

Minutes of a Full Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**Present:** Councillor Drage (Chairman), and Councillors Cone, Gaskell, Johnson, Lacey, Lockwood, Smith, Thorn and Ward. County & District Councillor Williams, the Clerk and Mr Ward until Item 37.

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<p>Minutes of a <b>Planning Committee</b> meeting held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7pm.  <b>Present:</b> Cllr Smith (Chairman) and Cllrs Drage, Gaskell, Johnson, Thorn and Ward.</p> <p><b>To consider planning applications.</b></p> <p><b>Permissions:</b>  S/1133/19/FL, 1A Geoffrey Bishop Avenue;  S/1238/19/FL, 15 Cow Lane.</p> <p><b>Information only:</b> S/1795/19/DC, 18 Balsham Road – Discharge of condition 4 (underfloor heating) of Listed Building consent S/2357/18/LB;  S/2020/19/DC, Land off Fulbourn Old Drift – Discharge of Condition 25 (Car Park Management Plan) of planning permission S/3404/17/FL</p> <p><b>New applications:</b> S/1889/19/FL, 12 Home End – Single storey front and rear extension, car port with dropped kerb and reduction in height of front wall;  S/2030/19/FL &amp; S/2031/19/LB, 18 Balsham Road – Demolition of Chimney.</p> <p>Full Council.</p> <p><b>34 To accept apologies for absence.</b>  Cllrs Brown, Dawson and Hinton and District Councillor Daunton.</p> <p><b>35 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed.</b> None received.</p> <p><b><u>Public &amp; 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.</b> There were no questions from the floor.</p> <p><b>36 Neighbourhood Plan – Update from Mr Ron Ward</b>  Mr Ward gave a verbal update informing Members that good progress was being made with the Neighbourhood Plan. It is being done in phases; evidence gathering, policies then an inspection followed by a Referendum. This will be a strategic plan for the village. A questionnaire has been produced for delivery with the July edition of the Village Pump and Mr Ward advised the evidence stage was nearly complete. Looking at other Parish Councils' Neighbourhood Plans, they appear to have lots of issues whereas Fulbourn has more external pressures being so close to Cambridge which is a power base. When the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is approved, the village will then be developed as we want it to be. One major issue is the doctor's surgery; they missed an opportunity but that is now history. They are now engaging in this project and Mr Ward said we need to get a surgery in place. This would give the village more leverage for S106 projects if a surgery was in place. S106 payments are greatly reduced if a village does not have a NP. Mr Ward said the Draft NP should be ready by September 2019. The Parish Council will then have a chance to review this adding anything that needs to also be included. The aim is to hold the Referendum mid-2020. There are 20 Policies on how we would like the village to go forward covering every aspect. The consultants, Urban Silence are doing a very good job advising on the legalities. The NP will be concise and a readable document.</p> <p>Cllr Smith asked how the NP would assist when the Marshall's airport is developed. Mr Ward said the NP would be a live document and can be reviewed when more is known about that. Again it can be reviewed if there are future proposed developments.</p> <p>Following discussion it was confirmed the NP influences South Cambridgeshire District Council and not central government.</p> <p>Cllr Williams said SCDC is working with the City on a new Local Plan so the sooner</p>	

Fulbourn's NP is approved, the better.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ward for all his hard work and for attending tonight's meeting.

### **37 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.**

37.1 County Councillor Williams issued the attached report.

37.2 District Councillors Williams and Daunton, in her absence, issued the attached report. Cllr Williams added that SCDC has appointed Liz Watts as the new Chief Executive and she will take up her role in September. He said there is a consultation of new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy. This will tighten how licenses are issued and with odd exceptions, licenses will no longer be issued to vehicles over 4 years old. Cllrs Williams and Daunton visited the Exception Site being built at Armistice Close. It is hoped March 2020 will see the first occupants move in. To qualify for a property you have to be on the SCDC Housing Waiting List and have a local connection.

Last week was Rural Housing Week where the Cllrs took a tour of Exception Sites. They learnt of government changes as to the definition of an Exception Site; in future properties will go on the open market with no limit as to how many; no reason will be required for an Exception Site neither will you have to give a reason for Starter Homes. Cllr Williams advised Neighbourhood Plans will have to comply with National Guidelines. Reports were accepted.

37.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report which was accepted by Council.

### **38 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.**

The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **39 Matters arising from the last meeting.**

39.1 Community Building. Works are almost complete with the handover likely in the next month. CCTV is to be installed on the outside of the building. Solicitors are being consulted to draw up leases for FA4Y and the Scouts.

39.2 Village Community Assets. The Working Party met to discuss the proposed list from the Village Design Statement Committee. Following discussion, Members agreed on the revised list which goes to SCDC for approval with reasons why they should be classed as Assets.

39.3 Swifts Estate. JLES Ltd, appointed by Accent Group, are pushing for a site meeting regarding the Parish Council taking over the Public Open Spaces. Following a report from the SCDC Tree Officer and a report on the Play Area, Members suggested inviting both the Tree Officer and S106 Officer to also attend. JLES Ltd will be asked to provide a definitive map of the areas.

39.4 Thomas Road/Hinton Road. Cllrs Gaskell and Ward met Metropolitan Housing Association again and found improvements have been made over the last 6 months.

39.5 Re-surface public tennis courts. The Parish Council has written to the contractors and awaits their response. The area treated with weed killer has improved slightly, however the bind weed is still sprouting elsewhere.

