

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 11th July 2018.

Present: Councillor Drage (Chairman), and Councillors Cone (and District from Item 45), Gaskell, Hinton (until Item 44), Johnson, Lacey, Scarr (from Item 38.2), Smith, Thorn and Ward. District Councillor Daunton (until Item 38.3) and the Clerk.

	Action
<p>There will be a <u>Planning Meeting</u> of the Council commencing at <u>7pm</u> prior to Full Council. To consider planning applications.</p> <p><u>Permission:</u> S/1524/18/FL, 2 Pierce Lane.</p> <p><u>Appeal:</u> Barnsbury House, Cox's Drove – Alleged breach, boundary enclosure moved to incorporate Green Belt agricultural land into garden. Representations by 25/7/18. Information only.</p> <p><u>Information only:</u> Land to east of Cox's Drove – Discharge of conditions of S/4198/17/FL; Land adjacent to 7 Wilbraham Road – Discharge of conditions of S/0523/16/FL;</p> <p><u>Non Material Amendment:</u> S/2223/18/NM, 17 Birdfarm Road of S/4598/17/FL.</p> <p>New Planning applications:</p> <p>S/2177/18/AD, Tesco Superstores – 1 No. vinyls externally applied to glazing with vandal proof protection. Recommend supports.</p> <p>S/2185/18/FL, 6 Ludlow Lane – Garden room to be constructed to replace existing timber garden room. Recommend supports.</p> <p>36 To accept apologies for absence.</p> <p>Cllrs Brown, Dawson, Lockwood, Newell and Cllr Williams (County & District – at SCDC, Cambourne). Lateness from Cllr Cone (and District – attending Stow-Cum-Quy PC)</p> <p>37 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed.</p> <p><u>Public & Press</u> - You are invited to attend the whole meeting and are welcome to speak at our Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting. No one present.</p> <p>38 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.</p> <p>38.1 County Councillor Williams in his absence issued the attached report.</p> <p>38.2 District Councillor Williams and District Councillor Daunton issued the attached joint report which Cllr Dr Daunton went through. Cllr Daunton has a meeting with the Police next week. Not aware of Neighbourhood Panel meetings, Cllr Daunton will enquire when the next one is being scheduled and will advise that FPC has difficulty in getting any response from our PCSO's. There was a discussion about future development in the region how infrastructure should be in place to accommodate. Cllr Daunton left the meeting at this point.</p> <p>38.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report.</p> <p>39 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.</p> <p>The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>40 Matters arising from the last meeting.</p> <p>40.1 <u>Ida Darwin</u>. A revised draft S106 Agreement was received only today. Cllr Drage has been in contact with a firm of solicitors specialising in Parish Councils. The PC still needs to proceed with caution and once the Ida Darwin Working Party has viewed the document, it will be sent to our solicitors for their advice.</p> <p>40.2 <u>Youth Building</u>. This is progressing. Soil deposited on the mound also contains rocks and concrete which will need removing. It was suggested the soil is re-located to Stonebridge Lane to prevent vehicles parking on the verges. Cllr Drage will liaise with the builders, CJ Murfitt.</p> <p>40.3 <u>Mobile Speeding Device</u> (MSD). Currently located in Pierce Lane, the Clerk will check with Cllr Cone where it will next be sited. Overnight the unit has been vandalised having</p>	<p>CD</p> <p>MD</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>emulsion splashed over it. Cllr Johnson kindly cleaned this off earlier this evening which was much appreciated by the local residents.</p> <p>40.4 <u>Bridleway and Public footpaths</u>. It was agreed to inspect these in the parish and arrange or carry out maintenance as appropriate.</p>	<p>1355</p> <p>PC's</p>
