

## Minutes of the Meeting of Great & Little Gidding Parish Council held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs P Jarvis (Chair), P Hodson and E Richmond		
In Attendance: L Ellis (Clerk), County Cllr I Gardener & one resident		
Key: CCC = Cambridgeshire County Council HDC = Huntingdon District Council PC = Parish Council		
93.17	Chairman's Welcome	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
94.17	Apologies and reason for absence	Cllrs A Alexander (other commitments) & L James (holiday)
95.17	Member's declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests	None.
96.17	Public and press participation session with respect to items on the agenda	<p>A resident reported that the dog waste bin at Chapel End was being used more than the other bin. The Clerk asked if only the bags provided by the Council were being used, the resident reported that there was a mixture of bags being deposited.</p> <p>C.Cllr Ian Gardener introduced himself to the meeting. He reported that he was the C.Cllr for 25 Parish Councils in the newly formed area of Alconbury &amp; Kimbolton. He stated that he would do his best to attend as many meetings as he could and would be happy to meet with Cllrs at any time. He explained that CCC had 61 Cllrs (previously 69) made up of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>36 - Conservative</li> <li>15 - Liberal Democrat</li> <li>7 - Labour</li> <li>2 - St Neots Independent Group</li> <li>1 - Independent</li> </ul> <p>With the following Committees:- General Purposes, Adults, Children &amp; Young People, Economy &amp; Environment, Health, Highways &amp; Community Infrastructure, Commercial &amp; Investment, Communities &amp; Partnership, Planning and Constitution &amp; Ethics. Being a member of the Planning and the Highways &amp; Community Infrastructure Committees.</p> <p>The next round of Local Highways Improvements (LHI) applications has opened, applications to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> September, the process has 3 stages. The assessment stage is October - December. The full application stage is the submission for Member Panel assessment in January - March and stage 3 being the decision of the detailed design and construction which will be April - March. C.Cllr Gardener agreed to assist the PC with their application.</p>

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		<p>He reported that the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner Jason Ablewhite has launched his fire governance consultation. The Cambridgeshire &amp; Peterborough Fire Authority (CPFA) have unanimously agreed not to accept the PCC's business case recommendation and is urging the Secretary of State to reject it. Council also agreed to reject the PCCs recommendations. A short survey relating to the consultation can be found:-  <a href="http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/fire-governance-consultation/">http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/fire-governance-consultation/</a></p>
97.17	To confirm and accept minutes of meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Due to insufficient Councillors who attended the June meeting being present the minutes were referred to the August meeting for approval and signature.
98.17	Matters arising from minutes	<p><b>Village noticeboards:</b> The Clerk to contact the HDC Conservation Officer to ascertain if an aluminium noticeboard would be acceptable in a Conservation Area. Cllrs agreed to defer this item to the August meeting</p> <p><b>Defibrillator:</b> Item deferred to the August meeting in order for Cllr James to be present to provide an update on the fund raising. Cllr Hodson reported that at the June meeting a donation of £500 was agreed however only £200 has been budgeted for \$137 and therefore the Council cannot afford a donation of this size. It was suggested that the donation should be provided from the Great Gidding Charity account instead.</p> <p><b>Vandalism to safety mirror:</b> Cllrs considered the latest communication from the resident regarding the safety mirror. The mirror is functional and it is hoped that the matter has now been resolved.</p> <p><b>Clarion:</b> Council considered the draft produced by Cllr Jarvis and agreed that it was now ready for distribution. Cllrs agreed to provide a 'potted history' of themselves for the Autumn edition of the Clarion.</p> <p><b>Parish Councillor vacancy:</b> The resident present expressed their interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. The Clerk advised that they should meet with her on Friday in order for them to complete an application form for consideration by the PC.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> Cllr Hodson reported that access to the website was not restricted or difficult. The PC agreed that the Catalyst Partnership should not be expected to undertake training for free. It was agreed that Cllr Richmond and the Clerk should be trained for the agreed fee of £250 which also included a training manual.</p> <p><b>Tour of Cambridge:</b> The Clerk reported that she had written to the organisers of the event but had not yet received a response. It was agreed that the PC would ensure that they attended any briefings held for future events.</p>
99.17	Communication from Councillors	<p>Cllr Hodson reported that the school's summer break starts on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. The new head teacher takes up her post in September. Ten children have joined the reception class making a total of 60 pupils. A 'clear-up' event has been organised for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to paint the fence - more volunteers are welcome.</p> <p>It was noted that a number of dens have been built in the recreation ground that will need to be cleared away after the summer holidays.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis reported that the footpaths were in fine form and that the bridge over the footpath in Milking Slade Lane has been reported.</p>

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		He also reported that he would be attending a Tree Safety Seminar organised by HDC on 27 <sup>th</sup> July.
100.17	Planning application 17/01352/HHFUL Oak framed car port 16 Gains Lane	Council considered the application: Council recommend approval as there will be no impact on the surrounding properties.
101.17	Grass cutting schedule	The Clerk reported that the grass cutting contractor had invoiced the PC for undertaking grass cutting in the recreation ground in March; the contract did not come into force until 1 <sup>st</sup> April. It was proposed by Cllr Hodson and seconded by Cllr Jarvis that the invoice should be paid; Cllr Richmond did not agree to the proposal. The Clerk to write to the contractor to ask how they propose to stay within the agreement for up to 12 cuts between April - October 2017, there have been seven cuts up to the end of June.
102.17	Correspondence	Correspondence duly noted.  Cllrs discussed the HDC consultation on the replacement of dog control orders with a public space protection notice. The consultation can be found at and discussed further at the August meeting:- <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Hunts_DC_Dog_Control_PSPO_Survey">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Hunts_DC_Dog_Control_PSPO_Survey</a>  Cllrs noted the damage to a tree in Chapel End and it was hoped that the tree would survive. The Clerk to thank the individual for their honesty in reporting the incident.  C.Cllr Gardener reported that HDC were reviewing the policy relating to car parking charges throughout the District and the ways in which it collects the money. It is hoped that any changes made would encourage drivers to use the market towns more. He encouraged Cllrs to participate in the survey which can be found at:- <a href="https://tinyurl.com/HDCCPark">https://tinyurl.com/HDCCPark</a>
103.17	Finance: a) Payment of accounts <u>Expenditure:</u> £318.28 - Salaries (SO) £69.30 - L Ellis (100992) £35.00 - Information Commissioner (100993) £722.08 - CGM (100994)	All payments were unanimously approved and all associated documentation was initialled by two signatories.  Cllrs discussed the decision taken at the June meeting regarding the defibrillator project; Cllr Jarvis reported that he felt exposed at that meeting in relation to the Council's accounts. A donation of £500 will be made from the Council's Charity account. Cllr Hodson reported that he was able to update the PC on the accounts for the Village Hall and would also be able to action bank account changes.  C.Cllr Gardener agreed to ascertain if there are any S106 funds being held on behalf of the PC.
104.17	Items for discussion at the August meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Defibrillator</li> <li>➤ Website</li> <li>➤ Noticeboards</li> <li>➤ Parish Councillor vacancy</li> <li>➤ Vandalism in the village</li> <li>➤ Footpath from school to Village Hall</li> <li>➤ Dog control orders</li> </ul>

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105.17	Date of next meeting	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
	Meeting closed	The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, the meeting then closed at 9:05pm

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