

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 10th October 2018.

Present: Councillor Drage (Chairman), and Councillors Brown (from Item 66), Dawson, Gaskell, Johnson, Lacey (from Item 66), Lockwood, Newell, Scarr, Smith, Thorn, Ward, County & District Councillor Williams (until Item 67) District Councillor Daunton, Mr R Ward and the Clerk.

	Action
<p>63 To accept apologies for absence. Cllrs Cone and Hinton. The Chairman offered congratulations to Cllr and Mrs Cone on the birth of their son at the weekend.</p> <p>64 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>Item No. 70 was taken at this point. Mr Ward confirmed the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) website had now gone live. An article advertising this will be included in The Mill, The Village Pump and displayed on A4 posters. He explained the first phase had been completed, now the group were finding out what issues people had which will then be collated. SCDC adopted the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan; we now have to wait for the city. The Chairman confirmed it was being adopted later this month. Mr Ward said a meeting with SCDC had been arranged for 17/10/18 to discuss the end of the preparation phase and they would be asking SCDC what level of support it could offer the group including financial. The aim is to hold a Referendum in Spring 2020 which will need the Parish Council to approve before going before SCDC.</p> <p>Cllr Scarr asked if there were likely to be any boundary changes at the Beechwoods Estate. Cllr Williams was not aware of any. Cllr Williams continued that the adopted Local Plan was already under review and can be replaced before 2030. The Mayor predicts further growth for the region therefore the sooner a NP is completed, and as it is a statutory instrument, it would have to be taken into account when the Parish Council is consulted on future planning applications.</p> <p>Cllr Smith proposed accepting the Neighbourhood Plan reports, proposal seconded by Cllr Newell and agreed by the Council.</p> <p>65 Greenways Cycling Project Presentation. Unfortunately representatives had double booked and were attending Comberton Parish Council this evening. They did promise to send the latest information on the project.</p> <p>66 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.</p> <p>66.1 County Councillor Williams gave a verbal report.</p> <p>66.2 District Councillor Williams and District Councillor Daunton issued the attached joint report. Cllr Daunton went through the number items. <i>Cllr Lacey arrived after point 3.</i> From 4. Community Assets, Cllr Williams added The Six Bells planning application would automatically have gone to the SCDC Planning Committee had it been registered as a Community Asset. Members agreed Community Assets should be on November's agenda. <i>Cllr Brown arrived during point 7.</i></p> <p>66.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report in his absence.</p> <p>67 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><i>Cllr Williams left the meeting at this point.</i></p>	

<p>68 Matters arising from the last meeting.</p> <p>68.1 <u>Ida Darwin</u>. The Parish Council Working Party met its solicitor raising some concerns which our solicitor would then put to Homes England’s legal team. Homes England then cancelled their arranged meeting. SCDC approached the Parish Council asking to meet but until the original concerns have been addressed, the PC politely declined.</p> <p>68.2 <u>Community Building</u>. Works are progressing with roof trusses being fitted this week. FA4Y are continuing to raise funds for equipment.</p> <p>68.3 <u>Cemetery</u>. Cllr Smith will meet a resident who has offered part of their drive to form a turning circle. Moving the entrance barrier up the lane will also offer more space. These proposed improvements will be included in the 2019/20 precept.</p> <p>68.4 <u>Recreation Ground Limit Gate</u>. With building works and more clubs needing access to the barrier, Members agreed to write to all users reminding them how vulnerable the recreation ground is, and if the barrier is left open, it must be manned at all times otherwise they would be liable should legal costs be incurred to evict unauthorised persons.</p> <p>68.5 <u>Balsham Road</u>. It was agreed to write to the Accent Group asking for a timetable for the approved Exception Site. If works are not imminent, we would ask the heras fencing is removed as it is an eyesore when approaching the village.</p> <p>68.6 <u>Police Neighbourhood Panel Meetings</u>. Meetings will be arranged if there are any serious issues for example one at Willingham recently, otherwise the will only be half-yearly parish conferences.</p> <p>68.7 <u>Hindloders, Stonebridge Lane</u>. Posts have been strategically placed at the entrance.</p> <p>68.8 <u>Beech Tree, Cambridge Road</u>. Searches indicate the tree falls within the boundary of the properties set back from the carriageway. The Clerk will write to residents advising this and that the Parish Council will not carry out any future maintenance.</p> <p>68.9 <u>Litter & Fly tipping</u>. Articles will be included in The Village Pump and arrangements for SCDC representatives to address the primary school are in hand.</p>	<p>1362</p> <p>Precept 2019/20</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Comms GC</p>
<p>69 Christmas Lights – Switch on 2nd December 2018 at 3.45pm.</p> <p>Cllrs Dawson & Smith will check the lights are in working order to ensure everything goes smoothly on the day. Cllr Drage will arrange for Father Christmas to attend.</p>	<p>SD/DS</p>
<p>70 Neighbourhood Plan – New website accessed via left-hand link on www.fulbournpc.org Item taken at the beginning of the meeting.</p>	
<p>71 To consider planning applications. Minutes of a Meeting held on 01/10/18. <i>Cllr Daunton left the meeting at this point.</i></p>	
<p>72 Tree works:</p> <p>S/3460/18/TC, Pierce Lane – Cherry Plum and Plum – Crown reduction by 4m. No comment.</p> <p>S/3606/18/TP, Ludlow Lane – Fell Horse Chestnut. No comment.</p> <p>S/3688/18/TC, Church Lane – Holly, reduce by 2m; Cheery, reduce in line with crown and reduce lateral branches; Malus, lightly reduce; Tamarisk, lightly reduce and Yew, reduce by 1m. No comment.</p> <p>S/3742/18/TC, Pierce Lane – Fell numerous trees including Conifers, Birch, Ash, Apple & Cedar. The applicant has been asked for a site meeting. Council felt it would be beneficial if SCDC, Tree Warden also visited. The Clerk will request a meeting.</p> <p>Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p> <p>Two quotations for tree works at the copse area of the recreation ground have been received: - Gardenworks, £1,875.00 + VAT and SP Landscapes, £1,200.00 + VAT. These works are essential due to Health & Safety. Cllr Smith proposed accepting the quote from SP Landscapes, seconded by Cllr Lockwood and agreed by the Council.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>73 Correspondence.</p> <p>73.1 CCC, Highways – Community Gritting 2018-19 information.</p> <p>73.2 SCDC – Information regarding updates and training events for Parish Tree Wardens. If</p>	<p>GW</p>

