

Great and Little Abington Parish Councils Liaison Group Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting held from 7:00 to 8.35 on Monday 26th September 2016
Venue – Abington Institute

Present: Bernie Talbott, Gaynor Farrant, Jane Bowen, Pennie Zimmern,
Paul Pritchard, Sally Simmons, Peter Brunning

1.	Village Coach trips	Trip to Felixstowe on 29 ^h July very successful, with a full bus (bar two late cancellations) & a good mix of people. Budget – same again next year.
2.	Highways and Traffic: a. A1307 b. Local Highways Improvements c. Cycleways d. Footway on old A11 (Bourn Bridge – Granta Park)	A1307 City Deal consultations complete, report expected in New Year. Local Transport SmithsonHill report available – http://www.smithsonhill.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/2016-06-23-Community-Consultation-Report-v5.2-1.pdf . PT had suggested asking for progress/status report. LHI 2016: Newmarket Road/Bourn Bridge Road – speed limit etc. BT & PB met Highways – progressing design but unlikely to get all we want. JB suggested moving the chicane on Pampisford Road to the 30 sign & lighting it. NB need to check progress of expected CIS planning application. LHI 2017: confirmed bid for High Street village centre 20 MPH zone. <i>Need help from school and other businesses.</i> PB/BT to meet school. BT to draft support note from Institute and suggest similar from others. Budget – same again next year. Cycleway through Babraham Institute starts soon, completes by end 2016. Wishlist: better route through Babraham Farm and to Linton (problem crossing A1307). Footway: could possibly be funded by S106 from Granta Park – useful for their joggers and visitors.
3.	Committee on Abington Housing / Local Plan: a. status, discussions with landowners b. Allotments – status c. Knock-on effect on school places	High Street decision expected at planning committee meeting on 7 October. Other sites still not ready to submit. Allotment lease should be extended once Linton Road planning permission granted. Bancroft Farm may be decoupled if controversial. No S106 requested for school expansion for High Street development. PB/BT to discuss with Head. BT gave a brief update on neighbourhood plan for former LSA area. Area has to be formally agreed first!
4.	Recreation Ground – general, tidy up, risk / inspections, play area fence	Advisable to wait to see if new fence could possibly be funded by S106 money. Needs to be a little higher than current one to deter dogs.

5.	Community Orchard – needs someone to steer it	We should approach a few likely people for recommendations. Some names mentioned.
6.	Granta Park / TWI .	GP has several projects under way or imminent. Illumina & Amenity building – quiet CFA piling under way. Illumina requires demolition of old nursery. Gilead well advanced; old building re-let subject to modification Nursery building – temporary portakabin almost ready, planning application expected for new building on site 1. Noise issue – almost certainly TWI. Provide as many reports as possible to confirm source.
7.	Police – lorries at Four Went Ways – raised with police and Highways	No action expected. Suggest tweeting pictures of problems to Highways / Police. PP has seen 6 lorries parked along north end of Newmarket Road: a serious hazard in hours of darkness. Lorries parked on roundabout confuse drivers who go wrong way round!
8.	Footpaths action group (BT)	No progress
9.	Parish Plan update – do we need a plan / team?	No progress
10.	Abington Green: SPEG (Energy) event – 29 October	Exhibitors and speakers identified by PB/RS. Draft schedule being planned. Volunteers required for leaflet distribution and on day.
11.	Effect on PC budgets for 2017-18	Items noted are Coach trip & LHI – as this year.
12.	Any other business	Flooding – questionnaire. Mainly GA school and school annexe. Some local storm flooding – including sewage backup due to lack of proper storm drainage. Some concern about insurance implications if highlighted. Note maps on http://maps.environment-agency.gov.uk/ seem quite accurate. Parking on verges / pavements seen as tricky to enforce; may even be better than alternatives in some places.
13.	Date of next meeting	Provisionally 12 January 2017 6:30pm (LAPC turn to pay)