

# Great and Little Abington Parish Councils Liaison Group Meeting

## DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting held at 6:30 on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Venue – Abington Institute meeting room

Present – (GA) Bernie Talbot, Pennie Zimmern, Gaynor Farrant,  
(LA) John Ellis, Suzanne Pattinson, Peter Brunning

1.	<p><b>Highways and Traffic:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A1307 City Deal – Further meetings of Local Liaison Forum including public meeting showing revised plans; will go to board and public consultation in New Year Bourn Bridge Road no longer listed as a possible site for Park &amp; Ride – they want a larger site in Four Went Ways area.</li> <li>b. Local Highways Improvements: 2018: Submitted proposal for safety improvements: interactive school signs (&amp; possible 20 MPH zone) at school, children at play signs at Ivan Clark's Corner (LA), yellow lines in GA (Lewis Crescent, Mortlock Gardens) [Some parking is by contractors working on houses; they have been asked to desist.]</li> <li>c. LA pursuing 'gate' and village sign on Bourn Bridge Road</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Committee on Abington Housing / Local Plan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. High Street – largely complete, availability early 2018, affordable houses to be handed to SCDC in Feb-Mar period. Total 20 dwellings</li> <li>b. Linton Road (south, next to allotments): development approved, settling details of noise mitigation at kennels.45 dwellings, community orchard</li> <li>c. Bancroft Farm – no visible progress, status of field in Local Plan unknown</li> <li>d. Strawberry Farm approved – 8 dwellings</li> <li>e. Linton Road (north) – application for outline permission for 8 dwellings.</li> <li>f. Former LSA Neighbourhood Plan, if approved, would provide up to 55 new dwellings, probably over a long period.</li> <li>g. S106: Cambridgeshire EA has not requested funding for school expansion as they believe there is space for all <i>catchment area</i> children. Much regretted by T Orgee, who spoke in favour at Linton Road planning meeting. Potential projects for funding: Pampisford Road has achieved £10K for institute and 54K for Rec (Play area, MUGA). Likely Rec projects for Linton Rd S: Zip wire, Pump track, perimeter running track. More projects needed for other sites</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Community Orchard</b> – planning and management needs to start soon. L Rushmore will need a team to support this.</p>
4.	<p><b>Recreation Ground</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• play area fence agreed, obtaining detailed quote;</li> <li>• pump track' proposal for bikes – tree survey ordered,</li> <li>• MUGA – seeking public input (not very successful so far),</li> <li>• quotes for perimeter fencing repairs pending,</li> <li>• perimeter track best considered with pump track as it's a similar job;</li> <li>• S106 spending (see above) needs to go via GAPC, with small contribution from LAPC;</li> <li>• audit arrangements: suggest use same auditor as PCs.</li> </ul> <p>Some discussion about possible new, additional, bins and bin emptying; it was recommended that a contractor be appointed to empty bins. Based on current costs, this might cost ca. £2000 / annum and therefore be a major cost necessitating a substantial increase in Rec Ground precept in future years.</p>

5.	<p><b>Granta Park / TWI:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Residents' access to Granta Park – access via main gate working well; no progress on public access via other entrances. The new gym is due to open in January and a promotion event is expected to be held in the Institute during December (tbc). Membership may include the use of other entrances to the Park.</li> <li>b. Cricket pavilion – gym section to be converted to offices</li> <li>c. Illumina, Amenity, Nursery buildings – all progressing. Illumina building very black!</li> <li>d. TWI Noise – no recent progress. Fewer complaints but still sometimes obtrusive.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Footpaths</b> – perimeter path on Rec but no other ideas for new paths; GF will investigate pedestrian access on some of the equestrian paths; dog fouling not seen as major issue by most of those present/</p>
7.	<p><b>Parish Plan review</b> – no progress</p>
8.	<p><b>SPEP / Repair Café</b> – thought to have gone well. Recommend R Smith decides on date for the next one!</p>
9.	<p><b>Future Village Initiatives</b> – some tidying of footpaths and overhanging hedges (especially road signs) might be useful. Any other ideas? [LAPC is doing an informal survey of potential tree hazards near public footways and paths]</p>
10.	<p><b>Any other business</b> Speedwatch: LAPC is re-starting checks and buying signs. PB suggested that signs could also go in GA, notably near school. Agreed that we need to check with Highways team. LSA Neighbourhood plan: now needs transport plan (expensive) but still hope for referendum before April 2018.</p>
11.	<p><b>Budget items for precept:</b> Bus trip as usual, possible bin emptying costs for Rec Ground in future years. (Speedwatch signs this year from reserves.)</p>
12.	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> 24/5/2018</p>