<p>41 Neighbourhood Plan. An update was issued and is attached. Regarding Point 3, Council did agree and support this approach. Date of the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting is 25/7/18.</p> <p>42 Village Design Statement. Richard Townley attended a meeting at SCDC and was invited to make an Expression of Interest to be one of 6-8 villages chosen to take part in an initial opportunity of preparing a Village Design Statement funded by money secured from the Government. The timetable is tight with Expression of Interest (EoI) to be submitted by 23/7/18. Mr Townley has offered to act as the initial Project Champion on behalf of Fulbourn Forum. One question asks if the Parish Council supports this EoI. Members agreed this would be worthwhile. Cllr Daunton also attended the meeting at SCDC.</p>	
<p>43 Local Highways Improvement Funding – Application deadline 31/7/18. From previous meetings and discussions, it was agreed to apply for a second Mobile Speeding Device (MSD). Cllr Cone will complete the application form. Cllr Hinton left the meeting at this point.</p>	<p>GC</p>
<p>44 Tree works: Home End 1 Ludlow Lane – Crown reduce Field Maple by approximately 3m. Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p>	
<p>45 Correspondence.</p> <p>45.1 CCVS (Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service) June 2018 newsletter.</p> <p>45.2 K & S McLean – Written to advise Funeral Directors and parishioners are speeding down the cemetery drive causing stones and dust to fly. This was noted.</p> <p>45.3 CCC – Information regarding Section 171 Street Works Licenses.</p> <p>45.4 CAPALC – June 2018 E-Bulletin. (Sent by email 25/6/18).</p> <p>45.5 E Munn – Copy of correspondence to Cllr Williams regarding an update on remedial works on drains under the railway in Station Road.</p> <p>45.6 NALC – Latest newsletter.</p> <p>45.7 SCDC – Looking for villages to pilot “Timebanking” where participants ‘deposit’ time by helping others and are able to ‘withdraw’ time when they in turn need help. Consider putting an article in a future edition of The Village Pump.</p> <p>45.8 SCDC – Notes from a Cabinet and Parish Councils Meeting held on 20/6/18. Cllrs Drage and Thorn attended finding this very interesting.</p> <p>45.9 Fulbourn Forum – Having attended a meeting at SCDC regarding information about preparing a Village Design Statement (VDS), the timetable for this is tight. Expressions of Interest have to be received by 23/7/18 so this is a request asking for the Parish Council’s support. Mr R Townley has offered to act as the initial Project Champion for the Forum and to complete the paperwork by the due date.</p> <p>45.10 Cambridge Road Residents – Concerns after a bough fell off Beech Tree near their properties. The Clerk has had this removed and arranged for a survey.</p> <p>45.11 Cambridge & Peterborough CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) – Summer 2018 newsletter.</p> <p>45.12 N Childs – Appealing allotment eviction. Following discussion, this was dismissed and notice will be served.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>46 To resolve the accounts for the month. S Danischewsky: Fees.....782.00 CJ Murfitt Ltd: Interim certificate.....6,004.00R Working Turf: Supplies.....667.58 CAS Ltd: Pavilion insurance.....827.07R SCDC: Uncontested election.....225.00 e-on: Pavilion gas.....207.29 Townley: Hall hire.....27.50R Suffolk Acre: Insurance premium.....827.07R BT: Internet services.....175.08R SP Landscapes: Grass cutting.....1,080.00 TalkTalk: June calls.....37.54 Wages: Swifts cleaner.....352.00 Cllr Thorn proposed accepting the accounts, seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed.</p>	<p>Watermark: Account book.....57.10R HP: Ink supplies.....3.49 RBL Poppy Appeal: Wreath.....18.50R Konica: Photocopier.....99.50 Dent: Supplies.....38.40R Wave: Swifts sewerage.....80.57R Barclays: Monthly fees.....17.84R B's Travel: Shopper bus.....220.00R Ernest Doe: Supplies.....68.45R ESPO: Supplies.....38.35 Wages: Clerk + expenses.....1,351.48 Wages: Pavilion cleaner.....255.00</p>	<p>1356</p>
<p>47 Council Committees. Village Walk. Notes taken on 16/6/18 were issued and action points were delegated. A seconded walk was arranged; 4/8/18 meeting at 8.30am at the Library.</p>		<p>Clerk PC's</p>
<p>48 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action. Cemetery improvements.</p> <p>There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.10pm.</p>		

