

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday, 9th February 2022 in The Swifts, Haggis Gap.

Present: Councillor Drage (Chairman), and Councillors Brown, Butler, Cone (and District), Gaskell, Johnson, Lacey, Lockwood, Roberts, van Spaendonck, Thorn and Ward; County & District Councillor Daunton and the Clerk.

The Chairman advised Members that John Bilboa had resigned from the Council. Cllrs Lacey & Roberts arrived at this point.

112 To accept apologies for absence. Councillors Newell, Smith and District Councillor Williams.

113 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed. None received.

Public & Press - You are invited to attend the whole meeting and are welcome to speak at our Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting. No one present.

114 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

114.1 County Councillor Daunton issued the attached report and went through the highlights. Cllr Johnson had had an inquiry regarding dropped kerbs in Chaplin's Close, something Cllr Cone had also been approached about. Cllr Daunton will look into this. Other residents had contacted both Cllr Daunton and the Clerk regarding the order footpath repairs are taking place. As explained at previous meetings, Cllr Daunton reiterated that re-construction or re-surfacing works are carried out by different contractors and are on the list to be done including Haggis Gap.

Another resident said since surface dressing works had recently been carried out along Windmill Lane, whenever there was torrential rain, puddles were left in the road and the sound of traffic was much louder. Cllr Daunton will look into this.

Hare coursing is taking place along Balsham Road; Cllr Daunton will make the police aware.

114.2 District Councillors Williams and Daunton issued the attached joint report.

Cllr Daunton drew attention to the Community Forum on 23/02/22.

114.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report. He advised the accounts audit will now be discussed at a meeting on 28/02/22.

115 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Following an amendment to Item 104, the Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

116 Matters arising from the last meeting.

116.1 Hub FA4Y lease. This has been drafted and FA4Y have no amendments to make. The lease will be considered by the Hub User Group then presented to Full Council for final approval.

116.2 Mobile Speeding Device. Currently located in Hinton Road.

116.3 Swifts Play Area. Despite assurances from Accent Group that works are to be done as requested before the play area is over by the PC, works are still outstanding. Council is also paying electricity costs for street lights owned by Accent, and are waiting for a refund. This has been going on since The Swifts was first built. Council agreed that the Chair would draft a letter to Sarah Ireland, the Executive Director of Housing at Accent to try and get all the outstanding matters resolved which would be circulated to council for approval before sending.

116.4 Swifts street lights. Cllr Johnson noticed several columns are not working on the estate and advised Council that Accent had appointed new contractors who were busy dealing with a backlog left by the previous contractor.

