

Minutes of a Remote Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**Present:** Councillor Drage (Chairman), and Councillors Brown (from Item 90), Butler, Cone, Johnson, Lacey, Newell, Smith, van Spaendonck, Thorn and Ward; District Councillor Daunton and the Clerk.

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>86 To accept apologies for absence.</b> County &amp; District Councillor Williams and lateness from Councillor Brown. Absent: Councillors Dawson and Lockwood.</p> <p><b>87 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed.</b> Councillor van Spaendonck – Personal Item 95.17 <b>Public &amp; Press - You are invited to attend the whole meeting and are welcome to speak at our Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting.</b> No one present.</p> <p><b>88 GCSP (Greater Cambridge Shared Partnership) – Draft appraisals for Fulbourn and Fulbourn Hospital have now been updated; Conservation Area Appraisal Consultation running 18/1/21 – 15/2/21.</b> The Conservation Area Appraisals are periodically updated, usually every 10 years and the last one was done in 2008. PC and District Councillors had had verbal and email correspondence with concerned parishioners and had explained that there were still adequate measures in place that would be taken into account in any future planning applications which they were reassured to hear. Following discussion, Cllr Cone proposed accepting the draft as written, proposal seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed by the Council. The Clerk will relay Council's decision to those who had emailed her.</p> <p><b>89 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.</b> 89.1 County Councillor Williams issued the attached report in his absence. The Chairman said Members could email Cllr Williams if they had any queries. 89.2 District Councillors Williams and Daunton issued the joint attached report and gave an update on Covid matters. It was agreed that if Cllr van Spaendonck was not available to attend the joint meetings as a representative of Fulbourn Community Aid group, Cllr Drage or another Councillor would step in. Cllr Daunton attended the GCSP Planning Committee meeting earlier today advising the planning application for 6 Pierce Lane was narrowly approved despite objections from Fulbourn Forum and Cllr Daunton herself. The deadline for Ida Darwin Reserved Matters is fast approaching. Cllr Daunton was pleased progress was being made with the Mobile Warden Scheme. Council suggested informing the Health Centre and Fulbourn Forum of the scheme as they both would have contacts that might benefit using the service. 89.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report adding Business Grants are available for companies who have struggled during the pandemic. He attended the Eastern Access Transport meeting with Cllr Daunton where it was noted the Fulbourn Greenways project has still not materialised. Cllr Cone and Daunton along with Cllr van Spaendonck will attend a planned Traveller Toolkit Workshop, see Item 95.21.</p> <p><b>90 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.</b> The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p><b>91 Matters arising from the last meeting.</b> 91.1 <u>Ida Darwin</u>. Cllr Cone said the consultation on Reserved Matters meant this was a detailed application with a lot of documents to go through. Cllr Cone has spoken to GCSP Planners and residents; there are concerns on the quality of the submitted drawings, not taking note of the Village Design Statement and the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. Fulbourn Forum has also raised concerns, see Item 95.22. The Ecology Report compiled by a GCSP Planning Officer is also quite damning. The developers, Morris Homes, have been asked to clarify the landscape and design of the project. The Parish Council's Working Party is trying to arrange</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>GC,CD &amp;BvS</b></p> <p><b>MD,DS</b></p>

