

Minutes of the Babraham Parish Council Meeting

Held at Babraham Primary School Babraham

On Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7.30pm

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| | Present | Chairman Cllr Ian Kime, Cllrs S Laurie, Ms C Rogers, Robert Attwood Clerk: Mrs A Angell SCDC Cllr A Orgee CCC Cllr P Topping 2 members of the public |
| 91 | Apologies | , Mandy Klein-Moss Chris Chapman |
| 92 | Members Declaration of Interests | None declared |
| 93 | Minutes of Meeting held 15 th Oct 2015 | Approved unanimously by those present at meeting and signed |
| 94 | Matters arising from previous Minutes | Meeting on the 1 st Feb to discuss with BBSRC the lease of the playing field area and possible purchase of small plot of land. S Laurie attending |
| 95 | Public Participation time | Question regarding the cycle path through the Campus. |
| 96 | Report from SCDC Cllr Orgee | <p>SCDC Local Plan / City Council Local Plan</p> <p>The District and City Councils are currently consulting on the outcomes of the further work carried out in response to a request from the planning inspector for further work on key issues.</p> <p>The changes to the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan as originally submitted are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the housing allocation for South Cambridgeshire in the Plan period to be increased from 19,000 to 19,500; • a proposed new housing allocation site in South Cambridgeshire to the north of Cherry Hinton; • taking a portion of land out of the Green Belt in the Addenbrookes area; • returning a portion of land designated for employment use in Fulbourn Road (just in South Cambridgeshire and outside the City boundary) into the Green Belt <p>The public consultation on these proposed changes would run from 2 December 2015 to 25 January 2016.</p> <p>The one controversial element in this consultation is the proposal to take land out of the green belt in the Addenbrooke's area. There was little supporting evidence to take this land out of the Green Belt, at least part of the land could flood and it is very close to the Nine Wells site.</p> <p>A1307 update A report on the A1307 will be going to the City Deal Joint Assembly and Board within the next few weeks. Money has been allocated to tackle congestion issues on this road</p> |

corridor. Possible ways of tackling the problems on this road will be set out in the agenda papers for these meetings.

SCDC Planning

Ian contacted me before Christmas about his negative experiences in trying to contact the planning department at SCDC. I took the matter up with the chair of the planning committee. She was aware of the problems having received other messages of concern and had experienced the problems herself. She was confident that the newly appointed Head of Planning would deal with this problem as a priority.

Wellcome Trust proposals

The Wellcome Trust has just announced details of its vision and initial proposals for expansion of the Genome Campus at Hinxton.

I attended a meeting of Hinxton Parish Council on 11 January 2016, the day of the announcement, to hear a presentation by the Wellcome Trust.

The point was made right at the start of the presentation that there is a traffic problem as of now, with queuing back on all the roads that feed into the Sawston roundabout, with significant congestion on the A505, sometimes as far back as the pet crematorium and queuing onto the M11, and on the A1301.

The presentation made clear that the proposals are at an early stage and detailed work (technical analysis of the site and feasibility testing) will be needed before a master plan and planning application would be submitted 'after 2018'. A timescale of about 25 years was envisaged for the whole scheme, and the presenter made it clear that there would be considerable local consultation.

The land involved, which is all in the ownership of the Wellcome Trust, forms approximately the southern third of the triangle of land bounded by the A1301, A505 and A11

In broad outline the proposals include an expansion of the campus onto the eastern side of the A1301, with closure of the A1301 somewhere near the present entrance. A ring road, broadly semi-circular, would run round the eastern side of the campus, linking up with the A1301 north of its junction with North End Road, and with several roundabouts to provide access to the campus.

The focus for the expanded campus would be on genomics, rather than developing a broad-based high-tech, biotechnology park. There would be facilities for companies ranging from small start-ups to very major companies, so that as companies expanded in size they would be able to move to larger buildings within the campus.

The overall plans, as described, included about 900 houses, built in the area between the proposed new ring road and the A11. It was stated that a 'fair proportion' of these houses would remain on the asset books of the Trust, but that the 'open market calculations' had not yet been carried out.

I have been aware that the Wellcome Trust was developing proposals, and have encouraged them to share their ideas with local councils and residents as early as possible so that we can have the widest possible discussion.

I have updated Sawston and Stapleford Parish Councils about these proposals and will be updating Pampisford Parish Council later this evening. I will try to arrange a meeting between local parish councils and a representative from the Wellcome Trust so that parish councillors will have a chance to raise questions and issues first hand.

