

Minutes of the Babraham Parish Council Annual Meeting

Held at Babraham Primary School Babraham
On Thursday 11th August 2016 at 7.30pm

	Present	Cllrs S Laurie, Ms C Rogers, Robert Attwood, Gareth Walker .Jane Goody Clerk: A Angell
48	Apologies	Peter Topping District Cllr T Orgee Chris Chapman
49	Members Declaration of Interests	None declared
50	Minutes of Meeting held 21 st July 2016	Approved unanimously by those present at meeting and signed
51	Matters arising from previous Minutes	Dockerills yard on the A11 layby- A letter has been received re the site. They have had discussions with TO and the County Council to work with the Parish Council and are addressing issues with the intention of working towards a formal planning application. The Parish Council will write a letter 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. Clerk to action. The George Pub -now opened and seems to be doing well. Village Hall- meeting with J Ecott on the 1 st Aug. Positive meeting where the lease was discussed - overall plan is to lease for 50 years, an extended period of undisputed tenancy of 20-25 years , with an option of taking back the land only in peculiar circumstances or an emergency. Rent will be standard rate. There would be a buffer zone next to the road in case the road needed widening in the future. The land would amount to approx. an acre with a play area near the trees. Rent and planning permission to be decided. Grass cutting- the new mower has been purchased and is very effective- it mulches the grass so no need to collect and dispose of the grass cuttings. This was an ex-demo model so was purchased at a reduced figure of £825 inc VAT The grass along the A1307 has at last been cutm the brambles at the bus stop on the Haverhill side need cutting back and also some other places- corner Rowley Lanr and near Blacksmiths close also need cutting. RA to look at and see what needs doing. PT to be asked about cycle path and who has rights of way
52	Public participation	No one present
39	Report from Tony Orgee	To follow
40	Report from Peter Topping	To follow
41	Report from Chris Chapman	To follow
42	Finance	Forms brought for adding new signatories to the bank account
	Financial	

	Report as at 30th June 2016	Barclays Premium Business account		£77,020.90	
		Current Account		£1,517.27	
		Petty cash		£0	
			TOTAL		£78,538.17
	Agreed payments	Payment to	Payment for	Amount	Cheque
		The Mower people	New mower	£825.00	101024
		Mrs A Angell	Clerk's salary August	£73.60	101026
		Chris Morris	Grass cutting	£250.00	101025
			Total		£1,148.60
43	To consider other matters				
44		<p>PLANNING PERMISSION</p> <p>APPLICATIONS RECEIVED -</p> <p>REF NO PROPOSAL AT FOR</p> <p>PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED -</p> <p>REF NO PROPOSAL AT DECISION</p>			
45	Correspon- dence Received				
46	Matters for further discussion & inclusion in next Agenda	Dockerills site. Cycle path rights of way A1307 safety New bus stop			
47	Date of next meeting	8th Sept 2016 at 7.30.			

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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.