Attached reports:

Items 38.1

County Councillor Report to Fulbourn Parish Council

- 1 There is now just over three weeks left to apply for the 2019/20 Local Highway Improvement funding. If you are planning on applying then please ensure you meet the deadline of Tuesday 31st July 2018.
2. Evan Laughlin the District Highways Manager is leaving Cambridgeshire County Council. This will mean that three out of the four District Highway Manager posts will be vacant.
3. The Mayor and Combined Authority have now appointed a consultant to carry out a county wide bus review. This review should be completed by Christmas. It has been confirmed to me that funding for the existing contracted bus services is there until the end of the financial year (next April) and it will then be up to the Mayor as to whether or not the county continues with these services. However the contracts for most of them expire this coming September and their continuation will depend upon bus companies willing to operate them, which as we know with the 18 is not a forgone conclusion.
4. The County Council's internal audit team is looking to the capital overspend of the Fubourn Primary School enlargement project; initially costed at £4.5m the out-turn figure is now forecast at £6m.

5. The Greater Cambridge Partnership has suspended work on two corridor schemes (Cambourne and Haverhill) for two months following a request from the Mayor and Combined Authority in their Interim Transport Assessment statement. This has implications for the Local Plan as these schemes are part of the current Local Transport Plan which delivers the transport infrastructure for the Local Plans of South Cambs and the City. The GCP has asked the Mayor and the CA to provide the evidence for their decision. The Mayor instead wants to build 50,000 more homes (on top of those already identified in the Local Plans) to finance his Cambridge Metro. In a report going to the Mayor one of the areas being considered for this new housing is Fulbourn, Teversham, the Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom along the Newmarket rail line. This decision was pushed through along party lines with the Conservatives supporting their Mayor and Labour and Lib Dems (representing the City and South Cambs) voting against.

6. Enforcement cameras have been introduced for the bus only road serving Cambridge railway station.

7. Cambridgeshire County Council has been awarded £550,000 by the Department for Transport (DfT) to create the UK's first Dutch-style roundabout at Fendon Road and Queen Edith's Way in Cambridge.

8. Cambridgeshire County Council has launched a drive to attract people who are actively looking for work and those considering a career change to fill around 40 reablement support workers positions in the county. Reablement is a vital frontline adult social care service which helps people, such as those leaving hospital, to regain their independence and who might not otherwise be able to live in their own home. The recruitment campaign will run over the next month and will include adverts on buses, bus stops, petrol stations and on social media.

9. The British Renewable Energy Association brought together the best and brightest in the industry at an awards ceremony on 14 June 2018 to recognise leaders in their field and it judged Cambridgeshire County Council as winners in the Pioneer category, against competitors Foot Anstey LLP and CAMBI. The Pioneer category was developed for an organisation in a sector not previously associated with renewables that has now become involved and created a pathway that others can follow. The Council has been developing renewable energy projects - mainly solar, with a few biomass boilers - since 2014, and has been working in partnership with Bouygues Energies & Services under the Re:fit Framework to develop projects in schools, public buildings and council-owned corporate buildings. The largest project to date, a 12MW solar farm operating in Soham, is a recipient of Contracts for Difference support.

10. The County Council has produced guidance for schools considering converting to academies; this has come about as councillors from all party groups expressed concern at the way some school governing bodies had gone about consulting stakeholders in the absence of guidance from the Government. The intention is that the advice documents will be sent to schools as soon as the County Council is notified of the intention or consideration of a school to convert to academy status. The project officer will send the attached documents together with a standard letter detailing contacts, charges and an overview of the process by way of introduction and information. As soon as an Academy Order is received, the county's strategic assets team will also contact the local county councillor to ensure that they are aware of the school conversion as in some cases either local elected members have failed to be formally consulted or the governing body has been selective in its consultation.

