GREAT ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of Great Abington Parish Council will be held in Abington Institute on Monday 18th November 2024 starting at 7.15pm**

**71. Open forum**

**72. Apologies**

**73. Declaration of interest in items to be discussed**.

**74. Approval of the minutes for the last meetings** held on 16th September and the planning meeting on 14th October.

**75.** **Report from Councillor Henry Batchelor –circulated**

**76.** **Report from Councillor John Batchelor –circulated**

**77. Highway issues/matters**

a) Update from SCDC on planning irregularities.

b) Update on three ‘Playground’ signs to be installed below the triangular ‘children crossing’ & ‘school’ signs by IanBlackman when he installs the bus stop sign.

c) Update on Pampisford Road footpath - Council asked both landowners or their representatives to maintain their verges and requesting that they contribute to the £200 cost the council has incurred this year cutting back their verges.

d) Clearing path to wood on old LSA. The Clerk was actioned to write to the landowners with property either side of the footpath leading to the wood from the North Road side, asking them to cut back their verges overhanging the footpath by a specific date, or this council would ask the County Council involved.

d) Update on whether the Speedwatch Group has agreed to use the new Mobile vehicle activated sign.

**56. Planning – separate sheet**

a) Separate listing of planning decisions at end of agenda.

b) Planning applications to be considered:

i) Ref 24/ 03980/HFUL - Universal House High Street -single storey extension

**57. Finance**

a) Authorisation of the payments in the table below.

b) Income – £

c) Transfer of memory stick to Chairman.

**Payment to be authorised by councillors:**

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| Bank transfer | Glenn Broad | Verges cut on footpath to Chalky Road | £200.00 |
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d) Can more councillors be authorised to use the Unity and Barclays bank accounts? Councillors to sign bank mandate to remove Emma Pery from the account by completing the bank mandate.

e) Can the council authorise the Clerk’s pay increase to £13.69/hr (from £13.02) backdated to April 2024 in accordance with the NALC agreement.

f) Bank balances:

Barclays Bank balances

Community Account - £1.00

Business Interest -

Active Saver Account (s106 funds

Unity Account - £89,971.75 on 08.09.2024

**Agree Budget and precept for 2025-26**

**58. Year end and Internal Auditors Report actions**

a) As requested by the External Auditors a form has been posted up, and the audit has been completed, with issues highlighted.

**59.** **Actions from the last meeting**

a) Tony to send a copy of the Linton Road Greenway plan to Henry Batchelor to get the hedge between Larkfield and the kennels cut.

**60. Flood water remaining on Recreation Ground and nearby land**

a) Update from Tony

b) Email from SCDC Flood Team asking the council what action it plans to take about the flooding of a local residents field earlier in the 2024.

**61. Items raised by councillors**

a) Update Community Warden scheme

b) Update on Parish Council email addresses and finding a new website host/manager.

c) Councillors to discuss whether the two parish village councils should merge.

d) Poor condition of the footway down the High Street from Pampisford Road,

e) Parking on the verge at the entrance to Magna Close and parking on the central grassed area and the suggestion that SCDC create additional parking spaces.

f) Request that the hedge on Linton Road be cut back away from the path.

g) Access to ARG for MUGA work.

**62. Report on the presentation about the Anglian Water Chalk stream restoration project**

**63. Biodiversity responsibility**

Under the 2021 Environment Act, public authorities (including town and parish councils) operating in England must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

Government guidance published on 17 May 2023 clarifies that, as a public authority, town and parish councils must (before January 2024):

Does the council wish to adopt a biodiversity policy based on the template provided and circulated to councillors.

**64. Correspondence**

a) The dead horsechestnut at the pumping station tree on the High Street reported to Anglian Water (AW) blew down in the wind landing on a parked car.

### b) Email about an application for an alcohol licence for 79a High Street, Gt Abington. The property, currently operating as the ReTreat hair salon, will be converted it into a cafe/restaurant. Details of application:

### The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises.

Monday – Saturday: 08:00 – 23:00

Sunday: 08:00 – 16:00

Activity: Hours Open to the Public

Monday – Saturday: 07:00 – 23:00

Sunday: 08:00 – 16:00

### c) A Magna Close resident highlighted that the shrubbery behind the noticeboard was overhanging and wetting residents passing by. The Clerk has been quoted £60 to have it cut back and the waste removed.

d) Request for a donation from Love Abington of £100 to fund food hampers and small gifts for families in need and residents in the Abingtons who are experiencing loneliness, grief and loss this Christmas.

e) SCDC asked if the Council could update them on the verges it manages, the frequency of the cuts and whether new areas are managed by the council. SCDC suggested that it could take over management of some verges.

f) Request for church hedge to be cut.

#### 65 Items for the next meeting on 20th December 2025

Holiday dates

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

**The Chair will read the following statement: *The report contains information he recommends should be exempt from publication and also that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act).***

**The Chair will then ask the Council the following*: Does the Council agree that the public interest is outweighed by the recommendation to exclude the press and public for this agenda item?***

**66. Section 106 amended wording**

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**Parish Council decisions since the last full meeting**

a) 24/02507/FUL – The Franklin Building 2, Granta Park - Extension and conversion of the existing R&D building (following part demolition of the existing building), together with the provision of a substation, enclosed external plant, landscaping, car and cycle parking and associated infrastructure

The Parish Council recommended the applicant address the concerns raised by the consultees and resubmit a revised application at a meeting held on 19/08/2024

b) 24/02608/HFUL – 100 High Street - Single storey front and rear extensions and internal alterations.

Parish Council recommended the application be approved , but queried some details at a meeting held on 19/08/2024

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**District Council decisions**

24/030 83 - 88 High Street - Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a single storey self/custom build dwelling in the garden of 88 High Street0

Parish Council recommended the application be refused at a meeting held on 27/06/2024

24/01967/REM – 55 North Road - Reserve matters application for approval of Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and scale for a new dwelling on land adjacent to 55 High Street . New vehicular & pedestrian access to 55 North Road following outline permission 23/02245/OUT

Parish Council was unable to comment due to the insufficient information being available at a meeting on 27/06/2024.

District Council approved: 08/08/2024