

Minutes of Madingley Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 18th October 2018 at 7.30pm, Madingley Village Hall

Present: S Hawkins (SH) (Chairman), D Ousby (DO) (Vice-Chairman), F Naughton (FN) (Councillor)

Attending: S Meech (SM) (Clerk/RFO), D De Lacey (DD) (District Councillor), 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Cllr Stevenson-Hinde sent an apology. No declarations of interest.

2. Public Forum

A query was raised as to why only the Three Horseshoes pub and no other groups have a hyperlink to their webpage on the parish council website. SH advised there is no reason other than an oversight.

Action – SM to ensure that all groups mentioned on the parish council website have hyperlinks.

Action – SM to contact Peter Wilderspin to advise that the area of grass with untidy fencing that needs attending is actually outside of the Three Horseshoes and not Madingley Hall as advised.

3. Approval of minutes of meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018

Amendments were made and initialled by SH to Point 2 first paragraph – changed from owned by “...Madingley Hall” to “...the University” and Point 8, *children* repeated in this sentence, this was removed.

4. Matters arising from minutes

Action – Clerk to chase Cllr Joseph for an update on highways issues raised previously.

FN advised that she had been dealing with her action point in relation to Moor Barn Farms and will further investigate whom is responsible for the area of concern.

DO will speak to Heidi re: a new waste bin.

The public raised concerns that the local access road is nearing completion as some trees have been cut on The Avenue. **Action** – contact Cllr Joseph to see if she is able to help with this concern and whether she can arrange a meeting with the relevant officer from highways for a discussion.

DO advised that a TRO could be submitted although he was recommended to complete a LHI first, LHIs are usually decided near February, however, we may receive some information around November.

SH agreed to deal with the amended emergency planning document from SCDC, the deadline is 31/01/19. **Action** – SM to upload the FOI to the website and contact the council’s insurance company to enquire how frequently the play area must be checked by Madingley Parish Council (MPC).

5. County Councillor/District Councillor/Parish Council Chairman Reports

Appendix 1 for Cllr De Lacey report, Appendix 2 for Cllr Bygott report and Appendix 3 for Cllr Joseph report. DD highlighted that under Item 12 he wanted to make MPC aware that Girton Parish Council (GPC) are not included in the coalition although they would have liked to have been involved.

6. Transport & Highways including The Avenue TRO

SH advised of another A14 closure at the end of October between Junction 27-29 for bridge demolition, hopefully this will not affect Madingley. The Greater Cambridge Partnership busway has now been put back into the winter cycle and no announcements will be made for a few months.

7. Planning

a. Applications received for consideration

- i. **S/3716/18/FL – 39 St Neots Road CB23 7QH – Car Port** – A unanimous vote for no objections.
- ii. **S/3710/18/DC - Church of St Mary Magdalene – Discharge of condition 3 – Tree works** – This was just for information
- b. **Decisions received from South Cambs District Council**
 - i. **S/3114/18/TC – 4 Granary Court, CB23 8AN – Tree works – Approved**
 - ii. **S/3032/18/LB – Madingley Hall, CB23 8AQ – Automatic door installation – Approved**

8. Councillor Vacancy

The vacancy notice is still in the village noticeboard and the councillors agreed that the vacancy should be advertised in Madingley News again.

9. Play area – including maintenance book/Stephen Perse school

SH will chase the maintenance book again from Mark Robinson, however, FN has carried out a maintenance check of the play area and raised issues such as edging that needs fixing, bolts missing and securing of the goal post netting. **Action** – FN will investigate pegs for securing the goal post net and will draft a letter to chase Stephen Perse school regarding grant funding for the play area. SH will look into the other issues raised.

10. Bridleway closure

SH had heard nothing further regarding closure but confirmed the bridleway is definitely not closed as he has still been using it.

11. Defibrillator/phone box renovation/grant funding/village hall

DO carried out some investigations for relocation of the telephone kiosk to an iconic location outside of the village hall, the village hall would need to supply power to the kiosk and landscaping would be involved, the new noticeboard could also be incorporated into the plans. The budget for this project is expected to be in the region of £10,000. **Action** – MPC to investigate grant funding that would assist with this project.

12. Coalition of parish councils – Girton Interchange

A draft letter to all parish councils in the coalition was received previously with a plea to the transport secretary for an all ways junction for Girton Interchange, MPC have already given permission for this letter and agree an all ways junction is the best solution. However, DO raised a concern that GPC are not included in the coalition and he would be interested to know what GPC propose with the interchange. **Action** – SH to email Steve Jones to advise that the parish council do support the principal, however, MPC are very concerned that GPC are not on the coalition board.