John Williams

Item 38.2

Report of District Councillors Claire Daunton and John Williams

1. South Cambs District Council

(i) Following the results of the local elections in May the new administration has brought in a number of changes. As reported to the last meeting of the parish council, the Chairman of the Council is the Independent member for Girton, Dr Douglas de Lacey.

(ii) This appointment has been followed by that of a member of the opposition, Cllr Granville Chamberlain, to be Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee, a key committee of the Council. In addition to a departure in the appointment of chairman, the committee will also be acting on the basis of pre-scrutiny rather than post-scrutiny. This should make for more effective and transparent working. Councillors Cone and Daunton are members of this committee. Councillor Williams, as portfolio holder for Finance, would normally attend. Councillor Daunton is the 'scrutiny monitor' for Housing and will be looking closely at all aspects of Housing policy, including changes to the benefits system bringing in Universal Credit, the homelessness strategy, affordable housing for rent and other aspects of Housing policy and delivery, as and when they come up for scrutiny.

(iii) There are several new committees or working groups at District level which we hope will have a positive impact on the District. These include: a Climate and Environment Committee which will be looking at ways we can work together to limit damage to the climate and improve the environment, including the use of emissions targets for heavy goods vehicles; a Brexit Working Group aims to investigate ways we can help businesses in and around South Cambridgeshire to cope with any actual or anticipated consequences of Brexit.; a new Grants Committee which is reviewing all aspects of the Council's community grant-giving powers and capacity to ensure that the limited money available is spent to best effect for a wide range of community purposes. Councillor Williams attends the Grants Committee in his role as portfolio holder. On account of this role he is not able to comment on individual applications. Councillor Daunton is a member of the committee. At a recent meeting the Committee she was pleased to see that an application for play equipment from the **Fulbourn Primary School PTA was received**, this followed a fundraising event on 16th June and the stall at the Fulbourn Feast on 24th June.

(iv) Through its Civic Affairs Committee the Council has also agreed to review its constitution to make it more fit for purpose in the 21st century (it was last revised 20 years ago) and to acknowledge new ways of working and the increasing need for transparency. This committee has also agreed to a new procedure (on one-year trial basis initially) aimed at **making it easier for members of the public to ask questions at Council meetings. Councillor Daunton is a member of this committee.**

2. Combined Authority

3. There are now several layers of government in our geographical area, not always interconnecting well, and this layering is affecting delivery of services, particularly in the realm of transport planning, a realm of concern for us all. As well as the County Council (education, social care and health and highways) and the District Council (planning, housing, community services and waste management), there is the Greater Cambridge Partnership (formerly City Deal) attempting to deliver transport improvements in South Cambridgeshire and now the Mayor and Combined Authority taking over aspects of transport, housing and skills, throughout the whole of the County including Peterborough. Negotiating these overlaps is proving very challenging since the overlapping ambitions and responsibilities of constituent parts do not always coincide easily.

Having recently taken over the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), which was responsible for the Economic Development Strategy – and a very important one in the context of South Cambridgeshire, District and City, where business and enterprise are flourishing – it now appears that the Mayor is working towards taking over other aspects of local government in the region, with significant consequences for the District.

There are currently differences of approach between the Mayor and the Greater Cambridge Partnership over the GCP's plans for the development of new park and ride sites to ease congestion on roads into the city, and also its plans for a busway to Cambourne along the A428.

There are hints that further developments along these lines might include the Cambridgeshire County Council's being subsumed into the Combined Authority and this happening just at the time that CCC's commitment to building a new headquarters at Alconbury might be coming on stream.

