

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 10th April 2019.

Present: Councillor Drage (Chairman), and Councillors Brown (from Item 66), Dawson, Gaskell, Johnson, Lacey (from Item 152.11), Lockwood (from Item 146), Smith, Thorn, Ward, County & District Councillor Williams, District Councillor Daunton, 3 parishioners and the Clerk.

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<p>Minutes of a Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 13th February 2019 at 7pm. Present: Councillor Smith (Chairman) and Councillors Dawson, Gaskell, Hinton, Johnson, Thorn and Ward.</p> <p>To consider planning applications. <u>Information only:</u> S/0873/19/DC, 1 Manor Walk – Discharge of Condition 3. <u>Information only:</u> S/1197/19/DC, Land West of Balsham Road – Discharge of conditions 17 (screened storage refuse), 18 (noise mitigation/insulation scheme) and 20 (water conservation strategy) of planning permission S/3396/17/FL for erection of an affordable (as defined within Annex 2 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012) rural exception scheme comprising 14 dwellings along with access, car parking and associated landscaping and works. <u>New applications:</u> S/0850/19/FL, 98-120 Speedwell Close, S/0851/19/FL, 73-95 Speedwell Close, S/0852/19/FL, 3-25 Speedwell Close and S/0861/19/FL, 36-82 Speedwell Close – External window and door replacement to all remaining timber windows doors with PVC-u. All 4 applications Recommend Supports. S/0943/19/FL, New Shardelowes Farm, Balsham Road – Erection of an agricultural building and extensions to existing following demolition of an agricultural building and part of an existing unit. Recommendation Supports.</p> <p>143 To accept apologies for absence. Councillor Cone (attending Stow-cum-Quy APM), Cllr Newell, and lateness from Cllrs Daunton (also attending Quy APM) and Cllrs Lacey and Lockwood.</p> <p>144 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. Joanna Hudson, a Parish Councillor from Pampisford learnt of a law change involving Fulbourn Hospital during a recent quiz. She found out that in 1875 a boy chimney sweep called George Brewster aged just 11 years old was sadly suffocated while going up a chimney at Fulbourn Hospital. The inquiry was reported in the London press which Earl Shaftsbury picked up and took it to court. George’s master was convicted of manslaughter and the practice of sending children up chimneys was outlawed. Ms Hudson works at Fulbourn Hospital and is in communications so would love, with her connections, to have a Blue Plaque erected and a statue of a boy chimney sweep erected somewhere in the village. It is a subject she feels passionately about and would love the support of the Parish Council with possibly some Councillors joining a committee to hold monthly meetings with a view to fund raise for this project. Council said there were village Sculptors who could be commissioned. The History Society would be interested in this and welcome Speakers at their meetings. The Clerk will put both parties in touch.</p> <p>145 Emma Fletcher – Proposed Beacon Forest. Emma Fletcher said Cambridge Open Spaces have not been added to of late and having looked at the concept of Heartwood Forest near St Alban, she and 2 Associates, Sam Davies and Dr Robert MacFarlane, are suggesting the Gog Magog area for a forest. Currently the</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

