

LITTLE ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 24 April 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Abington Institute, Great Abington

Present. Mr Brunning (Chair), Mrs Scoffings, Mrs Simmons, Mr Lightning, Mr Pritchard, Mrs Dalton (Clerk).

In attendance. Cllr Orgee. Four members of the public for part of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Mr Ellis, Mr Adams.

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2017.** Agreed.

3. **Matters arising not on the agenda.**

- **E-banking.** Progressing PP
- **Cambridge International School.** Meeting with the Acting Principal on 25 April. PB
- **Traffic island A1307 and drains at top of High Street.** No update.
- **Worsted Lodge waste site / Complaint from Babraham Parish Council.** Cambs County Council confirmed a planning application is being prepared. Preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment will extend timescales. The company that runs the site has asked for more information about lorries using minor roads. The Clerk has kept Babraham Parish Council up to date.
- **Pavement High Street.** No evidence of any progress.
- **Bus shelter Cambridge Road** Queensbury have inspected the shelter. They confirmed it is safe. The quotation for repairs is approximately £1100.00. The Clerk has made a claim against the insurance policy. Outcome awaited. CLERK
- **Quotes for cutting Protected Roadside Verges** Carry forward. DL
- **Granta Park footpaths and noise.** There have been more comments about noise. The footpath map is awaited. The parish council chairmen are due to meet the GP management team soon. PB
- **The A1307 Parishes Forum** is due to meet soon. PB
- **Tree in Church Lane.** SCDC have confirmed that the tree is diseased and they will make arrangements to fell it. LAPC might wish to consider replacing it. Carry Forward

4. **Declarations of interest.** None

5. **Finance and Compliance**

5.1 **Receipts to current account.**

The Clerk submitted a claim for a VAT rebate.

SCDC precept April-Sept 2017	£ 8410.00
TOTAL	£ 8410.00

5.2 **Payments**

Mrs Simmons proposed payment of all items on the agenda and Mrs Scoffings seconded. This was unanimously agreed.

Mrs G Dalton Clerk salary, STO April 2017	£ 237.34
Abington PCC Churchyard grass cutting	£ 550.00
Abington Institute Room Hire Jan – March 2017	£ 79.00
TOTAL	£ 866.34

5.3 Finance Report:

- **2016-17 draft accounts.** The draft accounts were agreed subject to internal audit. Significant variances were noted for reporting purposes.

5.4. Audit and compliance

- **2016-17 Audit Arrangements.** The Clerk is due to submit the files on 29 April. Mr Gutteridge confirmed his fee would be £23 an hour. The Parish Council agreed this was acceptable.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning applications: <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/services/planning-applications>

- **S/1141/17/FL Perse School Playing Fields. Extensions to existing shelter.** The Parish Council recommended approval without referral to the SCDC Planning Committee.
- **S/1205/17/FL. 39 West Field. First floor extension and porch.** This application was not on the SCDC website. The Parish Council recommended approval without referral to the SCDC Planning Committee. It assumed the householder was aware of any covenants on the property and any requirement to obtain additional approval.
- **S/1279/17/TP Tree works. 57 Church Lane.** The Parish Council had no objection to the proposed works. It would rely on the expert advice and knowledge of the Trees and Landscape Team. However it was noted that work was carried out relatively recently by the previous occupier.

6.2 Planning updates/SCDC decisions.

Several applications on the SCDC website still appear to be awaiting decisions. Some date back to October 2016.

Mr Pritchard left the meeting at 7.25pm to attend the Abington Institute AGM.

6.3. Local developments.

- **Agri-tech Park.** There will be a public exhibition about proposals for a development on the A505 near Sawston on 16 and 17 May. Cllr Orgee advised it would be a substantial development adjacent to a proposed large housing development near Hinxtun. He recommended attendance.

7. Highways, traffic, village environment

Footpaths Discussions about the closure of the path through Hall Farm in Great Abington continue. Great Abington Parish Council is having preliminary discussions with the landowner about the possibility of establishing an alternative route.

8. Reports from local authority representatives

Cllr Orgee (South Cambs District Council)

Cllr Orgee gave a brief verbal report noting the imminent Cambridgeshire County Council and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough mayoral elections. The County Council election would be based on the new electoral divisions. He pointed out that electoral boundary changes for parliamentary constituencies would not come into effect until 2020 and so the existing constituency boundaries would apply for the General Election in June 2017. He said no more A1307 Local Liaison Forum (LLF) meetings would take place until after the General Election.

9. Correspondence.

Items requiring action have been circulated. The Clerk received papers from the A1307 LLF meeting held on 6 April. PB and KS had attended

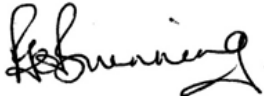
10. Any Other Business/ Items for next agenda.

- AOB: None
- Carry Forward: PRVs, Replacing trees.

The meeting closed at 7:40 pm

**Next meeting: Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 22 May 2017
starting at 7.15 pm. Abington Institute, High Street, Great Abington.**

Signed



Parish Council Chairman

Date

22 May 2017