

Minutes of a Full Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held in The Fulbourn Hub, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 8th January 2020.

Present: Councillor Drage (Chairman), and Councillors Cone, Dawson, Gaskell, Hinton, Johnson, Lacey, Newell, Smith, Thorn and Ward. County and District Councillor Williams, District Councillor Daunton, the Clerk and Rebecca Roberts.

<p>102 To accept apologies for absence. Cllrs Brown and Lockwood.</p> <p>103 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed.</p> <p>Public & Press - You are invited to attend the whole meeting and are welcome to speak at our Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting. There were no questions from the floor.</p> <p>104 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.</p> <p>104.1 County Councillor Williams issued the attached report. 104.2 District Councillors Williams and Daunton issued the attached joint report. Cllr Daunton added Planning permission for the Fulbourn Old Drift Social Club had been discharged so building could now commence and there was no further news on the Teversham Road development to report at this time. 104.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report. All reports accepted.</p> <p>105 To approve the minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>106 Matters arising from the last meeting.</p> <p>106.1 <u>Fulbourn Hub</u>. Progress continues in installing a telephone line to the building but has taken longer due to the festive holiday. 106.2 <u>Recreation ground Trees</u>. Works to crown lift trees to assist with grass cutting have been deferred until March 2020 due to the wet conditions and to protect the area from damage. 106.3 <u>SCDC, Three Trees</u>. Fulbourn was the first parish to benefit from the SCDC's Zero Carbon Communities Grant around climate change and the environment accepting the offer of 3 trees which every parish may apply for. Cllr Ward was instrumental in securing the grant and on 7th January 2020 SCDC Leader, Cllr Bridget Smith along with children from Landmark International School planted a Silver Birch near the wooded area on the recreation ground. The occasion was captured and shown on ITV News Anglia last evening and made the Cambridge News today. 2 Willow Trees will also be planted at Poor Well, Cow Lane.</p> <p>107 Neighbourhood Plan. Notes from a meeting held in December 2019 were issued. The Parish Council will go through the draft document once the consultant, Urban Silence, has gone through it further.</p> <p>108 To consider planning applications.</p> <p><u>Refusal</u>: S/3867/19/FL – 48 Shelford Road; First floor side and rear extension plus new gable end roof. Permission: S/3766/19/FL – Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge Road: Installation of 57 no. cameras to include 17 to be installed onto 8 no. 4m anti-climb CCTV tubular poles. <u>Information only</u>: S/2621/19/NM, 18 Station Road – Non-material amendment of planning permission S/0346/19/FL, variation to colours of materials used to anthracite. Accepted by SCDC. <u>New application</u>: S/4150/19/FL, 10 Pettit's Close – Demolition of garage and covered passageway and store and the erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Over density of the plot and encroachment of the neighbouring property. Objects.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>A Plan</p>
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109 Tree works: S/4351/19/TP, Manor Walk – Pollard Hornbeam due to significant cavity; No comment.

S/4352/19/TP, The Haven – Horse Chestnuts – Crown reduction and reduce load on stems plus Beech – crown lift over garden to approximately 4m above ground level;

S/4353/19/TP, Home End – Austrian Pine – Crown lift, Fir – remove to give Pine more room and Beech – Crown lift to ensure clearance above road; No comment.

S/4355/19/TC, 14A Balsham Road – 2 x Silver Birch – remove due to conflict with street lamps. Would be good to see a suitable tree to trees replacing these.

S/4421/19/TC, 7 Balsham Road – Lawson Cypress, reduce height to 2.5-3m; Holm Oak, reduce height to 3-3.5m and Buddleia – remove. No comment.

S/4501/19/TC, 20 Pierce Lane – Fell hedge comprising of mature Cypress and some Privet. No objection however it is hoped some trees are planted in replacement.

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

110 Correspondence.

110.1 **CAPALC** (Cambridge and Peterborough Local Councils Association) – December 2019 E-bulletin.

110.2 **Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service** – Integrated Risk Management Plan Consultation until 24/01/2020.

110.3 **Reminiscing Sessions** – Interactive sessions on offer about past times in particular in and around Cambridge. The library was initially contacted but do not have the space to accommodate and suggested the other section at The Swifts might be appropriate. It would appear these sessions are intended for the city of Cambridge.

110.4 **Greater Cambridge Shared Planning** – The first conversation consultation runs from 13 January to 24 February 2020; list of events also received; January 2020 Policy Update. Information has been displayed on Council noticeboards. It was agreed to also update the website and put this on the February agenda.