<p>local, Cllr Ward has offered to attend.</p> <p>73.3 CCC – Cambridgeshire Matters September 2018 newsletter.</p> <p>73.4 C Whitehouse – Reported fallen tree in front of the Ida Darwin site. The Clerk is making enquiries into ownership so the tree may be cleared.</p> <p>73.5 CAPALC – September 2018 Bulletin. Email sent to you all on 25/9/18.</p> <p>73.6 CCC, Highways Service – Notification of a Road Closure from 77 Station Road between 3/12/18 to 7/12/18 with a diversion route in place; any comments to be made by 12/10/18.</p> <p>73.7 SCDC – Notification that SCDC has adopted the new South Cambridgeshire Local Plan (2018). This Local Plan now forms part of the development plan against which decisions on planning matters will be taken.</p> <p>73.8 SCDC – September e-bulletin received.</p> <p>73.9 Cambridge Area Bus Users – Invitation to attend a general meeting on 6/10/18 regarding cutbacks to rural services.</p> <p>73.10 SCDC – Agenda received for Parish Planning Forum on 30/10/18.</p> <p>73.11 CCC – Details of a Parish Council Energy Scheme opportunity to work with CCC and pilot an electric vehicle project for the parish.</p> <p>73.12 Fulbourn Arts – Thanking the Parish Council for its continued support.</p> <p>73.13 Cambs & Huntingdon Archives – Temporary suspension of accessions of records until 2019.</p> <p>73.14 Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) – October 2018 newsletter.</p> <p>73.15 SCDC – Confirmation that the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan was adopted on 27/09/2018.</p> <p>73.16 CCVS (Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service) – October 2018 newsletter.</p> <p>73.17 C Smith – Asking how the Council proposes to address the litter and fly tipping problem in the village especially around Babraham Road. See Item 68.9.</p> <p>73.18 Townley Memorial Hall – Details of AGM on 17/10/18.</p>	<p>1363</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>DB/TL</p>																
<p>74 To resolve the accounts for the month.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....170.00R</td> <td>Wages: Swifts cleaner (Aug & Sept).....386.00R</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Furnleaf: Grass cut & Maint.....4,865.00</td> <td>Friends Roman Road: Subscription.....50.00R</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HP: Ink supplies.....3.49</td> <td>Barcham: Oak tree & kit.....188.10R</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barclays: Monthly fees.....22.05R</td> <td>Konica: Photocopier.....108.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B’s Travel: Shopper bus.....220.00R</td> <td>Ridgeons: Supplies.....81.88R</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SP:Grass cutting.....1,380.00</td> <td>CJ Murfitt: Building works.....84,113.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S Danischewsky: Fees.....918.00</td> <td>e-on: Pavilion electricity.....249.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAPALC: Training course.....75.00</td> <td>ProGreen: Ground maintenance.....1,380.00</td> </tr> </table>	Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....170.00R	Wages: Swifts cleaner (Aug & Sept).....386.00R	Furnleaf: Grass cut & Maint.....4,865.00	Friends Roman Road: Subscription.....50.00R	HP: Ink supplies.....3.49	Barcham: Oak tree & kit.....188.10R	Barclays: Monthly fees.....22.05R	Konica: Photocopier.....108.16	B’s Travel: Shopper bus.....220.00R	Ridgeons: Supplies.....81.88R	SP:Grass cutting.....1,380.00	CJ Murfitt: Building works.....84,113.47	S Danischewsky: Fees.....918.00	e-on: Pavilion electricity.....249.97	CAPALC: Training course.....75.00	ProGreen: Ground maintenance.....1,380.00	
Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....170.00R	Wages: Swifts cleaner (Aug & Sept).....386.00R																
Furnleaf: Grass cut & Maint.....4,865.00	Friends Roman Road: Subscription.....50.00R																
HP: Ink supplies.....3.49	Barcham: Oak tree & kit.....188.10R																
Barclays: Monthly fees.....22.05R	Konica: Photocopier.....108.16																
B’s Travel: Shopper bus.....220.00R	Ridgeons: Supplies.....81.88R																
SP:Grass cutting.....1,380.00	CJ Murfitt: Building works.....84,113.47																
S Danischewsky: Fees.....918.00	e-on: Pavilion electricity.....249.97																
CAPALC: Training course.....75.00	ProGreen: Ground maintenance.....1,380.00																
<p>Cllr Smith proposed accepting the accounts, seconded by Cllr Newell and agreed.</p> <p>Quotation from G Marshall for village benches maintenance of £985.00. Cllr Ward proposed accepting the quote, seconded by Cllr Gaskell and agreed by the Council.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>																
<p>75 Council Committees.</p> <p>Recreation Ground Working Party. Minutes of a meeting held on 8/9/18 were issued. Cllr Ward suggested lifting the tree crowns on the recreation ground to assist with grass cutting. This will be included in the 2019/20 precept.</p>	<p>Precept 2019/20</p>																
<p>76 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action.</p> <p>Village Community Assets.</p>																	
<p>There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.15pm.</p>																	

