

Minutes of a Remote Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday, 13th January 2021.

Present: Councillor Drage (Chairman), and Councillors Brown, Butler, Cone (from Item 79.2), Lacey, Newell, Smith, van Spaendonck, Thorn and Ward; County & District Councillor Williams, District Councillor Daunton (from Item 77.2) and the Clerk.

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<p>75 To accept apologies for absence. Councillors Gaskell, Johnson and Lockwood. Lateness from Councillor Cone and District Councillor Daunton. Absent: Councillor Dawson.</p> <p>76 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed. Councillor Smith – Personal, Item 84.2.</p> <p><u>Public & Press</u> - You are invited to attend the whole meeting and are welcome to speak at our Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting. No one present.</p> <p>77 To receive reports from County and District Councillors. 77.1 County Councillor Williams issued the attached report. Having been advised of flooding in Geoffrey Bishop Avenue on Christmas Eve, Cllr Williams sent photographs to CCC to investigate this on-going problem further. He said there had also been flooding problems in Thomas Road and Roberts Way. For the benefit of new Members, Cllr Williams explained both roads had balancing tanks with pumps to regulate the water, however further water is seeping into the tank before it can be pumped into the ditch. The capacity tank for Thomas Road (this is on stilts near the railway crossing in Teversham Road), is too small resulting in ponding there. Metropolitan Housing did change the pumps for Roberts Way. However these problems have been going on for years. Under the Highways Act, CCC could carry out the necessary work and invoice Metropolitan Housing; MH might challenge this but Cllr Williams is minded to encourage CCC, Highways to do the work anyway. Skanska, the contractor for CCC have sold their company to M Group Services who take over with effect from 1/4/21. Cllr Williams said during negotiations a lot of workers left Skanska leaving the firm short staffed resulting in a lot of sickness. From April 2021 the uncertainty of jobs should evaporate. When questioned, Cllr Williams confirmed building and construction works are permitted under Covid-19. He said works to the Robin Hood junction are going ahead as there is less traffic due to the lockdown. 77.2 District Councillors Williams and Daunton issued the joint attached report. Cllr Williams advised at today’s Greater Cambridge Planning Committee, the East of Teversham Road planning application was deferred following receipt of two letters of objection. On the grounds for a judicial review by a third party, the issues raised can be explored further. <i>At this point Cllr Daunton joined the meeting.</i> Cllr Daunton said Business Support was available due to the pandemic and she urged local businesses to apply. Cllr Daunton gave a planning update, saying the Advisory Service had published a report and the Committee would look at the implications of this report. The Joint Development Committee turned down some applications for “aspirational” houses as these proposed properties were too small and fell below the national guidelines. There are regular Covid-19 updates and vaccination centres are being opened locally. Cllr Brown confirmed this included Cornford House starting 16/1/21.</p> <p>77.3 District Councillor Cone, delayed this evening due to attending another meeting, had already issued the attached report. The Chairman asked Councillors to email Cllr Cone if they had any questions regarding his report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All reports accepted.</p>	

78 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

79 Matters arising from the last meeting.

79.1 Fulbourn Arts. Cllr Drage wrote thanking them for their efforts in trying to organise a Winter Festival and encouraging parishioners to light up their homes for the festive season. They are already planning to hold a Winter Festival the first week of December 2021.

Cllrs Smith and Newell were also thanked for the village Christmas lights which received many compliments from villagers. *Cllr Cone arrived at this point.*

79.2 Zero Carbon Communities Grant. Following the success of the Council's application, Cllr Van Spaendonck had a phone meeting with the Surveyor. A survey of one site will be carried out and as this is the recreation ground, it will include everything on the site i.e. Fulbourn Hub, Townley Trust, car parks, pavilion, play area etc. Energy data for 2019 will be required, site plans, frequency of use of the buildings, copy of calendar of use for both Summer and Winter; as The Hub is a new building and, like other sites, closed due to Covid-19, expected future use will suffice. A report will be issued once the survey has been completed for discussion on any projects Council would like to go ahead with to make the site more energy efficient and sustainable.

79.3 Nature Reserve parking. Following a further article in the Cambridge News advertising this area of beauty, the Clerk contacted the Wildlife Trust asking them to amend their website which states there is a small car park at the entrance. This has now been amended and an update was published in the Cambridge News 11/1/21.