<p>land is owned by the CCC and would be 350 acres in size. They have consulted many people and societies already to discuss the hurdles and solutions. These include The Wildlife Trust, Cambridge Past, Present and Future and The Woodland Trust. An overview of the site has been lodged with The Forestry Commission which is the first phase of the project. Ms Fletcher said the site would enable joining up natural meadowland and the idea is to create a legacy for future generations. When questioned about the loss of valuable agricultural land, Ms Fletcher said the land would still be farmed for many years to come as this was a long-term project. It would appear the farmer would like to purchase the farm himself. Ms Fletcher said she had only spoken to CCC and not the farmer. <i>Cllr Lockwood arrived at this point.</i> Ms Fletcher continued that South Cambridge want to plant one million trees. The Chairman thanked Emma for her presentation.</p>	<p>1378</p>
<p>146 To receive reports from County and District Councillors. 146.1 County Councillor Williams issued the attached report. 146.2 District Councillors Williams and Daunton issued the attached written report. 146.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report in his absence.</p>	
<p>147 To approve the minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>148 Matters arising from the last meeting. 148.1 <u>Ida Darwin update</u>. Our Solicitor is retiring and not taking on any more cases, but was happy that the Parish Council would not be a signatory to the S106 Agreement and had kept its future options open with regard to the Community Building and Public Open Spaces. 148.2 <u>Youth Building</u>. Works are progressing well. Cllr Drage said it needed a name and following discussion, Members agreed it would be called the Fulbourn Hub. It will need signage so samples will be produced for the May meeting. The company installing the door entry system will be approached to provide CCTV and directional signs will be required from the main entrance.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>148.3 <u>Defibrillator</u>. Cllr Smith, having liaised with Ms Eve Clarke and Woodland Wishes, has now moved the defibrillator outside the funeral parlour. The sign has also been erected. It was agreed to write thanking both ladies for their assistance.</p>	
<p>148.4 <u>Swifts Estate</u>. A map has been received from JLES Thames Ltd showing the area for adoption by the Parish Council with a request for a further site meeting with the company on behalf of Accent Group. Council will consult with James Fisher, SCDC S106 Officer prior to a meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>148.5 <u>Litter Pick</u>. Another successful event was held on 7/4/19 with many volunteers braving the wet weather resulting in over 50 bags of rubbish being collected. It was agreed to write thanking Fulbourn Forum for arranging this.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>148.6 <u>Local Highways Initiative</u>. Our bid for a second mobile speed camera was unsuccessful this time. Thanks to Cllr Cone for trying to secure this.</p>	
<p>149 Neighbourhood Plan. The attached report was issued to Members. A leaflet had been produced and distributed with the April Village Pump.</p>	
<p>150 Tree works: Elizabeth House, Fulbourn Hospital – Reduce 4 trees away from wards to prevent rats and squirrels entering the roof. No comment. Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p>	
<p>151 Annual Parish Meeting. The agenda is on the front cover of the April Village Pump currently being delivered to all households. Chairmen of Council Sub-Committees were asked to provide written reports to circulate on the night.</p>	<p>PC Chair</p>

<p>152 Correspondence. 152.1 CCC & Peterborough City Council – Further Draft Consultation from 15/3/19 to 25/4/19 regarding the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals Waste Local Plan. 152.2 Fulbourn Arts – Annual report for 2018 and list of future events received. 152.3 A14C2H (A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon) – First section of the local access road between Girton and Dry Drayton has been opened. Monday, 25th March 2019 the A1 section of the A14C2H (between Brampton and Alconbury) was opened. 152.4 IHMC (Integrated Highways Management Centre) – February 2019 incident report. 152.5 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – Request to contact parishioners on the Allotment Waiting List to assist with evidence gathering to complete the NP. Letter drafted and Clerk to distribute. 152.6 SCDC – Parish e-bulletin March 2019. 152.7 Resident – Reported padlocked gates erected either end of passageway off St Vigor’s Road and Hollman’s Close. Cllr Johnson contacted SCDC who are investigating this. It would appear this is owned by SCDC and some residents had requested it be secured following a spate of arson. No consultation was necessary as it is not a Right of Way. Cllr Johnson will make further enquires. 152.8 Cambs Constabulary – Police Surgery, Memorial Hall, Great Shelford on 10/4/19. 152.9 CCVS (Cambridge Council for Voluntary Services) – April 2019 newsletter. 152.10 Fulbourn Primary School – Following a successful Sports Day last year, they are asking if they can use the recreation ground again on Tuesday, 25th June 2019 between 9am – 12 noon. Council agreed to this and the 2 other local schools that also use the ground will be asked to make other arrangements for that morning. 152.11 Fulbourn Forum – News of planned events, i.e. Repair Café and Litter Pick. 152.12 Salvation Army – request to site a recycling clothes bank anywhere in the parish; The Clerk has replied to advise we cannot accommodate one at this time. 152.13 M Howell – Regarding the condition of the green space surrounding the War Memorial in Manor Walk which needs scarifying and re-seeding in places, Mr Howell has obtained one quote for maintenance works, is awaiting a second quote and offered to come to an arrangement with funding. Council said we would need confirmation of the contractor’s Public Liability Insurance and see both their Risk Assessment and Method Statement. Cllr Ward suggested having a portable hand rail near the steps for use during the Remembrance Service. Echo Fabrication might be able to assist with this. 152.14 IHMC (Integrated Highways Management Centre) – March 2019 incident report. 152.15 SCDC has approved the Design Guide for the village (no longer a Statement) and is launching a consultation between 15th April and 31st May. There will be an exhibition at The Swifts on Thursday, 25th April 3.30pm – 8pm. 152.16 JLES Thames Ltd – Request site meeting at The Swifts to discuss adoption of Public Open Space from Accent Group. See Item 148.4.</p>	<p>1379</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>KJ</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																						
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<p>154 Council Committees.</p> <p>154.1 <u>Finance</u>. Minutes of a meeting held on 2/4/19 were issued and accepted.</p> <p>154.2 <u>Highways</u> village site meeting. Notes of the site meeting held on 19/3/19 were issued and discussed further. Cllr Williams pointed out that Impett's Lane has no foundation and costs would be extortionate to put in a proper one for surfacing. Cllr Gaskell suggested these notes should be handed out at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>155 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action.</p>		
<p>There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.55pm.</p>		

