Great Abington Parish Council

Clerk: Mrs. PM Harper

17 Lewis Crescent, Great Abington, Cambridge CB21 6AG

A meeting of Great Abington Parish Council was held at Abington Institute on Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Meeting started at 7.00pm

Present: Tony Orgee, Jill Carter, Jane Bowen, , Louise Patten, two members of the public and the Clerk.

**1. Open forum –** Tony Orgee as Chairman added an exceptional item to the agenda, **Payment for refreshments provided for the Village clean up, provided by Jeremiah Café at the Institute at a cost of £30. Louise Patten proposed the council pay this invoice which was seconded by Jill Carter and approved by all councillors.**

**2. Apologies** – Stephen McDonnell and Mak Makwana sent their apologies.

**3. Declaration of interest in items to be discussed**- Jane Bowen is a member of the Social Club.

**As the members of the public were interested in item 5 on the agenda, the Chair brought this item forward on the agenda so it was considered after the item 3.**

**5.Application for trading licence.** The Parish Council to consider a Street Trading license application to South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) for a kebab van at the Abington Social Club and make its recommendation to SCDC.

The members of the public present were invited to address the meeting. They understood that both the trader and the Social Club were required to obtain separate licences for the business to operate. They thought that the village shop also needed to apply for a premises licence too for their food businesses to trade outside the shop. The council was told that kebab van had been trading since Easter. The van is permanently parked on the site and does not appear to leave and the business is reported to be operating 5 evenings a week. Black bin bags were observed stacked against the van; if this was food waste it should be removed from the site. There was concern about the poor viability splay/sight line when leaving the site. Drunken behaviour and bad language have been observed and heard from the Social Club users. Flashing lights was reported to have caused one neighbour to black-out their windows.

Parish councillors commented that the Parish Council had been notified about a license application for trading at the village shop and had responded to the District Council, but had heard nothing from the District Council since. The issue of a Premises License for the application at Abington Social Club needed to be clarified with SCDC.

Parish councillors then considered the application for a trading licence application by Unal Teksin, trading as Kebab Wrap, for trading from 16.00 -- 23.00 on Tuesday – Saturday located at the Abington Social Club car park.

Councillors did not oppose the principle of street trading at the Abington Social Club site. There was a discussion regarding the opening hours and if the kebab van was for members of the social club when the club was open or if it just happened to be parked in the car park. Councillors felt that the trading hours requested -35 hours per week - were excessive. The trading hours requested were greater than the Social Club’s advertised opening times of Tuesday7pm-close, Friday 4pm-12pm, Saturday 6pm-12pm and Sunday 4.30pm-9pm. It was felt that being open on these days was proportionate. It was felt that the kebab van should not trade when the Social Club wasn’t open and that 11pm closing was too late with close neighbour likely to be disturbed by noise and vehicles late at night.

There was concern about the poor viability splay/sight line leaving the site, poor visibility being a point that had been made regarding other planning applications on the Pampisford Road. As there is no pavement from the village to the location, there were concerns that this would increase the traffic and disruption to residents locally.

**Councillors voted unanimously to oppose the licence application**. The reason for the refusal were: the requested days and hours of trading were disproportionate to the requirements and opening times of the Social Club. In addition the noise and disruption from lengthy trading and extra vehicle movements could cause a disturbance to the neighbours. The waste food from the van should be disposed of and removed from the site. The visibility splay and poor sight lines leaving the car park were a concern, as was the lack of easy and safe pedestrian access from the village to the location. Councillors also understood that the Social Club was required to obtain a separate licence.

*[* ***Note:*** *Councillors were subsequently informed by the SCDC Licensing Officer that this additional licence was not required. ]*

**4.Consider planning application:**

a) 23/01336/FUL - Land Adjacent To 19 South Road  - Erection of 1 No. two storey dwellinghouse

The hand drawn plans were difficult to interpret which made the size difficult to gauge. As the piggery was on higher land than original house, the ridge on the proposed building looked higher than that on the original house, which did not comply with the Neighbourhood Plan. This situation arose with the new house at 6 Chalky Road and SCDC made the applicants change the design so that the ridge was physically lower than the original houses ridge. The proposed building is block-like and is out of keeping with the location and other local buildings. The council requested confirmation that the ecology report was up to date as it was done in 2020 for the adjoining property. There was no design and access statement on the website. If SCDC was minded to approve this council requested conditions be imposed, so that all site traffic parked on the site and not on the narrow single track roads or passing bays.

**Tony Orgee proposed that the council recommend that the application be refused for the above reason, which was seconded by Jane Bowen, with the support of all councillors.**

**6. Items for the next meeting on 15th May:**

Bench for outside the Institute to commemorate the coronation

**Meeting close at 7.50pm**