

Minutes of a Full Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**Present:** Councillor Drage (Chairman), and Councillors Brown, Cone, Dawson, Gaskell, Johnson, Lacey, Lockwood, Smith, Thorn and Ward; County & District Councillor Williams, the Clerk and Mr Nobel.

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<p>Minutes of a <b>Planning Committee</b> meeting held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm.  <b>Present:</b> Cllr Smith (Chairman) and Cllrs Dawson, Gaskell, Johnson, Lacey and Ward.</p> <p><b>To consider planning applications.</b>  <u>Re-consultation</u> on Planning application S/1231/18/OL, Land north of Cherry Hinton, Coldhams Lane – Outline planning application for a maximum of 1200 residential dwellings, primary and secondary schools, community facilities, open spaces, allotments, landscaping and associated infrastructure – see <a href="http://www.Cambridge.gov.uk/planningpublicaccess">www.Cambridge.gov.uk/planningpublicaccess</a>  <u>Information only:</u>  S/1256/19/DC, Land off Fulbourn Old Drift – Discharge of Condition 11  S/1339/19/DC, Land off Fulbourn Old Drift – Discharge of Conditions 3 and 4  S/1371/19/DC, Land off Fulbourn Old Drift – Discharge of condition  S/1372/19/DC, Land off Fulbourn Old Drift – Discharge of condition 6i, ii &amp; iii  S/1380/19/DC, Land off Fulbourn Old Drift – Discharge of condition 13;  All of the above for planning permission S/3404/17/FL;  <u>Information:</u> S/1485/19/LD, 5 The Haven – Certificate of lawful development for a loft conversion and rear single storey extension.</p> <p><b><u>New applications:</u></b>  S/1133/19/FL, 1A Geoffrey Bishop Avenue – Garage conversion, front entrance porch and rear conservatory; Recommendation supports.  S/1238/19/FL, 15 Cow Lane – First storey front extension and front porch extension, single storey rear extension and two storey rear extension. Recommendation supports.  S/1374/19/FL, 7 Weston Grove – Single storey side extension to dwelling house, cladding and part conversion of existing garage. Recommendation supports.  S/1404/19/PA, Shardelowes Farm, Balsham Road – Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house. The Parish Council have safety concerns regarding access onto Balsham Road This road has a 60mph speed limit and hidden dips. Therefore, joining the highway at this point is potentially more dangerous than a road with better visibility. Recommends objects.  S/1450/19/VC, 6 Stack Yard Court – Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) of planning permission S/3836/18/FL for single storey rear and side extension and perimeter garden wall. Recommendation supports.  S/1497/19/FL, 22 Stonebridge Lane – Proposed garage and car port with storage and propagating rooms. Recommendation supports.</p> <p><b>1 Elect a Chairman for the year.</b>  Cllr Ward proposed Cllr Drage is re-elected as Chairman, proposal seconded by Cllr Brown and agreed by the Council. Councillor Drage thanked Members.</p> <p><b>2 To accept apologies for absence.</b>  Cllr Hinton – work and Cllr Daunton is attending Quy Parish Council.</p> <p><b>3 Elect a Vice-Chairman for the year.</b>  Cllr Brown proposed Cllr Thorn is re elected as Vice Chairman, proposal seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed by the Council.</p> <p><b>4 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed.</b>  Cllr Smith – Personal Item 16.</p>	

