

**Minutes of the Meeting of Great & Little Gidding
Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th September 2017 at 7:30pm**

Present: Cllrs A Alexander (Chair), R Hayden (from 7:40pm), P Hodson, and E Richmond

In Attendance: L Ellis (Clerk), Nick Hill, Cliff Richmond and 1 resident

Key:

CCC = Cambridgeshire County Council

HDC = Huntingdon District Council

PC = Parish Council

122.17	Chairman's Welcome	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
123.17	Apologies and reason for absence	Cllrs L James (illness) and P Jarvis (holiday).
124.17	Member's declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests	Cllr Richmond declared an interest in the Parish Councillor vacancy item.
125.17	To meet with the applicants for the Parish Councillor vacancy	<p>The Chairman welcomed Cliff and Nick to the meeting and thanked them for applying for the Parish Councillor vacancy.</p> <p>Cliff stated that he was retired and had plenty of time on his hands, being of a positive nature and wanting to help the village and residents as best he could; regularly attending Parish Council meetings. Already knowing many people and currently a volunteer at the Church where he cuts the grass; and previously a member of the Speed Watch team.</p> <p>Nick introduced himself stating that he had moved from Glatton two years ago and has been impressed on how he and his family have been welcomed. Not yet retired but would like the opportunity to give something back to the community.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that 2018 was an election year and it was likely that an election may need to take place in May. The Council currently has a compliment of 7 Councillors and it is likely that we will apply to HDC to increase our numbers to 8.</p> <p>Upon election as a Parish Councillor in Great & Little Gidding you would also be required to be a Trustee of the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground.</p>
126.17	Public and press participation session with respect to items on the agenda	i)A resident reported that the new waste bin was now in place, a concrete slab had kindly been donated by Cllr Hayden. Unfortunately the bin is not being used very much. It was noted that another resident had kindly offered to trim the trees near the bench. The dog waste bins are well used and the resident stated that she is considering emptying them on a more frequent basis

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127.17	To confirm and accept minutes of meeting held on 15 th August 2017	To take the minutes as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Richmond and seconded by Cllr Hodson. The minutes were then duly signed by the Chairman.
128.17	Matters arising from minutes	<p>Village noticeboards: Nothing further to report at this time. The Clerk to continue to pursue HDC for an answer. Item deferred to the October meeting.</p> <p>Defibrillator: It was noted that Cllr James had raised sufficient funds to purchase the defibrillator and was now waiting for an indication from the electrician for a date for its installation.</p> <p>Website: The Clerk reported that training dates had been requested for Cllr Richmond and the Clerk to attend.</p> <p>Grass cutting schedule: The Clerk reported that she had again chased CGM for an answer as to why they had commenced the grass cutting prior to the start of the contract. It was reported that the recreation ground grass was long, however it was noted that it is due to be cut this week.</p> <p>Play equipment & toilet refurbishment: Cllr Alexander reported that he had not yet resolved the issue with the lock but hoped to do so shortly. He reported that a local handyman had quoted £175 labour to paint the play equipment and the exterior of the toilet; we would need to source the materials. It was agreed that this was acceptable and that Cllr Alexander would obtain the materials required.</p> <p>Vandalism in the village: The Clerk to obtain an update from Cllr James on the purchasing of the tree support guards. Item deferred to the October meeting.</p>
129.17	Communication from Councillors	<p>Cllr Hayden reported that he had received a phone call from the Fitzwilliam Milton Estates advising that a resident had complained that horses and cattle had been left to roam free in the village and that bonfires had also been set. Council had no evidence that this was the case.</p> <p>Cllr Hayden also reported that he was appalled that nothing had happened to improve the condition of the B660, there is a degree of subsidence which is dangerous, white lining is not visible up to the Winwick boundary. There is also grass growing down the centre of the Hamerton Road and Milkingslade Lane.</p> <p>If it is true that there has been a 7% increase by CCC to the highways budget then this has to be spent on these roads, they need to be upgraded. The Clerk to write to Cllr Gardener to obtain his support.</p> <p>Cliff Richmond reported that he had written an essay to Highways on numerous issues such as white lining, fallen signs, condition of the footpaths and he was pleasantly surprised that work has commenced on some of these issues.</p>

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		It was noted that it is possible that some work is to be undertaken from the A1M to the Glatton T junction. Cllr Hodson reported that the new School Head Teacher Suki Hilton had commenced her duties and is keen to meet with the Council; she has indicated that she wishes the school to become more involved in the village. There are currently 64 on the role and the school is doing well.
130.17	Planning application 17/01618/HHFUL Extension to form Orangery to rear of property - 61 Main Street, Gt Gidding	Council had no objection to the application.
131.17	Clarion	Items for consideration for the next edition of the Clarion:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pathway improvements and on-line reporting by residents ○ Village Show success
132.17	Pavement flooding issues in Main Street	It was noted that Aragon Homes had built a number of properties in Main Street, unfortunately when there is a heavy downpour of rain the pump does not operate sufficiently due to power cuts and is flooded with surface water flowing into the sump pump. There was concern that during the winter surface water could freeze and the pathway become icy. The owners of the properties are monitoring the situation. The resident left the meeting at this juncture (8:40pm)
133.17	Feedback on the Police & Crime Commissioner's Conference	This item is deferred to the October meeting.
134.17	Highways Initiative application update	Cllr Richmond reported that Council should consider increasing their contribution to the LHI bid. It was noted that the Council had agreed that they could contribute up to £3K for a scheme maximum of £10K.
135.17	Correspondence	Correspondence duly noted. Planning application 17/01908/TREE to reduce the lateral limbs by 3 meters and balance canopy on the opposite side to one Elm tree. Thin epicormics growth and dead wood. Council had no objection .
136.17	Finance: a) Payment of accounts <u>Expenditure:</u> £150.00 - Gt Gidding Village Hall (100997) £20.50 - L Ellis (100998) £120.00 - PKF Littlejohn (100999) £92.03 - CGM (101000) £25.00 - RBL (101001) £318.28 - Salaries (SO)	All payments were unanimously approved and all associated documentation was initialled by two signatories.

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	b)2016/17 Annual Audit statement	The Clerk reported that the External Auditor had completed the year-end audit of accounts.
137.17	Items for discussion at the next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Website ➤ Clarion ➤ Noticeboards ➤ Defibrillator ➤ Highways issues ➤ PCC Conference ➤ Allotments ➤ Speed Watch
138.17	Date of next meeting	Tuesday 17 th October 2017
	Meeting closed	The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, the meeting then closed at 8:50pm

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