

Hinxton Parish Council: Minutes of Meeting held 13th January 2025

Present:

Ceri Williams

Sarah Robinson

Hugh Taylor

Andy Brown

Mike Boagey

Anne Charteris-Clerk

Peter McDonald District and County Councillor

Members of the Public: 4

	<p>Part 1 : Non confidential information.</p>
2501/01	<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies received and approved from Chis Elliott.</p>
2501/02	<p>To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda None declared</p>
2501/03	<p>To elect new Chair. Ceri Williams was proposed as Chair by Hugh Taylor and seconded by Andy Brown. All in favour.</p>
2501/04	<p>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 11th November 2024 and Minutes of Extraordinary meeting held 16th Dec 2024 Both sets of Minutes were approved by all and signed off.</p>
2501/05	<p>Exclusion of the Public. To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the Public excluded. The discussion re Village Hall design contracts was to be taken at the end of the meeting.</p>
2501/06	<p>Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald. The report can be found in full on the website, but in brief <u>Grants for Improving the High Street</u> A new £200,000 grant scheme has been launched to boost the heart of communities across the district. Grants of between £5,000 to £20,000 per project are available to rural businesses, community groups and Parish Councils across the district. The scheme aims to improve the look of local high streets, promote rejuvenation, encourage residents to shop locally, and to attract more local businesses to the area. The grant can cover a wide range of projects such as renovating shop fronts, street art, new benches, hanging baskets, interactive family fun trails, street cleaning, local maps or new signs. The scheme is part of the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Scrutiny of council and partner services . https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/uk-shared-prosperity-fund/improving-the-high-street-grant Anglian Water & EA In the October meeting we were visited by representatives from Anglian Water, the Environment Agency and the County Council to examine the state of drainage, flood control and pollution mitigation. This followed some extraordinary failures in recent months including sewage outflows in Fowlmere and Ickleton in the spring/summer and an alarming rate of discharge into our watercourses across the district.</p>

Unsurprisingly, serious questions were asked about these incidents. Anglian Water have since agreed to regular meetings with local representatives to avoid a repeat of these incidents.

Pilot Employment Hubs

The pilot Employment Hub project now has 3 locations in place to support people who have been unemployed for some time due to a long-term physical/mental health condition or a disability. One of these is at the Melbourn Hub, provided by Citizens Advice. Funding has been allocated for 1 year.

Cambridge Biomedical Campus Development

On 23rd October the Cambridge Biomedical Campus Landowners' Collaborative Group offered an update on our long-term development aspirations for the sustainable development and expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

Residents and stakeholders at the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Community Planning Update meeting heard that the outline concepts, which are at their earliest stages, put Addenbrooke's Hospital at the heart of a wider vision to meet health and community needs across the Cambridge Biomedical Campus site.

The recording and slides are here:

<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/about-us/news/cambridge-biomedical-campus-planning-update/>

Other items of interest were that Parish Councils can register any assets of Community Value, eg if a pub is put up for sale and it has been registered, the community can then enact the Community Right to Bid, which gives them a moratorium period of six months to determine if they can raise the finance to purchase the asset.

Empty houses: there are currently approx. 2,500 homes standing empty. These may become liable to double tax next year.

SCDC is planning a 4.9% rise in Council tax to help plug the gap of £34 million

2501/07

Updates

- a. Wellcome Trust Campus Development. Members of the Parish Council are arranging an informal meeting with Urban and Civic to discuss the development and any issues that have arisen. Date to be confirmed.
- b. Village Hall extension: Andy Brown has asked James Tipping from SCDC Planning dept for some up-to-date figures, considering inflation and costs.
Stage B has increased from £67k to £81k
Stage C has increased from £491k to £593k, these may increase again in the future.
- c. Wetlands Committee. Next meeting is on the 26th Feb
- d. Playground. The repairs have now been done and new goalposts put in.
- e. Quiet Lanes. Mike Boagey has been liaising with Duxford PC re this proposal. It was proposed to do a walk through with Councillors from both villages, then a survey of road users both when the lanes are open and then again when shut, considering all users. A Quiet Lane may not necessarily mean no vehicles, but a chance to make the area better for all users and cut down speed of vehicles.
- f. Bus Service in the Village. Nothing new to report
- g. Highways. Clerk has applied for the Local Highways Improvement grant for a 20mph speed limit throughout the village, including Hunts Lane and this to be one way.
- h. War Memorial. Work has been booked to re-do the lettering, clean the Memorial, and straighten the railings. This will be done later in the Spring/early summer depending on suitable weather conditions.
- i. Neighbourhood Watch- cctv cameras in the village. Nothing new to report. An article was put in the Hinxton News to see if anyone was interested in starting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, but no interest shown as yet.
- j. Weir- meeting to be arranged
- k. Wi-Fi in Village Hall- now installed and working.

