**NOTICE OF MEETING OF**

**GREAT PAXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**A meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Community Room, Great Paxton Primary School, Great Paxton on Monday 20th March 2023 at 7.30pm**

## Members of the Public and Press are cordially invited to attend or to express any views/opinions by letter. If members of the public wish to speak on any Agenda Item, please let the Clerk or Chairman know at least 24 hours before the Meeting.

## All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend to consider and resolve the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below.

C. A. Brandon 13th March 2023

Clerk to the Parish Council ([clerk@greatpaxton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@greatpaxton-pc.gov.uk) or [www.greatpaxton-pc.gov.uk](http://www.greatpaxton-pc.gov.uk))

**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for Absence and Any Declarations of Interests**

1. Apologies
2. To receive declarations of interests from Councillors on items on the Agenda.
3. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) and to grant any requests for dispensations, as appropriate.

**2**. **Comments and Observations from Members of the Public & District and County**

**Councillors**

1. County & District Councillor Reports
2. Public Forum (to allow members of the public to address the Council (10 Mins).

**3. Community Shop**

Andy Wylde to report. To include reference to financial position of the Community Shop.

**4. Minutes**

To approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2023**.**

**5.** **Planning Matters: Update (if any) on Proposed Developments**

**i Erection of dwelling with access, widening of existing access including dropped kerbs, footpath, and demolition of outbuildings, 58 High Street: 22/01426/FUL**

**(Original and amended application).** Still ‘in progress’.

**ii Erection of a bungalow split into two properties, with garden space, 2 car parking spaces, bin and bike storage, Land West of The Bungalow River Lane: 22/01359/FUL.** Still ‘in progress’.

**iii**  **Demolition of existing garages (4) to be replaced with the construction of one dwelling including off-street parking provision and outdoor amenity space, land north of 51 London Lane: Application No. 22/02302/FUL.** Still ‘in progress’.

**iv** **Change of use of land for a wellness retreat, land adjacent 9 Church Lane: Application No. 21/02377/FUL -** Application withdrawn (23rd February 2023).

**v. Construction of 4x one-bedroom maisonettes, 25 Brookside: Application No. 22/02484/FUL.** Still ‘in progress’.

**vi Proposed single storey porch extension and partial conversion of double garage to form habitable space, 4 Towgood Way: Application No. 22/02425/FUL –** Application approved (21st February 2023).

**vii Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension, 47 Rectory Close: Application No. 23/00156/HHFUL.** Still ‘in progress’.

**viii Proposed accommodation in outbuilding ancillary to dwelling, 22 London Lane: Application No. 23/00190/HHFUL.** Still ‘in progress’.

**6. Grounds Maintenance Contract**

To consider tenders received and to award the Council’s ground maintenance contract for the period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2026. Copy of report by the Clerk circulated separately together with tender documents received.

Also, to consider Protection of Protected Species and Recreation Ground?

**7. Street Lighting Replacement**

Following the decision at the last meeting, Councillors Hall and Mrs Jackson surveyed the Streetlights in the High Street (those owned by the Parish Council) and prioritised the following for replacement - PC 5, 9, 13, 15, 17a, 18 and 21. The Clerk will also submit an application to the Cambridgeshire Community Fund for Grant but they would want to see evidence of match funding.

**Reminder:** Quote from Balfour Beatty - Replacement of 7 units (supply & install pole bracket complete with a DW Windsor Kirium Pro Mini 16 LED 315mA Cell controlled lantern finished in RAL 7035 (light grey) including all electrical work and OHD DNO supply transfer) = £7968.24 excluding VAT.

Balfour Beatty have indicated that they would replace units in smaller numbers if that would help budget for the project.

**Decision Required**

**8. CCC 20mph Application Process**

Cambridgeshire County Council have created an annual 20mph funding programme to install either 20mph zones or limits countywide. The programme will open for applications annually and anyone can apply if they have the support of their local County Council member. Once an application has been submitted it will be prioritised and scored by officers. This will produce a long list which will then be worked through until all the schemes applied for have been delivered.

The prioritised schemes will be entirely funded by the Council out of a budget of £150,000 per year specifically set aside for 20mph schemes. This is expected to fund the delivery of around eight individual schemes per year.

**Eligibility** - In general, a new 20mph limit should be in an area with features that justify a lower speed limit to drivers, for example, an area that has:

* evidence of traffic incidents or potential dangers within an existing 30/40mph
* vulnerable road users e.g., pedestrians (of all ability), cyclists, equestrian users and motorcyclists
* visible homes, shops, and business frontages
* a school or a school route
* a cycling route
* a quiet lane designation
* an area that would benefit from more active travel such as cycling and walking.

Deadline for applications: 30th April 2023

**Does the Parish Council wish to submit an application?**

**9. Community Room: The Way Forward?**

**10. Renewal of Memberships**

**i. CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)**

Fee in 2023/24: £36 remains unchanged unless the Parish Council chooses to increase it to £60? With the Parish Council’s support, CPRE will campaign on the following during 2023 –

* Advance debate to transform rural transport and its funding.
* To campaign for the extension of hedgerows by 40% by 2050. 4000 miles of new and restored hedgerows per year.

**ii. Great Ouse Valley Trust**

Fee in 2023/24: £30 remains unchanged. With the Parish Council’s support, the challenges for the year ahead include:

* *Establishing the Ouse Valley Tree Canopy project by first mapping where existing and new tree and hedge plantings are and can go and then working with landowners, local groups and organisations to develop plans to plant and maintain trees;*
* *Continuing to review feasibility for creating additional circular routes around area as well as liaising with all bodies relating to the Ouse Valley Way;*
* *Looking at enhancing flood meadows;*
* *Continuing discussions on designation of the Great Ouse Valley in Cambridgeshire as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - or similar designation; and*
* *Helping to complete the formation of a new Great Ouse Rivers Trust and to work with this new charity to improve the river to a healthy quality status.*

**11. Attendance at Meeting:** Community Led Housing (Cambs Acre) 19th January – Councillor Mrs Peters to report.

**12. Updates**

* 1. **Paxton Post: Change of Editor & request for full colour copy.** (For example, last copy: 420x 48 pages in full colour = £449.20. In b&w with colour cover = £227.12).
  2. **Speed watch**
  3. **Bridge Foot/Cycle Path:** Update
  4. **Recreation Ground Management Committee:** Report from Councillor Fieldhouse?
  5. **Saxon Green:** Routine Inspection plus Adult Gym check. Any progress Bench? Ditch? To note Annual RoSPA Safety Inspection to be undertaken in April (to include Adult Gym).
  6. **Highways, footpaths, trees etc….** Thank you letters?

**13. Finance Matters**

1. **Request for** **donation**: Magpas Air Ambulance?
2. To note the Bank Reconciliation and approve any invoices/expenses for payment (to be circulated prior to the meeting); and
3. To verify and sign the Bank Reconciliation(s) for November, December, January and February.

**14. Date of Next Meeting: To note – Monday 15th May 2023**

**Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by Annual Council Meeting at 7.30pm or on the rising of the former.** Subject for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting - Community Led Plan for Great Paxton.