13. Cam Bed Rail Road Proposal – Petition and update

A member of the public saw an article in a local paper showing a rail road going directly through Madingley and asked MPC if they have any further information regarding this. SH confirmed that he attended a meeting involving the Cam Bed Rail Road team and it is only a team of 4 funded by a local parish council whom are a protest group pushing against the Network Rail preferred route. Network Rails preferred route will be put forward in the next few months. **Action** – There was a unanimous response from MPC not to support this petition – clerk to respond accordingly.

14. Budget Planning

This item is to be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

15. Finance training/CILCA 2019

Clerk advised MPC that she had attended finance training and the dates for CILCA 2019 have been released and the next term to start the CILCA qualification is April 2019. MPC are happy for clerk to attend the training as it has been previously discussed and agreed in order for clerk to gain her qualification.

16. Finance

a. Accounts review to date

b. Payments received

i. Oceanswithin/Sally Warr – Madingley News Advert - £15.00

c. Payments to hand

i. S Meech – Clerks Overtime & Expenses - £108.42 - All councillors agreed payment – Cheque Number 101134 signed by SH and DO. *Local Government Act 1972, S.112*

ii. Roger and Lesley Buckley – Madingley News Expenses - £25.00 - All councillors agree payment – Cheque Number 101135 signed by SH and DO. *Local Government Act 1972, s. 142*

iii. CAPALC – Clerks Finance Training - £75.00 – All councillors agree payment – Cheque Number 101136 signed by SH and DO. *Local Government Act 197, s.112.*

17. Correspondence including amended emergency planning document for SCDC

Action – Clerk to forward the tree warden email to DO and also Madingley News for placing in the next edition.

The public also raised an issue with overhanging university trees on the High Street at the corner of Dry Drayton Road. The public have emailed Peter Wilderspin requesting for contractors to raise branches which has still not happened and now an elderly gentleman has been injured and scratched on his face. The public are having to walk in the road to avoid the tree. The public are going to forward an email to Peter Wilderspin to advise of the danger involved.

18. Any business for inclusion on the next agenda

- Standing Orders
- Noticeboard

19. Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 29th November 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Appendix 1

Report from District Councillor Douglas de Lacey 10. 10. 2018

At the start of the month we were given a briefing on the details of the Local Plan, now adopted and in force. We had to accept a number of major modifications, most of which we ourselves had proposed as the Inspectors' concerns became more evident, but none of the developers' proposals to add more sites were accepted. We shall almost immediately begin work on the Plan's successor; we also need to take account of rapidly-changing government regulations.

The Government has also changed the definition of the travelling communities (Gypsies and Irish travellers) which were regarded as separate races. The changes mean we are not obliged to create as many sites as previously thought, but it is clear that there are not enough, and communities are taking desperate measures to prevent encampments. The Conservatives argue we should try to get draconian powers to evict; the LibDems argue we need to provide more spaces so that trespass is not necessary.

The various changes in the National Planning Policy Framework were the subject of a briefing before the JDCC on 12 September. It claims to support sustainable development, but the RTPI are sceptical. The NPPF lists in order of priority the criteria for judging planning applications. The previous number one was a strong economy; now it is just building enough houses. That will clearly have an impact on the quality -- of the houses and the environment.

It was my pleasure on 14 September to present prizes in the Tenants' Best Kept Gardens competition; particularly as one prizewinner is a Girton resident (sorry, Madingley). The competition encourages a sense of pride in home, and in a difficult year there were some wonderful entries.

Although I am a member of our Scrutiny Committee, which is no longer the dead letter it had become under the previous administration, it insists on having meetings which clash with my Parish Council commitments, and I am afraid those come first for me. Do you agree?

On 19 September the Council arranged a mock Planning meeting as a training session, and I was asked if I would be the local member in a controversial application. I laughed when I received the papers; the first was a letter from the local member and I realised I had written it two years ago, with reference to ARU's application for its sports pavilion in Girton's green belt. Our officers had changed many details and added some nice complications, and the whole morning was well worthwhile, especially for the several members new to planing issues.

I try to attend Cabinet meetings, as they are having to discuss some very difficult issues which sometimes require me to override Councillors' right to challenge a decision ('call it in' for further assessment). Sometimes this is because of tight deadlines of the Government's making, sometimes because of commercial confidentiality. I do not do this lightly as I passionately believe in holding the administration to account. Our administration is also struggling with the way the Combined Authority is conducting its business: you may have seen that our CEO added her name to a letter sent to the CA very critical of its activities.

