

Madingley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Village Hall
On Thursday 9 March 2017 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: 8 members of the public

Open Forum

A resident reported that the latest issue of Madingley News was to be distributed soon, and expressed thanks to Lizzie Ingham, who was leaving the village, for all her hard work in delivering the newsletter. A plea was issued that residents who were willing to help should contact the Chairman, and it was suggested that the distribution arrangements be an agenda item for a future meeting. The next issue will be in June.

A resident highlighted the need to maintain and keep clear a 55 metre stretch of culvert where the playground meets the road, and asked that financial provision be made for regular maintenance, to prevent the approach to the playground becoming wet.

He also asked whether the Parish Council was planning its own independent publicity about the proposals for a Park and Ride site on Madingley Hill, in addition to the joint feedback provided via the Local Liaison Forum (LLF). He expressed concerns at the increase in traffic which would arise from the Park and Ride site and the new local access road, affecting residents and homes on the route through the village. Cllr Ousby indicated his willingness to draft a piece from the Madingley perspective, about the implications for the village, focusing on the effect on its character and amenity. It was observed that at the last LLF meeting there was a consensus that Madingley was not the best location for a Park and Ride, due to the environmental impact and because it would funnel more cars down Madingley Rise. The document requesting feedback will be circulated.

A resident raised the issues of cracks in the pavement in Cambridge Road, where previous repairs have proved ineffective, and potholes in Dry Drayton Road, which needed to be reported again. There is also a tendency to flooding at the bottom where there is no pavement, and lorries drive over the mud.

A question was asked about the provision of a rubbish bin for the layby at the top of Church Lane. Despite several attempts to progress this, the bin had not been provided. Cllr Ousby undertook to take this up with the District Council.

A resident reported a bent road sign, another obscured by foliage in Cambridge Road, and a third in Dry Drayton Road by the bridleway, which had been knocked down. These will need to be reported again. He asked whether CCC had a monitoring role with regard to road signs.

1.0 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllr Freegard (illness).

Cllr Ousby declared an interest in item 5.5 as an employee of SCDC with responsibility for promoting affordable housing on growth sites, Bourn Airfield being a growth site.

The Parish Council agreed that Cllr Ousby could speak and vote on item 5.5. (Prop SH, 2nd JSH, carried with 1 abstention)

2.0 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 January 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. (Prop SH, 2nd DO, unanimous)

3.0 Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting

3.1 CGM Playground Works

CGM had returned to rectify the hazardous branches and the payment had been released. It will be necessary to monitor the disposal of arisings.

3.2 Parish Council website handover

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Les Waters who managed two domain names, and more accounts could be created. Communications should continue to be sent to the Clerk as the address will be handed over. A suggestion that a Village Hall section be included on the website, will be explored.

3.3 Cambridge University Woodland Management Plan

Following a review by Cllr Freegard, it was noted that trees on Church Lane were not being included in the plan, as they were covered by a separate monitoring arrangement and will be looked at.

3.4 Meeting to discuss advertising the Clerk's role

A job description is being drawn up. The vacancy has been advertised via CAPALC, in the Madingley News and on the notice board. The closing date is 28 March with an anticipated start date of early April. A further meeting is to be arranged to discuss the recruitment process.

4.0 Highways

4.1 Church Lane LHI funding application – update regarding third party funding costs

Cllr Ousby reported that the outcome of the application, which had been well received, would be known on 14 March. Some of the CCC data was queried. The existence of an active Speedwatch group, to allow monitoring of vehicles in the 40 mph zone, was a positive factor.

4.2 Speedwatch including update regarding equipment grant

Cllr Ousby reported that the group had been revived and had sufficient volunteers to continue. An application is being made to the A14 Community Fund for funding towards the village's own Speedwatch equipment. This will enable the group to undertake a survey whenever it wishes and to form a picture of traffic flows and speeds at different times, including before and after the closure of The Avenue. The cost of the equipment would be approximately £2400.00 plus VAT. In the meantime the group was seeking to borrow equipment from another village.

5.0 Items for discussion

5.1 Impact of the A14 works, including the closure of The Avenue

Fewer heavy lorries had been using Church Lane. The reduced width on the A14 from Girton to Bar Hill had slowed traffic and caused congestion resulting in traffic queuing on the M11 and trying to divert. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation. RESOLVED to decline politely the offer of a mobile exhibition centre from the A14 integrated delivery team as residents were felt to be aware of the works.

