

Great and Little Abington Parish Councils Liaison Group Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting held at 6:30 on Thursday 12th January 2017

Venue: Abington Institute meeting room

Present: Bernie Talbot, Stephen Johnson, Gaynor Farrant, Peter Brunning

Apologies: Sally Simmons, Paul Pritchard

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| 1. | <p>Highways and Traffic:</p> <p>a. A1307 – Several serious recent accidents noted. PB attended a meeting at Shire Hall to set up a GC City Deal ‘Local Liaison Forum’ (LLF). Terms of reference based on an existing LLF were discussed, with membership to be 1 or 2 reps from parish councils with a direct interest in (on or close to) the A1307 and possibly others with no other representation (science parks have other access). Tony Orgee nominated as chairman, John Batchelor as vice-chair. PB is keen for LAPC to take part but not available for first meeting – on 20/2 (19:00-21:00) in advance of City Deal Assembly meeting on 1/3/2017.</p> <p>b. Cycleways <i>Path through Babraham Institute</i> – from roundabout to village, completing the off-road path along A1307 from Addenbrookes to Abington. Formal opening on 3/2 – cycle from Whittlesford VH to Babraham Institute and back. <i>Greenway proposal:</i> http://www.gccitydeal.co.uk/citydeal/news/article/70/city_deal_welcomes_greenways_review</p> <p>c. Local Highways Improvements: 2016: Newmarket Road/Bourn Bridge Road – speed limit etc. – need to chase progress 2017: High Street village centre crossing & possible 20 MPH zone – BT & PB to meet panel on 30/1</p> <p>d. Possible future targets for footways: old A11 (Bourn Bridge – Granta Park); Pampisford Rd (top of High St – Cutting Rd)</p> |
| 2. | <p>Committee on Abington Housing / Local Plan:</p> <p>a. Planning Status for preferred sites High St – approved, site preparation started Linton Rd – application to review at GA planning meeting on 23/1</p> <p>b. Bancroft Farm – PVAA/LGS planning status in Local Plan Tony Orgee will assist SCDC at local plan examination on 18/1; PB to liaise</p> <p>c. Linton Road / Kennels Marc has instructed lawyers to object to application; BT fixing meeting with Hill</p> <p>d. Former LSA / Strawberry Farm Planning committee split vote but deferred decision after difficult meeting</p> <p>e. Allotments – all running smoothly</p> <p>f. Knock-on effect on school places Education Dept. do not see an overall shortage of places so did not request S106 funds. Head of GAPS and Tony Orgee are putting forward special case to ED.</p> <p>g. Potential projects for S106 funding Rec projects, notably play area fence, are possible. Need to draw up list of others.</p> |
| 3. | <p>Community Orchard – now that the site is agreed, we urgently need to identify leader to initiate planning and management</p> |

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| 4. | <p>Granta Park / TWI planning: Illumina/Amenity, Gilead, Nursery buildings: all now proceeding smoothly; minor complaints from neighbours (vibration, dust) addressed Noise issue: TWI identified the source of the increased noise and have agreed to take action</p> |
| 5. | <p>Recreation Ground – potential projects agreed to be possible S106 options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • play area fence – probably multi-coloured recycled plastic palisade fence (plastic posts) • ‘pump track’ proposal for bikes (see proposal from Guy at GAP school) generally agreed <p>Trimming back trees and hedge on west side is planned</p> |
| 6. | <p>River – pollution incident (blue dye) BT & PB to meet with Anglian Water on 24/1 @ 14:30 (Institute)</p> |
| 7. | <p>Footpaths action group (BT) – no leader identified – possible topic for parish plan</p> |
| 8. | <p>Parish Plan review – we need a plan / team Previous plan available: http://www.theabingtons.org.uk/parish-councils/parish-plan/</p> |
| 9. | <p>Abington Green: Energy event last 29 October. Generally thought to have been successful, with a good attendance. SPEP / Repair Café: We should consider an event in Abington later in the year on Saturday with café open – morning or perhaps a bit longer. PCs could provide venue, as Energy Day. Richard S and John E have had some initial training in repairing. There are keen repairers out there and other events in the area. See http://circularcambridge.org/repaircafe PB to check out potential liability – not thought to be major issue.</p> |
| 10. | <p>WWII Re-enactment proposal – suggested by resident, with example of event at http://www.friendsofcanalmuseum.org.uk/#/village-at-war-2016/4591537411 (see video)! Neither PC has any enthusiasm for this idea – it’s generally not thought to be a good location for such an event. PB to email resident.</p> |
| 11. | <p>Any other business – Community Awards Agreed to propose Valerie Silvey editor of A&H News for Village Hero (BT) and Village Shop for Outstanding Local Service/Amenity (PB) <i>Added post-meeting:</i> Abington Woods for Outstanding Youth Initiative Well being Award for Forget Me Not Club – Anne Hall</p> |
| 12. | <p>Date of next meeting – 6th July 2017</p> |