110.5 **Cambridge Past, Present and Future** – List of planned events for February and March 2020.

110.6 **Highways England** – Press release regarding time saving road line-marking robot being used up and down the country.

110.7 **Cambs Acre** – Town and Parish Council Peer Learning Event on 31/3/20 in the Swavesey Memorial Hall, 1pm.

110.8 **Fews Lane Consortium Ltd** – Letter regarding proposed changes to planning decision procedures at South Cambridgeshire District Council asking PC's to have an agenda item ensuring local elected leaders may call-in planning applications. They do not wish the power be transferred to a single officer. Cllr Bridget Smith, Leader of SCDC has issued a response in clarification to this, with details confirmed by Cllrs Williams and Daunton.

110.9 **Clerks & Councils Direct** – January 2020 magazine.

110.10 **Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan** – Invitation to comment on the draft plan which will be available online from 13/01/2020.

Quotations:

Allcourts – Chain link fence adjacent to Play Area - £3,750 + VAT, if also required adjacent to cricket field, an additional £3,250.00 + VAT.

Following discussion, Cllr Smith proposed accepting the Play Area quotation of £3,750 + VAT ensuring the new fence is erected as close to the existing wooden one as possible.

Proposal seconded by Cllr Cone and agreed by the Council.

Gardenworks – Take down dead Pine and Birch stem in Caraway Road, grind roots/stumps out and replace soil £375 + VAT. Michael will then supply and plant two new trees free of charge. Cllr Ward proposed accepting this quotation and kind offer of new trees, proposal seconded by Cllr Cone and agreed by the Council.

111 To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Clerk plus expenses.....1,140.31R
 Wages: Swifts cleaner.....176.00R
 Cambridge Courts: Supplies.....1,272.00R
 Barclays: Monthly fees.....18.56
 ESPO: Dog bin.....154.80
 HP: Monthly ink supplies.....3.49R
 e-on: Pavilion gas.....265.04R
 The Mill: Advert.....72.00

Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....136.00R
 B's Travel: Shopper bus.....165.00
 Algar: Signs & Plaque.....174.00R
 Aztek: Additional fobs & labour.....277.80
 BT: Internet services.....180.84
 e-on: Pavilion electricity.....634.01R
 Gardenworks: Tree works.....180.00

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

112 Council Committees.

112.1 Swifts Estate Observations.

Notes from a walk around the estate were issued highlighting various items requiring maintenance. Council agreed to pass these onto the Housing Association, Accent Group.

Cllr Dawson along with Jason Lucas and Elliot Smith were thanked for the Christmas light display which was much appreciated and the Council received many compliments.

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

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9pm.

Attached reports:

Item 104.1**County Councillor Report to Fulbourn Parish Council**

1. At its full meeting just before Christmas the County Council adopted Carbon Footprint Annual Report 2018/19 and a Climate Change and Environment Statement for 2020-2025. This follows its declaration of a Climate and Environment Emergency in May 2019, since the declaration, an officers working group and a cross-party Member steering group have developed a draft strategy using the very best information available, including work commissioned by the council from the University of Cambridge.

The strategy looks at: what the council can do itself; where the council can collaborate with others; and the actions of others it can further encourage and support. The Annual Report outlines how the council plans to reduce the carbon footprint of the Council, and a range of measures to help communities adapt to the change already happening, and enhance nature and the benefits it provides.

The Council has also started consultation on its strategy. It began on 20 December and runs until 31 January during which time it will be gathering feedback at a range of events across the county, and via an online survey. The Council is particularly interested to hear the views of younger people.

The council's Energy Team is already booked to do a range of presentations at schools across Cambridgeshire, as well as engaging the wider population at parish council meetings and residents' forums events and if you are an organisation interested in learning more – you can contact them at mlei@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

2. The meeting refused to write to the PM seeking support for Maintained Nursery Schools in Cambridgeshire. Our budget tells us that early investment in children's services saves money in the long-run, so opposition members were disappointed that this was voted down, on the grounds that a letter had been written already to the Secretary of State.

3. The meeting passed a rather bizarre motion intended to improve air quality but on the face of it looked anti public transport. It included plans to prevent generation of revenue from congestion charging (much needed to enable investment in public transport), to consider allowing electric vehicles to travel in dedicated bus lanes (which would jeopardise the bus prioritisation about to be delivered through the Greater Cambridge Partnership improvements in Histon Road and Milton Road) and to propose free parking for electric vehicles in Cambridge (which would perpetuate congestion in the City centre which is the main cause of the unreliability of the buses).