<p>a virtual meeting with both Morris Homes and GCSP Planning Officers then will have a Planning Meeting just to consider this application.</p> <p>91.2 <u>Fulbourn Hub</u>. The PC's solicitors have been in touch regarding drawing up leases for FA4Y and the Scout Group so progress continues despite the building remaining closed for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>91.3 <u>Mobile Speeding Device</u>. Moving the device requires two people so until restrictions are lifted, it remains in Shelford Road.</p> <p>91.4 <u>Swifts Play Area</u>. A copy of the latest Play Inspection Report dated November 2020 has been received. A couple of Councillors will visit the site when weather conditions improve especially as there are concerns about the condition of the matting under the equipment and its life span. Although tree works have been carried out, Council will arrange for an independent tree survey.</p> <p>91.5 <u>Swifts Estate – Street lighting</u>. Cllr Johnson has reported columns that are not working to Accent. He is monitoring progress and has requested regular updates from them.</p> <p>91.6 <u>Mower service</u>. This has been completed ready for the start of the season.</p> <p>91.7 <u>Winter Festival</u>. Cllr Drage advised Fulbourn Arts has set 4/12/2021 for this event.</p> <p>91.8 <u>PC Buildings - Utilities Contracts</u>. The Clerk is in discussion with the PC brokers regarding new service contracts.</p> <p><b>92 Neighbourhood Plan.</b> The Regulation 14 Consultation end on 28/02/2021. All received comments are being collated by John Morgan then updated on their website.</p> <p><b>93 Minutes of a Planning Meeting held on 05/02/2021.</b> The attached Minutes were issued to Members.</p> <p><b>94 Tree works:</b> 21/0056/TTCA, Church Lane – Reduce height of 2 Plum Trees and pollard another to encourage growth; Information only. 21/0106/TTCA, 1 Manor Walk – Crown reduction by 25% of Apple Tree; no objection from GCSP. 21/0112/TTCA, 2 Manor Walk – Holly Tree, reduce height by 3-3½ m; 4 x Cypress, fell due to proximity to property and neighbouring listed barn. Holly Tree needs crown reduction and ivy needs removing; G1 and G5 need felling but I'm unsure about G2 &amp; G3 as to how far the roots go and how much more they will grow – leave it to the experts. Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p> <p><b>95 Correspondence.</b> <b>95.1 R Doe</b> – Concerns about Heavy Goods Vehicle with a trailer travelling down Birdfarm Road causing further damage to the road surface. Cllr Williams and the Clerk have replied. Members discussed this further as there are some large potholes which are becoming dangerously deep. They have been reported to CCC awaiting attention. This stretch of road needs more than a resurface and therefore falls into Capital Works of which funding is very tight.</p> <p><b>95.2 Eastern Community Homes</b> – This is a new Community-Led Housing Hub hosted by Cambridgeshire Acre in partnership with 6 Rural Community Councils providing advice and support to local communities deliver affordable housing. To celebrate the launch they will host online sessions in March 2021 explaining more.</p> <p><b>95.3 CAPALC</b> (Cams &amp; Peterborough Association of Local Councils) – January &amp; February 2021 E-Bulletins.</p> <p><b>95.4 Cambridgeshire &amp; Peterborough Combined Authority</b> – Mayor James Palmer with Voi has launched free e-bikes to NHS and Emergency Workers as part of its Voi Heroes initiative.</p> <p><b>95.5 Wrights Charity</b> – A website has been set up <a href="http://www.wrightsclockland.com">www.wrightsclockland.com</a> providing information and grant application forms for downloading.</p>	<p><b>1448</b></p> <p><b>GW</b></p> <p><b>DB &amp; Clerk</b></p>
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<p>95.6 <b>CCC</b> – TTRO (Temporary Traffic Order) – Proposed Carriageway and Footway resurfacing along Fulbourn Old Drift 15-17 March 2021; diversion to be arranged.</p> <p>95.7 <b>IHMC (Integrated Highways Management Centre)</b> – December 2020 incident report.</p> <p>95.8 <b>K Tallack</b> – Concerns about speeding in the village and asking about the Parish Council’s input regarding the Ida Darwin development. The Clerk has replied.</p> <p>95.9 <b>Fulbourn Primary School</b> – They are investigating joining the School Streets Scheme with the County Council which would involve the temporary closure of St Vigor’s Road during the morning and afternoon drop off/collection of pupils. They are consulting the PC should we require any further information or wish to be involved.</p> <p>Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed to support this scheme and will inform the school.</p> <p>95.10 <b>Prof. Lomas</b> – Requesting access to parish land in known as Parish Acre adjacent to Herrings House, Wilbraham Road as he is compiling historical maps of the river bed. Permission granted and maps of the area dated 1903 kindly provided by Cllr Smith have been forwarded to Prof. Lomas. It later emerged the land in question is in the parish of Great Wilbraham who have since been consulted.</p> <p>95.11 <b>SCDC</b> – Parish e-bulletin, January 2021.</p> <p>95.12 <b>D Waldman</b> – Request to have a bench in the unconsecrated area of the cemetery. Made of recyclable material, Council approved this request.</p> <p>95.13 <b>SCDC</b> – Consultation on new Housing Policies relating to Build to Rent, Clustering and Distribution of Affordable Housing and Affordable Rent Setting on new housing developments across Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire. Comments by 23/03/2021.</p> <p>95.14 <b>NALC (National Association of Local Councils)</b> – Weekly Chief Executive Bulletins.</p> <p>95.15 <b>Fulbourn Forum</b> – News update including objections to planning applications for 6 Pierce Lane and 20-24 Pierce Lane plus article on Swifts group and type of recommended nesting boxes to encourage these birds.</p> <p>95.16 <b>e-cops</b> – February 2021 newsletter.</p> <p>95.17 <b>Fulbourn Forum</b> – Asking the Parish Council to consider making enquiries concerning applying for TPO’s for three mature trees in the front garden of 14 Dogget Lane; Walnut, Beech and Copper Beech. Land to the rear of the property has been sold for potential development but without planning permission, which if granted, could result in the loss of the Copper Beech. The Parish Council did ask SCDC for a site meeting who outlined the procedure for applying for TPO’s and whether these would meet the required criteria.</p> <p>95.18 <b>War Memorials Trust</b> – February 2021 magazine.</p> <p>95.19 <b>SCDC</b> – Covid-19 update, 04/02/2021.</p> <p>95.20 <b>Dr N Johnson</b> – Candidate for May of Cambridgeshire &amp; Peterborough Combined Authority wishing to work together with the community and welcomes and invites viewpoints on local issues that need addressing within the Mayoral election.</p> <p>95.21 <b>SCDC</b> – Traveller Toolkit, Workshop 4/3/21.</p> <p>95.22 <b>Fulbourn Forum</b> – Copy of a preliminary response to GCSP regarding the Ida Darwin Reserved Matters planning application concerning surface water and flooding issues.</p> <p>95.23 <b>IHMC (Integrated Highways Management Centre)</b> – January 2021 Incident Report.</p> <p>95.24 <b>Cambridge Approaches Action Group</b> – Concerns about a new railway route being designed from Oxford to Ipswich, which although they support, should be planned carefully so as not to impact heavily on residents along the central section which includes Fulbourn. Passenger and freight train numbers will significantly increase subjecting noise and pollution to residents to the Chippenham Junction and Fulbourn will be on that route. For more information see: <a href="https://cambridgeapproaches.org/">https://cambridgeapproaches.org/</a></p> <p>95.25 <b>New signs</b>. Following a request from a Councillor and following discussion Council agreed to look into getting safety signs for ‘Horses Crossing’ on Babraham Road and Balsham Road as there are more liveries in Fulbourn and increased animals on the roads and ‘Slow Children’ for the Recreation Ground.</p>	<p><b>1449</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
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<p><b>96 To resolve the accounts for the month.</b>  Shelford Heating: Boiler service.....166.80  PEAC: Photocopier hire.....253.46  ESPO: Supplies.....99.58  BT: Mobile phone.....28.80  E Doe: Mower service + parts.....1.342.05</p>	<p>e-on: Pavilion gas.....104.61R  Barclays: Monthly fees.....12.73R  BT: Broadband.....56.24  e-on: Hub electricity.....163.92  Sharp: Photocopier.....7.20</p>	<p><b>1450</b></p>
<p>Quotation received:  Replace 34m fencing near allotments, cut back dead trees to ground level and remove shrubs/ivy. £575.00 + £500 Labour.</p> <p>Cllr Newell proposed accepting the quotation and passing the accounts, seconded by Cllr Ward and agreed by the Council.</p>		<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>97 Council Committees.</b>  Cllr Johnson will join the ACE Committee, who along with Highways, need to arrange remote meetings.</p>		<p><b>KJ &amp; Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>98 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action.</b>  Cllr Ward had also been asked how many plots were left at the cemetery and whether Council needs to consider purchasing additional land. The Clerk will carry out a survey.</p>		
<p>There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.15pm.</p>		

