Minutes of the Meeting held of Histon & Impington Parish Council Community Room, Histon & Impington Recreation Ground, New Road, Impington Monday 16th January 2017, 7.30pm

3 Appendices attached

Full Council Minutes

Agenda No:	Present: CIIrs : David Jenkins (Chair), Andy Butcher, Aga Cahn, Marian Cleaver, Steve Carrington (in part) Neil Davies, Tim Ewbank, Elaine Farrell, Ashley Gordon, Brian Ing, Simon Jocelyn, Pene Nudds, Denis Payne, Edd Stonham, Josephine Teague, Nick Wood Cty Cllr Mason; 14 residents; Ms L Birch, Ms A Turnbull, Ms B Cusack Clerk: Angela Young	Action/ Power
16/125	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Cllrs: David Legge (personal), Cedric Foster (personal), Cllr Christine Hertoghe was absent Dist Cllr Cross, Rob Campbell (IVC)	
16/126	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS	
	 a) Declarations of pecuniary interest from Councillors on items on the agenda – Cllr Jenkins item 135, conflict of interest – Future pattern of primary school provision in Histon & Impington b) Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests – None c) Any new requests for dispensations – None 	
16/127	DATE(s) OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
	Available on website www.hisimp.net	
16/128	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
	At this point the Chair asked permission to bring forward items 131.5.2 Presentation Quacky Races, item 135 Presentation and Motion – Future pattern of Primary School education in Histon & Impington, and 133.5 Precept. Agreed and standing orders were suspended for items 131.5 and 135. Items minuted in agenda order below	
16/129	TO APPROVE minutes of the Meeting held 21 st November 2016 and 5 th December (extra ordinary meeting) Prop Cllr Butcher sec Cllr Ewbank all in favour to accept as a true record of the meetings	
16/130	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	
130.1	Actions List (Appx 1) copied to all and accepted	
16/131	TO RECEIVE REPORTS	
131.1	<u>County Council</u> written reports November and December received from Cty Cllr Jenkins noted, covering: December Full Council; Committee Meetings; Consultations; Local Matters	
131.2	South Cambs written report received from Dist Cllrs Stonham and Davies, noted covering: Local Matters; SCDC Planning Department; Expansion at Cambourne; City Deal	
131.3	Clerk's Report (Pg 1 - 2) (Appx2) accepted. Additional discussion on: Members urged to attend training 23 February on General Power of Competence, Data Protection, Freedom of Information Agreed to fund office staff to attend Regional Training Seminar at Stansted 27 April at cost of £128 +VAT	
131.4	Chairman's Report noted and accepted	
131.5	Other Committee Chairs reports/Items for Decision Highways Committee next meeting due 19 th January 2017. Training session held 17 th November 2016 Employment Committee next meeting due 10 th March 2017	
131.6	Working Group/Task & Finish Group Reports Kings Meadow Working Party meeting due 7 February 2017 Public Art Working Party no meetings held	



Presentation: Quacky Races – request to earmark an amount of Sec 106 Public Art funds to the scheme, to enable the group to progress with match funding applications elsewhere, crowdfunding etc. This item had been brought forward after Item 128. Alison Turnbull and Bridget Cusack, residents of Histon and Impirigton, presented on the successful event held September 2016 with financial support from the Parish Council Public Art S106 fund of £200. Noted that some £30,028, remains in the fund after the payment received from the developers of Primrose Lane. They outlined their professional expertise in Public Art consultancy and previous involvement from Alison Turnbull in the Homefield Park gate project. Alison detailed the work leading up to and after the event in 2016 and the call for an annual date in the community's calendar. She advised that the Parish Council will be asked to support them in leading a process to deliver permanent public art to the villages. Issues raised: • The welcome level of public engagement, involvement and focus around The Green/Brook/with the ducks • A desire for non-conflict with the Feast events • A desire for non-conflict with the Feast events • A desire for the rilke projects coming out of Public Art projects, e.g. Eel Day in Ely • Fun element of a public art project • The Public Art survey carried out as part of the Homefield gate public art project, and positive reaction to public art • Ambitions for a permanent public art feature/s for the villages, possibly duck related? A permanent cultural legacy. Investment would be made in artists to come up with design proposals, for launch at the next Quacky Race in September 2017. One Cllr questioned the heritage aspect of ducks • Match funding opportunities open to them as professional fund raisers, and an opportunity to dovetial all other projects being considered by the Working Party Noting that the likely request was for £20,000 in total for a significant project, £1,000 of which would be required before September 2017, the o	Public Art WP
Planning Committee draft minutes 29 th November, 20 th December and 10 th January	
provided to all and accepted. Next meetings due 24 th January, 7 th February 2017 Recreation Committee draft minutes 28 th November provided to all. Next meeting due 23 rd January 2017 Environment Committee draft minutes 6 th December provided to all and accepted. Next	
meeting due 31 st January 2017	