On 27 September before the Council meeting we had a long Police briefing to help us understand how the police currently work. They titled part of it 'Behind Closed Doors', noting that increasingly crimes such as drug dealing and slavery, as well as cyber crime, are not performed on the streets but in private, and the traditional 'Bobby on the beat' model is inapplicable here. I have a number of

questions about our policing but unfortunately had to leave before the question time to prepare for the Council meeting.

That meeting was one of the most difficult I have had to chair. Items on the agenda included adoption of the Local Plan, a new scheme of remuneration for Councillors, and Brexit. All of these were controversial and at times tempers ran high. At 6.20pm as I closed the meeting I felt pretty drained; it was nice to be told by members from both sides that they appreciated what I had done to keep order.

The next day was the Macmillan coffee morning, and the Vice-Chairman and I awarded prizes for the best cakes provided. I offered a light-hearted review of my own early baking experiences (aged 7) when having poured the mixture into the cake tins I discovered the Aga was out and all I had was a Primus stove; and I hope a good time was had by all.

The high point of the month was certainly the High Sheriff's Judiciary service on 7 October. We -- that is, civic leaders, academics, visiting Sheriffs, Her Majesty's judiciary, the High Sheriff, the Lord Lieutenant and divers ecclesiastics -- processed from Trinity College to Great St Mary's Church for a service of matins (Stanford in C major, Bernard Rose, and Parry 'I was glad' complete with the Vivats). The Bishop of Ely preached, noting the fact that Cambridge and Cambridgeshire represent one of the most divided communities in the United Kingdom, and that justices have a duty to maintain justice and compassion; in the words of the lesson from Amos 5, to 'let judgement run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream'. Working to alleviate those divisions, and to bring a just society for all, is surely also our job in the Council and in our Parishes.

Finally I note that I have been informed of improved services on the Busway, and increased services (early, late and on Sundays) of the U bus. And news just in: unless the County acts quickly, the X3 and Busway C routes are to be cancelled from November 10. This would leave Papworth Everard and Fenstanton without any bus service at all.

Douglas de Lacey

Appendix 2

District Councillor's Report - Cllr Tom Bygott

South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Local Plans adopted

Last month I reported that the Government Inspectors had declared "sound" the Local Plans that the two neighbouring Councils had submitted in March 2014. These plans, which govern development and planning permission in our local area, propose 44,000 new jobs and 33,500 new homes by 2031. At September's District Council meeting, the Local Plan for the District was formally adopted. It now becomes the document through which the District will judge planning applications for the next few years.

I voted in favour of the plan because I do not believe that it will adversely affect the character of Girton, Dry Drayton or Madingley. The fact that a plan is formally in place does however reduce the risk that inappropriate developments could be approved on appeal, with the developer citing the lack of a Local Plan as the reason why their development should be accepted, against the wishes of both local residents and the Council.

Narrowing of the A428

Highways England is currently building an overpass at the Girton Interchange, as part of the A14 upgrade, to carry A14 traffic over the A428. To save money, they have decided to reduce the A428 at this point from four lanes to two. For generations to come, this overpass will be a major bottleneck in the national road network. Although the A428 currently has less traffic on this section than most dual carriageways, Bourn Airfield, Tempsford and other major developments will be built along this road in the coming years. The dualling of the A428 between Caxton Gibbet and the Black Cat Roundabout will make this route one of the most important national routes; a major artery linking Anglia with the West Country and Wales via Oxford and Milton Keynes. Eventually, it will be necessary to reinstate the missing lanes, and this could be at vastly greater expense.

One of the greatest problems in our society is short term thinking. Major strategic mistakes are often made with little thought of the future. During the 1980s, British Rail narrowed the railway between Littleport and King's Lynn to a single track to save maintenance costs. These small savings have led to thirty years of problems and untold commuter frustration, and it now has to be put right, at a cost vastly greater than the original savings. There are countless other examples of similar "penny-wise, pound-foolish" mistakes, and it is distressing to think that the organisations to which we entrust important decisions about the future have learnt little or nothing from their experiences over the past few decades.

Our villages, being next to the A14 and A428, are greatly impacted by noise and pollution from those two roads, yet we ourselves benefit very little from their presence. So, why should we care if the A428 becomes a bottleneck?

