

## Madingley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held in the Village Hall  
On Thursday 26 January 2017 at 7.30pm

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Present:	Stuart Hawkins	Chair (SH)
	Joan Stevenson-Hinde	Councillor (JSH)
	John Freegard	Councillor (JF)
	David Ousby	Councillor (DO)
	Mrs A Griffiths	Minutes Secretary, LGS Services

In attendance: 7 members of the public, Bob Pettipher and Jade Pettit (Costain) and District Cllr Tom Bygott (District Cllr for Girton and Parish Cllr, Girton Parish Council)

### Open Forum

Apologies had been received from PCSO Samuel Kennedy, who hoped to attend the next meeting.

Bob Pettipher of Costain provided an update and overview of the A14 improvement scheme. Work will commence in the next couple of months at a cost of £1.5bn of public money to improve infrastructure and connectivity, relieve traffic around the villages, provide better links and benefit business.

The project is split into three areas: Alconbury to Brampton (John Lewell), Hilton to Conington (Jade Pettit) and Swavesey to Milton (Bob Pettipher). The Avenue is to be closed past Dry Drayton Road to enable the construction of a new local access road from Huntingdon to Cambridge without interfering with the A14. Work on this road begins in March 2017 and is scheduled for completion by Spring 2018 when it will be opened to the public. Thereafter the timetable includes: construction of the A14 westbound and link to the Girton junction, lasting 12-15 months and involving the creation of a new loop; construction of the eastbound carriageway towards Cambridge, commencing March 2018; the central reservation in October 2018; and finally the westbound carriageway. All works due for completion by the end of 2020. The contract for the section around Huntingdon town centre is yet to be awarded. A mobile visitor centre will travel to local villages to exhibit the scheme to residents over the next few weeks.

The scheme also involves supporting communities with grant funding, liaison with schools, providing apprenticeships and liaising with local business to cater for the huge workforce.

Questions were invited.

- Q When The Avenue is closed, how will HGVs entering the village be managed? There are concerns they will get to Dry Drayton Road before they become aware of the closure.
- A Signage will be installed further back before they reach Dry Drayton Road.
- Q There are also concerns about HGVs trying to turn or converging, and about the hazards of large vehicles in the village.
- A Appropriate signage will show that The Avenue is closed.  
The input of the Parish Council was sought as to the best locations for the signage, as vehicles would be approaching from both directions and to deter vehicles travelling through Dry Drayton. Signage stating "No link to A14" was suggested.

- Q What are the options if traffic has to be diverted, as forewarning should be given to avoid congestion and prevent lorries getting stuck and an indication that a route is not suitable for HGVs.
- A If a problem arises regularly, a temporary TRO could be imposed, with the co-operation of local Police. Feedback is invited and if there is a problem this can be revisited.
- Q At the corner where The Avenue is closed, lorries can get stuck and are unable to move, often when lorries follow each other trying to avoid a blockage on the A14 or M11. Can the Satellite Navigation signal be altered so that it does not show The Avenue as a route?
- A The feasibility of this can be investigated. The project team will explore how quickly an update to Sat Nav can be made, and routes be shown as excluded.  
The Parish Council indicated it would like to see forewarning that the village is not suitable for HGVs. Mr Pettipher will speak to the Traffic Manager to see how soon signage can be installed.
- The Avenue will be closed on 20 February. Narrow lanes will be introduced on the A428 from 17 February and later, on the A14 itself with reduced speed limits. More signage will be introduced in more locations.
- Q Will the construction vehicles be branded? If not, how will they be prevented from coming through the village?
- A Branding is unlikely but Costain will deal with the sub-contractors and warnings will be given beforehand not to travel through the village. Those vehicles working directly for the contractors will have signs on them and there will be foremen on board.
- Residents were encouraged to report any issues using the following telephone numbers:
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| Highways England | 0300 123 5000 |
| Stakeholder Team | 0800 270 0114 |
- Q What type of barrier will be in place when The Avenue is closed?
- A The barrier will not be on the corner but will be further down to allow access to the Cambridge University and Beck Brook Farms. The format is not yet known. Access for construction vehicles needs to be maintained during daylight hours.  
A compound will not now be built at the end of The Avenue but will be relocated to land off Girton Road.  
There will be a replanting scheme to mitigate the removal of trees, with planting and landscaping all along the route.
- Q When the local access road is complete, will local traffic use that?
- A Traffic will still be able to use the clover leaf until the loop is ready for use.
- Q Have you agreed with the Madingley Estate and Cambridge University which pieces of land are to be taken permanently and temporarily around Beck Brook Farm Cottages? There will need to be access to the local access road. The only land being returned is two areas where the compounds will be. There will be no demolition and there will be a new access road onto Dry Drayton Road from Grange Cottages. Only two dwellings are being demolished throughout the whole scheme.
- Q When The Avenue is reopened and reconnected to the local access road, where can residents get to?
- A The local access road will take them straight onto the A1307 into Cambridge (Huntingdon Road) and at the other end will lead to a new local access road beside the A14 all the way to Huntingdon (formed by the old A14). It will be possible to access Dry Drayton by using the Dry Drayton access onto the A14. The access to the Crematorium off the local access road will have a new link road at the back. The western side will not be closed until this is in place. The design of the entrance to the Crematorium will be altered and improved.
- Q How can the Parish Council assist with communications?