79.4 Annual boiler service. This was carried out at the pavilion on 12/1/21.

79.5 Grass cutting contract. SP Landscapes quotation accepted until 2023.

80 Neighbourhood Plan.

The attached report was issued to Members advising the Special Edition Village Pump and Executive Summaries (ES) have now been delivered around the village. The Regulation 14 Consultation runs until 28/02/2021 with the ES containing a feedback form for parishioners.

81 Tree works: No applications received.

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

82 Correspondence.

82.1 **Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority** – launch of electric bikes in Cambridge and Peterborough in January 2021.

82.2 **SCDC** – Covid-19 update including Winter Support Grant, how new tier system affects volunteering and the launch by SCDC of a “Shop Local” directory to support local businesses.

82.3 **Cambridge Approaches** – Details of a Webinar on 19/12/20 regarding increased trains from Cambridge to Newmarket plus potentially more freight trains.

82.4 **Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority** – Have your say on their Draft Budget 2021/22 by 31/12/2020.

82.5 **NALC** (National Association of Local Councils) – The launch of *The Good Councillor's Guide to Community Business* setting out the principles of what a community business is and whether this form of business would be appropriate in our local community.

82.6 **GCSP** (Greater Cambridge Shared Partnership) – December 2020 newsletter.

82.7 **Sunnica** – Information on Statutory Consultation which has been extended until Friday, 29th January 2021 as Fulbourn PC was not originally contacted.

82.8 **SCDC** – Tree Council Newsletter, December 2020.

82.9 Copy of correspondence between Cllr Williams and CCC, Highways regarding flooding in Geoffrey Bishop Avenue just before Christmas.

82.10 **SCDC** – Virtual Covid-19 Briefing, 14/01/2021 at 7pm.

82.11 **GCSP** – Foxton Neighbourhood Plan consultation has resumed, with any comments

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required by 23.02.2021.

82.12 **NALC** – Letter to all Councillors, making changes to the local community.

82.13 **GCSP** – The Maltings Buildings, Ludlow Lane has been included in the Buildings at Risk register and the owners have been contacted. Listed buildings are monitored and the Council works with the owners.

83 To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Pavilion Cleaner.....68.00	Wages: Swifts Cleaner.....81.00
Cleaner Windows: Swifts.....30.00R	Barclays: Monthly fees.....13.43R
HP: Monthly ink supplies.....3.49R	Zoom: Monthly fee.....14.39
HMRC: Tax & Insurance.....469.05R	C Dellar: Fence repairs.....147.50R
Falcon Press: SE Village Pump.....375.00	The Mill: Advertisement.....60.00R
CJ Murfitt: Retention fee.....25,918.24	S Danischewsky: Fees.....884.00
Wages: Clerk + Expenses.....1,195.87	Christmas Boxes.....65.00

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

84 Council Committees.

84.1 Recreation Ground Update. Cllr Ward issued the attached report. Letters will be issued to allotment holders not maintaining their plots. Council approve purchasing a new tennis net to replace the broken one. Report accepted.

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84.2 Planning: New Application:

20/04688/FUL

Location: 40 Pierce Lane

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of 2 No. replacement dwellings (resubmission of planning application (20/03314/FUL)

Fulbourn Parish Council reiterates its comments from September 2020:

Concerns in respect of the boundary with 38 Pierce Lane – the garage will dominate the rear of 38 Pierce Lane as it appears to be in very close proximity and the height has not been indicated on the drawings (no measurements shown).

Previous planning applications for tree removal have been granted on the basis of letting more light into the existing property which has totally changed the character of the conservation area.

The drop-down kerb is not sufficient for 2 houses – only for pedestrian purposes at present.

Concerns regarding contactors traffic on the narrowest part of Pierce Lane which is also a bus route.

The nature of the size of the houses does not potentially provide affordable houses in the village. Recommendation objects.

Councillor Smith declared a Personal Interest in planning application 20/04688/FUL, 40 Pierce Lane and did not participate in discussions or vote.