39.6 Low Carbon Grant. The Environment Group from the Neighbourhood Plan has suggested that the Parish Council applies for a grant as an alternative energy source for street lighting. The Chairman will reply.

39.7 Cambs Acre, Mythbuster Tour. Cllr Thorn attended visiting various developments but the apart from one place, the tour was very similar to last year.

### **40 Tree works:**

S/2087/19/TC, Cow Lane – Fell Silver Birch as encroaching on drains and replace with Cherry Blossom. "No objections providing they replant as promised".

S/2360/19/TC, The Pines – Reduce overhanging Yew back to boundary.

Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.

### **41 Correspondence.**

41.1 **SCDC** – Six week consultation on draft Bourn Airfield New Village Supplementary Planning Document (SPD); The SPD provides guidance on how the new village should be designed, developed and delivered with public exhibitions to be held at Cambourne, Caldecote

and Bourn.

41.2 **SCDC** – Consultation on the draft Histon & Impington Village Design Guide.

41.3 **Greater Cambridge Partnerships** – Melbourn and Sawston Greenways Consultation.

41.4 **SCDC** – Histon & Impington has submitted its Neighbourhood Plan with supporting documents. A Public Consultation will run until 31/7/19.

41.5 **SCDC** – Parish Councils Liaison Meeting, 26/6/19 at Cambourne.

**41.6 Greater Cambridge Partnership** – GCP are in the initial stages of the “Easy Access Public Transport Study” focusing on the Newmarket Road corridor to the Elizabeth Way roundabout. They aim to make public transport journeys more reliable which include considering moving the existing Newmarket Road Park and Ride location. If any Parish Councils wish to engage with the GCP at this stage, please let them know.

41.7 **RAF Benevolent Fund** – Information regarding newly launched Community Connector Service to tackle social isolation and loneliness amongst the RAF family in Cambridgeshire. They offer financial assistance, independent living help and mental wellbeing support.

41.8 **Greater Cambridge Shared Planning** – Invitation to a Cambridge residents associations and South Cambridgeshire parishes workshop at the start of the preparation of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan, being held:

7.00-9.30pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at Shelford Rugby Club, The Davey Field, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5JJ.

41.9 **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority** – Consultation on the Local Transport Plan with events being held through to September. More information on their website with ways you can response to the draft documents.

41.10 **SCDC** – Minutes of a Parish Councils Liaison Meeting held on 26/6/19.

41.11 **Fulbourn Primary School** – Due to inclement weather, they have re-scheduled their Sports Day to Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and also asked if Years’ 5 & 6 may use the recreation ground on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 from 10am to 12 noon. The Clerk has agreed this and will arrange access to the pavilion toilets.

41.12 **Recreation Ground User** – Complaint received when using the ground for football training. The Clerk has dealt with this explaining some of the football pitches had been re-seeded.

41.13 **Summer Football Camp** – Flyer circulating advertising a Camp on the recreation ground between 29/7/19 – 2/8/19. The Parish Council has not been approached or consulted about this. This clashes with the Terry Willson Memorial so they will be asked not to use the main pitches. The Council would like an idea of numbers attending, what provisions have been made if the weather is inclement, what goals they intend using and use of toilets. As it is a business, Council will need to see a copy of their Public Liability Insurance, Risk Assessment and DBS Check.

41.14 **Resident** – Copy of correspondence to SCDC, Planning regarding works in Station Road. Cllr Daunton has contacted SCDC Enforcement Officers to investigate.

Cllr Williams said a site visit took place today and Cllr Cone also visited the resident.

41.15 **A14C2H** (Cambridge A14 to Huntingdon) – Latest newsletter and photographs.

41.16 **CCC** – Local Highways Initiative deadline 4/8/19. It is suggested a Sub Committee is formed to look further into this. Cllrs Cone, Gaskell and Johnson will meet to discuss and apply for an appropriate scheme.

41.17 **CCVS** (Cambridge Council for Voluntary Services) – July 2019 newsletter.

41.18 **Clerks & Councils Direct** – July 2019 magazine.

41.19 Resident from the Birdfarm Road/ Caraway Road estate had asked if more Dog Fouling notices could be put up.

## 42 To resolve the accounts for the month.

Townley: Hall hire.....	82.50R	Konica: Photocopier.....	85.64
NRF Contracting: Open Spaces.....	2,106.00R	SP Landscapes: Grass cutting...	1,140.00R
S Danischewsky: Fees.....	918.00	CJ Murfitt: New building.....	21,227.53R
Smith Ltd: Pavilion clock.....	244.80R	HMRC: Tax & NI.....	500.70R
B’s Travel: Shopper bus.....	220.00R	Friends of Roman Road: Subs.....	50.00
Daisy: Mobile phone.....	15.41	Fulbourn Arts: Donation.....	2,000.00

BT: Internet services.....180.84R	Working Turf: Fertiliser.....585.27
Konica: Photocopier.....19.54	Ridgeons: Supplies.....115.27
e-on: Pavilion electricity.....417.26	Friends Roman Road: Subscription....50.00
e-on: Pavilion gas.....193.34	Barclays: Monthly fees.....14.50

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

Contribution towards Memorial for Stan Hardwick to be decided; The Gardening Society wish to install a tree bench with plaque at Poor Well, housed on stone like the recently installed Parish Council's bench in Manor Walk. Approximately costing £1,000, Cllr Smith proposed the Parish Council contributes half the total cost. Proposal seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed by the Council.

