

A Meeting of Great Abington Parish Council

To be held on **Monday 16th January 2023**, starting at **7.15pm** in the hall at the Institute.

95. OPEN FORUM - Parishioners can raise any matters of concern.

96. APOLOGIES

97. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

98. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE LAST MEETINGS on 21st November.

99. REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR HENRY BATCHELOR –circulated

100. REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN BATCHELOR –circulated

101. HIGHWAY ISSUES

- a) Pot holes on High Street, many on the Pampisford road mainly around the speed bumps and a big one near the entry to the village near Maple rise. Also potholes on the high street where the road is breaking up badly between the school and the church and the old A11 at the Abington Park end and near North and South road junctions
- b) Update from Planning Enforcement on highlighted irregularities.
- c) Pampisford Road and Cutting Road signs have fallen down.
- d) The footpath outside Morefield on the Pampisford is breaking up- - discussed at site meeting with Highway Officer on 6th September. Ownership of path to be clarified.
- e) Resurfacing the end of the footpath between Pampisford Road and Chalky Road - -orders have been raised to repair the surface.
- f) Trees on the Newmarket road are now growing out into the road.
- g) Cutting back the bushes on path to Chalky Rd .

102. PLANNING

- a) Planning applications to be considered:
22/03880/FUL -127 High Street – New dwelling
- b) 22/04621/FUL – Phase 2 Land zone 2 , Granta Park - Erection of enlarged gas / liquid nitrogen storage buildings and screened compounds for back-up generators to be located in the reconfigured service yards to Buildings F, G & H in association with approved R&D buildings consented under application S/1110/15/OL & 21/05165/REM
- c) 22/05349/HFUL – 35 South Road - 2no. Two storey side extensions, two storey front extension, two storey rear extension, internal re-modelling
- d) Agree a date for a planning meeting to discuss the new TWI planning application before 6th February.
- e)The planning decision from the Parish Council and District Council are on a separate sheet

103. RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE (ARGC)

a) Request for section 106 funds.

Abington Recreation Ground Committee has formally request S106 funds to pay for the landscaping of the area nearest to the Pump Track to create a comfortable picnic and seating

area for members of the community. The landscaping will also include a new hedge line stretching from along the back of the pumptrack from the new school gate/path to the church.

The ARGC Committee have sought 3 quotes:

1. Jack & Wills Landscape Quote received: £10,860
2. Birchwood Landscape Quote received: £3821.20
3. Brookfield Landscape Quote received £2600.00

It is anticipated that the costs may increase by 10%

Can the council authorise the transfer of section 106 to ARGC for this scheme?

b) An update on other ARGC activities and plans.

104. FINANCE

a) Authorisation of the payments in the table below.

b) Precept request form to be completed by the Clerk and signed by the Chairman to be sent to SCDC

Payment to be authorised by Councillors:

Payment method	Payee	Product or service	Payment value
Bank transfer	Paula Harper	Pay for December	£305.46
Bank transfer	HMRC	Tax for December	£76.60
Bank transfer	Glenn Broad (inv931)	Verge (£140) & 2 x churchyard grass cut (£118)	£258.00
Bank transfer	Abington Institute	Hire of the rooms for meetings 20/10/22-14/12/22	£36.00
Bank transfer	Paula Harper	Pay for January -Standing Order	£305.46
Bank transfer	HMRC	Tax for January – Standing order	£76.60

c) The Clerk still needs to buy the new printer.

d) Can the council consider having one more councillor authorised to sanction payment on the Unity account.

e) HMRC has requested that all employers submit returns monthly or face fines. The council standing order to pay the Clerk and HMRC monthly have been created

f) Utility Aid have still not sent the Clerk an agreement for the electricity supply for the lights until 2025. It has been chased up. The Clerk to investigate why one of the lampposts in Lewis Close has a much higher consumption of electricity than others.

g) The duplicate payment was raised to Tees Law in error by the Clerk and returned by Tees was for was for £1,552.00

Barclays Bank balances at:

Community Account - £00.00 (on 08/11/2022 from account)

Business Premium Account - £22,225.05 (on 03/10/2023 statement) – income £12.38

Active Saver Account (s106 funds) – £ 53,025.23 (on 03/10/2023 statement) – income £9.80

Unity current account:

Balance - £55,032.05 from statement dated 31/12/2022 – income zero

105. ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

a) Cutting hedges especially on the path from the village to Chalky Road. Glenn Broad quoted the council to cut this hedge; does the council wish to have the work done ?