Police and Crime Commission

Councillor Daunton is a member of the Police and Crime Commission Panel for Cambridge and Peterborough. She is also a member of the District's Crime and Disorder Reduction committee. Strategic decisions concerning policing across the District and at each local level – affecting our daily lives – are taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Panel acts as the scrutinising body for the commissioner. At a recent meeting concerns over the level of drug-dealing across the County and cities, and the further crime that results from this, were highlighted. We recognize that levels of drug-taking and drug-dealing across both cities and within our villages are on the rise.

Housing

- (i) The delivery of the Local Plan makes it easier to resist unwanted developments. There is full acceptance of the need for more houses, but these should be homes in places where people want to live with services provided that enhance the community. The Local Inspector has still not released her final report and this is holding up the delivery of additional homes.
- (ii) Residents are now moving in to the first 2,000 affordable homes in Northstowe provided through the Bedford-based Housing Association bpha, working in conjunction with South Cambs. Members might be interested to view the short film made by ITN Productions and the Chartered Institute of Housing on the housing crisis in which bpha features <https://www.bpha.org.uk/bpha-in-new-film-on-uk-housing-crisis/>
- (iii) Discussions are being held on the promotion of self-build and modular build, with evidence and experience from other parts of the country.
- (iv) Councillor Daunton continues to serve on the 'Communal Spaces Working Group' for sheltered housing which is currently consulting on a scheme for St Vigor's in Fulbourn. The changing use of communal spaces is subject to significant consultation with residents.

Transport

Buses. The poor quality of bus services across this Ward, not least in Fulbourn, is much discussed. The lack of decent bus services, not only in the rural hinterland around Cambridge City, but also across the city itself, remains a major issue. Those in this Ward without cars, and on reduced income, regularly spend £20 on return taxi fares to take them to Sainsbury's or the Beehive centre. But there is a head of steam both nationally and locally for concerted action on improving bus services; and the issue is on many more agenda than hitherto. Below is a link to the recent report of the Campaign for Better Transport, dealing with the national crisis <https://bettertransport.org.uk/buses-in-crisis-2018>

Here the Cambridge Area Bus Users group put down a question to the Mayor at the Combined Authority meeting of 27th June and received the following reply

'The provision and performance of existing bus services are disappointing and it is clear that there has been a decline in many areas over recent years. The simple fact is that patronage is falling and costs to bus operators are increasing. Together this has created an environment in which commercial bus services are being withdrawn and can only continue through public sector subsidy.

In the short term the Combined Authority is reviewing subsidy provision with Cambridgeshire County Council. However, interventions will be limited in the short term until the Combined Authority's Strategy Bus Review is completed later in 2018 and the findings are considered.

A key component of this bus review is to review the new powers which are available to the Combined Authority through devolution, including the ability to franchise services. However, the Combined Authority does not wish to pre-empt the findings from this study.

Finally, in relation to engagement with the public as part of this study, there are no plans to formally consult at this stage. However, the study team will be engaging with a number of key stakeholders including the upper tier authorities, the district councils, the Greater Cambridge Partnership, bus operators and the Cambridge Bus User Group. This engagement has not yet commenced but will take place over the coming months. In addition, Transport Focus has been appointed as an independent advisor to the project. ‘

In the meantime, it has to be stated that some small improvements can come from adjustments to timetables and some re-routing, if these can be agreed with Andy Campbell, Managing Director of Stagecoach. There might also be the possibility, perhaps, of extending the scope of 3CT transport which at present can only be used for medical-related journeys..

At a recent presentation from the transport consultant employed by the Greater Cambridge Partnership it was agreed that good public bus services were vital to dealing with congestion in the city and that these could go hand in hand with any other mode of public transport, be it the Rapid Mass Transit system favoured by the Mayor for development over the next 5-10 years, more Park and Ride sites more immediately, or other schemes. All are viable in their own way and all could work well together, But for the here and now, better bus services are needed, and soon.