<p><b>Public &amp; Press - You are invited to attend the whole meeting and are welcome to speak at our Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting.</b> There were no questions from the floor.</p>	<p>1382</p>
<p><b>5 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct for review.</b> The R.F.O. will be asked to review the Financial Regulations and present any recommendations to the Parish Council. The Chairman and Clerk have reviewed the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct and do not consider any amendments are necessary at present.</p>	<p><b>RFO Finance Comm</b></p>
<p><b>6 Council Policies for review.</b> The Parish council makes any changes to the above as legislation dictates.</p>	
<p><b>7 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.</b> 7.1 County Councillor Williams issued the attached report. When asked about maintenance of the overgrowing weeds by the solar studs along the cycle path from Cambridge Road to Yarrow Road, Cllr Williams said the CCC only sprays in 30 m.p.h. areas. Unfortunately this street is outside the limit. Cllr Smith asked if volunteers can undertake the works and it was agreed the Parish Council's Highways Sub Committee (HSC) needs a meeting to discuss this and other items further. A resident from Stonebridge Lane said the road gullies were blocked causing flooding. Cllr Williams said the gullies are done annually and work was last done in November 2018. If there are still problems, these can be reported on the CCC's website. From the APM and as further correspondence had been received suggesting politics should be left out at parish level, Cllr Drage politely requested that in future all County and District reports did not contain political statements/comments. 7.2 Cllrs Daunton and Williams issued the attached joint report which was accepted. 7.3 Cllr Cone issued the attached report which was accepted.</p>	<p><b>HSC</b></p>
<p><b>8 To approve the Annual Governance Statement.</b> Members were given a copy of the above. Cllr Lockwood proposed approving the Annual Governance Statement, proposal seconded by Cllr Thorn and agreed by the Council.</p>	
<p><b>9 Approve Annual Accounts 2018/19 for Resolution.</b> The accounts had not changed since the APM. Cllr Lockwood proposed approving the Annual Accounts 2018/19, proposal seconded by Cllr Thorn and agreed by the Council.</p>	
<p><b>10 To approve Internal Audit Report.</b> The accounts are currently with the Internal Auditor. Provided there are no queries or amendments, Council delegated powers to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk to sign off the report in order to meet the External Auditor's deadline.</p>	<p><b>MD/DT Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>11 To approve the minutes of the April and APM meetings.</b> The following sentence will be added to item 5 on the APM Minutes – "Following Cllr Williams report there were criticisms from the floor about political views in the Report which the Chair acknowledged. Both sets of Minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p><b>12 Matters arising from the last meeting.</b> 12.1 <u>New building</u>. An appointment has been made with contractors regarding the installation of CCTV; a quote for lettering naming the building "Fulbourn Hub" is being obtained; a directional sign will be ordered and Cllr Drage has spoken to a local solicitor to assist with leases for both FA4Y and the Scouts.</p>	<p><b>Clerk MD</b></p>
<p>12.2 <u>Primary School</u> road markings. Although works had been reported, all the lines including the zigzags are no longer visible. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Williams providing the report reference number.</p>	<p><b>JW Clerk</b></p>
<p>12.3 <u>PC website</u>. Cllrs Cone and Thorn met to discuss recommendations and improvements which include having a direct link to SCDC when planning applications are received and setting up social media platforms. A copy of the notes of the meeting will be emailed to</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

<p>Council and Cllrs Cone and Thorn would report further at the June meeting.</p> <p>12.4 <u>Tree bench</u>. This has been installed surrounding the ornamental Pear Tree near the village sign in Manor Walk.</p> <p>12.5 <u>Village Design Statement</u>. A successful exhibition was held at The Swifts on 25/4/19. Comments/recommendations may be left on the SCDC website.</p> <p>12.6 <u>Tree report</u>. Cllrs Gaskell and Ward inspected village trees listing proposed works. Those maintained by SCDC and Housing Associations will be contacted.</p> <p>12.7 <u>St Vigor's Road/Hollman's Close footpath</u>. The gates recently installed either end of the path have again been padlocked. As it has been open to the public for many years, Cllr Cone will investigate if this is now classed as a Public Right of Way. Members raised Health &amp; Safety concerns in views of the recent spates of arson which have also occurred here, that anyone could be trapped if the gates are locked.</p> <p>12.8 <u>Portable hand rail</u>. Enquiries are being made to install a rail to assist during the Remembrance Service and other ceremonial occasions.</p> <p>12.9 <u>Annual Play Inspection</u>. This will be booked for July 2019. Members of the Recreation Ground Working Party were asked to consider what new or replacement equipment should be considered as there is a small pot of allocated S106 monies to spend.</p> <p>12.10 <u>Village Walk</u>. Meeting on Saturday, 8/6/19 meeting at The Fulbourn Centre at 8am.</p>	<p><b>1383</b></p> <p><b>GC</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>PC's</b></p>
<p><b>13 Neighbourhood Plan Update nominations of Parish Council representatives.</b></p> <p>Notes from a meeting held on 23/5/19 along with the May report to the PC were issued. At the APM, Mr Ron Ward presented a draft vision being worked on by the team. Following discussion, the Parish Council endorsed the draft vision as presented. Copies of the Policy areas being worked on were also distributed. These included Housing, Environment, Recreational &amp; Community Facilities and Other Areas. In consultation with Urban Silence, Mr Ward will give a presentation at the July meeting of the PC when more information will be known. Cllrs Cone and Gaskell are the nominated Parish Council representatives on the NP Committee. They will let the Clerk know if unavailable to attend any meeting so another Councillor will be asked.</p>	
<p><b>14 Tree works:</b> The Chantry – 2 Cypress, fell to just above ground level; 2 Prunus, fell to just above ground level; Yew, Pyracantha and Ivy on wall – remove all to just above ground level. Information only – SCDC has approved this application. The PC will query why SCDC made the decision to approve prior to consultation with the PC.</p> <p>Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>15 Correspondence.</b></p> <p>15.1 <b>Lucy Frazer MP</b> – Seeking views on improvements Parish Councils would like to see to the bus services in our area in respect of the Strategic Bus Review published by the Cambridgeshire &amp; Peterborough Combined Authority. These include any changes to bus routes or changes to timetables of existing bus routes which Mrs Frazer can then present to the Mayor. When there had been problems with the No. 18 bus to Newmarket a Bus Group Working Party was set up led by David Cottee. Council will contact Mr Cottee before responding to Ms Frazer.</p> <p>15.2 <b>CCVS</b> (Cambridge Council for Voluntary Services) – April 2019 newsletter.</p> <p>15.3 <b>Greater Cambridge</b> – Planning Policy April 2019 update.</p> <p>15.4 <b>CAPALC</b> – April 2019 EBulletin.</p> <p>15.5 <b>Greater Cambridge Partnership</b> – Reports published on the Fulbourn, Waterbeach and Cottenham Greenway consultations: see</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/greenways/waterbeach-greenway/">https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/greenways/waterbeach-greenway/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/greenways/fulbourn-greenway1/">https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/greenways/fulbourn-greenway1/</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