**Attached reports:**

**Item 89.1**

**County Councillor Report to Fulbourn Parish Council**

1. In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough we now have 23 Primary Care Sites, four Hospital Hubs and two large scale vaccination centres. The rollout of the vaccination programme is on track to offer vaccinations to the top four priority cohorts by the middle of February. Patients registered with a GP and are aged 70 and over, in addition to those who are clinically extremely vulnerable, are now being contacted to arrange their vaccination appointments either via local Primary Care sites or via the National Booking Service. They do not need to contact the NHS to book an appointment unless they are asked to do so. Those not registered with a local GP are encouraged to do so as quickly as possible to ensure they receive an invitation. If you are contacted by a local person who is not yet registered with a GP Practice, please direct them to the following information on how to register:

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhsservices/gps/how-to-register-with-a-gp-surgery/>

Please also be assured that if patients are registered as temporary patients locally, they will be contacted about a vaccination.

2. In addition to the GP arranged vaccinations a national vaccination centres has now opened at the Grafton Centre in Cambridge. Some local residents may also start to receive invitations to book appointments at a national vaccination centre. The booking process for the first priority cohorts to receive their vaccinations at these largescale vaccination centres will be managed by the national booking process. Letters are being sent out by the national booking service initially to people aged 70 and over (widening to other age groups in the coming weeks) who live up to a 45 minute drive from the centres, inviting them to book an appointment either online or over the phone. Details of how to book are in the letters that residents will receive. If anyone has already received a jab since the letter was sent out or would prefer to wait to be invited to attend a hospital or GP service, they can simply ignore it.

3. On Friday 12 February a rapid testing site for people aged 18 and over who have no symptoms of Coronavirus, will open at The Meadows Community Centre, 1 St Catherine's Rd, Arbury, Cambridge, CB4 3XJ. Rapid testing is for key workers and all those who cannot work from home to help track cases of Coronavirus and drive down transmission rates. Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council have been allocated 100,000 tests in the next six weeks, with the potential for delivery to be extended.

Around one in three people who are infected with Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the disease without knowing it. Broadening testing to identify key workers showing no symptoms will mean finding positive cases more quickly, which helps break chains of transmission.

To book a test, people need to visit the Cambridgeshire County Council website or the Peterborough City Council website.