Additional reports:

Item 66.2

Report of District Councillors John Williams and Claire Daunton to the October meeting of Fulbourn Parish Council

1. Local Plan

The Local Plan was adopted at the Full Council meeting of 27th September.

Generally speaking the Planning Inspector has approved the draft plan and confirmed its Green Belt policies. Members might wish to note, however, with reference to this Ward in particular, that the inspector's report (paras 142 and 143) approves of the Plan's proposals to remove a site in Fulbourn Road from the Green Belt for the extension of the Peterhouse Technology Park, stating that the release of a 6.9ha site, including a further section on the Fulbourn side of the Yarrow Road roundabout, would have limited impact on the Green Belt. This presently helps to provide a green buffer between Fulbourn and the City.

Until very recently there was no 5-year housing land supply which together with no Local Plan has meant a free-for-all for developers to build houses just about anywhere. In fact, there are now 5000 houses with planning permission that are not in any local plan.

Key housing sites in the two Local Plans (for Cambridge and South Cambs) that have been found sound by the inspectors are below. Only a proportion of the homes at the larger sites would be built by 2031:

- A new town north of Waterbeach – approximately 8,000-9,000 homes
- A new village at Bourn Airfield – approximately 3,500 homes
- An expansion to Cambourne to the west – since the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan was submitted planning permission has been granted for 2,350 homes
- Homes on land north of Cherry Hinton and west of Teversham – 1,200 homes
- Around 900 homes in the better-served South Cambridgeshire villages
- Continue to develop Northstowe – around 10,000 homes
- Continue to build homes in existing growth sites on the edge of Cambridge (Southern Fringe, Cambridge East, Darwin Green and Eddington)
- Worts Causeway – 430 homes
- Extension to Cambridge Biomedical Campus to support the growth of this cluster
- Extension to the Peterhouse Technology Park on Fulbourn Road

Other key policies in the plan and findings of the Inspectors include a commitment to an early review of the Local Plans. This was already a commitment of both Councils as part of signing up to the City Deal agreement. The review would commence in 2019 with submission for examination in 2022. The Inspectors confirmed that the Councils' Green Belt evidence is robust and that no additional sites, beyond the limited sites proposed by the Councils, need to be allocated for development in the Green Belt

It is important to ensure that new homes and communities go hand-in-hand with the necessary transport improvements and facilities, such as GP surgeries. We will be working with the Mayor, Greater Cambridge Partnership and County Council to make sure transport improvements happen.