- b) Any news on the phone mast on the roundabout near Granta Park
- c) Electric car charging points - the MP says there is money available should the village install one/some.
- d) We need to do a series of short "did you know" for that parish magazine on what the precept covers. I am sure residents don't know we pay for street lights, which we didn't before, and it would be worth pointing out that GT Abington is less than little Abington.
- e) Update/additional work required on new website.
- f) A parishioner had expressed concern that the parking on the double yellow lines in the High Street near the pub was becoming very dangerous. Parking on the bend means that cars have to drive on the other side of the road into the oncoming traffic which could cause an accident.

106. OUTSTANDING MATTERS CONCERNING THE OPEN SPACES AT LARKFIELD, LINTON ROAD

- a) The Clerk has reconfirmed the items the council requires action on to Hill, and replied to told Hill explaining that the council wanted the external tap disconnected and has clarified details of the light it requested be removed at what was the show house.
- b) Outstanding matters concerning this development are: replacement of the dead trees at Larkfield, a RoSPA report for the play area, for the grass to be maintained until the land is transferred, request for the agreed fruit trees to be planted and for more information about the water pipe that remains on site and the removal of the light at the entrance to the development.

107. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

- a) Clerk to transfer agendas, minutes and financial year end documents in a pdf form to a memory stick from 2018 onwards. These records will then be added to the new website.
- b) Two new people are living in a tent on the old railway line. The Clerk emailed Cheffins but has received no reply.
- c) **Installing a memorial bench on Linton Road opposite the junction of Meadow Walk on Linton Road.**
- d) Creating a disabled parking bay on the High Street outside the Institute. 'Blue badge holders only' sign need to a Traffic Regulation Order, which takes 21 days.
- e) Local Highway Initiative scheme – Applications submitted an LHI bid for a MVAS mobile activated sign with a contribution from LA by the Chair.
- f) The Clerk emailed Abington shop to ask if they had applied for a licence for the food van and they said that they were going to apply for one.
- g) The Chairman emailed LAPC about getting Sluice Wood made a community asset and was advised that it had tried to get greater protection for this area but had not been successful.
- h) The Clerk still needs to arrange a working meeting for councillors to understand how to upload and access documents on the new website.
- i) The TPO applied for the horse chestnut tree at 127 High Street should be withdrawn and the Clerk should write to the landowner to ask them to attend a meeting to discuss the possibility of placing a TPO on the tree. The council has established all trees in Great Abington which have TPOs on them

108. REPORT FROM THE LIAISON MEETING

- a) Items the council needs to consider or make decisions about that were discussed at this meeting.

109. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Does the council wish to apply for 6 free trees or fewer larger trees from SCDC for the ARGC & Magna Close green?

b) The Pension Regulator – Clerk needs to make a re-declaration of compliance by July 2023.

110.NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA on 20th March 2023 - Holiday dates

Great Abington Parish Council

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Planning applications/appeals considered by the Parish Council and decisions made by the District Council

Parish Council decisions:

No new application considered since the November council meeting

District Council decisions

22/04634/ADV- The Portway, Granta Park - Retention of a directional sign and fascia sign (both non-illuminated)

22/12/2022 – SCDC approved the application.

22/04299/CL2PD – 6 Magna Close - Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for loft conversion with rear facing dormer and front facing rooflight windows

23/11/2022 – SCDC granted certificate

22/01272/FUL- 33 South Road - Demolition of existing haystore and erection of a single detached dwelling including all associated external works and re-instatement of granny annexe to stables/ancillary buildings servicing 33 South Road.

17/11/2022 – SCDC refused permission