John Williams  
4 February 2021

### **Item 89.2**

**Report of Councillors Claire Daunton and John Williams to Fulbourn Parish Council for February 2021.**

***This report contains FACTUAL INFORMATION which we hope will be of use and interest to the parish council and to the wider village community. For queries please contact us at***

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### **COVID MATTERS**

Very sadly we are still seeing at least one death a day in South Cambs and our incidence of Covid is decreasing only very slowly especially in the over 60s age range. This means that we have to redouble our efforts to stay at home and to remain socially distanced. The vaccine programme is rolling out well and by the time you read this we are hopeful that all over 80s will be vaccinated. Vaccines were delivered in all our Care Homes except those with active outbreaks at the end of January. Sadly we have seen some very serious outbreaks in care homes and it will be a huge relief when all residents and staff are fully vaccinated. **If you need Transport to vaccination sites – there is a central, County-approved booking point. Phone 0345 045 5219**

**Rapid Flow Testing:** By the time you read this we will have begun the roll-out of rapid community Covid-19 testing, using lateral flow tests, in Cambridgeshire. These rapid tests are for people without Covid-19 symptoms, who are known as 'asymptomatic'. Lateral flow tests, or rapid result tests, are a new kind of technology that can be used to test a higher proportion of asymptomatic people and do not require a laboratory to process the test. Most people should be staying at home at the moment and limiting all contact with anyone they don't live with, but we know there are large numbers of people across Cambridgeshire who have to leave home to go to work and they are the people we want to target with this testing to help track cases of Coronavirus and drive down transmission rates. We are able to offer this testing thanks to a successful £1.4million bid for funding from the Department for Health and Social Care to run a six-week pilot, with the potential for the pilot to be extended. In addition, we will also be offering workforce testing where many staff are based on site and in key sectors such as food production. Groups who may be more vulnerable and more likely to catch the virus will also be offered rapid testing

The reason that our council and many other councils are offering these tests is because we know that around one in three people who are infected with Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the disease without knowing it. Broadening testing to identify key workers showing no symptoms will mean finding positive cases more quickly, which helps break chains of transmission.

Initially there will be six sites across the county, with the potential to set up pop-up sites in areas of high need if required. Tests will be offered at no cost to the public and the process of taking a test takes on average 15 minutes from arrival to departure. The site serving South Cambs is The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, South Cambridgeshire, CB23 6GW – launches Wednesday 3 February. The site will be open 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday. To book a test, people need to visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting) .

People with Covid-19 symptoms will not be tested at the rapid testing sites; they should book a test at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 119. However, it is not the testing that will reduce rates of transmission, but what people who are tested then go on to do. If people don't isolate after a positive result, which is now a legal requirement, then we won't reduce the spread of the virus. If people regard a negative result as a 'free pass' and ignore national guidance it will do more harm than good. While these rapid tests identify many people who are infectious with the virus, some people who are infectious may still get a negative test result. This is why it is so important people with a negative test result continue to socially distance and follow the lock-down rules, and regularly access two tests a week if they can.

We are also reminding everyone who takes a test of the support that we can offer to anyone who needs help to isolate. More information about this support is available at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/selfisolationsupport](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/selfisolationsupport)

### **Vaccines for volunteers helping with Covid Effort**

The NHS has now opened up access to the COVID vaccine to staff and volunteers from community groups currently directly working or having contact with people in the priority groups outlined here:

#### [Priority Groups for Vaccination](#)

- those involved in the direct supply of food and other goods
- those supporting older people and those with long term health issues
- those supporting vulnerable children and young people
- volunteer drivers involved in transporting people to vaccine appointments

CCVS are working with the NHS on identifying community groups to receive the COVID vaccine and will be the point of contact if you believe your staff and/or volunteers meet the eligibility criteria please

send them an email to [enquiries@cambridgecvs.org.uk/](mailto:enquiries@cambridgecvs.org.uk)

Staff and volunteers carrying out one of the above activities should be considered for access for vaccination.

### **Business Support.**

Businesses in South Cambridgeshire can now apply for the latest round of Government financial help for closures during the post-Christmas period and through the Spring. There are several different Government grants available for these periods.

For the Tier 4 period in South Cambridgeshire, which ran for ten days immediately after Christmas, affected businesses (including non-essential retail, leisure, personal care, sports facilities and hospitality businesses) can now apply online for the LRSG (Closed) Tier 4 grant scheme. The eligibility criteria and payments are structured in a similar way to previous grants given during earlier restrictions.

For the current National Lockdown, which started on January 5, three new schemes are now available. Businesses which applied for the Tier 4 grant do not need to re-apply but will be contacted automatically by the Council. Those which haven't applied for earlier grants should fill in an online application form.

The new Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed) Addendum: 5 January onwards covers the current 42-day period for business closures up until 31 March 2021, with one-off payments ranging from £2,001 to £4,500 depending on the rateable value of a business which must have been registered for business rates on 5 January 2021 and required by law to close. Those receiving this grant will also be entitled to an additional one-off Closed Business Lockdown payment for the same 42-day qualifying restriction period which will range from £4,000 to £9,000 and will be paid automatically.

The Council is also receiving additional funding to allocate at its discretion under the Additional Restrictions Grant scheme and will make initial use of these funds to provide top-ups to those most in-need businesses in the District which are eligible for the Closed Business Lockdown Payment.

The application closure date for the new grant schemes is 31 March 2021 with final payments being made by 30 April 2021. In the meantime, businesses can also still apply for various earlier grants via the Council website covering the following: Local Restrictions from November 5 to December 2; Christmas support payments for wet-led pubs (final applications must be received by January 31, 2021); and Tier 2 Restrictions imposed in South Cambridgeshire from December 2 to 25.