Donation request from FA4Y; Audited accounts and covering letter received. This has been included in the 2019/20 Precept and will be reviewed next year.

**43 Council Committees.**

43.1 Communications Committee. Minutes of a meeting held on 18/06/2019 were issued. The Committee has met with one webmaster and are arranging to meet with our current provider.

43.2 Recreation Ground Working Party. Minutes of a meeting held on 25/06/2019 were issued. It was suggested a meeting with Landmark International School is arranged in September to discuss various concerns.

From Item 6, Shelford Energy will be contacted. Quotes for tree works under Item 8 will be obtained.

43.3 MUGA. Cllr Drage advised three quotes to re-surface the MUGA had been received.

**44 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action.**

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Attached reports:

**Item 37.1**

**County Councillor Report to Fulbourn Parish Council**

1. Cambridgeshire County Council now has the required licences to run a pilot for a Cambridge Local Lottery and is now working on a communication plan. The current timescales for the lottery are:

- Good cause launch: Wednesday 24th July
- Site open to players: Tuesday 3rd September
- First draw: Saturday 12th October

2. Following the sweeping of the shared cycle/pedestrian path along Cambridge Road by South Cambs, County Highways is arranging for weed killing along the kerb line as a one off action. South Cambs is rearranging its road sweeping operation to include the sweeping of some 500 miles of share cycle/pedestrian paths in the District, but it does not have a licence or the equipment for weed killing and this continues to be the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council whose current policy is not to weed beyond the 30 mph zones or around traffic islands.

3. Do not forget that the closing date for this year's Local Highway Initiative scheme is 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019 following which if you submit a bid you will be contacted by an officer to develop your Feasibility Study. They will work with you to ensure your project scope and budget is accurate and achievable before your proposal being presented to the LHI

Member Advisory Panels in January 2020. If you have any queries or questions, please use the link: [local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

4. South Cambs deputy leader Councillor Aidan van de Weyer is now the chairman of the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership.

John Williams

2 July 2019

**Item 37.2**

**REPORT TO FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS  
CLAIRE DAUNTON AND JOHN WILLIAMS, JULY 2019**

*This report contains factual information which we hope will be of interest and of use to parish councillors and to the wider parish community. If there are any queries, please contact us at Cllr [Daunton@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Daunton@scambs.gov.uk); [john.williams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:john.williams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)*

**LOCAL INFORMATION**

1. Ice Rink. We took part in a visit to the ice rink to assess progress of the fitting out. This is on schedule and it is hoped that the rink will open to the public towards the end of July. There will be seating for 300 spectators, skate-hire space, a café, a mezzanine viewing area for hire, changing rooms and shower facilities. Parking will be to the rear of the park and ride site. The building will have solar panels with the intention to use energy gained for the building and for electric charging points.
2. Contamination. See below the section concerning street-sweeping, contamination and fly-tipping for a section directly relevant to Fulbourn where there will be particular attention to contamination of blue-bin waste as part of a District-wide campaign.
3. Operation London Bridge. This is the name given to local arrangements to be put in place on the death of the Queen or another senior member of the royal family. Villages and parish councils are being encouraged to think what local arrangements they might wish to put in place (bell-ringing, flag-lowering books of condolences, flowers, memorial services, village gatherings etc), who would be responsible for organising such events, representatives of parish councils attending local and more regional events etc, etc. South Cambs will have its own arrangements and is willing to offer advice to parish councils. You might wish to think about such events and arrangements at a future meeting of the PC.
4. Land in Teversham Road. Developers have sought pre-application advice. As a result it has been suggested that a design workshop to explore options should be held later in July and that this should involve local consultees. We will keep you informed of proposed date and time.

**SOUTH EAST FORUM**

A meeting of the South East Community Forum was held in CB1 Church, Coldham's Lane on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. This Forum is run jointly by the City and South Cambs and is managed by Officers and Members of both Administrations. Chairing of the meeting alternates between City and South Cambs. The Forum provides an opportunity for residents and others to hear information about major developments, to give their views and to raise concerns. At the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> June there were ca. 90 residents present from Teversham, Fen Ditton and Fulbourn. The four topics on the agenda were:

Land North of Cherry Hinton; Land South of Cherry Hinton; Marshalls Move; Wing Development; Ida Darwin site, Fulbourn. Updates were given on each area, though that on Ida Darwin was very brief. Minutes of the Forum meeting should be put onto the website soon. A summary list is given here of the issues raised: transport planning; through-routes and rat-runs; congestion and pollution; lack of public transport; land contamination; noise issues; effect on two sites already under way of Marshalls protected move in the near future; Marshall's intentions to keep employment at current site after move, alongside housing and community facilities; place-making and community building in all sites under consideration; effect on Teversham village and Cherry Hinton community of new sites; sustainability and preservation of bio-diversity; timing of build-outs on all four sites to avoid maximum disruption.

**BUS USERS GROUP**

One of the issues raised at the SE Forum was bus transport, particularly through Wing from Fen Ditton, through the Cherry Hinton North site, and from Fulbourn to Teversham. This same topic came up at the Bus Users (CABU) AGM on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, along with current bus services, most particularly the joining together of two bus services, with very poor results. There is now some movement on this issue for Teversham and Fulbourn. Stagecoach managers are discussing possible changes to timetabling and possible re-routing in an effort to improve services there. These are first steps; nothing is promised; and changes will take time. But it is an advance on the present. We will report to you on this at next week's meeting.