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

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Attached reports:

Item 77.1

County Councillor Report to Fulbourn Parish Council

1. The number 18 bus route which links Teversham on Tuesdays and Fridays with Newmarket Road Park and Ride (to provide onward travel to the City) and Newmarket via Fulbourn, the Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom is to be diverted from Cherry Hinton Road Teversham to Tesco’s in Yarrow Road instead of the Park and Ride due to the fact that no one has used the bus between Teversham and the Park and Ride since it started two

years ago and that it's felt that Tesco will be a more useful destination for in Teversham village and Ferndale.

The bus will wait at Tesco for 30 minutes to allow for shopping and of course it will continue to provide a link to the City via the Citi 3. This will also give those in the Wilbrahams a bus to Tesco. The lay over at Tesco will mean changes to the timetable and these will be published with the start date as soon.

2. Work on improving the Robin Hood junction at Cherry Hinton should start this month and will include finishing off the Fulbourn Road cycle path with floating bus stops like those in Hills Road to enable cyclists to pass buses safely at the two bus stops. The work is expected to take many months as every effort is being made to limit inconvenience to road users.

3. Following the heavy rain we had the day before Christmas Eve I'm following up a number of incidents of roads being flooded. I've sent to Highways photos of the flooding in Geoffrey Bishop Avenue which I hope will support the bid for a surface water drainage system for that part of the road which has a soak away. Thomas Road was also flooded in the usual place because of the on-going problem with the inadequate drainage system, but as you know being a private road this is a matter for Metropolitan Housing which so far has refused to respond to this issue over many years despite the intervention of our MP, as well as myself and officers from both county and district councils. I have also reported to South Cambs parts of Cow Lane for attention by street cleansing to stop leaves blocking gullies.

4. As of at the time I submitted this to the clerk I have been given no information from the county hub about the latest Lockdown other than Shielded people are being contacted with details of their local support group.

John Williams
7 January 2021

Item 77.2

Report of District Councillors Claire Daunton and John Williams to

Fulbourn Parish Council for January 2021

This report provides **FACTUAL INFORMATION** which we hope will be of use and interest to the parish council and to the community more broadly. For queries please contact us at: cllr.daunton@scams.gov.uk, cllr.williamsjg@scams.gov.uk

RECENT FLOODING

Officers and members of South Cambs were called out over the period (on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) to deal with the incidence of serious flooding across the District. Worst hit were villages to the west and northwest, including Bourn, Caxton and Papworth, Girton and Oakington; but also in our own Ward, parts of Fulbourn and Teversham were affected and Cllr Williams was called upon. In Waterbeach Cllr. Bradnam was helping those living close to the river and in danger of being flooded. SCDC Environment teams were out to help as they could, working with the Environment Agency, Highways England, The Police and Fire Brigade. Householders were offered sandbags and other practical help. The District reinforced the message that with the climate changing and heavy rain becoming more frequent, residents in vulnerable areas should prepare themselves. There is some helpful advice and links on the South Cambs website.

We are also being asked to remind parishes of the need for each to have an Emergency Plan. This should include information concerning flooding.

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-development/crime-anti-social-behaviour-and-community-safety/emergency-planning/flooding/>

COVID: CASE RATES AND VACCINES UPDATE

A members' briefing document, issued on 31st December, provided us with a wealth of detail on the current situation. Here below is a short digest. More detail can be provided at the meeting. The situation by 13th January will be different, but the picture drawn below gives some indication of recent figures and a possible trend in the near future.

Rates in the area have gone up: in the East overall the rate is 523 per 100,000; in SCambs it is 221 per 100,000. In Addenbrooke's hospital on 31 December there were almost 100 patients on Covid wards. Fenland, where up to now rates were very low, is at 183 per 100,000. On the effect of the new variant, numbers are coming through slowly so it is too early to tell. But it is clear that the variant is more transmissible and has been leading to a marked increase in hospital admissions.

On the vaccines, whilst both are very good news (both the BioNtech and the Astra Zeneca vaccines represent major scientific work in different parts of the world), we will have to be patient over the availability both of stocks to this area and of suitable sites for the vaccination. The NHS is centralising the roll out and it is not clear where the sites across the District will be. This picture might be clearer by the time of the parish council meeting on 11th January. Whilst the BioNtech vaccine requires special refrigeration, the AZ vaccine also has special instruction and training. It cannot survive long outside a fridge and it cannot be shaken. With concern over the security of sites chosen, police are involved: no area is publicly showing their sites as yet.