Cycling The Cambridge Greenways project continues to be rolled out, including the Fulbourn cycle way and its extension.

Waste Management

On a recent visit to the SCDC Waste Management facility, Councillors Bradnam and Daunton were made aware of the strides that SCDC has made in managing waste and improving recycling of plastics, glass and paper. Waste Management is now a shared service across Greater Cambridge and there will be further improvements to the service from August with the introduction of a new shared IT arrangements and the introduction of easier on-line reporting and information. This is an important area of work for the District as a whole and for each individual household.

CD and JW
27.06.2018

Item 38.3

Councillor Cones Report to Parish Council July 2018

Universal Credit

Universal Credit is scheduled to go live across the whole district from the 17th October 2018. Universal Credit is a combination of the following six benefits rolled in to one. It replaces housing benefit, working tax credit, child tax credit, income support, income base job seekers allowance and income related employment and support allowance. Universal Credit will only affect working age people. Pensioners will not be affected and should still claim housing benefit.

The roll out of Universal Credit will have an impact on many residents within the Fulbourn and Fen Ditton ward. The administration of SCDC have a responsibility to protect vulnerable residents and make this transition period as smooth as possible. SCDC has factored for additional staff to facilitate Universal Credit and at the last Scrutiny meeting I questioned the Deputy Leader of the Council as to whether these staff are yet in post and the type of staff that would be recruited i.e. skill mix. The Deputy Leader will be looking into this issue and providing me with further details. I will work with both officers and the administration at SCDC to make the roll out of Universal Credit as smooth as possible.

Affordable homes in Northstowe

I was really pleased to see residents have moved into the first of more than 2000 new affordable homes in Northstowe. The houses are 2 and 3 bed roomed with a mix of rented and shared ownership properties available. Private rents are very high within the villages that make up SCDC with rents often being well over £1000 per month so rents that are around £750 per month, although still expensive, can make all the difference for professionals and young families that want to live and work within our district. More affordable rents make a huge difference to my colleagues at Addenbrookes Hospital, many of whom are having to rent long distances away from the City or are having to live in house shares with 4-5 people paying £500 per month for a room within a house.

The new town will also be welcoming new home owners to its shared ownership homes. These properties allow purchasers to buy part of the overall property and rent the remainder. Qualifying purchasers require a smaller deposit and the combined rent / mortgage will be significantly less than if they have purchased the property outright. Again, my own experience through colleagues at Addenbrookes Hospital has been that shared ownership can provide a lifeline to people on average wages such as nurses and allied health professionals who are already renting so find it difficult to save for a large deposit and that would not be eligible for a mortgage on the total value of homes within our high cost of living area. During my time as a Councillor I have always supported the Conservatives Local Plan which delivers our first new town within our district, Northstowe.

Northstowe will not only provide thousands of standard and affordable homes in our district but has been built with the infrastructure it needs from the start including cycleways, green spaces, shops, schools, community spaces etc. Developments of this scale within our district ultimately mean that we are not burdening existing villages with huge housing developments that their existing infrastructure would struggle to cope with.

Be well project

Cambridgeshire residents are being encouraged to eat healthily and lead a more active lifestyle to reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes. Being overweight increases the risk of type 2 diabetes, a common condition that can lead to heart disease, stroke and kidney problems as well as vision loss and blindness.

Health experts in the County are encouraging people aged 40-74 years, if invited, to book in at their local GP clinic for a free NHS Health Check. These are funded by Cambridgeshire County Council's Public Health Grant and tell you not only whether you're at higher risk of getting type 2 diabetes or if you already have the condition, but can also spot early signs of heart disease, stroke, kidney disease and some types of dementia.

The short 20-30 minute check on blood pressure, weight, cholesterol, and the lifestyle factors that affect your risk of developing these conditions, also gives you advice on how to prevent them.