4. A map showing which roads and cycle paths will be gritted this winter can be found at: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/gritting-roads-cycleways-and-paths/ As you can see very few cycle paths are gritted. The county has two quad bikes to undertake this work but as you can see the coverage is pretty poor. The Guided Busway has a specialist Gritter Lorry and a Quad Bike to treat the route.

5. Make way Grittney Spears, Brad Grit and Usain Salt... Sheriff of Grittingham, Stephen Thawking, David Grittenborough and Spread Sheeran and crew are the new gritters in town. Cambridgeshire Highways' fleet of 37 gritters have been given fresh new names by pupils around Cambridgeshire who took part in the 'name the gritters' competition this autumn. In October, Cambridgeshire Highways revealed Scotty's Little Salt Soldier was joining the gritting crew, named after the local charity Scotty's Little Soldiers – which supports children across the UK who have lost a parent who served in the British Armed Forces. Following this, a county wide competition was launched in all primary schools to rename the rest of the fleet, as part of the County Council's road safety work with schools.

The judges were looking for innovation, imagination and of course humour and the participants didn't disappoint, coming up with a wide range of witty wintery puns on popular personalities and traditional characters. In total, Cambridgeshire Highways received over 600 name suggestions from around 70 schools and the judges – three road safety officers - had the hard task to choose the 36 winning names. The lucky winners will be invited to the official naming ceremonies which will take place at the County Council highways depots in January. They will also receive a road safety goodie bag and a picture with their named gritter.

6. Cambridgeshire Registration Service has introduced a new self-service booking system, letting couples see what's available so they can book their marriage or civil partnership on-line.

The Cambridgeshire Ceremonies website has also been updated, making it easier to find general information on everything from locations and fees to legal preliminaries and what happens on the day.

Customers need to register for an account via the website. This lets them see when registration service staff at one of the Registration Offices or for attending an approved venue in Cambridgeshire.

Once the booking has been submitted and the ceremony fee paid, customers will receive an immediate confirmation by email. The system also allows customers who have booked to select personalisation options where offered, and if one or both live in Cambridgeshire they also book their notice appointment through the system.

The process has been designed to improve customer services as couples can now look at availability and book a ceremony for up to 2 years in advance. If any couples are planning to have their ceremony in the next 3 months, they will still have to contact us. This is to make sure the legal preliminaries are completed in time.”

The new system went live on Monday 16 December and has already proven easy and popular with the couples starting to use it. To use the new on-line system visit:
<https://www.cambridgeshireceremonies.co.uk/>

Finally Happy New Year to everyone!

John Williams
3 January 2020

Item 104.2

Report of District Councillors Claire Daunton and John Williams to Fulbourn Parish Council in January 2020

This report contains factual information which we hope will be of use and of interest to the Council and to the parish community more widely. Queries can be sent to us at Cllr.Daunton@scams.gov.uk;
John.Williams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

[NB. Issues and Options Consultation: an important opportunity to make your voice heard in discussions and decisions concerning the next Local Plan. The Consultation runs from 13th January to 24th February. Details of roadshows and assistance with the consultation in the attached PDF document, including a note of a Big Debate on 18th February for which tickets will be available. You might wish to take few moments to look at these details and consider taking part in this important process.]

Zero Carbon UPDATE

SCDC has begun to introduce 100% electric vans for the Street Cleansing team. The two zero-emissions vans will also be used by members of the Waste Service. The vehicles are greener than diesel-powered vans they are replacing.

The results of the first round of grant allocations for zero carbon schemes will be made public very soon, once relevant paperwork has been completed. The committee met just before Christmas.

Planning

At its meeting of 17th December 2019 the SCDC Scrutiny Committee received an update report from the Greater Cambridge Planning Service (GCPS). We present below some elements of that report. We hope these will be of use and of interest, given the role parish councils play in local planning processes.

The report set out the many changes that have taken place since the 2016 decision to merge the South Cambs and City planning services. The GCPS performs the full range of statutory roles defined in legislation; and, in addition, it delivers non-statutory services, advice and strategic capacity to both Councils. These additional services include:

provision of pre-application advice on planning and related matters to residents and businesses ;
investigation and enforcement of planning regulations ; preparation of non-statutory planning

documents ; providing advice and insight to inform the Councils on national and sub-national and regional consultations on infrastructure, economic development, and related projects.

There are now two service-centred teams together with a central supporting team and a senior management team.

