

Babraham Parish Council: Minutes of Meeting held 14th Nov 2024

Stuart Laurie: Chair

Denise Dear: Vice Chair

Rob Attwood

Jane Goody

Chris Chapman BRC

Anne Charteris: Clerk

Members of the Public:1

	<p>Part I: Non-Confidential Information</p>
2411/01	<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence Peter McDonald</p>
2411/02	<p>To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda None</p>
2411/03	<p>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 10th Oct 2024 The Minutes were approved and signed off.</p>
2411/04	<p>Exclusion of the public To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded</p>
2411/05	<p>To Co-Opt new Councillor (if any applicants)- 1 Vacancy Tim Jones expressed an interest to join the Parish Council. Clerk will send forms to him so that he can be co-opted at the next meeting.</p>
2411/06	<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. 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.</p>

	<p>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. There is no pressure to find employment: the focus will be on helping people on their journey back into work.</p> <p>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/</p> <p>Care Leavers Event A special celebration event was held October 30 for young people from across Cambridgeshire leaving care. It is one of several events planned for National Care Leavers' Week this week.</p>
2411/07	<p>Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors Brian Milnes and Maria King No report received and Cllr Milnes did not attend the meeting. It was hoped to talk about CSET and Park and Ride.</p>
2411/08	<p>Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative Tree works have been carried out, dead and dying trees removed along public access routes and other locations. Tree work in the Church yard will proceed once permission from the Diocese has been given. There will be a leaflet drop to advertise the Community Engagement event where the Vision Masterplan will be presented. Cambridge Archaeology will exhibit items found over the last few years. A Science and Innovation event is also planned. The Lease for the Forest Garden land is being drawn up. Nettles at the Kissing gates have been sprayed off. Cllr Laurie asked about siting a shed in front of the gates near the Jonas Webb Memorial, this would be to keep tools and equipment plus other items such as filing cabinets. A meeting will be arranged to discuss this.</p>
2411/09	<p>Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed</p>
2411/10	<p>Village Hall- update. Nothing new to report, as still waiting to hear from Solicitors.</p>
2411/11	<p>Forest Garden Project. Update. A meeting was held by the Steering Group. Hannah has applied for more Grant money but this was turned down, she is looking at other sources to get some money. First canopy has been planted, more money is needed for the second and third canopies to be planted. Question asked- will more money be needed for the ongoing upkeep of the Garden. Information boards are being arranged to be put installed. It was also asked when the Garden will be open for public to walk through, to be discussed by steering group at next meeting.</p>

2411/12	<p>Neighbourhood Plan- update Nothing to report as it is presently on hold. A new grant is being applied for, hope to start working on the Plan again mid Dec.</p>																								
2411/13	<p>Bio Diversity Policy- Under the 2021 Environment Act, public authorities (including town and parish councils) operating in England must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. Model template to be discussed and then adopted once approved.</p>																								
2411/14	<p>NALC approves new Clerks payscales- backdated to 1st April, new scale is £17.79 This was proposed by Cllr Laurie, seconded by Cllr Dear and all in approval.</p>																								
2411/15	<p>Updates from last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath outside no 39- this is being priced up then work will be ordered. • Turning right from the High St onto the A1307- Clerk has contacted Highways. • Cycle path to Abington- footpath renovations- Clerk has contacted Highways, this has been reassigned to Highways Maintenance • Gate for area behind Forest Garden- Cllr Laurie was to make enquiries for costs and Chris Chapman to find out if this is possible to be done. • Speed bumps problems- Clerk has contacted Highways/contractor, should be done soon <p>Cllrs Laurie and Attwood will arrange a meeting with Highways to discuss all the above matters.</p>																								
2411/16	<p>General Village Matters and new items for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSET- Clerk to see if representatives can attend a PC meeting next year to discuss the latest developments • Local Highway Improvement Initiative (LHI) 2025/26- anything we would like to apply for? • Brookfield Maintenance Contract is due for renewal May 2025. Tenders will be asked for nearer the time, 																								
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2411/20	<p>Applications received: Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council Proposal: Conversion and renovation of the existing outbuildings and courtyard at Chalk Farm into 12 No. short stay lettable accommodation and the installation of air source heat pumps together with hard and soft landscaping. Site address: Chalk Farm High Street Babraham Reference: 24/03874/LBC Public Access Link: https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/24/03874/LBC Comments by 15th Nov The applicant attended the meeting and detailed the development proposal. The Parish Councillors thanked him for coming and said they had no objections to the proposal.</p>																						
2411/21	Planning decisions: none																						
2411/22	Correspondence.																						
2411/23	<p>Items for inclusion in the next meeting Budget- to set Precept for the following year.</p> <p>Date of next meetings: Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm</p> <p>Part II: Confidential Information</p>																						
2411/24	<p>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>Signature: <i>Anne Charteris</i> 18th Nov 2024 10 Duxford Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1RB 01799 531827</p>																						