- <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/greenways/comberton-greenway/>

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15.6 **Centurion Traffic Management** – Need Parish Council consent for road closure to enable Network Rail to carry out essential works to crossing from 2/7/19 – 3/7/19 between 23.00hrs – 06.00hrs. Agreed by the Council.

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15.7 **Clerks & Councils Direct** – May 2019 magazine.

15.8 **NALC** – Chief Executive’s Bulletin.

15.9 **Greater Cambridge Shared Planning** – Planning Policy May 2019 update.

15.10 **Swifts Estate resident** – Contacted Cllr Johnson regarding overflowing rubbish from an unemptied litter bin at the Play Area on the Swifts Estate. Cllr Johnson reported this to Accent Group who will deal with this matter.

15.11 **Fulbourn Forum** – News of future events from Fulbourn Forum including details of their AGM on 10/5/19.

15.12 **E Pamphilon** – Following collision in Apthorpe Street, Ms Pamphilon is urging the Parish Council to take decisive and preventative action in reducing the speed limit reiterating that Twenty is Plenty. It would appear one of the drivers had been drinking and is unlikely any speed restrictions would have been adhered to. A discussion ensued with speed pillows or strips considered. Cllr Williams said if these were in place, it would limit parking around that area. He advised that Greenways were looking at this area with a view of introducing traffic calming and reducing speed but this could be 2 years off. If the PC did take any measures or applied for funding through the LHI (Local Highway Initiative) Scheme, they could be removed if Greenways carries out their proposals.

Clerk

15.13 **T Turner** – Request for Cherry Tree in Greater Foxes be maintained off the much used footpath. Cllr Gaskell will investigate further. See Item 12.6.

JG

15.14 **CAPALC** – Celebrations are being planned between 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day.

15.15 **CCC** – Notification from Local Highways of the withdrawal of services for managing Street Lighting Energy for District and Parish Council street lights from October 2019. Cllr Drage asked if Cllr Williams could explain this further. He said maintenance of the street light was carried out by SCDC contractors and that the PC would be invoiced direct from the energy company for costs instead of CCC.

**16 To resolve the accounts for the month.**

Wages: Swifts cleaner.....176.00R	Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....136.00R
Wave: Rec. Ground sewerage.....297.54	NRF Contracting: Open Spaces.....3,912.00
Wave: Swifts sewerage.....84.30	DBS Electrical: Lamp repairs.....279.36
B’s Travel: Shopper bus.....220.00R	Cam Alarms: Alarm maint.....81.60R
Barclays: Monthly fees.....29.50	SP Landscapes: Grass cutting.....1,500.00
Daisy: Mobile phone.....15.41	Eastern Tree Surgery: Tree works.....246.00
CCVS: Annual subscription.....60.00	Replay: Ground maintenance.....495.00
HP: Ink supplies.....3.49	

Cllr Thorn proposed accepting the accounts, proposal seconded by Cllr Lockwood and agreed by the Council.