Alongside the implementation of major organisational changes – which has been significant, time-consuming and challenging – the service-management team has also begun putting in place a comprehensive implementation programmes for work on:

Strategic (major) sites delivery; service improvement programme; workforce development; business systems (including ICT); strategy and economy; commercialisation/business development; built and natural environment.

SCDC is experiencing huge growth pressures associated with its successful economy; and the programme for major strategic sites has also required significant additional management commitment at a time when implementing the new organisational structure was taking place.

Though there are still some significant gaps due to a national recruitment crisis, the service has recently been successful in securing some more senior staff. During the past 12 months GCPS has undertaken 7 rounds of recruitment in an attempt to fill vacant posts. Lessons learned from an officer- and councillor-led review of recruitment and retention practices, and from benchmarking against other Councils, have resulted in a number of changes to the recruitment process, which have begun to bear fruit, even in a very difficult market. There is also growing emphasis on succession planning and on ‘growing our own’ professional staff. The appointment of a Workforce Development Manager has helped this process.

Given the difficulties in dealing with the early, process-driven part of dealing with applications, specialist planning consultants have been brought in, on a time limited contract, to ease the burden of the first-stage registration work on planning applications. Since then a dedicated programme of improving delivery and customer experience has been put in place. Here are some statistics:

1. Performance on householder applications has remained constant in recent years (83% within time) but it is good to report that the percentage of applications that have the time extended to deliver that performance has reduced from 25% in 2016 to 16% in 2019.
2. 84% of planning applications submitted by businesses in 2019 have been approved with 68% determined within agreed timescales compared with 66% in 2016.
3. The delays experienced earlier in the year surrounding application validation have now been addressed.

4. There is a dedicated programme in place for improving pre-application advice service since demand for this service remains strong and has in the past been an ear of weakness.

Call for Sites and Football Stadium

Information concerning the outcome of the call for sites should be available in the near future. There was a recent press report, featuring both Marshalls and Cambridge United Football Club, concerning the possible building of a new stadium for the club. It is important to note that the proposed scheme depends on the outcome of the call for sites; and that the site is in the Green Belt. There report also mentioned re-location of the Newmarket Road Park and Ride. We will be watching closely all discussions concerning this scheme and any associated traffic plans since they will have significant consequences for all corners of our Ward.

Economic Action Plan and Business Support Service

The Greater Cambridge Economic Action Plan (GCEAP) has been created jointly between SCDC, the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) and Cambridge City Council, reflecting the close relationship between the area's economy and administrative boundaries. The purpose of the plan is: To set out targeted objectives and actions that will support the Greater Cambridge economy and local businesses; and

Through those objectives and actions to support the delivery of the Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) in Greater Cambridge.

The plan seeks to address the Council's ambition to support businesses of all sizes, including rural enterprise and farming, to help create new jobs and opportunities where people live.

The plan aims to: support small and medium enterprises; to promote inward investment and the development of enterprise zones; to support sustainable village economies; to develop and extend 'business friendly' practice across the Council to the benefit of local businesses. An increase in staffing to support this plan has been agreed and it is hoped that our local communities and businesses will soon see the effect of this initiative.

Housing

The Scrutiny Committee considers housing matters on a regular basis. At the December meeting it received an update on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme.

Members of the committee noted that, although many schemes were completed on time and within budget, there was an under spend of £2.72 million, with an out-turn expenditure of £15.625 million instead of the original funding allocation of £18.36 million. A detailed post-implementation review of key capital projects has been undertaken by relevant officers.

This has included a close examination of: the new build programme; capitalised repairs; re-provision of existing homes; other HRA capital projects.

New-build programme: the programme includes nine schemes. The nature of these schemes means that there is potential for delay and cost overrun. Three schemes showed a marginal cost overrun; four schemes are behind schedule, though two of these are about to complete. In the case of Pembroke Way, Teversham, a number of factors contributed to this: difficulty with connections to utilities; contractor availability; contractor permissions and agreements.

Capitalised repairs: there are a number of repair and renewal programmes within the HRA including kitchens, bathrooms, re-wiring, window replacement, heating and re-roofing. There was an under spend of £1.1m, in part because of contractor issues (one contractor went into liquidation and finding a replacement in the very busy Cambridge market proved difficult). Budgets have been completely re-assessed and there should be enough capacity in future budgets to manage expenditure and to make sure the programmes continue.

Re-provision of Existing Homes: the scheme was for the replacement of bed-sit accommodation in Gamlingay and this scheme has been completed.