The availability of testing in schools is a cause for concern: how this will be organised; how follow-up of those testing positive and their circle of contact will be carried out, are just two issues. Schools might be looking for local volunteers to help with the testing schemes. Secondary schools will need local volunteers to help them carry out the vaccination programme.

The situation on schools has changed several times but at the time of writing they will remain closed except for children of key workers and those who are considered vulnerable.

There will be regular updates to Parish Councils and Covid Volunteer Groups from the Communities Team at South Cambs. Many officers worked throughout the Christmas period and are continuing the excellent work of supporting residents across all services.

COVID GRANTS

1. Help for School children

Digitally-excluded children in South Cambridgeshire are to be given a helping hand to get online with funding from a package of grants. The extra support for children and families aims to ensure vulnerable households do not go hungry or without essential items over the cold winter months as the effects of the Covid virus continue to bite.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is using its £30,000 share of the grant pot allocated to the County to support local charities and community organisations, such as Cambridge Online. The long-established digital charity will help provide data packages or devices to children in families in the District who currently have no internet access, enabling them to get online to learn and keep up-to-date with school work and to socialise this winter.

Even before the Covid lockdowns, research showed that digital exclusion created additional problems for those already experiencing poverty, with nine million people in the UK struggling to use the internet independently. School closures during lockdowns and staggered returns to classrooms have meant that children in households without internet connectivity have been particularly impacted in their education by not being able to access online learning.

In response to the pandemic, Cambridge Online has been providing free computer tablets and internet connections to isolated people across Cambridgeshire, giving them access to the outside world, such as when ordering food deliveries online or keeping in touch with family and friends. A new team of digital champions has also been supporting people to learn digital skills by 'phone.

With a £5,000 payment from the Winter Support Grant, awarded via the District Council, it will be able to provide devices and data to children who have been particularly affected. For more details, see www.cambridgeonline.org.uk, email to help@cambridgeonline.org.uk or call the Cambridge Online helpline on 01223 300407, quoting 'South Cambs Winter Support Grant'.

Cambridgeshire's District and City Councils, along with the County Council, received a total of £2.2 million in Government Winter Support Grant payments and are working in partnership to ensure the money reaches those most in need. Amongst other areas of help, it will pay for vouchers for all children in the county who receive free school meals to cover additional food costs during the Christmas holidays and February half term, with extra support offered to other families not receiving free school meals but identified by schools as potentially needing extra help.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is also using its allocation to help fund other schemes in the District, such as the provision of Christmas meals for disadvantaged families and elderly and vulnerable residents in many of its communities.

2. Grants to Community Groups

The District Council is also supporting Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service (CCVS) with a £5,000 grant and from Wednesday, January 6, South Cambridgeshire parishes and community groups will be able to apply to the charity for sums of up to £500 for local projects which provide food, fuel and essential supplies. More information can be found at <http://www.cambridgecvcs.org.uk/home>

3. BUSINESS SUPPORT

(i) Lockdown Grants

At the time of writing the government has just issued basic information about levels of additional support for businesses during this lockdown. It is hoped that we will be able to provide more detailed information about the range and level of support for local businesses by the time of the PC meeting on 11th January. The website will be updated as soon as possible. The Business Support Unit (BSU) in South Cambs (which has not been established very long) has worked very hard and successfully throughout the pandemic to roll-out packages of financial support, to reach businesses that do not come forward to apply, to offer advice and support. This hard work goes on: within hours of the new lockdown's being announced the BSU had received 150 emails; and many phone calls came at start of work the following morning. By 6th January this had reached over 400 emails from businesses, Staff are working very hard to deal with this volume of correspondence. The contact email is openforbusiness@scambs.gov.uk

(ii) Help for Pubs

Pubs in South Cambridgeshire, where under half of the income comes from food, can now apply for Government financial support via the District Council.

The Government's Christmas Support Payment (CSP) has been introduced as a form of additional support over the festive period for 'wet-led' pubs in areas under Tier 2 or 3 restrictions. South Cambridgeshire is currently in Tier 2.