The CABU AGM was addressed by representatives from Stagecoach, Whippet and Cambridge Connect. The latter advocates a simple light rail system, involving tunnelling under the city and connecting to a bus network around and within the city. Stagecoach and Whippet are both revising ticketing and fares; and both have employed transport planners to examine current routes and see how these fit with population concentration and centres of employment. Both firms indicated that they are looking to make significant changes in the Autumn. It was generally agreed that waiting for the Mayor's bus review recommendations to be put into effect is too long without action.

### **STREET SWEEPING, FLY TIPPING AND CONTAMINATION**

1. **Street Sweeping.** South Cambs is about to launch a new scheme for street-sweeping. The District has been divided into five zones where crews will work on a two-week cycle sweeping streets and collecting waste from street-side general bins and dog-waste bins. They will be equipped with both different sized vehicles so that they can cover different types of areas. Should there be a need for specific cleaning in between the normal cycles, residents are being encouraged to report the need on [streets@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:streets@scambs.gov.uk) an email box which is read each day and from which regular responses will be made. Further details on this will be available on the South Cambs website in the very near future. If you have any queries about this new arrangement in the meantime, please do email us. We will have a copy of the leaflet at the meeting.
2. **Fly Tipping.** There is also a new approach to Fly Tipping. This is a result of working with partners and agencies to tackle an area-wide problem. A leaflet and web campaign is about to be launched. The Campaign aims to:
  - Educate on what is fly tipping. Why is it a problem and how can it be prevented
  - Promote the SCRAP action check list (Suspect, Check, Refuse, Ask, Paperwork)
  - Educate on Legal way of disposing of waste – bulky service, HRCs, legit waste carriers
  - How to report fly-tipping

The campaign will be targeted to areas where fly-tipping is known to be more of a problem, as but will also look to increase general awareness. Targeted areas have been identified as Over, Fen Ditton, Horningsea, Bourn - A428 st neots road, Cottenham, Willingham, Heydon. For the campaign to be a success it will be run with communities and partners to maximise reach and local engagement. We will be developing a pack of posters, banner and leaflets to use used at a local level by parish Councils to help spread the message to the communities most affected. This will be supported by use of the South Cambs Magazine, article in Parish Magazines, vehicles liveries and extensive Social media.

**Use of newsletters.** We would like parish newsletters to carry the campaign messages and will be circulating a draft article to be included in next editions, or artwork that can be used instead. Please look out for this and incorporate these into your communications.

**Distribution of Campaigns leaflets, posters** Are you able to distribute our campaign leaflet along with your newsletter, or put posters on your local notice boards, schools and community centres? Please get in touch and let us know how many you need and when you need them by. **Email the [Waste.enquiries@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Waste.enquiries@scambs.gov.uk) with the word FLYTIP and your Village name in the Subject line.**

3.Contamination This campaign aims to educate resident about what they should not be putting into their blue bins for recycling (as well as reminding them of what they should). We have identified textiles, sanitary products, black bags and food and liquids remains as the main Items resident regularly put into the blue recycling bins. We are running a campaign this year to tackle these with a lead on Textiles. The Campaign runs to Oct.2019. We have looked at locations that the crew have logged the most contaminated bins and so will be targeting campaign work in these main areas. They will also be messages to all residents to support this. The targeted work will take place in Cambourne, Sawston, Waterbeach, Fulbourn, Bar hill, Romsey, Kings hedges, Trumpington, Abbey, Arbury and Castle. The Campaign will be delivered via distribution of a leaflet, at events, posters and displays in community centres, vehicles liveries and social media and Door knocking at houses and blocks of flats to speak directly to residents.

#### **Use of newsletters**

We would like parish and ward newsletters to carry the campaign messages and will be circulating a draft article to be included in next editions. Please look out for this and incorporate these into your communication where you can. **Email the [Waste.enquiries@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Waste.enquiries@scambs.gov.uk) with the word **TEXTILES** and you Village name in the Subject line**

#### **POLICE MATTERS**

Parish Councillors will have seen the announcement by the Police and Crime Commissioner concerning the proposed move of the City police station from Parkside to a site adjacent to the A14 at Milton. The reasons given for the move concern the lack of adequate cell space at Parkside, the congestion in the city and the difficulty of police response time, along with the wish to realise capital from the City site to provide more appropriate space and facilities to meet the increase in population in and around Cambridge city. The Commissioner and Chief Executive made a presentation in Milton concerning the proposed move, with another to follow; residents have been making known their concerns about the lack of an adequate police presence in the city. City residents will have had a chance to meet the PCC and Chief Constable at Sainsbury's in the city centre on the morning of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. There is significant concern in the City over the nature of a police presence there once the move has taken place. Concern has also been raised about building on green belt land. The proposal will be subject to a planning application.

Other police matters were also raised at a meeting of the Police and Crime Commission Panel held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. These included: the rise in levels of domestic violence and the complex nature of police work connected with this; the increase in burglary; the decrease in other crimes including drug-related crimes said to be linked to greater police success in early intervention and recent successes in breaking up dealing rings; the need for greater inter-agency collaboration (schools, health care agencies, parishes etc); the need for collaboration in relation to domestic violence was particularly highlighted since the long-term effect on children could be severe.

In response to queries concerning our residents' concerns over parking and speeding in villages, the commissioner indicated that these were not of significant consequence for the police in relation to their other work. However, there is greater emphasis on speeding in relation to road casualty and road death, with an increase in staffing for the Road Casualty Unit; there is also emphasis on technological solutions.