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16/133	TO RECEIVE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION REPORT (Appx 2 Pgs 3 & 4)	
133.1	Finance, Legal and Administration Committee draft minutes 5 th December and 9 th January	
400.0	provided to all and accepted. Next meeting due 10 th April 2017	
133.2 133.3	Delegated payment of accounts noted Approve payment of outstanding accounts Proposed Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Cahn all in	
	favour and AGREED to approve	
133.4	Amounts paid in noted	
133.5	Chairman formally asked for an extension under Standing Order 1x). Agreed Precept This item was brought forward immediately after items 128,131.5, and 135.	
	Standing orders had been re-instated.	
	3 supporting papers provided plus Finance, Legal and Admin Committee draft minutes 9 th January 2017 (Appx 3) and accepted. Cllr Payne, Chair of FLA outlined discussions and	
	answered questions. Proposed:	
	That Council Tax rates continue to be equal for the two Parishes	
	2. That the Council Tax rate should be increased by 4.48%, giving a precept of £318,351. Noting that this gives a Band D rate of £97.18, an increase of £4.16 (8p per week for a	
	Band D household, and similarly being £2.77 a year/5p per week for Band A; and	
	£8.32 a year/16p per week for Band H) 3. Work be carried out in the first half of the new financial year to produce a "Priorities"	
	and Aims" policy to assist budgeting processes going forward	
	Seconded Cllr Ing, all in favour and agreed. Cllr Ing commended the work carried out on	
	figure to take to the FLA meeting.	
16/134	RECENT CORRESPONDENCE	
134.1	Circulation file available for all	
134.2	Other Correspondence None	
16/135	OTHER MATTERS	
135.1	Presentation : This item was brought forward immediately following 128 and 131.5.	
	Standing orders were suspended. Ms Lesley Birch, Executive Principal at Histon &	
	Impington Junior School Future pattern of primary school provision in Histon and Impington	
	Cllr Jenkins advised he would stay for the presentation but due to conflict of interest as County Cllr for Histon & Impington would leave the meeting for the motion. Cty Cllr Mason	
	outlined his role as the second Cty Cllr for Histon & Impington, and confirmed he would be	
	attending the County Council meeting the following day, 17 th January	
	Lesley Birch outlined proposals being put forward by Cambs County Council for the future provision of extra primary school capacity by Cambridge Primary Education Trust (CPET)	
	in Histon & Impington (see Motion 135.2). The proposal was for the Junior School to be	
	refurbished and extended (two storey) for a 2 or 3 form entry primary school, with the Infant School relocated to Buxhall Farm site, also as a primary school. The CPET would	
	be presenting to County Council 17 th January to give support to the proposal. Points	
	raised by Lesley include:	
	 History of local children unable to secure places in our primary schools, the need to act on 4 and 5 year olds needing school places, and to make the right decision for the 	
	future of our children. Permanent provision required by 2018	
	Currently 3 classes in each year group – 4 are needed but sites not suitable. Year 2s already relocated to Junior School site.	
	 already relocated to Junior School site Infant school building would be vacated under proposals being put forward, a 	
	treasured building over 100 years old which had served its original purpose	
	 Problems currently seen with access at Junior school, and cramped accommodation Consideration had also been given to relocation to IVC site, an extra Junior School, an 	
	extra Infant School, locations at Bypass Farm and Buxhall Farm (County owned land)	
	Admission procedures - provision required so that siblings can attend the same school about the same in the same school	
	should they wish to Questions followed:	
	Were plans discussed with Infant School Governors 4 years ago to expand the	
	Infant School progressed? Neither primary school Head had knowledge of these discussions	
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- 2 separate primary schools could be divisive in the community. A parent present felt very strongly they should be 2 separate Infant and Junior Schools, wherever sited. Was this an option? The proposals were the preferred option following the County Council consultation. It was also felt to be the logical solution by the CPET. The 2 schools would be run by the same Trust and would work closely together, as now. Some great work had been done with the younger and older children working together since the schools were taken into the CPET leading to improved respect among different age groups
- What is the timing for the proposals? More mobile classrooms would be introduced in September 2017. Under the proposals, during 2018 the Junior School would be refurbished and extended ready for September 2018. Acknowledged that during this transition access to part of the playing fields would be lost. But the site needed improvements and modernisation, whatever proposals were put in place
- What will happen if one school gets a better OFSTED report than the other? The
 admissions policy would need to be robust. With the same Trust and staff working
 together closely, this was not a high risk
- What might happen to the Infant School site? No proposals known but reference had been made elsewhere to community use e.g. early years provision, health
- Access to the Junior School is known to be a problem now. Would it not become a great deal worse by putting roll number up? Design work brief for new pedestrian access points are included in plans out to tender. Funds were not previously available when suggestions put forward for access changes
- Is there an education reason to turn down a school all on one site? County
 Council want to keep the Junior school site, but there is no one site big enough to pull
 the schools together
- Will the schools end up similar in size? There is a growth element built into the Junior School site
- Was the option being put forward now on the original consultation? Yes. Results
 of the consultation were inconclusive leading to a change of options being put on the
 table
- How will existing pupils be split in the first year? This will need careful and sympathetic planning after talking with children and parents