Additional reports:

Item 146.1

County Councillor Report to Fulbourn Parish Council

1. The Combined Authority has been without a CEO for quite some time and interviews took place two weeks ago for a replacement. Unfortunately no appointment was made and so 2 interim directors remain in place for the time being, one of whom is also running East Cambridgeshire District Council. This is far from satisfactory as the CA has a very ambitious number of extremely expensive projects to deliver and it is difficult to see how they can make real progress without first class organisational leadership.

3. The high profile CAM Metro project which aims to run largely off road using wheeled, tram style vehicles out to the furthest reaches of South Cambridgeshire and beyond has been costed at a staggering £4 billion at today's prices. Goodness only knows what that cost will be when and if it finally gets built. The really expensive part is the tunnelling under Cambridge City and the creation of an underground station - somewhere under the historic city. Critical to this is a new Cambridge South Station to serve Addenbrookes and the Bio Medical campus both of which are growing at significant rates and which will have tens of thousands of new employees before too long. The CA agreed to spend up to £100,000 to do a feasibility study into whether there is currently capacity in the timetable to create an extra stop at Cambridge South with a view to putting a temporary station there while to finds the money - along with Government- to build the permanent station. This money is in addition to £5 million already spent on the Cambridge South Station project some of which came from the businesses currently working in that area.

4. Charges for computer access in libraries has been dropped by the County Council. The £1 charge for computer access, introduced in May last year 2018, was part of a package of measures based on public feedback and trialled to ensure computers are available for those who most need them and to generate more income for the library service to ensure they remain financially sustainable for the future. In September, Members reviewed progress on these measures, including the charge for computer access. The recommendation to withdraw the computer charge comes in response to this review, as well as feedback collected in a customer survey and a detailed analysis of the anticipated income – all of which was entirely predictable. Its a bit like the Park and Ride £1 parking charge U turn.

5. We are more than worried to learn that the funding formula used to decide how much money our local health service gets over the next 3 years is based upon an assumption that there will be less growth in the County and South Cambs than the average expected for the rest of the Country . We know this is nonsense since we are in the op 3 areas for growth but the bottom 3 for public funding. The police share the concerns of the NHS as they are also seeing a complete lack of correlation between their funding and predicted growth. If we received the national average we would be £21 million better off.

6. The completion of the Fulbourn Road cycle route with floating bus stops to make it safer for cyclists to overtake buses serving the stops is being held up by Green King the owner of the Robin Hood. It has not permitted access to its land to enable trial bore holes to find underground cables and the removal of a diseased tree. This matter is now in the hands of legal so your guess is as good as mine as to when this will be finished. Not only is this delaying an important safety measure but it is also costing public funds which could be spent on something else.

John Williams
9 April 2019

Item 146.2

Report of District Councillors John Williams and Claire Daunton to Fulbourn Parish Council, April 2019.