#### **PARKING**

Continuing the theme of parking from the paragraph above, South Cambs has been in contact with the Police Commissioner several times over the last couple of months in an attempt to set up a District version of civil enforcement of parking. This is in response to residents' concerns about parking, such as: parking on double yellow lines; parking illegally outside schools; pavement parking; parking on green space etc. Civil enforcement works in the city since there is income from parking (car parks) to pay for it. The District owns no car parks so other solution has to be found. South Cambs Cabinet member, Neil Gough, is intending once more to contact the Commissioner

with suggestions concerning part funding of some PCSO posts on the understanding that parking falls within their remit. Councillor Gough is also looking to parishes to consider part funding these posts; some parishes are already discussing such an arrangement. There will be more information about this soon.

### **Planning Consultations**

All Parish councillors should now have received the latest communication from the Greater Cambridge Planning Service (Policy Update document dated 1 July 2019). We will not repeat here the contents of that document, which is full of information on the number and scale of developments and related consultations, but simply note that it includes information on: Bourn Airfield New Village Supplementary Planning Document; Consultations on Neighbourhood Planning documents for Histon and Impington, Cottenham and Foxton; Transport Masterplans for Whittlesford area; consultations on Greenways; consultation on the A428 alignment; details of the GCP transport strategy and consultation on the Combined Authority (the Mayor) transport plan\*\*. The document gives online links for parish councils to follow, but if anyone requires particular targeted information, please do contact us at the email addresses given at the start of this report.

### **\*\*COMBINED AUTHORITY TRANSPORT CONSULTATION**

Please see attached press release from the Mayor's office. The GCP is also issuing its own transport plan concerning options for the City and surrounding areas. We will bring you detailed news of this very soon. An outline of the GCP connected transport scheme has been published but further details will be available to us in early July and we will bring these to you as soon as we can. In the meantime here is the Mayor's press release

'Events announced across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for public to have say on area's transport future

A series of consultation events have been announced across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for members of the public to have their say on the future of the area's transport network to 2050.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's Local Transport Plan (LTP) will set out an ambitious, challenging and exciting strategy for a world-class, integrated transport network, which addresses current and anticipated future pressures on infrastructure, while also supporting housing and economic growth. It aims to bring forward a step-change in how people travel across the area.

The LTP will provide the strategic context for the Combined Authority's major projects like new rail stations at Soham and Cambridge South, a new rail link at Wisbech, reforming the bus network, a dualled A10 and A47, a third crossing over the River Great Ouse and the CAM Metro.

It will provide the vision and strategy to meet the infrastructure challenges set out in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER), which identified that the area's growing economy would tail off unless interventions were made to upgrade under-pressure transport infrastructure. It will also be a key pillar in meeting the Combined Authority's commitment to doubling the size of the area's economy over 25 years, and meeting the vision set out in the Mayor's Growth Ambition Statement.

The consultation begins on June 17, running for 15 weeks until September 27.

The public will be encouraged to have their say, ask questions, and provide feedback on the current draft Local Transport Plan. They will be asked what they think are the key priorities and the principles behind what a future transport network should look like.

The summer consultation events are as follows:

Thu 04 Jul Sat 06 Jul Thu 11 Jul Fri 12 Jul Sat 13 Jul Tue 16 Jul Thu 18 Jul Sat 20 Jul Wed 24 Jul Thu 25 Jul Sat 27 Jul Sat 07 Sep Wed 11 Sep Sat 14 Sep

3pm-8pm 9am-1pm 1pm-6pm 3pm-8pm 10am-3pm 3pm-8pm 3pm-7.30pm 10am-3pm 2pm-7pm  
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Peterborough Town Hall  
Cambourne Library  
Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard Whittlesey Library  
Huntingdon Library  
Peterborough Town Hall  
Cottenham Community Centre Coffee Shop Ely Library  
Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard  
St Ives Free Church  
March Library  
Peterborough Town Hall  
Chatteris Council Chambers  
Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard

For those not able to attend the events, engagement with the consultation is available online or by

Key principles guiding the formulation of the LTP include the delivery of transport infrastructure to sustainably support new homes and, crucially, for that infrastructure to be in place before significant new housing is built. Planning infrastructure so that key employment centres are reachable within a 30-minute journey time of where people live will help better link homes with jobs.

A more joined-up, fully integrated, 'multi-modal' transport network, where public transport is recognised as more reliable, more affordable, regular and convenient, will encourage a shift away from car use, facilitating a step-change in how people travel.

A first-class transport network will also foster inclusive growth, where more people are better connected to the opportunities of the growing Cambridgeshire and Peterborough economy. Spreading prosperity to more people is also one of the Combined Authority's key missions through its housing and skills agenda.

And the draft LTP also focuses on improving the environment, reducing air pollution by cutting emissions to as close to zero as possible, while also minimising the impact of transport on climate change. Healthier journeys and more active lifestyles through cycling and walking, will also be encouraged.

Mayor James Palmer said: "The Local Transport Plan should be bold, it should be ambitious, and it should challenge us.

"We can see right now the results of an historic underinvestment in the transport network, in terms of congestion, lack of housing delivery and the future threat to our continued economic growth.

"This consultation is an opportunity to have an exciting, powerful conversation about what people think our main priorities should be, and what the key challenges and opportunities around transport will be, both now and in the future.