2. A new deal for social housing

The government has published a green paper on social housing. Details;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-housing-green-paper-a-new-deal-for-social-housing>.

The government has announced an additional £2bn for social housing to be built and managed by housing associations

In addition the Prime Minister has announced that the cap on Council's ability to borrow for Council house-building will be scrapped from 2022. SCDC has welcomed that but warned that there should be no consequent bureaucracy in any new arrangements. SCDC already has plans to build a further 200 Council houses and recognizes that the additional borrowing could offer the prospect of many more.

3 Planning

(i) *Shared Service*. Officers and members are working together to improve the service offered by the South Cambs Planning Department. This is now a shared service with the City and it is hoped that sharing expertise and personnel will make for significant improvements once the new service has 'bedded down'. The Lead Member for Planning, Cllr Dr Tumi Hawkins is aware that there have been significant concerns in the past, particularly over delays in dealing with applications. This has been due, in part, to staff shortages. She is monitoring progress carefully.

(ii) *Six Bells*. We have been keeping well abreast of progress on the application concerning the Six Bells. It is worth noting that parish councils and local Members no longer have an automatic right to call in applications, since this was removed in a previous administration. Such a call-in can only be effected if there are material, regulatory objections. In the case of this application we know that neither Highways nor Listed Buildings officers have any raised objections. The application will be determined under delegated powers, and we await the decision.

(iii) *Neighbourhood Plan*. Cllr Daunton attends meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan group, and is watching the development of the Village Design Statement with informed interest, along with the designs of other villages. She has been able to assist the Neighbourhood Plan group with information concerning local policing and the 'designing safe communities' team. See below for additional information on police and crime matters

4. Assets of Community Value

A building or other land is an asset of community value if its main use has recently been or is presently used to further the social well being or social interests of the local community and could do so in future. Examples could include: nurseries and schools, health centres, surgeries and hospitals, day care centres; parks and open green spaces; community centres and youth centres; public toilets; **village shops and pubs**.

SCDC has produced a protocol detailing the Council's approach to the Community Right to Bid- Assets of Community Value. The Community Right to Bid allows communities and **parish councils to nominate buildings** or land for listing by the local authority as an Asset of Community Value, in some instances protecting it from development. An asset can be listed if its principal use furthers (or has recently furthered) their community's social well-being or social interests (which include social, sporting or recreational interests) and is likely to do so in future. Full details of the protocol can be found at

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/community/community/community-rights/assets-of-community-value/>

5. Universal Credit

Housing officers are keeping in particularly close contact with any tenants whom they feel need extra assistance in dealing with the transition to Universal Credit. There is no doubt that there will be pressures on all concerned but officers have prepared well and those present at the briefing were reassured. Councillors will be keeping a close watch on developments over the coming months. UC comes into effect in our District from 17th October.

6. Grants: Funding Available

(i) New criteria for the **Community Chest** scheme has been approved by the SCDC Cabinet, on the recommendation of the Grants Advisory Committee (Cllr Daunton is a member and Cllr Williams attends as Lead Member for Finance) taking on board the outcome of an all-party workshop to make it more focused on delivering the aims of SCDC and to recognize that parish councils have

the ability to fund their projects through their uncapped precepts thereby releasing more SCDC funding for community groups.

(ii) £400,000 has been made available in grant funding for **Voluntary and Community Services Groups** to make sure vital services are delivered across South Cambridgeshire. This three-year funding package is available for groups supporting communities on issues ranging from community transport and homelessness to living independently and to support for people facing upcoming national changes to benefits, The Grants committee will assess bids and debate where funds should be invested. The Council is looking for services to the entire District but would welcome bids from organisations looking to cover part of the area as more than one group can be successful in each category. Applications are now open, and close on 16th November

(iii) A cross-party group is now reviewing **Community Energy Grants** to ensure that this area of grant-support takes advantage of new technologies (electric vehicles and enhanced battery capacity to name but two) and has as wide a remit as possible across the district.

7. Waste Collection

It is proposed to introduce a charge for those who want more than one green bin, Such a charge is already made in the City (part of the Shared Waste Services), and 95% of Councils that offer a green waste service charge for additional green bin collections. Evidence from authorities elsewhere shows that introducing a charge for extra green waste does not lead to the amount of green waste collected.. There are currently 3,000 properties with additional green bins across South Cambridgeshire, out of a total of 66,000 households.

The proposal will be considered by the SCDC Scrutiny and Overview Committee on Thursday 18th October before a final decision is made at the authority's Cabinet meeting on 7th November.