To claim the grant, which is administered by the Council, local pubs which derive less than 50% of their income from food sales can receive a one-off payment amounting to £1,000 each. Businesses may receive more than one grant where they have more than one eligible property.

Under normal circumstances (without local or national restrictions in place) the pubs must:

- Be open to the general public
- Allow free entry other than when occasional entertainment is provided
- Allow drinking without requiring food to be consumed and permit drinks to be purchased at a bar
- Must have been trading on 30 November 2020 (wet-led pubs that were still trading but closed by local/national lockdowns will be eligible)
- Eligible businesses in receipt of other Local Restrictions Support Grants (such as LRSG or ARG) may also apply.

Businesses NOT eligible for the scheme include pubs which receive over 50% of their income from food sales, restaurants, cafes, nightclubs, hotels, snack bars, guesthouses, boarding houses, sporting venues, music venues, festival sites, theatres, museums, exhibition halls, cinemas, concert halls and casinos.

Some other restrictions also apply and more information on these and an online application form for the Christmas Support Payment is available [here](#). This scheme will close on 29 December 2020 and final applications must be received by 31 January 2021.

(iii) Help for Local Shops

The Council has launched a '[Shop local' directory](#) to help local residents find alternative ways to get their shopping and festive treats sorted while also supporting local jobs and businesses.

With a boom in online sales and takeaways during 2020, the new 'Shop local' directory will help residents who would prefer to spend their money supporting local businesses – rather than international retailers and chains – to do so more easily.

The directory lists local shops, restaurants, cafés and pubs, and for each business sets out what safety measures are being taking during the pandemic. This might include new covered outdoor seating areas for people to meet up outside or takeaway hatches or deliveries which are now available from eateries that previously only offered food on site. Or it could include an independent shop offering orders via Facebook for home delivery, or online gift ordering to collect at an allotted time.

With more information available about what individual businesses are offering, it will be easier for residents who want to support local businesses to be able to do so without any worry.

The directory is live at www.scambs.gov.uk/local-business-directory. More and more businesses are signing up (which can be done via the same link), encouraged by the free listings. Residents are also encouraged to follow the Council on Facebook and Instagram to see posts shared from local businesses with details about festive offers or seasonal events.

54 Report on Christmas Meals Provision

A mammoth operation, which had been in the planning for just a few weeks, to deliver meals to those vulnerable or isolated, swung into action on the morning of Wednesday 23 December. It was funded with money from DEFRA and the Government's Winter Support Grant administered by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Of the meals delivered, 880 were cooked by the C3 Church group and sent out to 41 villages across the district. 122 of those meals were for families with children under 18 and the rest for older residents who might not otherwise have had a Christmas dinner. They were in frozen form for

C3, which runs a smaller scale meal scheme for the District Council throughout the year, hired in more chefs who would otherwise not have been working due to Covid restrictions. It topped up paid-for working hours with voluntary hours in a 50-50 split, while the Council helped with additional equipment.

Two of the chefs involved were out-of-work having previously been self-employed in the entertainment industry, while many willing volunteers (including councillors) gave up hours of their time to get the meals cooked, frozen, boxed and ready for delivery.

All the produce was sourced locally, with three of the four major providers being companies based in the District, and all of which would have suffered some level of hardship during the pandemic, so the scheme benefitted those businesses and their employees as well as local residents.

ZERO CARBON GRANTS 2020: Report on Awards Made

Seventeen exciting community projects in South Cambridgeshire aimed at reducing carbon emissions received grant funding totalling £94,832 from the District Council.

The Zero Carbon Communities grants announced by South Cambs are part of its drive for the district to become net zero carbon by 2050.

The grants were established in May 2019 with £120,959 being given out during 2019/2020 to 19 different grass roots projects ranging from raising awareness and involving people in issues around carbon emissions, cycling, tree planting, lighting, food production, distribution and waste.

The newly-announced projects for the coming year focus on activities to reduce carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels, and promote behaviour change towards low carbon lifestyles covering areas such as cycling, community buildings and tree planting.

Awards range up to £15,000 with two projects, in Milton and Waterbeach, each being awarded the maximum grant of £15,000. Both focus on raising awareness and educating people on the issues around carbon emissions.