"This is a first-of-its-kind document for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. There has been significant attention on our road, rail, bus reform and CAM Metro schemes, but it is important people see how these fit into a wider, joined-up strategy, and that they are not being planned in isolation.

"Transport touches everyone's lives from train, bus and car users, through to people who walk and cycle, so everyone has something to contribute. I would encourage as many people as possible to come along, find out more about what the LTP is trying to achieve, and give us your views."

Following the consultation and inclusion of comments, the Board will be asked to approve the first Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LTP later in 2019.

For those not able to attend the events in person, they will be able to contribute comments via a questionnaire on the Combined Authority website, which will be live when the consultation officially launches from June 17: <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about->

For more information please contact Combined Authority Communications Manager Luke Page on 01353 667721 or email [luke.page@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk](mailto:luke.page@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk)

1. The report on the LTP consultation to the Combined Authority Board can be viewed via

<https://cambridgeshirepeterboroughcagov.cmis.uk.com/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1D TL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=Y9Ajyoduxr4NyOhzx6q74iC%2b%2bCiPAjVDeAHJQ2tsHAWWw%2bKFFe lp0A%3d%3d&rUzwrPp%2bZ3zd4E7lkn8Lyw%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNIh225F5QMaQWCtPH wdhUfCZ%2fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&mCTIbCubSfXsDGW9IXnlg%3d%3d=hFflUdN3 100%3d&kCx1AnS9%2fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFflUdN3100%3d&uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2b AJvYtyA%3d%3d=ctNJff55vVA%3d&FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoBi5oIA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d &d9Qjj0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJff55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za 60lavYmz=ctNJff55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCPMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJff55vVA%3d>

The new plan has been produced in partnership with Peterborough City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, the Greater Cambridge Partnership, and the city and district councils of Cambridge, East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire. Engagement has also taken place with bodies such as Highways England and Network Rail, as well as neighbouring transport and highway authorities. In addition to working with public sector partners, the plan has also been informed by wider stakeholder consultation, including with transport operators; industry groups; and community organisations.

2. The LTP is structured in two main parts. First is the overall plan which sets out the vision, objectives and the strategic approach up to 2050. Second is the Transport Delivery Plan, which will run from 2019 to 2031/36 and will detail how improvements to the transport network will be delivered and managed and maintained.
3. At the Combined Authority board meeting on the 28 June 2017 the board agreed to adopt the previous Local Transport Plans of Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council into a single interim Local Transport Plan, until a comprehensive statutory process could be undertaken.

### **Item 37.3**

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

#### Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority consult on area's transport future

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's Local Transport Plan (LTP) aims to set out a strategy for a world class integrated transport network to cope with the existing pressures and future proof for emerging pressures in the future. The LTP will aim to promote change in habits and link up economic growth areas and housing across the Combined Authority area. The LTP will include major projects like Cambridge South station, Soham Station, new rail link at Wisbech, looking at and reforming bus networks, dualling of the A10, dualling of the A47, a crossing over the River Great Ouse and the CAM metro. The LTP will be linked to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough economic review which alludes to a stalling of the local economy in the future if transport infrastructure is not addressed.

The consultation hearing began on 17<sup>th</sup> June and will run for 15 weeks until 27<sup>th</sup> September. I hope that parish councillors in the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward will take the time to engage with this consultation process given its importance to our area. The LTP aims to set out the following:

- Delivery of transport infrastructure to support new homes ideally before significant new housing is built
- To plan infrastructure so that key employment centres are more accessible to high population areas.
- Where possible make transport networks more linked up, reliable, affordable and more convenient

- A transport system that will spread opportunities and prosperity to more people so more people can share in this area's growing economy.
- To improve the environment thinking about cutting emissions to aid air pollution and work towards the national 2050 zero emissions target.
- To encourage healthier lifestyles through cycling and walking wherever possible.

Below I have included the consultation events and included a hyperlink to the online consultation page.

The summer consultation events are as follows:

- Sawston, Tue 18 June, 3pm-8pm, Sawston Village College
- Peterborough, Sat 22 Jun, 10am-3pm, Peterborough Town Hall
- Soham, Tue 25 Jun, 3pm-8pm, Soham Pavilion
- St Neots, Wed 26 Jun, 2pm-7pm, St Neots Library
- Wisbech, Thu 27 Jun, 3pm-8pm, Rose and Crown Hotel
- Cambridge, Sat 29 Jun, 10am-3pm, Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard
- Littleport, Wed 03 Jul, 3pm-8pm, Littleport Library
- Peterborough, Thu 04 Jul, 3pm-8pm, Peterborough Town Hall
- Cambourne, Sat 06 Jul, 9am-1pm, Cambourne Library
- Cambridge, Thu 11 Jul, 10am-6pm, Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard
- Whittlesey, Fri 12 Jul, 3pm-8pm, Whittlesey Library
- Huntingdon, Sat 13 Jul, 10am-3pm, Huntingdon Library
- Peterborough, Tue 16 Jul, 3pm-8pm, Peterborough Town Hall
- Cottenham, Thu 18 Jul, 3pm-7.30pm, Cottenham Community Centre Coffee Shop
- Ely, Sat 20 Jul, 10am-3pm, Ely Library
- Cambridge, Wed 25 Jul, 2pm-7pm, Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard
- St Ives, Thu 25 Jul, 3pm-8pm, St Ives Free Church
- March, Sat 27 Jul, 10am-3pm, March Library
- Peterborough, Sat 07 Sep, 10am-3pm, Peterborough Town Hall
- Chatteris, Wed 11 Sep, 3pm-8pm, Chatteris Council Chambers
- Cambridge, Sat 14 Sep, 10am-3pm, Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/ltp>.