9. Business Rate Retention Scheme

SCDC is part of a bid to government for an additional £20 million from business rate retention for the Cambridge and Peterborough area for investment in high priority areas and in supporting economic development. If successful the Combined Authority will take 10% and 10% will go to Social Care authorities, with the remaining 80% distributed per capita across all constituent authorities. This will give South Cambs ca. £1.2 million for development needs.

9. Police and Crime Issues

Cllr Daunton, as a member of the Police and Crime Commission Panel (PCCP), has raised with the Commissioner the issue of neighbourhood policing. There were further discussions about this and related matters at a recent meeting of PCCP.

Some points arising from that meeting:

1. The Commissioner has indicated that he has been granted resources allowing for the employment of additional officers who will be warranted officers and not PCSOs. It looks as if there will be an additional 30 officers.
2. At a recent meeting of the Panel it was announced that the Commissioner and Chief Constable and senior officers intend to hold annual conference for parish councillors; these will be planned and notified well ahead of time. There will no longer be Neighbourhood policing meetings, as in the past.
3. The South Cambs Crime and Disorder Partnership and Community Safety Partnership (of which Cllr Daunton is also a member) are seen by the Commissioner and his team as ways in which local councillors can report problems to them in person and discuss them. Individual officers might attend Parish Council meetings occasionally if invited, and if they have time.
4. The local Police Chief Inspector and Inspector made a presentation to South Cambs District Council on 27th September. It was clear that the Police have a number of significant challenges with domestic abuse, people trafficking, child sexual abuse and serious organized crime. They made it clear that they had to prioritise these over what might be termed more local , lesser crimes. They

were looking to work more closely with communities by us of police volunteers and setting up a system of 'eyes and ears' community resilience models. We need to see more clearly how this will work out in practice. Where there is manifest and sustained antisocial behaviour that is causing distress and damage, as recently in Willingham, they will move in and maintain a very visible presence.

5. The Crime and Disorder and Community Safety Partnership meets in October. Cllrs Daunton and Bradnam (Waterbeach and Milton Ward) are members of this. This group works across agencies to examine a range of policing and social issues and aims to focus more closely on the local area. We will include information on this in our November report.

There is a new Victims and Witnesses website, offering support
<http://www.cambsvictimservices.co.uk>

The police are increasingly challenged by the fact that in recent years there has been a 20% increase in their non-criminal work, largely due to an increase in mental health issues. Locally, drug-related criminality has risen sharply (38 arrests in Cambridge city last week alone); and there is also a serious problem with hare-coursing.

10. Transport

Transport is an area of major concern for all parts of our district. Recent work on the A1303 and continued overnight work on the A14 are just two examples of the impact of long-running road-works on villages in our Ward.

a) A14

Councillors are monitoring the progress of the major works on the A14, and the disruption these are causing to local communities. A meeting was held recently between Highways England, the contractors, councillors and other local representatives. Councillors will continue to keep the work under review. SCDC officers and members are particularly concerned to monitor air quality and environmental impact both from the work programme and from the effects of upgrading. There is a move now to change the A14 from an A road to a motorway.

b) Bus Services

CABU (the Cambridge Area Bus Users) group continues to be active in support of local bus services for the city and the villages, and to make the voice of bus users heard more loudly. The continuing loss of services has added significantly to congestion in the city and has had significant deleterious effects on the lives of the most vulnerable

CABU's elected officers have met with the Mayor and local bus companies, as well as with transport consultants working with the Greater Cambridge Partnership. They are watching and waiting for the Mayor's report on bus services (delivery of this is expected within a month) and will be scrutinizing this closely, particularly any comments/decisions on franchising. The Cambridge and Peterborough Interim Economic Report (CPIER) <http://www.cpier.org.uk/final-report/> has indicated support for franchising.

CABU's next meeting is on 6th October and a report on this will be given at the Parish Council meeting on 10th.

c) Congestion Charging

Discussions concerning congestion charging have been going on for some time, within and without the City. They have come to the fore again in relation to discussions by the Greater Cambridge Partnership. It is important at this stage not to take anything off the table when considering the best way to manage travel and traffic across the City and our District. None of us wants the present chaos of congestion to go unsolved. Clearly any possibility of introducing congestion charging would have to go along with major improvements to public transport in and around the city – rail, buses, roads – and we must ensure that the Mayor's long-awaited report addresses this.

Rail Stations

It is intended that Cambridge South, on the Addenbrooke's site, will join Cambridge North and Cambridge Central as three rail stations for Greater Cambridge. However the date for delivery of the third station keeps slipping from the initial delivery date of 2021. We will be watching this very closely.

d) East West Rail Link

There have been various press reports recently concerning the East West Rail Link, the proposed rail link between Oxford and Cambridge linking up with the line to Ipswich. This should not be confused with the East West Expressway, the proposed road link between Oxford and Cambridge, part of which is already complete. Press reports on the rail link have tended to concentrate on the different proposed routes. It is important at this stage that all routes be evaluated and that the selection of route options be based on analysis of how they support and unlock housing and employment growth and how they fit with development strategies. Any chosen route will involve major infrastructure and this must take full account of environmental issues (biodiversity, pollution, landscape, flood management, water availability, and other related factors).

