is a sizeable amount of money to be spent on affordable housing mainly in South Cambs and an infrastructure pot. The downside to all this is we would have to have a mayor.

Closer to home....

Highways Open Day

This is at the Highways Depot in Whittlesford on Monday 27 June from 10.00 to 5.00 and I urge the parish council to send a team to meet highways officers to discuss issues. The advantage is that all the right people are there in one building so if a proposal needed a view say from the policy people as well as the engineers you can get them into one huddle. This is the time to float ideas for the Minor Highways bids which this year need to be in during the summer rather than late autumn. I will chase up on the issue of cycleways crossing entrances to people's houses as not had a reply on that yet.

#### **Hexcel Iorries**

The meeting with County Highways and Hexcel went well. There is an article in the Cambridge News that hopefully will keep the pressure on Hexcel to do something about their impact on local villages because of errant sat-nav codes. The company have changed their postcodes after a lot of delay and are now putting up signs that drivers will understand - ie symbols not words.

#### Education

There are some major developments proposed for the Whittlesford Bridge area totalling some 80 houses and I am in discussion with the county council about the provision of early years and primary school places in Sawston and Whittlesford as a result. I assume that children from Babraham pretty much all go the the village school. It would be helpful to know if the developments at Belbird and Icknield schools have any impact on Babraham.

### Babraham cycleway

I am told the county are planning a celebratory bikeride - it would be good if this focused on Babraham and will talk to Mike David the cycleways manager about this.

Street Lighting.

The county's contractors are replacing the lights along the A505.