### **Caring for Covid positive hauliers.**

Earlier in January we were informed late on a Friday night that the Department of Transport were taking over The Cambridge Hotel in Bar Hill to accommodate Hauliers returning to France who had tested positive for Covid. We are of course really pleased to be able to help these unfortunate drivers and the 2 councils have worked extremely hard in a very short period of time to ensure that the drivers are safe and well cared for and that there is no risk to the residents of Bar Hill. Local volunteer groups are supplying them with welcome packs to make sure that they know they are welcome and that their stay is as pleasant as possible.

### **Stand Firm campaign**

'Stand Firm' is a new multi-media campaign for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough launched 1 February which focuses on the personal testimonies of local people who have been impacted on by Covid-19. These stories work on the premise that by making the virus and impacts tangible and local, you make the threat real and inspire others to follow the rules by use of the heroic narrative 'stand firm'.

The delivery will involve a range of approaches, channels and partners, including:

- The launch of the campaign via a news release accompanied by the video for local media to use. This will coincide with a social media launch

- Warn and Inform partners sharing across their corporate channels
- Parish Councils
- A poster campaign including city and town hoardings, bus shelters and potentially the back of buses
- Exploring the possibility of the radio ads
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**Resources for raising awareness about vaccine fraud:** Criminals are using the coronavirus vaccine as a way to target the public by tricking them to hand over cash or financial details. They are sending convincing-looking text messages telling people they are eligible for the vaccine or are phoning people directly pretending to be from the NHS or their local pharmacy. The Government has developed resources, including posters and guides, to help councils with their work to communicate to groups and networks the importance of staying alert to vaccine fraud

Materials:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/resources-for-raising-awareness-about-vaccine-fraud>

**TASK AND FINISH GROUP:** Councillor Daunton is a member of a Task and Finish Group established to consider the work of volunteer groups during Covid; to look at community facilities in relation to Covid; and to take forward lessons learned from the community response. The Group has met four times and at recent meeting a number of volunteer coordinators attended to share with the committee the experiences of groups in their areas. This information together with a survey of community facilities will form part of the Task and Finish Group's report to the Scrutiny Committee and thence to the Council. The scope, variety and scale of the volunteer response has been outstanding. The Task and Finish Group has also been looking at ways in which lessons learned can be used for the strengthening of community support in future.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### **Fly Tipping.**

Interestingly there has been no significant increase in fly tipping since we had to pre book visits. However, there was a general rise predating this time and there is a post Christmas (we hope temporary) rise. If you see fly tipping please do report it straight away as there may be evidence we can find to identify the perpetrator which allows us to prosecute. The best place to go for recording is the Council's website:

<https://forms.scams.gov.uk/REPORTENVIROCRIMEWASTEINYOURAREA/launch> This will give you a Reference number, which you can use to retrieve the status of a report. The reporting system is basic but it does include the ability to upload photos to located and provide evidence, and we have had very little negative feedback.

Fly tipping report last 16 months		
Year	Month	Number of reports
2019	Nov	61
	Dec	64
2020	Jan	72
	Feb	75
	Mar	76
	Apr	58
	May	85
	Jun	53
	July	89
	Aug	70
	Sep	73
	Oct	78
	Nov	72
	Dec	68
2021	Jan	87

#### GREEN ISSUES

There are a number of projects concerning zero carbon and biodiversity that South Cambs is involved in or where individual councillors are playing a part. We will mention here just few: the fen biosphere; the chalk streams initiative; our forthcoming Doubling Nature Strategy, and climate and environment aspects of the new local plan.

The Fens Biosphere will give global recognition to a unique and valuable area. A Biosphere is a special status awarded by UNESCO to a unique and valuable landscape. There are 701 Biospheres in the world and they create an international network of communities who are pioneering a positive future for people and nature. There are 7 Biospheres in the UK but none in the East of England. This will be the first lowland area Biosphere in the UK.

At South Cambs the Climate Change and Environment Committee received a fascinating presentation by the Fens Biosphere team, which covers a large area including South Cambs, East Cambs, Hunts and other districts. We aim to help champion the approval of the Biosphere. Biosphere status is achieved by applying to UNESCO. The application process is usually managed by a group of relevant organisations, charities and local authorities with one lead partner (in this case, Cambridgeshire ACRE) and must be endorsed by a wide range of stakeholders.

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Work on chalk streams and more general attention to water management is at the heart of work on the new local plan; and indeed work on chalk streams was initiated by South Cambs planning officers working on the new local plan. The Planning Service is very concerned about maintenance of chalk streams as part of overall water management across the District and is working with local

conservation organisations as well as with local and national government agencies. This is particularly important in relation to new developments where sustainability is a key aspect. That is why we have commissioned a new body of evidence on the water cycle and integrated water management in order to guide the new Local Plan design.