**17 Council Committees.**

17.1 Townley Trust. Cllrs Brown and Lockwood attended the last meeting. They were asked when would the new building be ready and when the Parish Council would be vacating the Parish Office. There was also a discussion about use of toilets in the new building and Fulbourn Centre. At present the PC does not have a handover date and as the new building is for use by youths, it is anticipated the toilets will only be open when the building is open. The PC will reply to the Trust before their next meeting.

MD

17.2 Recreation Ground Working Party. As the public tennis courts will be newly re-surfaced, it was agreed that the visiting fair be asked to site their equipment elsewhere on the recreation ground for Fulbourn Feast and this area would be roped off.

Clerk

<p><b>18 Register of Parish Council attendances for implementation.</b> As per guidelines set by NALC and CAPALC, a register for all meetings will be maintained.</p> <p><b>19 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action.</b> Council Sub Committees for review..</p> <p>There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.25pm.</p>	<p><b>1385 Clerk</b></p>
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Attached reports:

**Item 7.1**

**County Councillor Report to Fulbourn Parish Council**

1. For the third year running the County Council has been able to demonstrate that its highways are managed efficiently to receive the maximum amount of Government funding for road maintenance. Both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have received the maximum amount of additional road maintenance funding from the Department for Transport. This funding means almost £3.1m (£2.5m for Cambridgeshire County Council and £580k for Peterborough City Council) has been awarded to both the county and city council in recognition for making the best use of funds available and prioritising the needs of the public. This year (2019-20), Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have also received funding totalling £990k to help prevent and fix potholes. Four years ago when the County Council was in no overall control I was a member of a working group of officers and members which oversaw a review of the highways department to maximise the grant. Prior to that Cambridgeshire had not attained the level required to do this.

2. On Friday 26 April, pop-up exhibitions on the origins, means and future of writing simultaneously launched at Cambridge Central Library and in over 20 partner libraries around the UK, in tandem with the opening of Writing: Making Your Mark at the British Library in London. The free exhibition will preview at Cambridge Central Library on Friday 26 April and will remain on display until 30 May. It will then tour across selected Cambridgeshire Libraries until 27 August. Through images of carved stone inscriptions, medieval manuscripts and early printed works, the family-focused pop-up displays will span five millennia and five continents to deconstruct the act of writing and consider its future in the digital age. The exhibition will be augmented with material from relevant local and regional archives, accompanying events and an interactive learning trail, enabling visitors of all ages to engage in a nationwide conversation exploring one of humankind's greatest achievements – the act of writing – through the Living Knowledge Network.

3. The bus services subsidised by the Mayor through the County Council such as the route 18 to Newmarket have had their contracts extended while the Combined Authority's Bus Review is taking place and new contracts are awarded. I have been warned however that changes may be necessary should the new bids exceed the amount of funding available.

4. Real Time Passenger Information displays are about to be provided at the bus stops in Cambridge Road for routes 1 and 3 now that the electricity supply has been provided. Also now that we have Tesco's approval work is in hand to provide a solar powered one at the Tesco stop. I have been told that Stagecoach has now completed its review of the Cambridge Citi routes. I will let you have further details as soon as I can.

5. You will have seen that Yarrow Road and the Cambridge Road roundabout have been resurfaced in parts. The highways team have tested a new material which is quicker to apply and dry and tones down to match the existing road surface. The initial rough surface also smooths out with use.

John Williams  
5 May 2019

## **Item 7.2**

### **Report to Fulbourn Parish Council from District Councillors Claire Daunton and John Williams, May 2019**

*In our monthly reports we provide factual information which we hope will be of note and of use to parish councillors and the wider parish community. Here we report, amongst other items, on three new schemes we believe will be of particular interest to the community. For any queries, please contact us at:*  
[Cllr.Daunton@scamb.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Daunton@scamb.gov.uk); [John.Williams@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:John.Williams@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme:** this is a **new scheme**, arising from joint working of the Council's Climate and Environment Committee and Grants Advisory Committee. It will provide funds for local groups to spend on ambitious activities that reduce carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels. It will also help communities spread awareness and promote behaviour change towards low carbon lifestyles.