Our aim here is to provide factual information which we hope will be of interest and use to parish councillors. We will also bring verbal updates to the meeting. For additional information and questions, please email us at:

cllr.daunton@scambs.gov.uk; john.williams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Climate and Environment Committee: Solar panels have been installed on top of South Cambridgeshire District Council's waste depot. This will generate around a quarter of all the electricity the building uses. The intention is to extend this kind of arrangement to other buildings across the District. The Administration's Climate and Environment Committee is looking at several schemes that will provide alternative, cleaner ways of generating electricity,

The installation is the latest stage in the Council's efforts to be "green to the core" and will deliver clean, renewable energy, reduce costs and cut carbon emissions. It follows on from a recent Council commitment to work towards the ambitious target of making South Cambridgeshire carbon-neutral by 2050, and a purge on single-use plastics at the authority. The solar panels have been mounted on the roof of the building at Waterbeach that is home to the Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service, a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils. The installation will generate 19,121 kilowatt hours per year of energy savings. According to Ofgem figures, that's the average amount of electricity used by around six homes every year. The installation is expected to pay for itself within eight years. It will take advantage of the last of the Government's feed-in tariff, which is a payment to an energy user for the renewable electricity they generate. It will provide income to the Council for 20 years.

One of the key pledges of the administration is to make climate change mitigation and environmental impacts key considerations in everything we do. These panels will generate clean,

free, renewable energy but are just one part of our much bigger plans to be even greener. We're also working to maintain and improve air quality, reduce waste and are determined to leave a positive environmental mark.

Finance: Income Generation: purchase of a building. The removal of Grant Aid by the Government means that in future years we will have to generate even more income ourselves. To this effect, the Council has announced an investment, the first in its Commercial Property Investment Plan. We have purchased (subject to contract) the long leasehold on a property on the Cambridge Science Park for £13m. This is a significant component of a £100m programme over the next 5 years that we enable us to deliver on local services without huge rises in Council Tax.

Collection Rates. South Cambs has maintained its position as one of the top Councils for collection of Council tax across England, with a rate of 99.3% of funds collected on time.

Homelessness Strategy: At the Scrutiny Committee meeting of 21st March 2018, Councillors received a report on the development of a homelessness strategy for the five-year period 2018-2023. Councillors commended the quality of the report and agreed to recommend adoption of it. Some highlights: Levels of homelessness (not to be confused with rough sleeping) are increasing, with a 62% increase in homeless approaches between 2012/2013 and 2017/2018 and a 55% acceptance in that same period. The highest priority group for homeless acceptances is households that include dependent children, followed by first pregnancy and those vulnerable due to mental health problems. Those in the age group 25-44 make up around 50% of the applications; and the main cause of homelessness is now termination of assured shorthold tenancy which accounts for a third of all homelessness applications. The Homeless Reduction Act came into force on 3rd April 2018 and increases the duties owed by the Council, including the development of a five-year homeless reduction strategy.

The following themes have emerged for this strategy in South Cambs:

Working closer with partner agencies to prevent homelessness (Trailblazer project and more)
'empowering all public-facing staff to identify the risk of homelessness and work together to prevent it – working across teams and across Council borders'

two new business development officers will develop schemes that facilitate access into good quality, affordable and suitable private rented homes. The aim is to increase the supply of affordable housing options, co-operating with existing offers and exploring new opportunities

New private rent initiatives (Shire Homes)

Access to information (new ways of delivering information)

Access to accommodation and support (short term accommodation and early advice and support)

‘Review levels of temporary accommodation and the need for additional units by monitoring hostel vacancies and the use of B&B, and exploring opportunities for new types of accommodation

‘The Council is committed to ensuring that the use of fixed-term/flexible tenancies and their termination does not lead to an increase in homelessness and therefore expect registered providers to generally offer tenancy renewal or offer alternative accommodation.’

Corporate Priorities over the period for tackling/preventing homelessness:

Adopt a new Local Plan that will guide where and how new jobs and houses, homes and facilities will be delivered in the area. Deliver more affordable and social housing;

Finish building and rent out 31 more affordable Council homes and begin work on site on 28 more’
Work closely with developers so that they can get on site more quickly

Make sure local communities are actively involved in how major housing sites are developed

Complete the sale of the first plot of council-owned land for self-build

Fund and help set up community groups to develop local affording housing

Put more resource into preventing people becoming homeless. Manage the introduction of Universal Credit across the District and mitigate its affect on those in danger of homelessness.

Syrian Refugees. The SCDC Scrutiny Committee agreed to recommend agreement to enter into a joint pledge with Cambridge City Council to resettle between three and five refugee families through the Government’s Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme and the Resettlement of Vulnerable Children Scheme. The Scheme is supported by the Local Government Association’s Strategic Migration Partnership in conjunction with the Home Office, from where funding is available. The rural nature of the District will prevent challenges for such families and for the support that they will need. Larger villages will probably be most suitable, with good transport and good local facilities. There will be Support Workers assigned, links with the local education facilities and translators and interpreters on hand , where necessary. Support Workers will ensure that necessary welfare benefits are in place. In answer to a question on the effect of housing refugees in relation to those on SCDC housing waiting list, the officers indicate that the effect was likely be very limited and temporary.