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| 97 | Report from CCC Cllr P Topping | <p>1. Local authority budgets</p> <p>The district council and the county council both face difficult decisions about what if any increases in council taxes should be decided for next year. The district has a traditionally had a very low council tax rate, and so it may put the council tax up by £5.00 a year for a Band D property. The county has been offered the opportunity by the government to put its part of the council tax up by 4% because of the costs of adult social care. The county council has yet to decide on that, but may go for a lesser increase of 1.99%. There is a drive to reduce costs within the county, including rationalising the senior officer management structure. The challenge will be whether savings can be realised quickly enough. There is no doubt that the county faces real financial problems, and the audit committee, of which I am vice-chair, was told by our external auditors, PWC, that this county was behind the curve in terms of coming up with a transformation plan to save money and transform services.</p> <p>I Attended two budget related meetings in recent weeks, one to find savings from the Public Health budget, and one to sign off the county accounts. So budgets and their management form a big part of the picture at the moment. The county is trying to see if it can save the lollipop road safety services, and has announced that it will find a way of keeping the streetlights on at night rather than turning them off. I have asked the health team to see if we can save an immunisation nurse post, as the county's immunisation levels are below national levels.</p> <p>2. Local county planning issues</p> <p>Vetspeed submitted further information at Christmas in support of their bid for the Pet Crematorium energy from waste plant on the A505. The County Council is inviting comments by 31 Jan but the matter will not come to the County planning committee until 10 March 2016.</p> <p>3. Highways</p> <p>I met senior county highways engineer, Emma Murden before Christmas. Now that Mike Cooper is leaving at the end of this week, the contact for highways work is Evan Laughlin, the district highways manager. He does not yet have someone working to him in Mike's old role, but he is recruiting a replacement for Mike who starts mid-January.</p> <p>Emma was keen to stress the importance of logging everything on the county council's on-line reporting system. NB When the system reports a matter as closed that simply means the job has been allocated, so it is worth keeping an eye on progress.</p> <p>I discussed the parish council's desire to see the footpath leading away from the bus stop resurfaced and would be prepared to pay towards it. Emma said she would provide an estimate of costs (which I have forwarded to the parish clerk) and confirmed that the county would be willing to do that work. I suggest getting some other quotes, although a third party contractor will need to satisfy the county that the work will be done to a suitable standard as the liability for the foot path remains with the county.</p> <p>I have been told that the cycleway crossing the Institute's land is now with the Babraham Institute governance and that Chris Chapman has been working closely with county cycling officers to get this through.</p> <p>I will be attending a briefing from the county on their plans for the full length of the A1307. I also attended a meeting with the representatives of Smithson Hill who are seeking to develop a bio-tech/agritech site on land to the south east at the McDonalds roundabout at Sawston. The interesting thing to note is they are trying to find ways of putting together an improvement plan for local transport along the A505.</p> <p>I have said to the county that if you want to push "community resilience" and having people doing more things for themselves, you have to make it easier for that to happen, especially when the village is paying for it. I have put forward a proposal for a seminar for</p> |
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| | | <p>local PC clerks to build a better knowledge base of how to take projects forward with the county.</p> <p>4. In other news...</p> <p>There is a consultation on the county's libraries, including the mobile library service, and it will be important that people comment. Previously savings have been made from back office support, management costs, a more self-service approach, some service reductions and other efficiencies across the service. Now, the Library Service has to make some tough decisions and the Council is asking people for their opinions about the options. Proposals include a combination of reducing opening hours at larger libraries, reducing management and professional staff and spending less on new library stock. Other options are still being discussed by the Council, including budget proposals for the Mobile Library Service and possible changes to Archives and Local Studies. Although current options do not include transferring the running of any of the 32 libraries to the community at this stage, this may still be an option the following year when even more savings are needed. The Consultation which can be found online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraryconsultation and closes on Monday, 15 February. I am attending a meeting on 2 Feb at MP Heidi Allen's office in Westminster with managers from both Abellio and Network Rail to move forward proposals for a footpath under the A505 linking Whittlesford rail station through to Duxford.</p> <p>Congestion charge - the district council is considering whether a congestion charge in Cambridge should be considered at some point in the future once better public transport was in place. The plan would be to use some of the revenue from the charges to improve public transport.</p> <p>Wellcome Trust plans for the Sangar Institute at Hinxton. There are proposals to build 1,000 houses as part of the 25 year plan to develop the site. Not surprisingly this has met with dismay locally. Hinxton are keen to join in any Neighbourhood Plan work with other local villages. This area is also facing a agri-tech site proposal on what would have been the Hanley Grange site.</p> <p>As County Council health committee member I have raised concerns about the ending of the UnitingCare contract to provide services for older people across Cambridgeshire. The impact on the local health economy of the deficit (that has been created by the failure of the contract) of £8.4m needs to be understood. I have been interviewed on regional TV to voice these concerns.</p> |
| 98 | Report from Mr C Chapman BRC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Permissive Cycle path. CCC have submitted the planning application for the path. The PP agreement between CCC and BBSRC has been completed but not signed off yet. · BPC (Stuart representing?) is due to meet John Eacott of BBSRC estates to discuss the cricket field and adjacent land. I have been invited (by John) to attend that meeting and have accepted the invite. · Public art bench. Currently being manufactured, awaiting delivery date from Chris (Nangle) so that we can have site prepared in readiness. · Social amenities building contract underway and completion will be end of November. · Imperial College London building (B900) well underway with foundations completed, pre-cast in place and half of the steel frame structure is up. Another November completion date. · The Eddeva building (B920) completed on December 21st 2015 and is fully let with tenants moving in to the building over the next three weeks. · Flood alerts/warnings. Recent alerts did not result in flooding into the campus or onto surrounding meadow/grass land. I hope this was also the case for the village. We continue to monitor river to ensure there is no hindrance to river flow (especially at the |

weirs and under bridges). As part of our general estate maintenance we continue to cut back overhanging trees both for good tree management reasons but also to ensure clear water flow through the section of the river running within the estate boundaries (pocket park to ford bridge at end of Rowley lane). This should also have positive knock-on effects to the upstream village side.

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| 100 | To consider other matters | <p>Drain flooding at Brick Row/High st To be monitored Village Maintenance Contract CR is send round to councillors for approval at next meeting Precept agreed to keep the same as last year, Clerk to send in form Chairmans resignation- at end of meeting- thanks given for his hard work over the years. Footway to bus shelter -look at options and costs. HMRC & Accounting clerk to see about whether the 2 councils costs could be incorporated</p> |
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| 102 | Correspon- dence Received | Oak Lane traffic- lorries Safeguarding Adults & Mental Capacity Act newsletter Cambridge & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group newsletter Networks regarding assistance on offer to vulnerable customers. UKCommunity Gritting Scheme |
| 103 | Matters for further discussion and inclusion in next Agenda | Village Maintenance contract |
| 104 | Date of next meeting | 11th Feb 2016 at 7.30 |

A Angell Clerk

21stjan 2016