11. Trees and Gullies

A number of reports have been received across the District and in this Ward concerning damage or nuisance being caused by trees. Some of these are on SCDC land and others on private land. Where they are on SCDC land there are designated officers who inspect and make recommendations on pruning or removal. In Fulbourn a large tree and bush, causing damage to paving and property, have recently been removed in one of the sheltered housing areas. In Grandridge Close, Accent Housing have indicated that the large sycamore tree close to the junction with Haggis Gap has recently been inspected. No work is planned at the moment, but it is to be monitored more frequently, namely every year. A local resident is free to prune the branches which overhang her garden and Accent have made this clear to her. Cllr Williams has effected the removal of the large branch from the tree in Cow Lane and Cox's Drove. He has also been instrumental in effecting the jetting of the gullies in Station Road as part of the investigation into flooding near the level crossing there.

12. Parliamentary Constituencies

The Boundary Commission for England has now published final recommendations for changes to parliamentary constituency boundaries can be seen at <https://www.bce2018.org.uk/> The final recommendations will need to be passed by parliament. If and when they are passed, they will take effect at the next parliamentary election. Currently this is scheduled to take place in 2022. If parliament does not pass these changes, the current constituency boundaries will remain in place.

CD/JW

4th October 2018

Item 66.3

District Councillor report to Parish Council October 2018

Local Plan

I am pleased to say that the Local Plan has finally been adopted. Despite the plan being opposed by the Liberal Democrats in opposition, I am pleased that the new administration has voted through the Local Plan which delivers 22,000 jobs and 19,500 homes in South Cambridgeshire. I have always been supportive of the Local Plan and never sought to

delay or vote against it. My position has not changed and I again supported the Local Plan on the 27th September 2018 at Full Council. It is sometimes easy to forget that local authorities responsible for delivering houses and planning have targets set by the Government nationally and if local authorities such as SCDC do not deliver on these targets and provide the Government nationally with evidence via a Local Plan, the national Government would step in and take over the delivery process (effectively SCDC would lose its planning control).

I have always believed it is the right thing to do to build large new settlements within our district where you can plan for the infrastructure, community buildings and facilities and then provide the housing around this infrastructure. Essentially this plan protects our existing villages from large scale development putting huge strain on existing infrastructure and services to which there is a limit that existing villages can cope with. The Local Plan has sought to protect the Green Belt wherever possible and develop brown field sites. The Local Plan that has been adopted gives huge weight to protecting the Green Belt. I have spoken out at SCDC about the huge benefits that additional employment sites bring to South Cambridgeshire. I fought hard to allow for the extension for the Cambridge Biomedical Campus at Addenbrookes Hospital for jobs often against local opposition. I also supported the housing development on the Ida Darwin site in Fulbourn as it formed part of the Local Plan. I have not shied away from making difficult decisions, it would be easy for me just to oppose everything within my ward and just say build somewhere else but I try to look at every application based on its merits.

Working at Addenbrookes Hospital on a modest wage gives me a good understanding on how difficult it is to live and work within our district. Many of my colleagues struggle to live anywhere near South Cambridgeshire due to the lack of affordable housing. The Local Plan sets out clearly the importance of affordable housing to support economic growth (on page 149). I am also in a position that allows me to see the excellent work that goes on at sites like the Biomedical Campus at Addenbrookes Hospital with companies like Cancer Research UK and AstraZeneca providing high skilled high-quality jobs that have a hugely positive impact on South Cambridgeshire. There is also a national benefit to us bringing forward employment sites that give companies access to land to set up and develop businesses in close proximity to Cambridge University, Addenbrookes Hospital, Science Parks and the huge amount of tech industry that already exists here. Often big companies may be choosing between Cambridge or another country altogether to provide the best environment for their business to thrive, I want that revenue and those jobs to be coming into the UK.