Cambridge Northern Fringe:

We have reported on this issue before in some detail; and parish councils and individuals have responded to consultations. With the successful outcome of the Housing Infrastructure Funding bid for £100 million, this area (260 acre site) of Cambridge City and South Cambs is set for a major development. A significant element in this will be the move of the water treatment plant from its current location on this site, along the A14, and a further sum has been earmarked for this move.

Anglia Water is responsible for the search for a new site, and we understand is looking at a broad area north of the river. It is likely a final decision on the site will be made by the Secretary of State.

Civil Enforcement of Parking

Cabinet recently considered problems caused by illegal parking reported by parish councils. It noted that the extension by Cambridgeshire County Council of its Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) operation in Cambridge into South Cambridgeshire would be a possible solution to these problems, but that there would be significant costs, both to set up and to operate CPE in South Cambridgeshire and that the Council would be acting against statutory guidance if it were to offer to fund an operational deficit for CPE using local tax receipts. . It was agreed to write to Cambridgeshire County Council noting the problems caused by lack of parking enforcement, both now and anticipated in relation to new developments, and urging the County Council, notwithstanding its financial constraints, to explore possibilities for extending CPE into South Cambridgeshire using 'existing funding' as per the statutory guidance . It was also agreed to write to Cambridgeshire Constabulary formally requesting an exploration of options available to the police to improve parking enforcement in South Cambridgeshire, including the option of employing additional staff with external funding (potentially from individual parish councils most affected).

A10 Improvements: extract from a press release

At the Combined Authority board meeting on Wednesday 27th March, Councillor Bridget Smith, the Lib Dem Leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council, proposed that an alternative, more cost-effective upgrading plan for the A10 be considered alongside the previously proposed full dualling of the road from Ely to Cambridge. She recommended that improvements to the junctions on the A10 are explored as a less costly alternative, and the board unanimously supported this recommendation. Her proposal followed concerns raised by the Combined Authority Scrutiny and Overview Committee about full dualling, which could cost up to £500 million. The high cost of the project would make it unlikely to be accepted by the government's Larger Local Majors scheme, through which the Combined Authority would seek to fund the upgrading. Improvements to the junctions on the A10, on the other hand, would cost significantly less, would offer significant benefits to road-users sooner, and would be much more likely to be covered by the scheme. The Scrutiny Committee was concerned that junction improvements had so far not been considered as an option by the Combined Authority, even though a study commissioned by Cambridgeshire County Council showed that this would be the best value-for-money course for upgrading the A10. The same study concluded that full dualling would offer the least value for money out of all the available options. The Scrutiny Committee recommended that, before spending £500,000 on a business case for full dualling, the Combined Authority should properly explore the most cost-effective option. By bidding for full dualling the Combined Authority would miss the opportunity to

bid for junction improvements, which could deliver real benefits for those using the A10 in a realistic timeframe, and would risk having its bid rejected altogether.

FULBOURN ISSUES: Village Design Statement. We are delighted that the Village Design Statements for Fulbourn and the other six villages, as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD), have been approved by Cabinet and will be sent out for consultation under the terms of the Town and Country Planning Act, 2012. The overall project has been highly commended.

Lighting. Most of the problems concerned with the lights maintained by Accent Housing now appear to have been resolved. Councillor Johnson has been particularly concerned with this. Councillor Daunton, who was contacted by a resident in respect of lighting in Farmer's Row, is pleased to have been able to work alongside Councillors Johnson and Cone.

Item 146.3

District Councillor report to Parish Council April 2019

Production of a strategic outline business for the A10

The Combined Authority has moved a step closer to getting much needed improvements to the stretch of single carriageway between Cambridge and Ely. Around 18,000 vehicles are already using this corridor daily and are often getting stuck in large amounts of congestion. The issue of the A10 is especially important in our district given the large amount of new homes and jobs that will be created as part of our Local Plan seeing us through until 2031. The additional homes and employments sites indicated within the Local Plan will of course apply pressure to the A10 with new communities and businesses using the route to access their place of work and travel to and from the city.