- A An email has been sent to all Parish Councils and there will be another Council bulletin at the end of January. Information will be spread via Facebook and Twitter, and the Highways England webpage, including documents from the exhibitions and a "fly-through".  
The Parish Council was invited to let the A14 team know if it wished the bus to visit Madingley.  
The representatives of Costain were thanked and left the meeting at 8.10 pm.

District Cllr Tom Bygott introduced himself as District and Parish Councillor for Girton. He explained that under the Boundary changes, Madingley and Dry Drayton would be merged with Girton as a single ward. He argued that the two villages, being on the edge of Cambridge, should work together to prevent urbanisation, keep the villages rural, and support each other with concerns.

Questions were invited on the City Deal.

- Q What is the current status of the Boundary Review?

- A The County, District and Parliamentary boundary reviews are all separate. The County changes have been approved and new elections will take place. The District Council boundaries need to be resolved before the all out elections in May 2018. It is expected that Madingley, Dry Drayton and Girton will form one ward.

The Mayor will be elected in May. The Mayoral authority will have its own staff and a cabinet consisting of the Mayor and the leaders of seven district councils, including Peterborough.

- Q The Parish Council commented that having all the land south of the A14 in Madingley would be sensible. It was felt likely that the local access road would increase traffic through the village, as would a Park and Ride site at Madingley Mulch if approved. The only current connection between Madingley and Girton was the Church.

The Parish Council welcomed the spirit of co-operation but wished to keep an open mind and establish the best way to communicate.

- A Cllr Bygott was anxious that the A14 might cut the village in half and that part of it would be subsumed into the City, which he opposed.

The Parish Council expressed concerns that it would set a precedent to take the A14 as a boundary.

Cllr Bygott outlined his alternative proposals to the guided busway, involving an east-west railway route running north of the A421/A428, going into a tunnel between Hardwick and Madingley Mulch and running under the American Cemetery into Cambridge. He felt this would preserve the rural aspect of the area and avoid the need for a guided bus.

The Parish Council asked how a rail link would connect with the new communities at Cambourne and St Neots. Cllr Bygott replied that the route would be on the same line as the route from Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet, with a new railway station at Eynesbury linking to the East Coast main line. Long distance trains would run once an hour and small metro trains would run between Cambourne and Fulbourn with stations at Cambourne, Bourn Airfield and Hardwick before going underground. There could be special rolling stock with a section for bikes and an Oyster style Smart Card to pay for both bus and rail sections of a journey. He has recommended to the City Deal Board that such a card should be introduced as an initial action to streamline travel. Cllr Bygott will keep the Parish Council informed.

Cllr Bygott was thanked for his report and left the meeting at 8.47 pm.

### 1.0 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllr Robinson (out of parish). There were no declarations of interest.

### 2.0 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 December 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2016 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. (Prop JSH, 2nd DO, unanimous)

Cllr Ousby reported that he would be attending the Local Highways Improvement Panel on 31 January, but CCC had notified him of a higher cost for the project. He sought the Council's view as to whether the County Council should be asked if it would still fund 75% of the project, with the Parish Council contributing 25%, or whether the Parish Council would be willing to cover the additional £342.00 to meet the whole shortfall.

### **3.0 Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting**

#### **3.1 Village Hall grant application**

The completed grant form had been received. A cheque will be released tonight.

#### **3.2 Playground works**

RESOLVED, given that hazardous sharp branches at child eye level had been left behind after the bushes at the playground had been cut back, to withhold the payment to CGM until they have returned to attend to the branches and make them safe.