Some of the villages that I represent in the Fulbourn and Fen Ditton ward have suffered from speculative applications due to the fact that we have not had a Local Plan or 5 year land supply. I am pleased to say that from now going forward up until 2031 the planning team will be using our Local Plan to judge where developments are acceptable or not giving our district a huge amount of protection in planning terms. The largescale developments that will take place within the District are as follows:

- A new town north of Waterbeach – approximately 8,000-9,000 homes
- A new village at Bourn Airfield – approximately 3,500 homes
- An expansion to Cambourne to the west – planning permission has already been granted for 2,350 homes
- Homes on land north of Cherry Hinton and west of Teversham – 1,200 homes (420 in South Cambridgeshire. The remaining homes are in Cambridge City)
- Around 900 homes in the better served South Cambridgeshire villages
- Continue to develop Northstowe – around 10,000 homes
- Continue to build homes in existing growth sites on the edge of Cambridge (Southern Fringe, Cambridge East, Darwin Green and Eddington)

In Summary, I believe the adoption of this Local Plan to be a huge step forward for our district and is about so much more than just providing homes. It is about making sure we have the right facilities, excellent transport links and build communities where people want to live. I would like to thank the officers that I have worked with over a number of years that assisted the Conservative group in putting together this plan and Robert Turner who was the cabinet member who was in charge of over-seeing this plan. Going forward I will continue to work with residents and developers to achieve high quality developments and I will continue to shout loudly to MPs, the Mayor, Council Leaders and developers about the importance of infrastructure like the A10, Cambridge South Station, Park and Rides and metros etc.

Proposed changes to green bin collections

The new administration is proposing that residents that have more than 1 green bin would be charged £35 a year to have the additional bin emptied. In the past this service has been done free of charge for residents in South Cambridgeshire to promote recycling and prevent people from putting green waste in the black bin. I personally don't have a hugely strong opinion on the introduction of this charge but wanted to make residents and parish councillors aware of this proposal so that I can bring forward concerns that you may or may not have. I personally have just got one green bin which I find sufficient for all my garden waste and I am not someone that does a lot of composting but have always found that I have had enough space or if I have undergone a big project I have taken the waste to Milton Recycling Centre. Currently there are around 3000 properties with additional green bins across SCDC meaning that if the charge was in place, the council would get an additional income stream of £35 x 3000 i.e. £105,000 per year. The final decision will be made by Cabinet on the 7th November 2018 but this will come before the Scrutiny committee (of which I am a member) on the 18th October 2018 so if you have any comments please get in touch with me prior to that date.

Councillors pay

A report by the Independent Remuneration Panel looking at Councillors allowances had recommended that Councillors allowances should rise by 9% and the Leader of the Council should have a 27% increase. I spoke out against this report at Full Council as under the Conservative led administration and in all the years that I have been a Councillor, the

Conservative group has always said that it is right that we should only take an increase that is comparable to that of the staff that SCDC employ (due to public sector pay restraints, this has been around 1%). I was very clear to state at Full Council that “as a member of this council that works in the public sector having had nothing like the increases suggested in this report, I would be unable to accept the recommendations”. I was pleased to see this report voted down by the Council.

The A10

Conservative Councillor Bunty Waters asked the following question at Full Council. “What is the Leader of the Council doing to ensure the dualling of the A10 proceeds at a pace sufficient to cope with the traffic from the new Waterbeach development?” I will include the minutes of the answer in a future report but essentially it is very much on the Leader and Deputy Leaders radar that additional traffic caused by Waterbeach new town needs to be addressed.

Grant Pot launched to help communities

Voluntary and community groups are being given the opportunity to make a bid for a share of £400,000 of grant funding. The Grant Pot replaces the Community Chest Fund with the main changes being that Parish Councils will now be exempt from bidding for the grants as they can raise their own precept i.e. increase taxes to pay for projects that they believe to be of community benefits. Also, the bids will be judged on the Council’s priorities and the funding limits will be apportioned accordingly. There is a document on the SCDC website advising community groups how to go about applying for grant funding.

My personal opinion is that Parish Councils should still be able to bid for grant funding as they are so heavily involved with community based projects and the previous administration thought it right to support Parish Councils by allowing them to bid for grants. That said, I hope parish councillors will recommend this pot of money available to be bid on to other groups in their community. I would like to see as much of it as possible coming to the Fulbourn and Fen Ditton ward so any groups that would benefit from the scheme, please refer them to the SCDC website.

A motion put forward on the people’s vote

Liberal Democrat Councillor Dr Martin Cahn put forward a motion (that can be viewed on the SCDC website). It in short asks the Council as a whole to write to our local MPs to support the campaign for a People’s Vote “the Council believes that the interests of its residents would be best protected by a referendum on the terms of leaving the European Union with the possibility of rescinding Article 50 and remaining in the EU.”

I voted against this motion because I always said during the campaign that I would respect the result of the referendum. I believe in democracy and that we should now focus on getting a Brexit deal that works for the UK. I do not think it is a good idea to have another referendum. The people of the United Kingdom have voted, made their choice and we

must now make Brexit work for us. It is a shame that the new administration is focusing on national issues such as the People's Vote rather than issues of local governance. The Council voted in favour of this motion which I believe will have little effect on national policy making as the national government will be representing the country as a whole which voted for Brexit.