On biodiversity we are fortunate to have within the Council elected members and officers who have specialist knowledge in this area; and we have just contracted a nature conservation specialist in the Built and Natural Environment Planning department. On recommendation from the Climate Change and Environment Committee, he will be leading the drafting of a new and updated Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document which we expect to take out to consultation with all of you in the middle of the year and hope to have approved by the end of 2021. This will bring our guidance and standards on biodiversity up to date with the latest government changes. **The Climate and Environment Committee has also just reviewed and recommended for approval by Cabinet, the final draft of our new Doubling Nature Strategy which will be a sister document to our Zero Carbon Strategy.** For those interested the link: <https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g7940/Public%20reports%20pack%20Wednesday%2003-Feb-2021%2010.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=10>

As part of the new Local Plan drafting process, a huge body of evidence has been commissioned, some for the first time, on the net zero carbon, biodiversity and water management implications of the different spatial options that were consulted on with you all in the First Conversation on the Local Plan. ((and are not only working through the climate and environment committee but also working with Planning on a relevant planning document and making very effective interventions in the drawing up of the new local plan)).

On a more local level parishes might wish to consider what they can do in their own locality. Our new Doubling Nature and Zero Carbon Strategies invite you all to be part of this ambitious vision and there is much you can do. Is there a parish zero carbon plan; is any parish land being used to grow food, to plant trees or wild flowers; is there a hedgerow project in place; are local schools engaged with parish councils in zero carbon initiatives; is there a zero carbon page on the village website. These are just a few ideas.

### **Fulbourn Conservation Area Update**

Members of the Parish Council and Ward Councillors have been contacted by the senior conservation officer at South Cambs inviting comments on a draft of the updated Conservation Area plan for Fulbourn. We have also been contacted by residents concerned about a part of the village removed from the Conservation Area in the updated draft. We have reassured residents over their concerns and received a positive response from them in return. This is a non-statutory consultation but South Cambs Planning Service is keen to consult residents and local representatives before proceeding to finalise the document. Comments are welcome and can be made by following the link here.

**<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/historic-environment/conservation-areas/conservation-area-appraisal-consultations/>**

### **Planning: Fulbourn**

The application in respect of 6 Pierce Lane is an agenda item for the Planning Committee meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

The reserved matters application in respect of the Ida Darwin site has been circulated to the parish council and other consultees for comment. Planning Ref. 20/05199/REM

The deadline for comments is 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

The reserved matters application in respect of Teversham Road has been deferred for further consultation in respect of drainage matters.

The site selection process, conducted by Anglian Water, for the relocation of the Water Treatment Plant has decided on site 3, Honey Hill, between Horningsea, Fen Ditton and Quy. We did not support the choice of this site on transport, engineering, archaeological and environment grounds.

### **Eastern Access Transport**

We attended a meeting specially set up for our Ward by Councillor Neil Gough, member of the Executive Board of the GCP, with GCP senior officers. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss transport issues concerning the access to Cambridge City from the east and their consultation on projected solutions. We covered: park and ride move; cycling' hold ups on Greenways; project management and other aspects. It was a very useful meeting, and we will be taking aspects forward.

### **Item 89.3**

## District Councillor Report to Parish Council February 2021

### Business grants

Businesses in South Cambridgeshire that haven't done so already can apply for grants and Government financial support due to being closed during the most recent lockdown. There are now several different Government grants available covering different periods in time. Full guidance on this is provided on the SCDC website and I would urge businesses who haven't done so to see the full guidance on financial support using the following link

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/financial-support-for-business/local-restrictions-support-grants/> .

### An hour to skill campaign

The Government has launched an online platform providing digital, numeracy and employability courses to help people build up their skills and boost job prospects. It features more than 70 courses designed by some of the nation's top employers and educational institutions. Since its launch, there have been 130,000 registrations. The hope is that some of the skills learnt and courses undertaken will enable those that are struggling with employment (given the situation the county finds itself in) to be able to unlock more opportunities and find employment during this difficult time. The toolkit allows people to learn at their own pace fitting around people's existing commitments. All the courses are free and due to the variety of courses on offer will hopefully suit a wide range of needs. I have attached the link below.

<https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk>

### E-bikes in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough launched

On the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 the Mayor James Palmer launched the electric bikes for public hire scheme. The e-bike scheme will work alongside the e-scooter scheme making essential journeys for commuters and journeys for people wanting to get around the city more accessible. Electric bikes make it easier for those that find pedalling longer distances too difficult. Often commuters find it easier to get on an electric bike rather than getting stuck in traffic in a car or bus thus avoiding delays. With social distancing rules as they are, and the vaccine roll out I hope people will find the

electric bikes enable them to take journeys that would have been difficult due to social distancing. NHS staff and emergency service workers will have access to the bikes for free during the lockdown. The bikes will be available all day every day and have a top speed of 15mph and a range of 31 miles. The Voi team will ensure the bikes remain powered up. Battery swaps will normally take place overnight. Users have to be over 18 and to use a Voi electric bike and have to download the Voi app. The bikes cost £1 to unlock and then 15p per mile of usage. There are also daily rates and monthly rates for unlimited usage. There will be 20 bikes that are placed in Cambridge and below I have provided you with the locations.