Increased rat-running through Dry Drayton is one reason. Another is that fuel efficiency for most (non-hybrid) vehicles is heavily affected by congestion. Stationary vehicles emit exhaust fumes while they are waiting, and pollution rises sharply, along with noise, as vehicles accelerate on the other side of the blockage.

If you would like to write to Highways England on this subject, it can be done via:

A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Project Team

Highways England

National Traffic Operations Centre

3 Ridgeway, Quinton Business Park

Birmingham B32 1AF

How to report overhanging trees or hedges

At this time of the year, especially if we have had a nice summer and a long growing season, overhanging trees or hedges can become a problem if they haven't been cut.

The County Council, has a responsibility to maintain the grass verges along the majority of Cambridgeshire's roads which they do through their grass cutting programme during the summer months. However, the majority of overhanging hedges or bushes belong to private individuals and

other landowners, and there is no public body which regularly cuts them.

County officers can go out and inspect reports of overhanging bushes or trees to see if they are a danger to the public, especially if pedestrians are forced to walk out into the road, or signs are obstructed for motorists. They try to work with the landowner, and occasionally with parish councils, and usually are successful in convincing the landowner to do the work.

Reporting an overhanging bush or tree is easy to do, using the same tool that is used for reporting potholes and other highway problems: <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk>. It also shows whether a report has been made and what the status of it is.

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Lina Joseph
Cambridgeshire County Councillor
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Dear all,

I hope you find this information useful.

Highways

It is great news that Phillip Hammond will announce tomorrow during the budget that over 400 million will be given to Local Councils for repairing potholes and over 3 billion for major roads. Of course, I would like to see more money given for local roads as they very much are in need of repair.

I will continue working with officers and other colleagues to find a way of putting more money into our roads. They are an essential public good used by everyone. I completely understand that we are a demand lead local authority. This means that we must care for an elderly person in need of support, a child who have been neglected by their parents or a person with serious mental health issues. We are protecting the most vulnerable individuals in our society and we have the responsibility to look after them.

Once the financial officer receives this budget, I will let you know how much our county will receive.

Budget

You may have recently seen on the news that our CEO announced that staff needed to take leave during Christmas. This will save nearly 1 million pounds. Staff in the lower pay grade will be protected.

This decision has been happening since I started as an officer back in 2013 and the County was in no control which means supported by Liberal Democrats, Conservatives and Labour. It's a measure that we know will not have a high impact on staff or services but it can make a crucial saving that will allow us to maintain other services at the current standards.

However, as we are looking to close the funding gap we will have to make other decisions and follow what neighbouring counties are doing. If you compare our county with others across the county we are not charging for many services that others are doing. This does not mean that we will follow completely but we must put all the options on the table. Once I have more information about the different committees, I will let you know.

We believe that by 2020 we will not experience as much pressure as now because the savings we have to make will be going down. This will also be linked with the return on property investments and other. The County is one of the largest landowners and we will maximise this. I have highlighted to the Chairman of the Investment Committee that we must protect a minimum of the land. I understand that residents need housing but it cannot be at any cost and with my environmentalist hat on, I will continue to put pressure so that future generations enjoy the land that I and many cherish greatly.

News

The purchase of a purpose built student accommodation block in Cambridge, will allow Cambridgeshire County Council to plough £1.9m a year back into vital frontline services – as well as supporting more students to find high quality accommodation in the city.

The council's investment of £38m in the 251 bed Brunswick House on Newmarket Road, is the first acquisition in its strategy to build a portfolio of investments that both support its objectives - and raise an excellent return, helping to safeguard the future of vital services for people across the county.

The completion of the purchase, agreed by the council's Commercial and Investment committee, was reported to Members in this week's General Purposes Committee.

This is the Council's first major purchase as part of a plan to invest a total of £100m raised from sales of land to another successful investment initiative, "This Land" a property development company owned by the council. As a result the Council is increasing its total asset portfolio, improving the supply of homes to Cambridgeshire residents, and creating an on-going revenue stream.

"With rising demand for our services, the council is determined to consider all opportunities to invest in schemes that will help us maintain and improve our service levels and stand on our own feet financially. Our ethos of transformation, commercialisation and sound financial management means we are better able to deal with financial pressures, meaning cutting back on services is a last resort." said Cllr Steve Count, leader of Cambridgeshire County Council, and chair of General Purposes Committee.

"We are being economically prudent, and are taking advantage of current low interest rates which means we can make a return as well as improve the local area. Helping to alleviate a chronic lack of high quality purpose built student accommodation in Cambridge, is something that completely fits with our council objectives."