Waterbeach new town

As I stated in my last report, residents and parish councils are being asked to comment on the supplementary planning documents (SPD) for Waterbeach new town. The Local Plan has now been adopted by the Council which includes the development of Waterbeach new town. The SPD outlines a vision and some details as to where facilities such as schools, parks and open spaces will be situated. It also outlines aspirations for the new town to be environmentally friendly and gives details on how people will move around within the new development with walking and cycling being prioritised and measures put in place to prevent car use. The SPD in conjunction with the Local Plan also describes how the following issues should be considered:

- New public transport and cycle links to Cambridge
- Transport improvements that could include dualling the A10
- Upgrades to the junctions on the A10
- Improvements to the Milton Interchange

If adopted the SPD will set a benchmark that planning applications for the new towns homes will be assessed against. If residents or parish councillors have comments to make, they need to do so before 5pm on Friday 26th October.

Councillor Graham Cone

Item 71

Minutes of a Planning Meeting of Fulbourn Parish Council held on Monday, 1st October 2018 at 7.00pm in The Green Room, Fulbourn Centre, Home End.

Present: Cllr Smith (Chairman) and Cllrs Gaskell, Johnson, Lacey, Newell and Ward.
Apologies: Councillors Cone and Drage.

Appeal: S/1856/17/OL, Land at Fulbourn Old Drift. Appeal dismissed.

Information only:

S/3256/18/NM, 22 Stonebridge Lane – Non Material Amendment of planning permission S/2527/04/F;

S/3307/18/DC, 11 Apthorpe Street – Discharge of Condition 3 (sample panel of brickwork) of planning consent S/1187/18/LB for rebuilding of section of garden wall.

S/3338/18/DC, 2 Balsham Road – Discharge of Conditions 3 (Materials) and 4 (Tree Protection) of planning permission S/3225/17/15.

S/3630/18/DC, 2 Balsham Road – Discharge of Conditions 3 (Windows & Doors),

4 Window Type/Style), 5 (Precise Details), 6 (Gutters & Drainpipes), 7 (Roof lights), 8 (Slate) & 9 (Roof Tiles) of planning permission S/3226/17/LB.

Amendment: S/2642/18/LB, 18 Balsham Road – Proposed single storey kitchen extension to the rear of the property and associated alterations and demolitions; proposed gazebo in garden.

Permissions: S/1858/18/FL – 41 Cherry Orchard; S/2831/18/FL, 7 Harebell Close.

New Applications:

S/3276/18/FL

Location: 9 March's Close

Proposal: Single storey front extension. Recommendation supports.

S/3314/18/PA

Location: Shardelowes Farm, Balsham Road

Proposal: Prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 4 dwelling houses (Class C3) and for associated operational development.

new dwelling house and two new flats and associated infrastructure & works (revised design).

Concerns about: -

1. Access onto Balsham Road – hidden dips in road generate poor visibility on leaving proposed development.
2. Increase in traffic flow onto already busy road at peak times.

Has no recommendation.

S/3330/18/PA

Location: CPC 1 Capital Park, Cambridge Road

Proposal: Prior notification for the provision of solar equipment (124.88 kwp) to non-domestic building. Recommendation supports.

S/3331/18/PA

Location: CPC 4, Capital Park, Cambridge Road

Proposal: Prior notification for the provision of solar equipment (141.68 kwp) to non-domestic building. Recommendation supports.

S/3616/18/PA

Location: 10 Hunstmill

Proposal: Single storey rear extension. Recommendation supports.

Item 75

Minutes of a Recreation Ground Working Party meeting held on Tuesday, 8th September 2018.

Present: Robert Lacey, Sarah Hinton, Gill Ward.

Apologies: None

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Dog Fouling. Improving.

Public Tennis Courts. Net has been damaged beyond repair.
Courts need urgent attention.

CCTV checked but unable to pinpoint anything.

Robert suggested a motion sensor could be fitted to help identify time.

Stonebridge Lane. Robert has attended to the drain so hopefully it will now work. Thanks to Robert.

Landmark School: Monitor use and donations.

Pavilion. Drain pipes need attention.

Bowls Store. A better lock is required.

Play Equipment. Inspection carried out and Justin to carry out minor repairs.

Compost Bin. Needs emptying urgently and Robert Lacey will try to do this.

Trees near all paths need trimming.

Bluebirds. Written to ask for equipment storage. Gill to discuss with R Drage.

Date of next meeting - January 8th 2019, 7.30pm at the Fulbourn Centre.

Gill Ward