Other HRA Capital: budgets for shared-ownership properties and self-build schemes were set too high. Budgets have now been set at a more realistic level. Our New Build team have taken on three new shared ownership homes in Caldecote. People can buy a share of one to help them get onto the housing ladder. We will use income from these properties to invest in other housing tenures, like our Council homes

www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/apply-for-housing/

Transport

Network Rail has announced that it will begin consultations on the location of and timetable for Cambridge South Station. Public consultation begins on 20 January and will close on 2 March. The station is intended to serve the Biomedical Campus as well as the growing communities to the south of Cambridge City and beyond. If approved, it is expected that the station will be in use by 2024/25.

Time to respond to the Combined Authority's Bus Review consultation is running out. SCDC is represented on the Bus Review Task Force by our colleague, Councillor Anna Bradnam who is County Councillor for the northern section of our Ward. Councillor Bradnam is Chair of the Cambridge Area Bus Users (CABU) group.

We will be meeting Stagecoach in the very near future to discuss possible improvements to local services, encouraging some creative thinking and the possibility of making some small changes that might effect significant improvements. We await the outcome of discussions.

We took part in the discussions at the last Joint Development Control Committee (JDCC) on proposals for a new transport hub in Trumpington. Although not directly connected with this Ward, the principles put forward by the transport planners are relevant. We found them to be wanting, not least because although the word ‘hub’ was used, and to most people would denote place where different modes of transport would interchange, in this instance it meant little more than another park and ride site adjacent to the existing site. There were no plans to for the most obvious link between this ‘hub’, by bus or indeed by cycle, to the proposed new Cambridge South station, or indeed to other parts of the city not yet adequately covered by public transport.

Item 104.3

District Councillor Report to Parish Council January 2020

New acting Police and Crime Commissioner appointed

Following the resignation of Police and Crime Commissioner Jason Ablewhite, members of the Police and Crime panel have appointed Mr Bisby into the role which will see him in post until the PCC election is held in May 2020. Mr Bisby said of the role “I see my role over the next five months as one of good stewardship, continuing to be the voice of the public and progressing the aims of the Police and Crime Plan. It is an honour to take on the role and I look forward to continuing to work with Cambridgeshire Constabulary and partners to make our communities as safe as possible”.

Countrywide Scams Partnership

Members of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CAPASP) met in Huntingdon in December to mark their first anniversary. CAPASP is made up of around 20 local partners comprising of Citizens Advice, Age UK, Cambridgeshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and many more. All the groups and organisations involved pool resources, activities, initiatives and ideas to help prevent people becoming a victim of fraud and give support to those that have been a victim of fraud. It was estimated that Cambridgeshire lost over £15 million to cyber-crime so this crime will have no doubt affected people in the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward. Scammers are often organised and predatory operating not only out of the UK but globally often targeting the most vulnerable in society. CAPASP has delivered workshops to more than 40 businesses advising on how to protect against crime such as ransomware, invoice fraud and data theft, it is also been out in the community across Cambridgeshire raising awareness, providing advice and signposting to prevent people becoming a victim of crime.

If parish councillors want to signpost residents to more information please go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/against-scams. I have copied the section of useful steps from the website that parish councillors could do to help protect other residents locally and provided you with a statement from the Acting Police and Crime Commissioner.

Will you take 5 simple steps to protect residents from the financial and emotional harm caused by scams?

1. *Print and display scams awareness posters on local noticeboards and in key locations such as your village or town hall, schools, churches, pubs and post office.*
2. *Become a 'Friend Against Scams' by completing the 20 minute 'express' online training at www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/Cambridgeshire*
3. *Promote the easy online Friends Against Scams training across your community. You could include the link on your community Facebook page, in your local newsletters and on slips of paper handed out at coffee mornings!*
4. *Identify a local SCAM champion or champions to spread the word on how to spot a scam. This could include having a display of information, running a Friends Against Scams training session, holding a drop-in advice session or anything else that you can think of.*
5. *Distribute scams awareness materials to the most vulnerable members of your community and those who cannot access the internet. Perhaps your group members could hand deliver leaflets, hand out information at coffee mornings or give it to the organisers of other local community groups and local churches to share with their members.*

Acting Police and Crime Commissioner, Ray Bisby, said:

"Anyone regardless of age, gender, education or economic background can find themselves a victim of a scam. I am delighted to be working with CAPASP to stamp this scourge out of our county and am pleased to see the progress made in the first year.

