Minutes of Great and Little Gidding Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 19th December 2018 at Great Gidding Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs Jarvis, Hill, Hodson, Dear, Parish Clerk and County Cllr Gardener

169.18 Chairman welcomed those attending

170.18 District Cllr Alban sent apologies as he was unable to attend

171.18 Member’s declaration of Disclosable Interests for items on the Agenda

172.18 There were no members of the press in attendance.

 Cllr Gardener congratulated Cllr Hill on his presentation at the Local Highways Initiative.

 Cllr Gardener advised that the County Council will be funding the replacement of 2 mobile libraries, with plans to include further services into the service.

Kings Dyke level crossing project will commence in spring of 2019.

 The Stay Well Team has produced Winter health packs, which can be obtained from the Library service (boxes of 100 can be ordered – Clerk).

 CambsCC lower carbon community heat scheme had progressed – Swaffham Prior is the village that will trial the scheme – to make use of lower carbon sourced heat rather than oil.

 Cllr Gardener left the meeting at this point.

173.18 Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2018 were confirmed and accepted (Cllr Dear, Cllr Hodson)

174.18 Matters arising from the minutes –

Cllr Hodson advised that Milton Estates had trimmed the trees around the paddock and obscuring the street lamp, although he felt that they could have cut back further.

175.18 COUNCIL ISSUES TO NOTE:

On 13th December Cllr Hill had attended a meeting at Huntingdonshire District Council to present the proposal for the to update on Local Highways Initiative bid/scheme. The committee will consider a number of schemes that have been presented to them and will make a decision late March/early April.

Clerk reported on the Grass cutting contract – CGM had been requested to make an additional cut in May/June when the grass was at the peak of its growing season.

Councillors have taken the “Register of Interest Forms” and will complete prior to the next meeting.

176.18 STANDING ORDERS

Councillors were to consider updates and amendments to the existing Standing Orders – Clerk will send a proposed amendment prior to the January meeting

177.18 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

 a) to approve the proposed 3 year annual budget:

 b) to approve the Financial Regulations – with the following amendments:

 6.13 add “regular back ups”

 6.18 and 6.19 – leave in

 6.20 remove

11.1.h include the word “strive” with regard to obtaining 3 estimates

11.1.i add “because of difficulty in getting companies to provide quotes”

c) to approve allocation of Reserves: (General Reserves should equal approx. 1 years worth of precept).

income from CIL tax has been received with the Precept and will be added to the Section 106 reserves figure.

£10,000 National Lottery bid will be included in the Recreation Ground reserve

£5000 from 48 Main Street will be divided between Village Hall and Recreation Ground (Village Maintenance figure includes £2000 allocated towards the LHI bid project).

Cllr Hill proposed acceptance and Cllr Dear seconded.

178.18 PAYROLL SERVICES

To consider and approve LGS services of Caldecote to undertake the handling of Clerk’s salary and associated payments:

 A letter will be signed by Councillors to authorise the amount paid to the Clerk, with associated terms and conditions.

179.18 PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS (sub heading to Financial Matters Heading) – to approve and sign cheques in respect of the following:

 a) A P & T B Trolove – hedgecutting of Rec Field £75.00 (incl £15.00 VAT)

 b) J R Trolove – administration + office expenses £413.50 (incl £8.08 VAT

 The following payment was added:

 ASNR Production Ltd Repairs to bin liners £60.00 (no VAT)

180.18 Correspondence received (as at 16/11/2018)

 a)To note Barclays Bank statements

 b) to note the Budgetry control statement (spreadsheet)

 c) notice from BHIB (insurance) re. winter checklist

 d Email from NALC – winter survey re. small councils merging

 e)email from CAPALC – Executive bulletin

 f)email – A14 update

 g) email – Cambs DC – acknowledgement of Highways report re Chapel End

 h) email from Troy Hayes, Neighbourhood planning – consultancy re planning

 i) email from re-Unite – Charity for missing relatives

 j)email from Bikeability – support for schools bicycle training programme

181.18 Items for decisions at next meeting:

 Standing orders

 Report on (CAPALC) Ian Dewar’s meeting

 Clarion

* + 1. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 15th January at 1930 hours

in the Village Hall, Great Gidding

**Meeting closed at 21.18 hours**