MOTION: Proposed Clir E W Stonham that Histon & Impington Parish Council supports the following resolution being considered by Cambs County Council Children and Young Peoples Committee:

"To: a) endorse the strategy for securing the expansion of primary school places in Histon and Impington in permanent accommodation by September 2019, the elements of which are:

- i. The relocation of the current Infant School to a new site and expansion of its age range to serve children aged 4-11 to provide a total of 420 places (two forms of entry (FE)); and
- ii. The expansion of the Junior School on its current site and expansion of its age range to serve children aged 4-11 to provide a total of 420 places (2FE), with the accommodation necessary to provide 630 places (3FE) to meet future demand.
- b) give approval to progress work on a formal proposal to relocate Histon and Impington Infant School from its current site to the Buxhall Farm site and extend its age range to become an all-through primary school in consultation with the Cambridge Primary Education Trust (CPET); and
- c) Note and endorse the identified need for an additional £10m capital investment to secure the delivery of the education strategy, resulting in a total allocation in the Council's capital programme of £16m."

Non pecuniary Interests declared: Cllr Butcher has a child at infant school, Cllr Davies Governor Junior school, Cllr Farrell resident of New School Road, Cllr Stonham has a child at Junior school, Cllr Wood has children at Infant and Junior schools, Cllr Gordon has a grandchild at Junior school

Cty Cllr Mason reminded all that the agenda for 17th January and reports on the item are on the County Council website. Questions/Comments invited and included:



- Cambs County Council say no suitable alternative option exists but part of the proposal is in Green Belt, Do Parish Councillors believe this should be an exception site issue? Cllr Davies stated the Parish Council has been looking for additional recreational space for 25+ years and has recently realised that although regrettable to use Green Belt to provide, there was no alternative. He felt the Parish Council should press for preservation of the view from Cottenham Road to Buxhall Farm perhaps the school should be wrapped along the side to preserve the panoramic view and to ensure this development was not used as a green light to put forward plans for speculative development
- **Is it the only option?** Some members felt there was not enough information available to support or not support the day before the motion went forward for decision at County Council. E.g. Buxhall Farm site were there plan to include housing to fund the school? What would the effect on transport be?
- Can junior school be all 2 storey? Or green space be provided elsewhere? Site was not big enough to take 7 years of 4 classes
- The motion put to Parish Council was premature and inappropriate. May compromise the ability to look hard at planning applications coming forward. It does not express the Council or community's concerns over what happens to the Infant School site, playing field, access, drainage, wildlife. The Parish Council would wish to have involvement in detailed applications coming forward
- No information had been forthcoming from the County Council on birth rates, despite requests
- Traffic hazards on main road site
- Parish Council needs to look at the implications on the villages, not just on the education. Others felt we need to think about the educational needs of our young first and foremost
- PC Policy issues covering Buxhall Farm site
- Neighbourhood Plan feedback including data showing that open space and the Green Belt are important to respondents
- £16 million investment being proposed in Histon & Impington. It was key that
 the Parish Council show an interest in working with the County Council It was
 not about saying "no" it is about saying the Parish Council doesn't understand the
 scale and needs that understanding
- Suggestion that our County Cllrs be asked to reflect the feeling of the public at the meeting on 17th January
- Education and planning issues cannot be disentangled. There must be a
 willingness to accept the need for additional educational provision perhaps an
 express or support (or non-support) with caveats is required
- Lesley Birch urged members to look on this as an opportunity for provision of quality educational, incorporating sporting and arts provision

The Chair summed up discussion. Standing orders were re-instated. Cllr Stonham withdrew the motion and County Councillors were asked to report to the County Council meeting on the concerns as expressed. 16 members of the public left the meeting

Cllr Jenkins returned to the meeting and was appraised of the outcome of item 135. He reminded members they had all received the papers supporting the proposal by email. Points raised by the Parish Council were summarised. Additional discussion covered:

- Uncertainties raised transport, planning, Green belt, future population figures, protection of Infant School site – could be included as an additional clause to the motion going forward at County Council. Some suggested wording was provided to Cty Cllrs Jenkins and Mason
- Need for Parish Council to be an active partner in design
- Working party idea to work with the County Council and School Trust
 It was agreed Cty Clirs would report to the 17th January meeting that Histon & Impington
 Parish Council supports in principle Cambridge County Council's plans to expand primary school capacity in the community by investing in a new school and refurbishing/modernising the existing junior school, and asks that it be involved in their detailed development and implementation.



HOW TO COMMUNICATE MEETING DECISION AND MATTERS FOR NEXT	
AGENDA Website:	
Support in principle for a broader approach to Public Art Positive approach to school provision plans, with stated reservations Precept Setting	
Next agenda/s:	
Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Youth Employment – Service Level Agreement issues Presentation - Timebanking	
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Next Full Council Monday 20 th February 2017 – Recreation Centre, Recreation Ground, New Road, Impington	
April 2017 – re-schedule for Monday 24 th April 2017 (if required) due to Easter holiday dates	
Meeting closed 9:55.pm	
Appendices Attached:	
Appx 1 – Actions List Appx 2 – Clerks Report Appx 3 – Precept	
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