#### Private hire driver loses license for picking up without being pre-booked

The Licencing Committee of which I am a member has revoked the license of a taxi driver licenced by SCDC who had been picking up passengers without a booking which private hire vehicles are not allowed to do. I believe it is important for the Licensing committee to take a firm stance on any breaches of the conditions and rules that taxi operatives should adhere to. Taxi drivers can always appeal against the decision of the Licensing Committee which happened in this case and I am pleased to say the magistrates court upheld the decision made by the councillors sitting in judgement of this particular case.

Having sat on a number of taxi license appeals, most recently in June, I think it is important to emphasise that there is a responsibility to the safety of the public when making a decision on these appeals. The reasons for officers not granting a license or asking councillors on the Licensing Committee to decide whether a licence should be revoked is often in light of a breach of rules, complaints and criminal convictions. I have been involved in cases where complaints of a sexual nature have been made; convictions of fraud and aggressive behaviour have had to be taken into account. As a Councillor, ultimately I am there to protect the public not to protect individual taxi drivers' livelihoods. It should be remembered that taxi drivers will sometimes be carrying vulnerable members of the community so it is crucially important that they are a fit and proper person to hold a license.

Almost 2 years ago I put forward a proposal through the Licensing Committee that taxi drivers should have CCTV fitted within their taxi which would be operational when the meter is running to give protection not only to customers but to taxi drivers when problems arise. I am pleased to say that this has subsequently been put into policy at SCDC and drivers will be expected to do this from 2020.

### Parks and green spaces receive £700,000

Cambridgeshire's and Peterborough's parks and green spaces will receive £700,000 from the ground breaking Future Parks scheme funded by the Ministry of Housing and communities and local government, the National Lottery and the National Trust. There were 80 projects in total submitted across the UK to receive a share of the funding and our area was one of the ten projects to successfully be awarded the funding. The County Council was the lead partner in this collaboration of a number of Councils, businesses and charities working together. The collaboration included SCDC. I am very proud of all of the work that officers across a number of councils have put in to get this money directed towards green spaces and parks that ultimately we will be enjoying.

Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire County Council, said: *"I am delighted that Cambridgeshire County Council's partnership has been chosen as one of only 10 projects to receive funding from Future Parks. It is vital that we are able to sustain our green spaces and this money will go a long way to maintaining and developing attractive parks as places that people will want to come and visit, play and relax in."*

Parish councillors will know the importance of green spaces and parks in the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward providing places for community activities, wildlife areas, people meeting, play, fitness, sports and tackling social isolation.

### A new era for adult education

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority took control of the £11.5 million budget for adult education earlier this year. Upon this budget being devolved, the Combined Authority reviewed how the money should best be spent. The emphasis of the review was to re-focus the funds to give lower paid and lower skilled people the qualifications they need to secure better jobs.

Adult education had a strong demand led focus on community and leisure and pleasure courses for example arts, crafts and hobby activities. While such courses will remain a part of the mix of adult education the focus will now be to focus funds to work with training providers and the business community to target specific skill gaps within the economy local to the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority area.

Spending will now be focussed on targeting those that have the lowest level of qualifications or no qualifications at all. There are a number of businesses in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough that fail to fill vacancies due to a lack of skills thus it makes sense to prioritise funding on qualifications that are required by businesses locally so that adult education results in better jobs which clearly benefits the individuals undertaking the adult education but also businesses will have a larger pull of skill mix to recruit from, improving the local economy. Qualifications in English and maths as well as general courses around employability skills will still be offered. This new approach fits in with the Combined Authority's broader skills agenda to improve productivity, foster employment opportunities and reduce inequality in the economy. To help with the shifting of focus, more than double the amount of money will be spent on independent training providers which specialise in vocational courses.

The Combined Authority Mayor (James Palmer) has said the following: *"The devolution of the adult education budget has brought about the opportunity to ask how best that money should be spent."*

*"Courses in leisure activities like bridge, or brushing up on a foreign language before a holiday, of course bring social benefits to people, and will remain part of what adult education has to offer.*

*"But I think it is right that more of that budget is use to help particularly low2er skilled people gain the leg-up they need to thrive in the local economy. We know that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough economy is one of the UK's most thriving and dynamic, but we want that prosperity to be felt by more people. Inclusive growth is a key priority of the Combined Authority and adult education has a role to play.*

*"This is also taxpayers' money so the outcomes our spending delivers for people are also important. This fits in with the Combined Authority's wider skills agenda which is all about tackling gaps in education and qualifications, fostering the skills our local businesses need, and helping to ensure our economy continues to thrive.*

*"We have been working with providers on this new approach and we want to foster a commitment of excellence in adult education delivery, to truly make it a benchmark for a new way of skills delivery for post-19 learners.*

*"The exciting thing is that if we demonstrate success, there is the potential for more government funding allowing even more people to benefit from learning and skills training."*

I broadly agree with this approach and feel that it is a step in the right direction and I am pleased that this money will be directed at people working very hard on low incomes that want to better themselves via adult education. Unfortunately I don't believe that the Mayor has gone far enough in this package of reforms as I would have liked to have seen a shift away from the leisure courses he describes all together with that money being re-directed at qualifications that statistically result in adult workers gaining access to higher paid jobs that are required by local businesses.