From this summer community groups will be invited to bid for grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 each. These funds will be able to be spent on projects such as:

- Energy-saving improvements to community buildings, such as insulation, secondary glazing, energy efficient lighting, battery storage for solar panels or other low carbon energy generation measures
- Community energy projects such as solar panels, community wind turbines and battery storage
- Electric vehicle charging points which the community could use
- Purchase of an electric vehicle for community use
- Community tree planting, to absorb carbon and increase biodiversity
- Community schemes to scale up local circular economy initiatives (food, fashion, waste, travel)
- Cycle paths and stands
- Projects that tackle fuel poverty
- Simple proposals such as cycle racks at bus stops or drinking fountains to encourage the use of reusable water bottles

A total of just over £90,000 is being made available for the scheme for 2019/20. The money comes from business rates from renewable energy sites in South Cambridgeshire that are retained by the Council and earmarked for use in green initiatives.

Non-profit groups or organisations that are based in South Cambridgeshire, or parish councils based within the district, will be able to apply from a date to be confirmed this summer. Other groups, such as schools, colleges and community interest companies will also be able to apply, as long as they apply as part of a partnership with a parish council or not-for-profit group.

**South Cambridgeshire District Council wants to make it easier for local tradespeople to work for it.**

The Council is **simplifying the tendering** documents for council contracts that are below the EU Procurement Thresholds. It will be running workshops for local Small and Medium Sized (SME) businesses during this year and investigating how the Council could increase awareness of contract opportunities for local tradespeople, updating the Council's procurement web pages to ensure they are SME friendly and will be ensuring invoices are paid promptly.

The SME workshops will include:  
How to demonstrate compliance.  
How to market services or competences.  
Understanding the tender process.  
Completing tender documents.  
Good Practice in tender submissions; and  
Meeting social value requirements

We are keen that we get local SMEs working for the Council. If you're an SME keep an eye open for action during this coming year.

### **Take a free Fitness MOT to stay stronger for longer**

Taking a simple fitness MOT test could help older people in South Cambridgeshire keep doing the things they enjoy. Whether it's shopping, socialising with friends or playing with the grandchildren the FREE MOTs can give an indication of what someone needs to do to stay stronger for longer.

With the help of a qualified instructor, a person will learn about their level of fitness to do everyday activities and find out what simple strength and balance exercises they could do at home or at recommended classes in the community. This is the second round of FREE fitness MOTs put on by South Cambridgeshire District Council as part of the Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire programme, which is funded by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Falls are one of the most common causes of accidental injury in older people and the most common cause of accidental death in the population aged 75 and over in the UK with one in three people aged 65 and over falling every year. However, by taking part in strength and balance activities, an individual can reduce the chances of falls by around a third.

Sessions will be held this month in Histon, Girton and Gamlingay. There's no need to book and residents can simply turn up on the day. The importance of remaining active will be highlighted at the sessions. Gentle exercise helps to keep muscles strong and improves balance, posture and co-ordination. Professional guidance on staying active and exercise will be available at the fitness sessions. Staff running the classes will also be able to signpost residents to local strength and balance classes suitable for them. MOT sessions are taking place in Cambridge City too. For more information on the MOTs and strength and balance activities go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fitness-mots](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fitness-mots)

**Women earn more than men working for South Cambridgeshire District Council.** The latest gender pay gap figures produced by the Government show that last year South Cambridgeshire District Council was the only council in the East of England where women earned more than their male counterparts.

On average for every £1 earned by male council employees women employees earned £1.13p. The Lib Dem council says it attracts women because of its family friendly recruitment policies and the gender gap in favour of women is partly due to its success in employing women not just in senior management posts but also in traditionally male dominated manual jobs such as HGV drivers. For example, we recently ran a recruitment drive to attract women to join our waste collection teams.

South Cambs also applies the real living wage as set by the Living Wage Foundation for its minimum wage rate, currently at £9 per hour; this is not to be confused with the much lower national living wage for over 25's and the national minimum wage for under 25's set by the Government.

**Greater Cambridge Local Plan:** Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council have commenced work on the new joint Greater Cambridge Local Plan to provide a sustainable vision for the future of the area. This includes planning for new housing and economic development to meet our needs and protect and enhance our environment. An early step in the plan preparation process is to gather information on what land is available and suitable for development. As a part of this work, a 'Call for Sites' consultation ran between the 11 February 2019 and 25 March 2019.