- Cambridge Train Station x2
- Castle Street (near the Cambridgeshire County Council)
- St Johns Street (near Old Divinity School, St John's College)
- Newmarket Road (near the Travelodge)
- Cherry Hinton Road (near Tesco Express)
- New Square Park
- Babraham Road Park and Ride
- Tennis Ct Road (near Department of Pathology - University of Cambridge)
- Park Terrace (on Parker's Piece)
- Addenbrooke's Hospital (near staff car park 6) x2
- Trumpington Road with Newton Rd (near Nuffield Health Cambridge Hospital)
- Dame Mary Archer War (around the Addenbrooke's Hospital) x2
- Trumpington Park & Ride x2
- Milton Road with Lovell Rd
- Kings Hedges Road with Chariot Way
- Arbury Road (near Arbury Court Library)

### Start-up courses for people looking to launch a business

The Combined Authority has joined up with a company called YTKO to deliver fully funded start up courses for people looking to launch or start a new business. It is really important that as we go through the coming year and hopefully come out the other side of the pandemic, that local Government helps those that want to kickstart new businesses. If you are aware of anyone in the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward that would benefit please pass on this information,. The courses are free and may lead to or help someone in this area starting up their own business. The workshops are delivered over three half-day sessions and will cover a whole range of elements to become a sustainable, successful business. I have copied the dates and times for the courses below that are occurring in February.

### Business Start-up Course 2

- Session 1 - 1st February: 10am - 2pm
- Session 2 - 8th February: 10am - 2pm
- Session 3 - 15th February: 10am - 2pm

### Business Start-up Course 3

- Session 1 - 25th February: 10am - 2pm
- Session 2 - 4th March: 10am - 2pm
- Session 3 - 11th March: 10am - 2pm

### Scheme to help lorry drivers isolate

Local Councils, including ours (SCDC), are supporting the Department of Transport's Scheme for lorry drivers to isolate. This will be happening at the Cambridge Bar Hill Hotel where drivers will isolate before completing their journeys. Where there is a need for drivers to isolate, the Department for Transport has procured hotels at strategic locations across the country including the one here at Bar Hill. The hotels will mainly accommodate non-UK based drivers who test positive for Covid. The drivers will complete their isolation period in the hotels and will be provided with food, drink, toiletries etc during their stay. Additional support will be laid on as many of the drivers will not speak English but will need to understand that they need to self-isolate within their rooms. SCDC has worked with Environmental Health officers to ensure staff at the hotel are kept safe. Training around social distancing, PPE etc has been given and there will be an outside space so drivers can get fresh air without needing to come into contact with anyone else. Welfare checks on the drivers will be carried out to ensure they have everything they need to complete their isolation period safely.

### Covid posters to help residents

At the time of writing this report, I have found the following posters very good at explaining restrictions and answering questions regarding the vaccine. If Parish Councils would like hard copies of these to display or PDFs please let me know and I will get them to you ASAP. I have copied the three posters at the end of this report.

# COVID-19 vaccination

## programme well underway

The local NHS is working hard to deliver the biggest immunisation campaign in history by vaccinating and protecting local residents against Covid-19. Here we answer some of your most commonly asked questions about the vaccine.

### Who will get the vaccine first?

The NHS are vaccinating the most at-risk groups, including over-80s and care home residents and workers, first. These groups, otherwise known as a cohorts, are determined by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). The priority list, in order of vaccination, is as follows:

1. Care home residents and staff.
2. Those aged over 80 and frontline health and social care workers.
3. Those aged over 75.
4. Those aged over 70 and adults of all ages who are the most vulnerable – those who have been shielding, including some cancer patients and those with lung and heart conditions.

### How can I book an appointment?

If you are registered with a local GP, you will be contacted when it is your turn to book an appointment. Please do not call the hospitals or GP practices, please wait to be invited.

If you are not registered with a local GP, we would recommend you do so as soon as possible to ensure you get invited to book an appointment.

### Do I have to travel to a national vaccination centre if invited?

Vaccination centres, such as the site in Stevenage, are an important additional option for people who are eligible. But we want to be clear that this is just another option. If you can't travel or you would rather wait for an appointment closer to home, you can choose to do that, and your local GP-led service will be in touch soon to offer an alternative.

### How effective is the vaccine?

The MHRA have said these vaccines are highly effective, but to get full protection people need to come back for the second dose – this is really important.

To ensure as many people are vaccinated as quickly as possible, the Department for Health and Social Care now advise that the second dose of both the OxfordAstraZeneca and the Pfizer/BioNtech vaccine should be scheduled up to 12 weeks apart.

### How long does it take to work?

It may take a week or two for your body to build up some protection from the first dose of vaccine. Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective, so you should continue to take recommended precautions to avoid infection. This is why it's important to keep following social distancing and other guidance, even if you've been vaccinated.

### Can I go back to normal life and spend time with family and friends once I've had the vaccine?

It is vital that we all continue to follow the latest Government guidance even after having the vaccination. Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective, so you should continue to take recommended precautions to avoid infection.

We also don't yet know if the vaccination stops you from passing on Covid-19 from one person to another. Whilst you may have protection, that might not be the case for all of your family and friends.