"The partnership has been providing awareness training to scam awareness supporters in neighbourhoods across our county who in turn can support their local residents. Since it was launched last year, CAPASP have increased the number of organisations participating, demonstrating we have strength in numbers when it comes to stopping scams in Cambridgeshire."

Cambridge South Consultation

There will be a public consultation early in 2020 on proposals for a new railway station for Cambridge South. The new station is proposed to be built near the growing biomedical campus to improve links for residents neighbouring the biomedical campus, staff commuting to the site, patients and their visitors. As I have discussed in previous reports, the biomedical campus is a growing site with huge global potential and it now has the Royal Papworth Hospital up and running on site. I have always been a supporter of Cambridge South and will continue to shout about the benefits that I believe Cambridge South would bring to the site. As a member of staff at Addenbrookes Hospital, it could be argued that I am bias in favour of this proposal but equally I know both staff and my patients have discussed this issue with me and the benefits it would bring. I hope parish councillors will engage with the consultation. I have copied the consultation dates off the Combined Authority website so parish councillors have notice of events.

The public consultation begins on 20 January 2020 with consultation events planned to take place at various local venues on the following dates:

Monday 20 January	4pm-8pm	The University Centre (Hicks Room) Granta Place, Cambridge, CB2 1RU
Tuesday 21 January	5pm-9pm	Long Road Sixth Form College Long Road, Cambridge, CB2 8PX
Wednesday 22 January	9am-1pm	Royal Papworth Hospital Papworth Road, Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Cambridge, CB2 0AY
Thursday 23 January	4pm-8pm	Netherhall School Queen Edith's Way, Cambridge, CB1 8NN
Friday 24 January	10am-2pm	Trumpington Pavilion King George V Playing Field, Paget Road, Trumpington, CB2 9JF
Saturday 25 January	10am-2pm	Shelford Rugby Club The Davey Field, Cambridge Road, Great Shelford, CB22 5JU
Tuesday 28 January	3:30pm–7:30pm	Little Shelford Memorial Hall 9 Church Street, Little Shelford, CB22 5HG

Wednesday 29 January	4pm-8pm	Grantchester Village Hall Vicarage Drive, Grantchester, Cambridge, CB3 9NG
Thursday 30 January	1pm-5pm	Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion Stapleford Recreation Ground, Off Haverhill Road, Stapleford, CB22 5BX

The public consultation will last for approximately eight weeks during which the public will be able to attend the events and/or submit their comments to Network Rail via an online survey. The consultation will close on 2 March 2020.

Summit to bring together mobile phone coverage

The Mayor James Palmer recently held a summit bringing together mobile UK, EE, O2, Three and Vodafone with business leaders and local councillors to find ways to improve mobile connectivity in some of the areas worst rural and town centre notspots. The Combined Authority of which SCDC is a part of will be pushing the issue of poor coverage and doing everything it can to address this problem. Local Councils, officers and planners discussed how they would better work together to find solutions to get better coverage. Tackling poor mobile coverage is part of the Digital Connectivity Strategy which is delivered through the Connecting Cambridgeshire Program. Following local surveys and the latest Ofcom data a list of the top 20 notspots and poor coverage locations has been identified. As we know in the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward good mobile coverage isn't a luxury for our residents, it is becoming an everyday necessity whether it is booking a Drs appointment, banking, finding out when the next bus will be arriving or accessing information on welfare etc, our residents are becoming more and more reliant on mobile coverage. Clearly there are huge benefits to business with improved mobile coverage. Below I have listed the top 20 priority locations where improvements in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area need to be made. You will see a number of them are in South Cambridgeshire and a number of them neighbour the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward.

1. Whittlesey
2. Waresley & Gamlingay
3. St Ives Town Centre
4. Soham Town Centre
5. Ramsey & roads incl. B1093 to Upton
6. Parsons Drove & surrounding roads.
7. Old Weston & surrounding roads
8. March - Station
9. Manea & roads near B1093
10. Littleport Town Centre & Station
11. Kirtling & surrounding roads
12. Hinxton - Wellcome Genome Campus
13. Hardwick & roads near Madingley, Dry Drayton & Girton
14. Ely Cathedral & City Centre
15. Chatteris
16. Cambridge Station
17. Bartlow - roads and area near Bartlow, Horseheath, West Wickham, Balsham

18. Barnack - roads and surrounding area
19. Babraham – roads and villages near A11/ A505
20. Alconbury Weald – new homes and Enterprise Zone

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