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Minutes of Madingley Parish Council Meeting

Monday 17th June 2019 at 7.30pm, Madingley Village Hall

Present: D Ousby (DO) (Chair), J Stevenson-Hinde (JSH) (Vice-Chair), F Naughton (FN) (Councillor), R Crichton-Stuart (RCS) (Councillor)

Attending: S Etherington-Meech (SEM) (Clerk/RFO), 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

None

2. Public Forum

No items were raised

3. The Avenue – Planned resurfacing works/TRO for closure/Greenways Vision for non-motorised route

DO advised that MPC have submitted their Greenways Vision Proposal to Highways England for the Avenue to become a non-motorised route.

The latest information received regarding the closure of the Avenue was a disappointing email from Joshua Rutherford (Highways Officer) informing MPC that before any action is taken regarding closure the full impact of the Avenue being connected to the local access road is to be monitored for at least two years. Madingley will have to endure thousands of extra vehicles a day coming through the village from 2020 until 2022 and suffer the consequences before there is any agreement by the County Council that something might need to be done. DO suggested that the highways working group should discuss this issue and consider a response. The email was circulated to councillors and DO is particularly disappointed in the Highways Officer who wrote the email as he believes it contains false information and ill-informed opinions.

4. Response to the Greater Cambridge Partnership Consultation

MPC did not agree and submit a formal response for Phase 2 of the Cambourne to Cambridge Better Transport Project, Phase 2 consists of the link west of Madingley Mulch roundabout to Bourn Airfield and on to Cambourne and a new Park & Ride Facility (P&R). DO did previously write an item for Madingley News, however, DO proposed that MPC should agree and send their comments to the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) in regards to Phase 2 of the project. A discussion amongst MPC occurred and DO summarised a response as follows:

- MPC disagree with the off-road route
- There is no/lack of connectivity to Addenbrookes and the railway station, routes presently terminate at Grange Road which has two schools already congested at peak times
- There is preference to see bus lanes on Madingley Rise instead
- There are no changes to in the lack of support that MPC has for GCP proposals
- MPC believe that GCP have their own agenda and are determined to ignore the issues of affected parishes
- MPC and the parish have noted that the current P&R is increasingly congested especially at its evening peak
- Concerns that moving the P&R to Madingley Mulch or Scotland Farm would create additional traffic, congestion and pollution in either location

- The current bus service is unreliable with no 7am bus on at least 2 out of 5 days due to a lack of drivers and buses are more polluting than rail
- A rail alternative would be a better option with less pollution and congestion
- Madingley Mulch P&R negative impact on surrounding area, including Park Farm, the Madingley Wood SSSI and anyone living close by
- Lack of connectivity between A428 and M11 at Girton Interchange should be addressed
- Better P&R location – Girton Interchange

Action – DO to draft a response for submission to GCP

5. Review standing orders and financial regulations

No changes since November – prior to the meeting clerk instructed councillors to review these documents online – no changes necessary.

6. Review of arrangements (including legal agreements) with other local authorities, not-for-profit bodies and businesses

No review required – MPC do not have any of these arrangements.

7. Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back

Councillors are happy to continue to attend relevant meetings and produce brief reports.

8. Review Madingley Parish Council becoming eligible to exercise the general power of competence in the future

MPC agreed that they have no plans at present.

9. Review of land inventory and other assets including buildings and office equipment

No land is owned by MPC **Action** – It was agreed that the clerk will review assets and produce an asset register for the next parish council meeting on 1st July 2019

10. Review of insurance including renewal notice and renewal premium payment

This was reviewed and agreed at the previous parish council meeting when the renewal schedule for a long-term agreement was received and payment was required.

11. Review of subscriptions to other bodies

MPC reviewed subscriptions and are happy to proceed with current subscriptions.

12. Review of complaints procedure

MPC have carried out a review – no amendments/changes were made.

13. Review of policies, procedures and practices in respect of FOI and GDPR

MPC have carried out a review – no amendment or changes were made, all policies are on MPC website. Clerk has updated online forms and circulated any new documents which have been reviewed

14. Review of policy for dealing with the press/media

MPC reviewed online – no amendment or changes were made.

15. Review of employment policies and procedures including SCP annual increment

This item was moved to after the meeting closed for confidential discussion.

16. Review of Council's expenditure incurred under s.137 of LGA 1972

No spending in 2018/19. Clerk explained reasoning for spending under a s.137 to MPC and they agreed they had no spending under this power at present.

17. Determine the time and place of ordinary meetings up to and including the next annual meeting

This was determined at a previous meeting.

18. Budget review for 2019/20 and forward planning for 2020/21

MPC reviewed the financial situation in relation to the budget with the up to date spreadsheet including cheques to be paid under item 19, it was agreed that a budget review should be carried out in October/November to be able to fully assess spending. It was raised by MPC that more people are cutting their grass less for the environment and wildlife so it was suggested that less grass cuts could be carried out. **Action** – Clerk to request with CGM Group that up to 1 metre depth of grass is left uncut by the village hall wall during the summer for wildlife and wildflowers.

19. Finance

a. Payments to hand

- i. **Madingley Village Hall – Hall Hire (Jun 19 – May 20) - £180.00** - All councillors agreed payment – Cheque Number 101168 signed by JSH and DO. *Local Government Act 1972, S.112.*
- ii. **CGM Group – Grass Cutting – 3rd May - £72.00** - All councillors agreed payment – Cheque Number 101169 signed by JSH and DO. *Public Health Act 1875, s.164 & Public Health Act 1875, s.164.*
- iii. **Vernon Print & Design – Madingley News (June ed) - £344.00** - All councillors agreed payment – Cheque Number 101170 signed by JSH and DO. *Local Government Act 1972, s.142.*

20. Any other business for inclusion on the next agenda

- Village Signs – clerk to email all correspondence relating to signs to FN

21. Date and time of the next meeting – Monday 1st July 2019 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.26pm