	I. Biodiversity Policy- deferred as this will need to include any work done on the Village Hall. m Hinxton News. Katie Love has stepped down as co-editor.																											
2501/08	Public participation time. 15 minutes allowed																											
2501/09	New items for discussion and correspondence. Meeting with Urban & Civic on the 15 th Jan 2025: discuss questions to ask at the meeting. Complaint about the new roundabout from Ickleton resident. Clerk responded to say that we had been in talks with U & C prior to this being built, but nothing could be changed. Plans for piece of land behind the Hall: this is on hold until after the Village Hall has been decided on. Add to the May Agenda for possible discussion.																											
2501/10	To discuss Precept for 2025-2026, using Budget. The Precept was discussed and agreed to stay the same at £16,585. This is the third year that it has not been raised. Proposed by HT and seconded by CW. All in agreement.																											
2501/11	FINANCE Bank Balances at 2nd January 2025 Current A/C : 5240.78 Business /AC : 41,548.79 Village Hall sec 106 /AC £5406.49 Total: £52,196.06																											
2501/12	Payments for approval- 2 months for regular payments. All agreed and invoices signed off. <table><tr><td>Clerk/HMRC</td><td>salary/tax/ ink/paper /WFH expenses</td><td>confidential</td></tr><tr><td>Microsoft</td><td>Storage</td><td>£70.56</td></tr><tr><td>Hugo Fox</td><td>Website</td><td>£71.98</td></tr><tr><td>Playsource</td><td>Playground repairs</td><td>£3938.40</td></tr><tr><td>Electric/Gas</td><td></td><td>£127.32</td></tr><tr><td>MD Landscapes</td><td>Grass cutting</td><td>£260</td></tr><tr><td>S Lotte</td><td>Hinxton News</td><td>£150</td></tr><tr><td>K Love</td><td>Hinxton News</td><td>£50</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk</td><td>Wreath</td><td>£25</td></tr></table>	Clerk/HMRC	salary/tax/ ink/paper /WFH expenses	confidential	Microsoft	Storage	£70.56	Hugo Fox	Website	£71.98	Playsource	Playground repairs	£3938.40	Electric/Gas		£127.32	MD Landscapes	Grass cutting	£260	S Lotte	Hinxton News	£150	K Love	Hinxton News	£50	Clerk	Wreath	£25
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2501/14	Planning Applications Received. Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: S73 to vary condition 2 (removal of temporary building) of planning permission 20/01137/FUL (new temporary office building) to extend the period for the the removal of the temporary office building until the 31 May 2028. Site address: Wellcome Trust Genome Campus Cambridge Road Hinxton Reference: 24/04762/S73 Public Access Link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/24/04762/S73 <i>No objections.</i>																											

2501/15	<p>Submission of details required by conditions 4 (arboricultural method statement and tree protection strategy), 8 (ecology enhancement) and 10 (biodiversity net gain plan) of planning permission 24/00040/FUL Hinxton Grange, Warehouse Cambridge Road Hinxton Cambridgeshire CB10 1RG Reference: 24/00040/CONDA https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/24/00040/CONDA</p> <p>Items to report for inclusion of next meeting Assets of Community Value- Red Lion?</p>
2501/16	<p>Dates of next meetings 7.30 Village Hall February 10th 2025 March 10th 2025</p>
2501/17	<p>Part II: Confidential Information Exclusion of the Press and the Public: To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting.</p> <p>Documents for Design Guidance and Architectural services have been drawn up and agreed in principle.</p> <p>Legal advice is not available from Parish Council bodies such as NALC and CAPALC, so HPC will need to check this out. This will be included in the Design Guidance contract. It was agreed that this would be signed off, AB to keep track of costs incurred. HPC have £5400 set aside for any legal and design costs. If it comes to more than this amount, then it was proposed that costs could be taken from HPC account, with agreement from the PC, to be repaid once the next amount of money received from the Sec106. Any savings from stage A would be carried to stage B, any savings from stage B to be carried to stage C.</p> <p>Contracts to be signed and copies sent for the PC files. Proposed by HT and seconded by CW, all in agreement.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.45</p> <p>Signature <i>Anne Charteris</i> Parish Clerk 14th January 2025</p>