Brunswick House offers 231 ensuite rooms and 20 self-contained studio flats in a building directly opposite Anglia Ruskin University's Computer Science centre.

Cambridge faces a severe shortage of student accommodation with 44% of students currently unable to access university or private sector purpose built student accommodation in the city – amongst Anglia Ruskin students (the nearest University to this building) the figure rises to 77%.

Combined Authority

The latest report looking at sustainability across the work of the nine combined authorities in the UK shows Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has made the greatest level of improvement.

The Combined Authority Sustainability Benchmarking Technical Report analyses sustainable activity and scores each authority on their progress in areas including air quality, carbon emissions, green infrastructure, biodiversity, energy systems, renewables, district heating and public transport.

www.sustainabilitywestmidlands.org.uk/resources/combined-authority-sustainability-benchmarking-technical-report-analysis-of-strategies-2/

South Cambridge District Council

I am sure Parishes should know but I just thought to mention it just in case you were not aware.

Unfortunately, Parish Councils will not be able to apply for Community Grants from the district council. It is my understanding that the new administration believes that you should be raising council tax in order to pay for anything you want for your community. I know how hard it is to fundraise, I used to volunteer in Burwell Parish Council when I was living there and also when supporting specific residents involved in large projects for which the parish doesn't have the funds... Obtaining grants will become more of a challenge as you are excluded from most grant applications.

When conservatives were in power they believed that parish councils should be able to apply for these grants for specific projects. The projects they delivered benefited the community greatly.

Local issues

Hardwick:

This parish as other larger ones has seen their land bought by developers. I must say that is my opinion that the community will largely benefit from S106. They had early negotiations with the developers and obtained close to 1 million pounds. I understand the dilemmas that increase of housing poses on parishes, however, I must say that residents will benefit greatly from a business type approach and long-term strategy.

Madingley:

There is resurfacing of a road in Madingley planned for this autumn. It is great that at least 2 of my parishes have been chosen for resurfacing main roads out of 17. I will continue to work with officers so that they are completely aware of which roads require repair and are not put at the bottom of the list!

Caldecote:

There has been some concerns raised due to highways works. This has been raised with the local highways officer and streetworks team. I will continue to work with these teams until we get it right. Apologies to all the residents for the inconveniences caused and thank you for raising this matter.

Kingston:

There has been a reported crime in the village. As much as we live in one of the safest parts of the country, it's just a reminder that we cannot be completely complacent about security and leaving things of value at public view.

I am organising a meeting with the Police Commissioner to talk about rural crime and discuss other issues.

Coton:

James Palmer visited the parish council and shared with them the outcomes of the latest report from a consultancy that has been looking at the "metro". It came to light that the best way forward would be to go off-road due to high speed and other reasons which I will go in more detail in the next couple of months.

I will continue to support the Parish Council and push for an on-road option as a short-term option. I have meetings planned with key stakeholders and will continue to voice the concerns of residents.

Comberton:

Residents have been concerned about the health of the pond and wildlife. This issue was raised with the Parish Council. The pond dried this summer due to the hot temperatures. However, now it has started to fill up. When speaking to the water company to see if they would intervene, it was mentioned that due to the water being treated with chemicals this could have a negative impact on the ecology. For this main reason ponds across the country are left dry until the weather conditions change.

Local Natural Partnership Board

As you may already know I represent the Council in this outside body. You have over 10 organisations represented and it's always active, trying to push the natural agenda forward and upwards. Recently we have been able to launch a new website, please take a look at it. This is a very exciting milestone. www.naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk

Events

Please find attached a Highway Events remembrance diary special highlighting all the events likely to impact the highway on Sunday 11th November 2018. With over 30 events taking place and although many of these events are short in duration they may have an impact on you if you are travelling or are undertaking works on the 11th November. Please take a moment to review the diary and contact me if you have any questions in regards to any of the events listed or if you are aware of any other events that are taking place that are not listed.

All events can also be found on our webpage at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/highway-events/>

Funding portal

Please do share this link with community groups that wish to find funding pots.

<http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/supportcamb>

Highways

A reminder that you can report road maintenance issues here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

Hedges

If you have an issue with hedges then they would be advised to log their complaint on our website

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

Roadworks

I had calls from residents regarding roadworks. If you would like to know what is happening in your area you can check in this website. www.roadworks.org

Just to remind you that the public is very welcome to attend committee meetings and Full Council. You can find all the details [here](#).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Lina

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