**Great Abington Parish Council meeting 1 August 2022**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Abington Institute at 7.30 pm on 1 August 2022**

**In attendance:** parish councillorsTony Orgee (Chair), Jill Carter and Mak Makwana

**47. Open Forum** Nomembers of the public were present.

**48. Apologies** Jane Bowen, Stephen Mc Donnell, Louise Patten and Emma, Pery

**49. Declaration of interest in items to be discussed** there were no declarations of interest. Tony Orgee commented that although the Parish Nurse project was a church initiative, it was managed and run by Hildersham Parochial Church Council.

**50. Planning**

1. **Appeal against enforcement notice - 16 Chalky Road -** Barns not built in accordance, use of land as a campsite and breach of landscaping S/2387/17/FL

The Council noted the email from Stephen Kelly, Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development, Greater Cambridge Planning Service, in which he stated that he had decided to withdraw the current enforcement notice because of incorrect dimensions, and would reconsider the matter further. In the light of this statement the Council felt that it would be appropriate to wait until Mr Kelly had decided what future action to take.

1. **22/02548/FUL – 14 Magna Close - Change of use from existing timber outbuilding to hairdressing salon.**

The Council noted that there had been a previous application that had not been approved on highways-related grounds.

The Council noted that the application involved a change use of a building, and that all the work would be internal with no change in the outward appearance of the building. The comments of the County Council’s Highways Department to the present application were noted.

The Committee noted that whilst the planning application form stated that the hours of opening would be 9.30 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Friday, the Planning Statement, whilst quoting these opening hours in one section, did state that they would be 9.30 amto5.00pmin a different section.

The Council felt that the scale of operation and opening hours (assuming these were those quoted in the planning application document) were such that there would be limited local impacts and so **agreed to support this application**. However, to safeguard the area from any possible future change of ownership or type of activity on the site, it was felt that it would be appropriate to **include a condition limiting approval to the current applicant.**

**51**. **Finance**

The payments set out in the table below were authorised.

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| Bank transfer | Paula Harper | Parish Nurse donation – half of agreed payment over next two years (£2000 agreed in total). | £1000.00 |
| Bank transfer | Paula Harper | Computer inspection and installation of SSD £28.50 +£185 for PC laptop | £213.50 |
| Bank transfer | Mike Gutteridge | Internal Auditor | £338.00 |

**52. Update on additional funds received from British Cycling**

1. This item relates to the grant of £25,000 awarded by British Cycling to the Abington Pump Track Project.

Tony Orgee stated that he had contacted British Cycling about the two transfers, each of £23, 750 from British Cycling to the Abington Recreation Ground Committee, and questioned whether British Cycling had decided to increase their grant award to this project. He had received a response stating that grant awards went through a thorough process and final decisios about grants to specific projects were made by a committee.

British Cycling acknowledged that the total grant paid should have been £25,000 - an initial payment of 95% of the grant, that is, £23,750, followed by the remaining £1,250 on receipt of a satisfactory report from RoSPA regarding the work carried out.

The person contacted at British Cycling had passed the correspondence to the Finance section at British Cycling to see how £22,500, that is the amount of overpayment, should be returned to British Cycling. Further information was awaited.

[**Update**: British Cycling’s Finance section contacted Tony Orgee on 2 August 2022 giving details of how the £22,500 could be repaid to British Cycling.]

1. Tony Orgee also stated that he and the Parish Clerk had received the final invoice from Conservefor for constructing the Pump Track. This final [second] invoice for £3,240.00 was for supplying and installing pump track signage. It was noted that this work had been completed. The terms of payment were 30 days from the invoice date [26 July].

The Chair (Tony Orgee) decided to take this invoice as a matter of urgency, and noted that the principle of paying Conservefor’s two separate invoices had been agreed at a previous parish council meeting, where it was acknowledged that the second Conservefor invoice would be for £3,240.00. The total Conservefor bill [the two invoices combined] was exactly on budget. The Chair therefore proposed that this second invoice for £3,240.00 be paid. This was agreed.

**53. Next meeting’s agenda on 19th September 2022**

1. Tony Orgee reported that he had been contacted by the Chair of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee (ARGC) who was revising the ARGC’s Terms of Reference that included the ARGC’s status. Following discussion, it was felt that this issue should be an agenda item at the next Joint Parish Councils’ Liaison Meeting.
2. Tony Orgee commented that .GAPC’s LHI bid for 2022-23 for a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign did not score highly enough to be supported. He understood that the last Joint Parish Councils’ Liaison Meeting had discussed the outcome of the parish councils ’ LHI bids, and following requests from members of the public parish councillors at the Joint Councils’ meeting had agreed to discuss with their councils the possibility of the two parish councils (GAPC and LAPC) buying a MVAS. He thought that purchase of an MVAS should be an item on the 19 September GAPC meeting, and this was agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.