- Milton Cycling Campaign is a group working to improve cycling and other travel links around Milton. It plans to use the award to work with local organisations to provide high quality cycle parking stands at key sites in the parish or on regular commuting routes for

Milton residents, focusing on locations where racks will be used often and encouraging efforts to reduce routine car use in the parish.

- St John the Evangelist Parish Church in Waterbeach will use its award as part of a £24,200 project to install an air source heat pump, solar PV and energy monitor in its Church room, replacing the current gas boiler and communicating the benefits to the wider community via church services and local events.

Willingham Parish Council was awarded £13,142 for its project to install infra-red panels in its Ploughman village hall, replacing inefficient convection heating panels. The expected savings are £1,600 per year which will be used for other environmental projects.

Five projects have been offered funding between £5,000 and £10,000: Babraham Parish Council - £9,835 towards creating a Forest Garden; Gamlingay Parish Council - £5,965 for The 'Grow Gamlingay' project to increase the parish's tree canopy; Northstowe Horticultural Association - £5,800 to create a community garden and orchard for residents to learn to grow fruit and vegetables; Great Shelford Parish Council - £5,750 for eight mature trees on the recreation ground's play area; Eltisley Parish Council - £5,097 towards planting 3,000 native trees to create new woodlands.

Nine projects have been awarded sums of up to £5,000 each. Using their grants for cycling-related projects are: Great Abington Parish Council - £3,050 to start a commercial share-bike scheme; Fowlmere Parish Council - £2,690 for 14 cycle stands; Camcycle - £2,000 to provide support enabling local people to apply for funding and traffic regulation orders for local schools; Cottenham Parish Council - £1,550 for secure cycle stands at community spaces.

Using their grants for tree planting schemes are: Sawston Parish Council - £2,792 to fund consultancy on planting in 12 green spaces; Little Shelford Community Orchard and Woodland Project - £3,165 for the project's Blennies Patch; Barrington Parish Council - £2,037 to create the Barrington Community Forest Garden; Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom Parish Council - £1,125 to plant trees, create paths and plant up village verges; Foxton Parish Council - £834 to create seedbeds for drought-resistant wildflower species to grow in Dovecot meadow.

In addition to the awards made, the Council is also providing energy surveys for community buildings put forward by an additional ten organisations – the parish councils of Bassingbourn, Eltisley, Fulbourn, Great Shelford, Sawston and Stapleford, and Fowlmere Recreation Ground & Village Hall, Gamlingay United Servicemen's Club, The Hardwick Community Centre Working Group and the PCC of St Andrews Church Histon.

PLANNING UPDATES

1. Planning Advisory Service (PAS). By invitation of the City and South Cambs, PAS undertook a review of their Planning Committees. The integration of the City and South Cambs service started following a decision of 2016; and the complex process of making this happen is now very close to conclusion. The PAS examined the workings of the committees from a broad range of perspectives. The report has just been published will be presented to the Planning committee at its next meeting on 13th. A press release is attached here; and a cross-party committee has already been established to explore the recommendations and consider their implementation.

<https://www.scamb.gov.uk/council-welcomes-planning-committee-report-and-says-recommendations-will-be-taken-forward/>

2. Teversham Road. This application will be considered at the meeting of the Planning Committee on 13th January. We will report verbally at the meeting. Local members and other consultees have been notified.

3. Local Plan. The six workshops for the local plan to consider the outcomes of the first conversation and discuss potential spatial options were concluded in December

and all were well attended. The outcome will be further work for the policy team, in readiness for the next public consultation. We hope this will be in Summer. This is a marathon not a sprint, so there will be months when there is nothing to report.

4. Planning Delivery Management. At its last meeting the Scrutiny and Overview Committee received a delivery update report from the Planning Service. This report was scrutinised closely by the committee and generally given a positive response. Members of the PC might be interested to read the report at

[Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service Delivery Update](#)  **PDF 588 KB**

On Planning Delivery, the PC might also like to note the following:

(i): Darwin Green Phase 2 was refused by the JDCC because some of the affordable homes (the developer term used was ‘aspirational housing’) were below national space standards. We were particularly concerned about space needed for home-working post-Covid. This point is relevant, of course, to other major developments.