#### Consultation on providing a new police station in South Cambridgeshire

For information I attended a public consultation meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner and chief constable regarding the proposal to have a new police station in Milton which has been called for by the police to increase the amount of custody cells and modernise the service. It was explained that currently officers are taking people to custody cells in Peterborough due to capacity issues in Cambridge. Obviously this is a waste of time and resource which would be better directed at neighbourhood policing or improving response times. I am happy to discuss with parish councils the number of issues that were raised and go over the comments that I made. I have attached a link to the consultation page for your information.

*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***

#### **Item 43.1**

### **FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held on  
Tuesday 18 June 2019 at the Fulbourn Centre at 10.00am

Present: Cllrs Drage (Chair), Cone, Thorn and the Clerk

## **1 Apologies**

Cllr Brown

## **2 PC office move**

The Committee discussed the office move. The Clerk has received numerous offers of actual help on the day the office moves. The lease on the old Konica printer has expired and a new, up to date model will be installed in the new office. Konica will take away the old model. The office safe will be re-sited in the new storage room. The Clerk is sourcing office furniture and the Cllr Drage is sourcing a meeting room table. An actual date for the official handover of the building from the contractor to the PC is not yet known so a date cannot be given to the Townley Trust to vacate the office.

## **3 July 2019 Pump**

Cllr Drage had circulated a first draft of the July Pump prior to the meeting. After discussion some changes and additions were agreed and Cllr Drage will incorporate these and circulate a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft in the next week or so. It is planned to go to print in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July. The PC is still waiting to know whether a flyer for the Neighbourhood Plan is to go out with the July Pump.

## **4 Chair's Annual Report 2019**

Cllr Drage is currently preparing the Annual Chair's Report which goes out with the July edition along with a copy of the PC Annual Accounts.

## **5 New web site**

The Committee reviewed the list of wishes from the minutes of the web site meeting held by Cllrs Cone and Thorn which had been circulated to members. After discussion it was agreed to invite Cambridge Computer Support, who had been recommended, to the PC office for a meeting to go over what is wanted, how viable it would be and the costs. Cllr Drage will arrange the date.

## **6 Assets of Community Value (ACV)**

The Committee reviewed the list of ACVs put forward by the Village Design Group. Cllr Drage reported on her conversation with Siobhan Mellon at SCDC. Having regard to what Siobhan said and bearing in mind the strict criteria set out by SCDC, it was agreed that Cllrs Drage, Cone and Thorn would meet at a later date to go through the list.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.00am.

### **Item 43.2**

### **MINUTES OF RECREATION GROUND WORKING PARTY HELD ON TUESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019**

Present: Gill Ward, Jane Gaskell, Robert Lacey, David Smith – all FPC; Richard Drage - Football, Christine McMullen - Tennis, Ian Still – Cricket.

- 1 Gill Ward was re-elected as Chairman.
- 2 Apologies: John Pearce.
- 3 Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

4 Gill Ward reported that Bell bind weeds had broken through the new public tennis courts surface and remedial work would have to be carried out. The FPC has this in hand.

5 Those present accepted that the Recreation Ground is a public facility but felt that the School showed little respect for work done in re-seeded areas when asked to use other parts of the recreation ground. It was felt that the School needed to be made aware of the work done by volunteers from Clubs' to help with the upkeep of the pitches. The School is a registered charity so should be exempt from paying Business Rates. Large numbers of children also use the designated Play area.

6 Chris McMullen raised the question of why the cold water in the Tennis/Corner room was invariably war. This was an ongoing problem which has never been corrected as the cold pipe runs parallel with the hot water pipe. It was recommended that Shelford Energy be asked to address the problem.

R Drage to re-fix three tiles in the Old Changing Room shower area.

David Smith to carry out PAT Testing on all electrical equipment.

7 Dog Fouling. It is still happening but not on a large scale; mostly occurring in the evenings.

8 Eight number Tree crowns in the rough area beside Gill's house to be removed.

9 Grass cutting is being carried out by John Stalley. Don Evett has been checking the ride on mowers cutters on a monthly basis to keep them all cutting evenly.

Ian Still asked for the grass cuttings from the Cricket square to be moved when the container box got full. Robert Lacey to clear when requested.

10 Gill reported that the Grills to the MUGA entrance had been cleared and the fencing improved to help prevent intrusion. Vandal paint is to be applied to fencing to deter intrusion. A quote had been given for a new surface to the playing area; This to be discussed by MUGA Committee.

11 AOB. Gill reported that the CCTV on the Pavilion doesn't work at night owing to the grill cages covering the cameras. Dent to meet FPC to resolve the problem.

David Smith to replace light fitting and sensor on the back of the Pavilion which at present is permanently on.

Richard Drage asked when the "No Barbeque" signs were going to be put up. Gill to arrange.

Richard Drage was asked about the storage of the goals behind the Tennis courts as youths were kicking balls in the direction of the courts during matches and their language was appalling. The youths were very disrespectful. RD felt that the answer would be to have an enclosure to prevent anybody from using the back of the nets as a kicking target. Sawston PC had done this and there had been far less trouble there but the cost of installing was high.

With regards to the foul language it was felt the Clerk should report the matter to the PCSO.

Ian Still raised the issue of easy access to the Recreation Ground by motorbikes and scooters. He felt a barrier should be put up to allow pushchairs underneath and a Disabled entrance. David Smith pointed out that last summer a rider drove across the Cricket outfield close to the square during a match.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7pm