I believe the case for upgrading the A10 is very strong so support the business case being developed which will put us in a good position to acquire funds from central Government to upgrade this stretch of road. The key thing that will need to be demonstrated to the Government is that the upgrade will deliver economic benefits to the surrounding area which I am convinced an upgrade will do, hopefully putting us in a strong position to access this funding. I believe it will be easy to demonstrate that a number of economies could be connected together in Cambridge, East Cambridgeshire, Fenland and importantly in our district making business opportunities along with job/educational opportunities more accessible.

It is important that the district council continues to focus on good public transport links in and out of our new developments in the short-term via Park and Rides, better cycle and bus links. In the medium-term additional rail stations (such as Cambridge South, Soham Station and relocation of the station at Waterbeach). Long-term a Cambridge metro linking high population areas around Cambridge City directly into the centre. I do not shy away from having long term goals like the metro despite many residents saying "this will never happen" because I think it is always good to have a goal that may be more difficult to achieve but the right thing to do. We must continue to keep focused on delivering these public transport links so that we don't continuously play catch up with road infrastructure.

Illegally parked caravans in the greenbelt at Willingham removed

Eight caravans illegally parked at a greenbelt site in Willingham were removed by the Police and Enforcement agents in March after a High Court order. The caravans occupied by the travelling community had been illegally parked on this site since August last year. A number of attempts had been made to get the travelling community to move voluntarily however this was not successful (this is a huge shame because it prevents the Council from taking out legal and enforcement action at the taxpayer's expense). The High Court injunction stated that the caravans had to leave 19/02/2019. This also unfortunately did not happen which meant that the caravans were in contempt of court resulting in enforcement officers and the police taking the action they did in March. There was a large amount of waste left at the site which was cleared by Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service (again at the expense of the tax payer). There had also been a warrant undertaken by the police for this site where suspected stolen items were uncovered and rather distressingly 102 dogs were left in the care of the RSPCA following a number of arrests.

Given this recent incident and a number of similar incidences across SCDC, I was pleased to see that the Government have set out measures to make it easier for officers to intervene and remove travellers from land they should not be on. The Home Secretary will consider making it a criminal offence to set up such camps as it is currently defined in law as Trespassing which is a civil matter. I hope now that the consultation has been complete the Government will take steps to strengthen the law. I have copied the statement from the Home Secretary and Communities Secretary below from the Government website where the consultation and polices are detailed.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-plans-to-tackle-illegal-traveller-sites>

Home Secretary Sajid Javid said:

The vast majority of travellers are law-abiding citizens - but illegal sites often give an unfair, negative image of their community and cause distress and misery to those who live nearby.

There is a widespread perception that the law does not apply to travellers and that is deeply troubling.

The result of our initial consultation was clear - people want to see greater protection for local communities and for the police to be given greater power to crack down on trespassers.

Communities Secretary Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP said:

During our consultation, we have heard accounts of needless and unacceptable noise, abusive and threatening behaviour and extensive litter and waste from illegal traveller sites.

Only a small minority of people are causing this distress, but it's right that police are given extra powers to step in.

We are committed to working with councils to help them deal with these challenging cases, while also ensuring travellers have good access to legal sites.

Government informs the Council of £227 million to remove water recycling centre

£227 million of Government funding will be set aside to relocate the water recycling centre with an aim to develop the large brownfield site on which it is situated. This funding was announced in the Spring statement on the 13th March 2019 (which most people would have missed completely due to Brexit kicking off). As residents in the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward will know the site sits in close proximity to Cambridge North Station, the guided busway and science parks. Locally we

will receive the full amount that was bid for under the Housing Infrastructure fund which means this site is now unlocked although this will raise a number of questions regarding relocation of the site to somewhere else in South Cambridgeshire and the usual transport issues, planning considerations etc. This brownfield site could deliver 7000-8000 homes and thousands of jobs in the North East of Cambridge.

Thank you for taking the time to read my report; if you have any questions or want to discuss any of the issues raised email me on graham.cone@councillor.online or ring 07595361285 (please leave a voice mail if I am unavailable)

Councillor Graham Cone

Item 149

Fulbourn Neighbourhood Plan - Please find below our report for April 2019.