5.2 Greater Cambridge City Deal – Cambourne to Cambridge Local Liaison Forum

Cllr Hawkins reported on his attendance at the last meeting of the Local Liaison Forum. The Forum favoured Option 6, which involves using the existing infrastructure and routing the bus

down Madingley Road and Madingley Rise. A further meeting will take place at Comberton Village College at 7.00 pm. The LLF intends to present this option to the City Deal Board. Cllr Hawkins will circulate the updated proposals and has provided feedback. The improvements to the Girton interchange were agreed by all to be the first priority, in order to provide a link from the A428 to the M11 southbound.

5.3 Reviewing Parish Council's policy documents

Review of the policies is to be an agenda item for a future meeting. RESOLVED to circulate the existing policies. RESOLVED ^(Prop DO, 2nd JSH, unanimous) to approve the policies for safeguarding vulnerable adults, safeguarding children and the equality policy, and forward them along with the Speedwatch funding application as required by the A14 Community Fund.

5.4 Coalition of Parish Councils' Statement of Purpose

RESOLVED to support the amendment to the Statement of Purpose. ^(Prop SH, 2nd DO, unanimous)

RESOLVED with regard to the Girton interchange, (having provided feedback to the Coalition's Convenor emphasising the connection with the NW Cambridge development, suggesting an amendment to the wording, and that a map of the area also be included), to support the letter to the Secretary of State requesting an all-ways junction at Girton. ^(Prop SH, 2nd DO, unanimous)

5.5 Parish Council's position on Bourn Airfield (for Coalition of Parish Councils)

The Coalition had asked all member Parish Councils to support the stance that the Bourn Airfield development should not go ahead, on the grounds that it would form a "ribbon development" alongside the A428, the proposed busway would not adequately deal with the increase in traffic from the development, and would not take commuters to the centres of employment outside the City Centre. However, given the pressure from developers on the Green Belt and other greenfield sites, due to the shortfall in the 5 year land supply, it was felt that the Bourn Airfield development, as a brownfield site, was likely to be approved, and the transport infrastructure problems should be addressed.

RESOLVED that at this time the Parish Council was unable to support the letter, on the grounds that:

- the Bourn Airfield site had been allocated in the Local Plan
- there was a lack of alternative viable options, and it was felt that the Coalition should give further thought to proposing an alternative solution.

5.7 Playground sign and Parish Council contact list on parish notice boards

RESOLVED, given the change of contact details, that Cllr Hawkins will arrange for the new sign to show the Parish Council's email address and website, including a reference to the Parish Council contact list.

5.8 Forthcoming RoSPA inspection of the Playground

RESOLVED given that the goal posts are in a poor state of repair, to ask a resident to speak to John Wiseman and ask if he has any objection if they are replaced.

5.9 Agree dates for next Parish Council meetings, including annual meeting

The next meeting will be on 20 April. Cllr Stevenson-Hinde gave her apologies.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 25 May at 7.30 pm, followed by the Annual meeting of the Parish Council.

A Parish Council meeting will be held on 6 July.

5.10 Village litter pick

A provisional date was agreed as Sunday 2 April at 10 am, using the Village Hall as a starting point/centre. Cllr Ousby will contact the former Chairman to enquire about the whereabouts of the litter picking equipment. A resident is to be asked to assist with a trailer. Mr Baldwin will contact residents to seek their help with the litter pick, and ask SCDC if they can provide new equipment.

6.0 Finance and procedural matters**6.1 To receive financial report and payment of bills****Invoices to be paid as at 09.03.17**

To:	Amount ex. VAT	Amount inc. VAT
Cambridgeshire County Council	£680.64	£816.77
LGS Services	£118.89	£142.66

Barclays Bank **£799.53** **£959.43**

It was **resolved** ^(Prop SH, 2nd JSH, unanimous) that all the invoices presented for payment should be paid.

7.0 To consider matters arising from correspondence received

7.0.1 RESOLVED to respond to the A14 Integrated Delivery Team that the mobile exhibition was not required.

7.0.2 A letter from James Sutherland, Area Commander, Cambridgeshire Police, regarding the cost of policing villages and parking problems, is to be included in Madingley News.

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

Village maintenance, trimming of the hedgerows, and responsibility for them, will be agenda items for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.35 pm.

Signed by Chair

Date