(ii) The Reserved Matters application for Land North of Cherry Hinton should come through to JDCC in the near future.

(iii) The Teversham Road development will be considered at the Planning Committee on 13th January.

(iii) Preliminary work on Marleigh IB has begun. Some few homes in IA are occupied.

(iv) Neighbourhood Plans. Several villages are close to completion of the many different stages towards the adoption of Neighbourhood Plans, including Gamlingay, Histon and Impington and Fulbourn, though some are being delayed in their final stages because of Covid restrictions. Both Cllr Cone and Cllr Daunton have sat on the Fulbourn Neighbourhood plan group.

Item 77.3

District Councillor Report to Parish Council January 2021

Tier 4

As you will be aware, the whole of Cambridgeshire has now been placed into Tier 4 at the time of me writing this report (1st January). As you will have seen on the news, the figures in this area are doubling at a much higher rate than they were in the previous month and this could be in part due to new variant strands of the virus which is clearly present in this area from new data that has been published recently. It is believed that this new variant could speed up contraction rates among the population although as yet there is still very limited information regarding the new strands.

Our way out of this situation is clearly via mass vaccination starting with the most vulnerable to reduce death rates and relieve pressure on the NHS as soon as possible. Throughout the coming months we will need to continue to remain vigilant and adhere to the guidance that has been set to keep the spread of the virus as under control as possible whilst we get as many vaccines into the arms of the population as possible.

I really do believe that the signing off via the Government regulator of the AstraZeneca vaccine will be a turning point in regaining control of the virus. I am hugely proud of the work that has been done by AstraZeneca here in the UK, with its Headquarters here in South Cambridgeshire, to get this vaccine signed off within timescales that many thought were impossible a short time ago. Having taken part in the vaccine trial myself as a frontline healthcare professional, I have seen first-hand the huge amounts of work that has gone into this literally down the road from our ward. Whilst being a guinea pig in this trial you really appreciate the huge amount of time, effort and dedication that has gone into the preparation of this vaccine, data crunchers, laboratory staff, Drs,

nurses etc. I know that we will be doing everything we can to support the mass roll out of vaccines across South Cambridgeshire at SCDC.

I know there have been a lot of concerns from businesses regarding us being placed into Tier 4 and this will undoubtedly have huge implications both on business and employment. I completely understand what a worrying time this is for businesses within the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn Ward and that undoubtedly they will have to make huge decisions over the coming months. Both the Government and SCDC will be doing everything it can to support businesses financially via grants and continuation of the furlough scheme. If you have any questions from businesses from within the parish, please feel free to get in touch and I will try to get you the information as soon as possible. It is worth noting how hard our officers at SCDC have been working as they have not only had to deal with flooding issues over the past week but also dealing with the large amounts of information coming from Central Government regarding Tier 4 regulations. Below you will see that I have copied information regarding schools, and businesses as a result of Tier 4.

Schools

No schools in C&P have been identified as 'high risk' although the Director of Education and DPH are looking carefully at the data. Therefore all primary schools will open as usual on 4th January, with secondary opening only for vulnerable/key worker children. The national guidance will be followed about the phasing of secondary schools (years 11 and 13 w/c 11th and everyone w/c 18th). Specialist provision will open w/c 4th.

Businesses that can and cannot open in Tier 4 areas

The following businesses must close:

- Non-essential retail - these venues can continue to be able to operate click-and-collect and delivery services
- Hospitality venues such as cafes, restaurants, pubs, bars and social clubs; with the exception of providing food and drink for takeaway (until 11pm), click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery
- Accommodation such as hotels, hostels, guest houses and campsites, except for specific circumstances
- Leisure centres and indoor gyms, indoor swimming pools, indoor sports courts, indoor fitness and dance studios, indoor riding centres, and indoor climbing walls
- Entertainment venues such as theatres, concert halls, cinemas, museums and galleries, casinos, amusement arcades, bingo halls, bowling alleys, skating rinks, go-karting venues
- Indoor play and soft play centres
- Personal care facilities

The following businesses can remain open:

- Essential retail such as food shops, supermarkets, pharmacies, garden centres, building merchants and suppliers of building products and off-licences
- Market stalls selling essential retail
- Petrol stations, automatic (but not manual) car washes, vehicle repair and MOT services, bicycle shops, and taxi and vehicle hire businesses
- Banks, building societies, post offices, short-term loan providers and money transfer businesses
- Funeral directors
- Laundrettes and dry cleaners