1 The notes from the full team meeting held on 6th March have been circulated. Any questions, comments welcome.

2 Following discussions with the PC Chairman and Clerk, Urban Silence have been appointed to support our work.

They have been contracted to:-

A Review our Evidence base, identify any deficiencies and propose how the gaps can be filled.

B Advice on forward timescale, together with providing a table of contents and structure for the NP.

The cost for the above is £3000 plus VAT.

Urban Silence has knowledge off the village through the Village Design Statement work and also SCDC.

3 The initial leaflet outlining the Vision and topics so far being considered will shortly be delivered to each house together with the Pump.

Demonstrating broad consultation is critical to the review process of our plan and we will continue that at the Annual Meeting on 24th April.

Comments will be sought primarily on the Vision we have so far developed for the village.

Any feedback the Parish councillors received from parishioners is vital and should be passed onto to the team.

4 Social Issues Group.

Input is awaited from the Schools.

The Surgery has been asked for what they want going forward. Without a view on their options it will be difficult to include any detailed actions.

Input from Fulbourn Arts is awaited.

It is planned to contact the Police shortly for their input as to how they see Community Policing going forward. We may include questions relating to policing in our July leaflet.

The Recreation Facilities survey is being reissued to all clubs and societies so that those who did not respond earlier can do so.

5 Economics Group. Work continues on analysing responses to the questionnaires. More detailed work will try to analyse the responses into large, medium and those smaller businesses providing services within the village.

Key stake holders relating to the Business parks and High Street will be asked for their input.

Overall response so far suggests Fulbourn is rated as “a good place to do business”.

6 Environment Group. Detailed work on areas such as Green Spaces, Allotments, Assets of Community Value is progressing. Priority areas for potential policies would be discussed at the next Group meeting. It was anticipated that there would be 5/6 policies in this area.

7 A further application for a grant to cover the cost of consultants and other issues will be made shortly.

8 Next meetings:-

18th April Workshop with Consultants to begin to follow up 2 above.

23rd April Team meeting

24th April Annual Meeting

All comments welcome. We are beginning to consider drafting the NP policies so work will be intensifying.

Item 154.1

Minutes of a Finance Committee meeting of Fulbourn Parish Council held on 2 April 2019.

Present: Councillor Drage (Chairman). Councillors Newell and Thorn;
the R.F.O. T Fretwell and the Clerk.

1 Apologises: Councillor Cone.

2 Minutes of the last meeting. Accepted as a true record.

3 Matters arising from the last meeting.

The cemetery fees have been increased; Funeral Directors notified and revised fees updated on the Parish Council's website.

The Allotment holders have been invoiced with the increased rent.

A Risk Assessment for 2019 needs to be completed.

4 Finance Report to February 2019

Terry Fretwell went through the Cost Centre report advising that: -

Pavilion budget was overspent;

Recreation Ground grass cutting was overspent but total spend was slightly under budget.

The Summer of 2018 was exceptionally dry resulting in the sports clubs using more water so this was also over budget;

The Swifts showed a profit;

Income for the Cemetery was higher than predicted but as no improvements were carried out the total was under budget;

Grounds and Open Spaces: underspent as not so much tree work was undertaken;

Administration – We will contact our Solicitors regarding setting up a lease for the new Community Building for FA4Y and the Scouts.

Terry then went through the Finance Report which showed an end balance up to February 2019 of £279K.

This year we will qualify as a high spending Council for external auditing.

5 Annual Parish Meeting – finance report for circulation.

Terry will prepare a report for the meeting.

6 Update on new Youth and Community Building.

An All Parties meeting will be arranged to discuss various matters including cleaning of the different areas. The Parish Council will insure the building but FA4Y and the Scouts will need to insure their own contents. CCTV will be needed with cameras required at both side entrances and one at the front. We will contact the company installing the video entry system for advice.

7 Update on Ida Darwin development

The Parish Council will not be on the S106 Agreement and as yet there are no financial implications to consider.

8 Update on The Swifts/Windmill Estate s106 Agreement

JLES appointed by Accent Group has been asked again for a definitive map of the Public Open Spaces (POS) the Parish Council will be taking over. Other documents JLES have provided the PC will be sent to James Fisher, SCDC S106 Officer who is going through the S106 Agreement on behalf of the Parish Council.

Date of next meeting to be arranged.