#### **3.3 Parish Council website handover**

The Parish Council has discussed the website with Linda Whytes and the domain name has been renewed. Clarification is awaited regarding the password, following receipt of which the minutes and other papers are to be posted on the website. RESOLVED to send a thank you card to Linda Whytes.

#### **3.4 Removal of safety barriers from barn at Burnt Farm**

Information on the woodland management plan is awaited. The unsafe roof tiles have now been removed and the building, though unsightly, is now deemed safe.

#### **3.5 Precept setting**

The precept form has been submitted to SCDC. Consideration will be given to appointing an Internal Auditor.

### **4.0 Highways**

#### **4.1 Representative from Highways England to discuss impact of The Avenue closure**

Taken earlier.

#### **4.2 Working with Girton Parish – discussion with Cllr Tom Bygott**

Taken earlier.

#### **4.3 Church Lane LHI funding application – update regarding third party funding costs**

Taken earlier.

#### **4.4 Speedwatch including update regarding equipment grant**

Cllr Ousby provided an update. A grant application will be submitted. Policies may need to be provided.

### **5.0 Items for discussion**

#### **5.1 Greater Cambridge City Deal – Cambourne to Cambridge Local Liaison Forum**

Cllr Hawkins will attend the forthcoming meeting of the Local Liaison Forum. He reported that he had spoken to the LLF Chair Helen Bradbury to agree a joint approach and a presentation was being prepared on the proposal to move the Park and Ride site further west towards Scotland Farm, rather than a Park and Ride site at Madingley which it was felt would add to the congestion and funnel traffic towards Madingley Rise. It was also felt there should be a Park and Ride site at Girton with an all ways interchange at Girton. Proposals have been outlined for busways around Cambourne, using internal links and a fast bus linked to it.

Cllr Hawkins reported on his attendance at the recent meeting of the Coalition of Parish Councils, which currently has 19 members. Topics relating to the City Deal and developments

were discussed. The West Cambourne development had been approved. Developers were pushing forward proposals due to the 5 year land supply shortfall, which had resulted in green field applications in several villages. Delays at Northstowe had led to about half the targeted number of houses being completed.

The Coalition has drafted a letter to the Secretary of State for Transport, for signature by all the parish councils, urging that an all ways interchange be provided at Girton.

## 5.2 Cambridge University Woodland Management Plan

RESOLVED that Cllr Freegard should study the report received, highlight any concerns and respond if necessary.

## 5.3 Footpath Gritting Routes

The gritting equipment had been received. Storage for the gritters was considered and agreed. The routes were clarified, as follows:

Route 1 – Church Lane from the Lodge to the Old Police House (Mrs Sue Baldwin)

Route 2 – From Village Hall, along Dry Drayton Road and houses on The Avenue (Cllr Ousby)

Route 3 – Village Hall to Madingley Hall Gate (Cllr Freegard)

Route 4 – Cambridge Road to Granary Court and to the centre of the village. An item is to be placed in the newsletter seeking a volunteer to cover this route.

## 5.4 Meeting to discuss recruitment of Clerk

RESOLVED that a confidential meeting be held on Thursday 9 February to agree a job description and the recruitment process. Cllrs Hawkins, Freegard (to be confirmed) and Ousby to attend. Apologies were received from Cllr Stevenson-Hinde.

## 6.0 Finance and procedural matters

### 6.1 To receive financial report and payment of bills

Invoices to be paid as at 26.01.17

To:	Amount ex. VAT	Amount inc. VAT
Madingley Village Hall	£750.00	£750.00
LA Waters	£24.00	£24.00
Eversden Parish Council	£40.00	£40.00
<b>Barclays Bank</b>	<b>£814.00</b>	<b>£814.00</b>

It was **resolved** <sup>(Prop SH, 2nd DO, unanimous)</sup> that all the invoices presented for payment should be paid, plus:

Salary £1000.00

CGM (Playground maintenance) £438.00

(to be withheld until remedial works completed)

Electronic banking is to be set up. It was confirmed that there should be three signatories, namely Cllrs Hawkins, Stevenson-Hinde and Ousby, and that L Baffa should be removed from the mandate. Bank statements from 1 April are to be obtained.

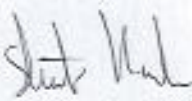
## 7.0 To consider matters arising from correspondence received

None.

**8.0 Items for information and closure of meeting including matters for the next meeting agenda**

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Thursday 9 March 2017 and Thursday 20 April at 7.30 pm. Arrangements are to be made for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed by Chair ..... 

Date ..... 