For more information, please visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/be-well/

Advice and support for local businesses

Free drop-in sessions and practical workshops centred around starting a company, or growing an existing one, are being offered to residents and businesses in South Cambridgeshire. These are being provided during regular times at the District Council's Cambourne offices by experts at NWES, the UK's largest not-for-profit enterprise agency, and are aimed at South Cambridgeshire residents who are thinking of starting a business, and owners and managers of existing local firms. They will focus on either start-up companies or growing a business. One-to-one advice sessions last for around 30 minutes, and participants might also be able to sign-up for a further programme of support.

Additionally, a free workshop called 'first steps to start-up' is being made available. This will offer detailed insights into starting a business and is tailored towards those considering ideas for new ventures. This will cover elements such as calculating start-up costs, registering with HMRC and the legal side of naming a firm. They'll also run through how to plan and present financial forecasts.

Separate free workshops aimed at existing business owners or managers are also being offered. These sessions will include practical and tutored sessions to help delegates spot, manage and maximise opportunities for their companies to grow.

Topics will include learning styles, disruption and innovation, how to build strong teams and effective communication.

To register, visit www.scambs.gov.uk/content/latest-news-workshops-events-support-awards-funding-and-grants-0

Trial of community street sweeping and litter picking

A trial is to be run by the District Council and local communities into how our villages can become cleaner and how littering can be reduced. Equipment such as a ride-in street sweeper is being made available for use by volunteers in parishes, along with extra support for coordinated litter picks.

Around 20 villages from across the district said they were interested in receiving more help with additional street cleaning and seven have been chosen for the trial. Volunteers have been trained to operate the ride-in sweeper, which can be borrowed for use on paths covered in tarmac, including cycleways. A leaf and litter vacuum will also be made available which can be used in car parks, around shops and on playing fields. Both pieces of equipment will be able to be booked out by communities taking part in the trial and used by volunteers who have gone through training and Council organised checks.

The second new project being developed will see the authority supplying tools like litter-pickers, gloves and bags to communities who want to run their own 'big clean' events and environmental action days. Staff from the Shared Waste Service will be paired with volunteers to encourage communities to separate out items that can be recycled and give out food caddies and recycling advice. The Council will collect and dispose of waste collected by volunteers.

Local Highways Initiative bids

The bid deadline for LHI applications to the County Council is Tuesday 31st July 2018. This is the annual opportunity for Parish Councils to bid for local highways improvements for which the County Council will fund most and the Parish Council a minimum of 10%. The ideas do not have to be fully backed because once the scheme is submitted, the bidding Parish Council will be contacted by a County Council project officer to develop a Feasibility Study. This was introduced a few years back because it was unrealistic to ask villages to become fully fledged road engineers finding their own technical solutions overnight. The Feasibility Study will still be presented to the LHI Member Advisory Panel by the Parish so you will need good presentational skills to get the message across, and evidence to support the bid and demonstrating local support is always useful.

Item 47

Parish Council village walk 01/07/2017

Councillors Present: Cone, Smith, Lockwood, Dawson, Lacey, Johnson and Shepherd.

Cemetery

Cllrs Smith and Lacey are going to obtain quotes to tarmac the road.

Blue metal bench needs sand blasting and a repaint.

The burial location box and map needs replacing and renewing.

There is a broken bench that was felt should be removed and the group wondered if some of the benches could be moved into the middle as many are in the trees and are covered in bird mess.

St Vigor's

The dog bin needs re-attaching and the bench needs a repaint.

The road and path to Hollman's Close needs resurfacing, although the group were not sure who owned the road. Cllr Cone was going to look into it SCDC.

Haggis Gap

Both sets of railings need repairing.

The health centre sign needs renewing.

High Street

It was suggested, that perhaps we could get some seating in front of the pillars at the chemist, for a resting point.

Some of the bollards need new reflectors.

The group then went round to have a look at the corner in Station Road then due to Cllrs other commitments the walk came to an end.

TL