- Medical and dental services
- Vets and pet shops
- Agricultural supplies shops
- Mobility and disability support shops
- Outdoor playgrounds
- Outdoor gym, pools, sport courts and facilities
- Golf courses
- Outdoor riding centres

Flooding

There have been a number of incidences of flooding over the festive period and SCDC has been working with affected areas. If either residents or the Parish Council need to report flooding, there is a 24-hour Floodline **0345 988 1188** that will allow you to report the area imminently at risk of flooding.

£2.2 Million in Government Winter Support

I was really pleased to see that Cambridgeshire was awarded £2.2 million in Government winter support payments and I know the offices at SCDC will be working hard to make sure our share of this money gets to those that need it most. You will see below that some of this money is being used to make sure poorer families can get online and it will also be used for things such as Free School Meals during the Christmas holidays and the February Half Term, and has also been used to provide the most vulnerable in our communities with Christmas meals (again explained below).

Grant to help children get online

The Government has put in place a Winter Support Grant scheme to help digitally excluded children in our area get online. There will be many families within our ward that struggle with the cost of Broadband and electronic devices which enable their children to be educated remotely when the pandemic has meant that children cannot be at school. SCDC will be using the £30,000 allocated to support local charities, such as Cambridge Online who have a proven track record in delivering packages and devices to families that currently have no internet access. This has become more vital than ever before given the pandemic. There is also a £5,000 Winter Support Grant awarded by SCDC to provide children that have been most affected by Covid to get devices and data. In addition to this, a new team of digital champions are available to support individuals over the phone regarding digital skills and questions.

Christmas meals

I was really pleased to see that SCDC played its part in delivering 1000 traditional turkey dinners to the most in need within our district. This was paid for from the money from the Government's Winter Support programme (from DEFRA). It is worth noting that 880 of those meals were cooked by the C3 Church. The refrigerated support was provided by Freezer Van hire Alley Cat rentals, a local company based in South Cambridgeshire. I would also like to thank the six SCDC staff who gave up their own time to help deliver meals out to the village hubs. This has been a brilliant effort from National Government, Local Government, charities, private businesses and volunteers all working as a team to see this project through.

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 07595 361 285 (please leave a voicemail if I am unavailable)

Councillor Graham Cone

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Neighbourhood Plan – Report, January 2021

From January 1st 2021 we have entered the formal consultation phase known as Regulation 14. This will end on 28th February 2021 when all comments received will be reviewed and any necessary changes made.

The formal plan will then be passed to South Cambs for inspection, any further changes, and subsequent referendum which they will organise and fund.

Following your special edition of the Pump which has been distributed the Executive Summary is now in the process of distribution to every household and business.
(I have further copies if anyone needs any)

The website has been updated to inform users of this phase of the process.

Posters are being prepared and will be displayed around the village during January 2021.

The Mill in January 2021 will carry the Executive summary and a reminder of the process.

South Cambs District Council provided lists of statutory Bodies and others that needed to be informed and they are in the process of being emailed.

I have begun a file of minor corrections /typos which we will correct along with any agreed changes after the consultation ends so please pass them to me if you become aware of any.

Ron Ward

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RECREATION GROUND REPORT – 4th January 2021

The new litter bins are now in place- hopefully they will be well used.

A barrier has been placed at the bottom of Impett's Lane to discourage the motorbikes from coming onto the rec.

One of the tennis nets has been repaired by the Tennis Club.
The other one needs replacing; is this okay to buy?

Access to the burnt out bungalow is happening through the hedge alongside the tennis courts.

The court edges need cleaning. The cleaner has been asked but still not done.

The fence alongside the allotments needs repairing and dead trees removing.
Several allotments have not been dug.

Hedge/Holly trees alongside Play Area needs trimming as do the conifers alongside the tennis courts.

The Holm Oak alongside the tennis courts has been crown lifted. The dog bin on Stonebridge Lane alongside the Recreation Ground has been mended.

Hedges around the Recreation Ground need cutting soon as we are running out of time.
Gill Ward