### How can I find out more?

You can find out more about the Covid-19 vaccination programme being rolled out across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, including local sites, here: [www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk](http://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk)



**COVID-19 immunisation**  
Enjoy life. Protect yourself.

January 2021

# Support is available if you need to **self-isolate** due to Coronavirus

There is no reason not to self-isolate if you need to do so because of Coronavirus. If you need financial support to self-isolate, you may be entitled to a £500 grant payment that you don't have to pay back. There is also more practical support available, like with collecting shopping or prescriptions.



## Financial support

If you lose income because you are self-isolating, then you could be eligible for a grant payment of up to £500, that you do not have to pay back. There are several schemes, administered by South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, which provide these grant payments. They entitle people facing financial hardship while self-isolating to a payment of up to £500. The financial support includes help for people who have lost income due to needing to care for someone who is self-isolating.

Whatever your circumstances, please get in touch. You can check criteria for all the self-isolation financial support schemes and apply for a payment, by visiting [www.scams.gov.uk/isolation](http://www.scams.gov.uk/isolation) or call 03450 450 500 if you're not online.



## Practical support

There is a network of well organised community support groups across South Cambridgeshire. Your local group would be pleased to help you with a range of practical tasks. This includes dropping-off shopping, collecting prescriptions from the pharmacy, dog walking or even just having a conversation so you don't feel lonely. You can find your local support group by visiting [www.scams.gov.uk/coronavirus/i-need-help](http://www.scams.gov.uk/coronavirus/i-need-help) or by calling 03450 455 063 if you're not online.



# Proud to stay home

Most people in South Cambridgeshire are staying at home to help keep our communities safe. Thank you for playing your part and remember the following advice at all times.



The new variant of Coronavirus is over 50% more transmissible, so don't take the risk. Stay at home.



If you have to go out, you could reduce your risk of catching Covid-19 by 36% by washing your hands six times today – for example each time you leave or enter the supermarket.



Keeping 2 metres away from people you don't live with and wearing a mask reduces the risk of spreading coronavirus.



Being in a room with fresh air (open doors and windows) can reduce your risk of infection from particles by over 70%.



If you have symptoms, stay away from other people you live with as much as you can. Stay on your own in one room as much as possible. Avoid using shared spaces at the same time as others. Use a separate bathroom - otherwise, use the bathroom after everyone else and clean it each time you use it.



Remember, keep checking for the latest Government guidance at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## Clinically Extremely Vulnerable residents

If you are classed as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable, and have not yet registered, you should do so now at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus-shielding-support](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-shielding-support)

Registering will enable you to stay safe by requesting priority access to supermarket deliveries. It will also link you up with Cambridgeshire County Council who will be able to provide you with direct, tailored information on the support available.

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

**Councillor Graham Cone**

### **Item 93**

Minutes of a remote **Planning Meeting** of Fulbourn Parish Council on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Councillor Smith (Chairman) and Councillors Butler, Cone, Gaskell, Johnson, Lacey, Newell, Thorn, van Spaendonck and Ward.

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors Drage.

**Absent:** Councillors Brown, Dawson and Lockwood.

**Amendment**

20/02887/FIL

Location: Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge Road

Proposal: Erection of new Resource Centre with associated landscaping and infrastructure works.

Recommendation supports

**Permissions:**

20/02816/HFUL, 1 Cow Lane

**New Applications:**

20/05020/FUL

Location: Telephone Exchange, Pierce Lane

Proposal: Removal of 2 No. panes of glass from a window on the ground floor west elevation, installation of an aluminium cowl to the metal window frame, removal of 6 No. panes of glass from a window on the ground floor south elevation and the installation of an aluminium louvre to the metal window frame.

Recommendation supports

20/05143/S73

Location: Land at Fulbourn Sports and Social Club, Cambridge Road

Proposal: S73 variation of Conditions 2 (Approved plans) and 22 (Vehicle access and parking and turning areas serving the Care Home) of planning permission S/3418/17/FL (Demolition of the existing Fulbourn social club and construction of a new 72-bedroom Care Home (Use Class C2) with associated car and cycle parking, landscaping and access from The Drive, Fulbourn.

Recommendation supports

21/00136/HFUL

Location: 18 Apthorpe Street

Proposal: Two storey rear extension, re-roof old barn and demolition of store and construction of car port.

Recommendation supports

20/05365/HFUL

Location: 8 Hinton Road

Proposal: Two storey rear extension.

Recommendation supports

21/00034/HFUL

Location: 14 Coltsfoot Close

Proposal: Porch extension and garage conversion.

Recommendation supports

The following applications were deferred subject to further consultation in the wider community. Details will be included on both the Parish Council's website and the Fulbourn Community Facebook page requesting comments to the Clerk by 26/2/21 so these may be considered when Council makes its decision by 3/3/21.

21/00022/FUL

Location: St Vigor's Church, Church Lane

Proposal: Installation of 12 no. solar panels on the south aisle roof of the church.

21/00050/FUL

Location: St Vigor's Church, Church Lane

Proposal: Installation of 12 no. solar panels on the south transept roof of the church.