Cambridgeshire County Council, as landowner, submitted 64 sites as part of this consultation. These sites will be evaluated by both councils and it is highly likely that a large number of the sites will be unsuccessful.

Parish Councils have now been sent a policy update from the Planning Department which includes up-to-date information on the Local Plan and other significant material.

### **A 21st-century Council**

In 2016 recommendations were made to South Cambs District Council from a Local Government Authority (LGA) peer review exercise. This highlighted the need to give consideration to a possible re-shaping of the organization. Following from this it was agreed in late 2018 to appoint management consultants, Castlerigg who have now embarked on an in-depth engagement with all aspects of the Council's work. Castlerigg were chosen for their good track record in work with local authorities. In tandem with this exercise, the process for recruiting a new Chief Executive for South Cambs has begun. The person appointed will be fully engaged in Castlerigg's work and will have a significant role in shaping the outcome of the exercise.

JW/CD

4 May 2019

### **Item 7.3**

#### District Councillor report to Parish Council May 2019

#### Community Chest funding available

Village groups across South Cambridgeshire can now apply for up to £1000 worth of funding from the Community Chest scheme. There is £29000 available in this round of grants to be applied for and the same again in October. The Community Chest scheme was started in 2011 and has handed out over £500,000 in grants to local good community based causes since it was set up. As you will know from my previous reports, Parish Councils are no longer eligible to apply for Community Chest grants funding which I personally think is a shame given the Parish Councils strong connections with the communities they represent. None of the Parish Councils in the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward are eligible to apply but this doesn't stop you as Parish Councillors from recommending the scheme to community groups within your parish who would be eligible to apply. The scheme is targeted at village groups and projects that help to build a sense of community. The guidance for the Community Chest states that applicants must be non-profit groups or organisations based in South Cambridgeshire, or benefitting the districts residents. To be successful the applicant must demonstrate one or more of the following aims:

- Help promote health and active communities
- Enable inclusive communities
- Develop skills
- Enhance the natural environment
- Meet local need and leave a legacy for the community
- Ensure equality of access

The community Chest scheme has proven to be very popular in the past so community groups that are considering putting in an application are probably best to do so sooner rather than later. The application forms to apply can be found on the SCDC website. I have copied a link below.

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-development/grants/community-chest-grants/>

#### Combined Authority secures £90,000 to help veterans at risk of homelessness

I was pleased to see the combined authority (of which South Cambridgeshire makes up a part) secure £90,000 for military veterans at risk of homelessness across the combined authority area. The money will be spent on a range of projects across the combined authority area such as projects that support homeless people in the area, funding towards outreach officers and working with existing armed forces charities.



There is already an officer funded via the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust that works with Cambridgeshire County Council to coordinate and identify activities to support veterans so hopefully this money can be put to good use quickly in conjunction with the work they are already carrying out.

### South Cambridgeshire District Council Gardening competition 2019

The Council will again this year be running the Annual Gardening competition for council tenants or lease holders of SCDC. This scheme has been running since 1981 and has continued to be popular throughout that time. I have always supported this scheme which gets gardeners together across our district, encourages council tenants to keep their garden in a good state and inadvertently has a knock-on effect to the rest of the community via lovely gardens being on display. The award ceremony is held at Scotsdales Garden Centre in Great Shelford. This year the award ceremony will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. Having attended the ceremony on a number of other years it is a really nice event that brings like-minded people together. I have copied the categories off the website below:

- Best kept garden overall
- Best kept small garden
- Best kept large garden
- Best kept vegetable garden
- Best new tenant's garden (April 2018 - April 2019)
- Best sheltered housing scheme communal gardens
- Best family garden
- Best community garden
- Best window box or container garden
- Best greenhouse (vegetables)
- Best greenhouse (flowers)
- Carol Johnson best wildflower garden award
- Best wildlife garden

More information can be found on the SCDC website if you have parishioners in your parish that are interested in taking part.

### Green energy grants

Some months ago I supported the Council and voted in favour of the Council taking steps towards a zero-carbon future by 2050. As part of this SCDC will be allowing community projects to bid for grants between £1000 and £15,000 each to spend on projects that make their communities more green. There will be £90,000 this year to bid for in this financial year. The criteria for applying for grants can be found on the SCDC website.

*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](mailto:graham.cone@councillor.online) or ring 07595361285 (please leave a voice mail if I am unavailable)*

***Councillor Graham Cone***