

Minutes of the Babraham Parish Council Annual Meeting

Held at Babraham Primary School Babraham
On Thursday 9th June 2016 at 7.30pm

	Present	Cllrs S Laurie, Ms C Rogers, Robert Attwood, Gareth Walker District Cllr T Orgee Clerk: Mrs A Angell													
16	Apologies	Peter Topping Chris Chapman													
17	Members Declaration of Interests	None declared													
18	Minutes of Meeting held 12th May 2016	Approved unanimously by those present at meeting and signed													
19	Matters arising from previous Minutes	<p>Dockerills yard on the A11 layby- new buildings going up- has planning permission been obtained? Also the piles of dirt are getting very high. TO will look into this.</p> <p>The George Pub -hopefully will be opening soon, RA has cut the grass at the front of it, Notice board- RA has varnished and repaired it.</p> <p>CR reported that the bus shelter needs replacing, she will look into possible options.</p> <p>The garden area at the Jonas Webb statue - this will be looked at during the winter-clearing and replanting. Garden design schemes to be looked at- perhaps something the school children might like to do? The bench and phone box purchase will be thought about at the same time.</p> <p>Village Hall- BI not prepared to sell the land but would lease for 40 years for a peppercorn rent. There would be no 5 year break but there would be a strategic breakpoint- compensation for devaluation for reducing value. This would only be for the plot of land for the hall, not the field. The transfer of the lease of the Cricket field to the village would proceed,</p>													
20	Public participation	No one present													
21	Report from Tony Orgee														
22	Report from Peter Topping														
23	Report from Chris Chapman														
24	Finance														
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25	To consider other matters	<p>Rubbish Pick- July 10TH Clerk to see about litter pickers, bags etc</p> <p>Maintenance and Grass cutting contract- tender received from Chris Morris, this was accepted subject to Public Liability and waste carriers license in force.</p> <p>Disussion on items for Local Highway Initiative- lower the kerb, solar lights and path improvement at the bus stop.</p> <p>Right of Way of the cycle paths where it crosses in front of driveways - ask PT and Cyclists riding on road rather than cycle path- note to institute, clerk to action.</p> <p>Grass cutting A1307- contact Highways</p> <p>Radar speed signs - get costings</p>																																								
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13	Correspondence Received	<p>Speed reduction Wheelie bin stickers 50 for £43.50</p> <p>.....</p> <p>....</p> <p>Babraham School deciding to change to academy</p> <p>.....</p> <p>....</p> <p>A1307, Three Campuses to Cambridge - Initial Ideas for bus and cycle links</p> <p>The Greater Cambridge City Deal is working to improve travel for people across the city</p>																																								

		<p>region. We welcome your views on initial ideas for bus and cycle improvements in the A1307 area.</p> <p>We would like to invite you to a briefing about these initial ideas on Tuesday 14 June 2016 from 6-7pm in the Kreis Viersen Room, Shire Hall, Cambridge, CB3 0AP.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>I am writing to let you know your residents can access this support service if they need to. Disability Huntingdonshire (DISH) gives welfare benefits advice and provides advocacy and information to people (children and adults) with disabilities.</p> <p>DISH is a small registered charity with 3 part time members of staff and 2 volunteers. It has been in existence since 1991. They provide home visits for the housebound, office based interviews, and a telephone helpline. They assist families and individuals to obtain the resources that can lift them out of poverty and enable them to live independently. They particularly help with filling in applications for Attendance Allowance, Personal Independence Payments or Disability Living Allowance (child). They are willing to address groups and explain their service, which includes interviewing people at their office in Papworth where there is Disabled Access and free Car Parking. If people are housebound, they can make home visits. Contact them on: 01480 748 168 or 0330 3553 256 (landline rates for mobiles). Your contact is Audrey Gatford.</p> <p>I hope this information is useful - you may wish to include this in your parish magazine.</p>
14	Matters for further discussion and inclusion in next Agenda	
15	Date of next meeting	14th July at 7.30.

A Angell Clerk

15th June 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' parking)
- * 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 October.

Tony Orgee

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 lorries

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 to 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.