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<p>116.5 <u>Dogget Lane</u>. Tree Preservation Orders have been placed on a Walnut Tree and a Beech Tree in the garden of 14 Dogget Lane.</p>	<p>1452</p>
<p>116.6 <u>New signs</u>. A Children Crossing sign had been erected on the junction of Home End and Stonebridge Lane. A “Horse” sign had been put in Balsham Road as you enter the village. Two Councillors said it was in the wrong place and should be further out of the village to be effective, plus a second one is needed on the other side of the road. They will liaise with the Clerk.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>116.7 <u>Defibrillator</u>. This has been installed near the MUGA entrance.</p>	
<p>116.8 <u>Village Framework</u>. A letter has been sent to SCDC regarding changing the boundary. A copy will be sent to Mr Carter. Council thanked Cllr Cone for this help with this.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>116.9 <u>Townley AGM</u>. Cllrs Brown and Johnson attended. Cllr Brown said bookings are increasing and the boiler has been replaced. Cllr Johnson said due to work commitments, he would step down as a Trustee. Council will appoint Trustees after the May 2022 election.</p>	<p>KJ Clerk</p>
<p>117 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.</p>	
<p>Cllrs Drage, Thorn and Ward met at Poor Well but felt there was no room for more trees along the verge bearing in mind root damage had caused a gas leak and Cadent had requested no further planting within 7 metres of the piping. An Alder will be planted in Poor Well itself to replace the one Cadent are removing. The Horse Pond sign is made from moulded plastic and needs work. Enquiries will be made to see if a sign writer could laser this and the metal frame is still useable. Grants made be available for this.</p>	<p>MD/GW</p>
<p>Cllr Drage advised Fulbourn Hub will be officially opened on Sunday, 5th June 2022 between 2pm – 4pm. Cllr Drage will enquire about getting someone to officially open the building and the Lord Lieutenant’s Office will be informed. A tree and plaque will be arranged. A vertical Pear Tree will be planted at the entrance to The Haven and hedging along one side of the allotments and recreation ground car park. A suitable tree for the garden of the Hub would be sourced. Grants for these are available and will be investigated.</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>Cllr Roberts said the Primary School are keen to commemorate this historic occasion. Their plans include collaboration with the Village History Society. They would also like to have a photograph of the whole school for permanent display and enquiries for this are being made. Cllr Roberts said due to redevelopment of the school, it had lost some green space, but did intend to redevelop an allotment and growing area at the back of the playing field. The school are also planning to install a gallery for the children's art work which will be open to the community.</p>	<p>GW</p>
<p>118 Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
<p>As Regulation 16 Consultation has been concluded, SCDC has appointed an Inspector. If the Inspector has any minor changes that will not affect any of the Basic Conditions, the PC agreed these may be carried out by the NP Team supported by Urban Silence, the consultants. Any major changes will be raised with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Agreed by Council.</p>	<p>MD/DT</p>
<p>119 Tree works:</p>	
<p>22/0054/TTCA, 70 Pierce Lane – T1, Apple: crown thin and crown lift; T2, Cherry: fell; T3 & T4, Leylandii hedge: reduce height and T5, Laurel hedge: reduce height.</p>	
<p>22/0032/TTCA, 33 Cow Lane – Reduce height of Crab Apple.</p>	
<p>22/0121/TTCA, Annexe Anste-Bar-K, Church Lane – Crown reduce one Lime Tree by 4 metres to previous pollard points and reduce second Lime Tree to 4 metres to prevent any limb failure. No comment.</p>	
<p>Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p>	
<p>120 Correspondence.</p>	
<p>120.1 SCDC – Covid Community update, January 2022.</p>	

<p>120.2 CCC – Winter Information Packs received.</p> <p>120.3 GCSP (Greater Cambridge Shared Partnership) – Remote Planning and Drainage session arranged on 10/2/22.</p> <p>120.4 SCDC – North East Community Forum, 9/2/22 at 6pm. Cllrs Cone and Daunton attended.</p> <p>120.5 SCDC – Remote meeting, Cambridge East Community Forum, 23/02/2022 at 6pm.</p> <p>120.6 East West Railway Company (EWR) – Setting up quarterly meetings o discuss planning, construction and operation of the railway in Cambridge and surrounding areas if the Parish Council would like to be included.</p> <p>120.7 N Hallows – Request that the middle strip of the verges along Yarrow Road are left uncut to encourage wildlife and biodiversity. Members discussed this request at some length; there were visibility concerns and that the verge itself was not wide enough unlike the verges beyond the railway line in the parish of Teversham. Although certain areas in the village are left to encourage pollinators, Council will write to Tesco asking if they would consider this request on their surrounding land.</p> <p>120.8 Resident – Request to plant a tree on the verge to the right-hand entrance of The Maples and possibly some flowers by the fence. Members felt space was limited for a tree but were agreeable for flowers along the fence which will not impede the grass cutting contractors.</p> <p>120.8 CamCycle – Update on Highway Code changes, Active Travel England and Chisholm Trail.</p> <p>120.9 Fulbourn Arts – February 2022 newsletter.</p> <p>120.10 SCDC – January 2022 Parish eBulletin.</p> <p>120.11 SCDC – Due to high development in the village, Fulbourn Liaison Meetings are being arranged inviting a maximum of two councillors to attend quarterly remote meetings. Cllrs Cone and Daunton will attend in their capacity as District Councillors. Depending on proposed dates, Cllr Smith will be asked along with either Cllrs Drage or Thorn.</p> <p>120.12 IHMC (Integrated Highways Management Centre) – January 2022 incident report.</p> <p>120.13 Fulbourn Forum – Latest update of planned events including a Litter Pick, Repair Café and Nature Reserve Working Party Group.</p> <p>120.14 C Waller – Request for tall netting round recently purchased property in Impett’s Lane as the odd cricket ball lands in their garden. This is difficult as we understand the previous residents had made the new owners aware of this problem and had left nets they used during match days. Precept monies are used to provide services for the whole village and cannot be used for any other purpose. If any damage is caused, the resident should contact the cricket club direct.</p> <p>120.15 CCC – Cambridgeshire Matters, January 2022 newsletter.</p> <p>120.16 Royal British Legion Industries – has been selected as an approved supplier of plaques to commemorate the Queen’s Green Canopy should we wish to make a purchase.</p> <p>120.17 R Townley – As street lighting in Manor Walk is being upgraded suggests moving a column to provide better lighting in a dark spot of the road. Council said the long-term plan was to provide an additional column and have this matter under annual review.</p> <p>120.18 SCDC – Cambridge East Forum 2022 schedule; first meeting 23/02/2022.</p> <p>120.19 CAPALC – February 2022 Bulletin.</p>	<p>1453</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>CD/GC</p> <p>PC’s</p> <p>Clerk</p>														
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<p>Wages: Swifts Cleaner.....184.00 Wages: Hub Cleaner.....72.00</p> <p>The pavilion gas invoice seems high, so the Clerk was asked to provide a meter reading and get the next invoice adjusted.</p> <p>Cllr Thorn then proposed accepting the accounts, proposal seconded by Cllr Lockwood and agreed by the Council.</p> <p>122 Council Committees and Remote Meetings.</p> <p>122.1 Fulbourn Hub Users Group. Minutes of a meeting held on 24/01/22 are attached.</p> <p>122.2 Swifts User Group. Minutes of a meeting held on 26/01/22 are attached.</p> <p>123 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action.</p> <p>There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.05pm.</p>	<p>1454 Clerk</p>
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Attached reports:

Item 114.1

County Councillor Report for February 2022: Fulbourn County Division

Household Support Fund: Reminder of Closing Date

This fund aims to help those struggling to pay for food, energy or other essential items this winter. Cambridgeshire County Council has been allocated £3.58 million as part of the Government’s Household Support Fund to help people who need financial support.

The Household Support Fund itself is a new one-off grant, which **is live until 31 March 2022**. This usually provides £49 (for a family) or £29 (for an individual) to cover food or household energy costs, but more funding may be available for people who can demonstrate a higher need – for instance for higher costs of filling an oil tank or buying a new cooker. To be eligible for the Household Support Fund residents will need to earn less than £17,940 or receive any of the following: Income Support; Income-based Job Seekers Allowance; Income-related Employment and Support Allowance; Pension Credit; Universal Credit; Working Tax Credit.

Details of how to access the scheme are available here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund>

Solar Together Cambridgeshire

We, both District and County, are once again working alongside each other in the Solar Together Cambridgeshire scheme, a Cambridgeshire County Council scheme. This operates as a group buying scheme for solar panels. Households can register their interest for solar panels – a company called iChoosr then run a reverse auction to get the most competitive price for households who receive a recommendation for their house and can accept or decline the offer. To date, 411 installations have taken place in South Cambridgeshire, installing 1.93 MW of Solar PV panels. The scheme launches on 7 February, but householders can register their interest now [here](#).

Health and social care reforms juggling act

A major reorganization of health and social care is happening now, with legislation in the process of passing through Parliament. We think it impacts on us all.

The reforms include raising money through the National Insurance contributions that working people pay; widening eligibility for County-funded social care from about 4% of the population now to an estimated 14%, in Cambridgeshire (which must be paid for of course); and requiring the local NHS (our local GPs, hospitals, etc) and the Local Public Health and Social Care Authority (Cambridgeshire County Council) to collaborate and integrate, and think at a 'neighbourhood' level. Prevention is a constant theme – how can we live better and avoid getting sick in the first place? How can we give children - from birth - the best chance of a healthy life? What more can local communities be doing to play a part?

Some of the principles seem overwhelmingly positive but other aspects of the reforms are daunting. These are huge bureaucracies and whatever new money is raised will be directed first to the enormous Covid-induced waiting lists. That will take time to work through.

Nevertheless, from July this year it will be a legal requirement for 'Integrated Care Systems' to be up and running with the basics in place. This means that all of these organisations, already working to deliver vaccinations, tackle waiting lists and attract new staff to a depleting workforce, also need to find time to reflect and prepare for new obligations under the Health and Care Bill.

Given that this new legal requirement involves local government, we've been learning fast and furiously. Our colleague Susan van de Ven is chairing the 'Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board' where the NHS and Local Authorities formally come together. If you'd like to know a little bit more, or if you can teach us a thing or two through your own experience and expertise, please join us for a Zoom coffee and chat on March 9th, 6-7PM – just let us know your contact details and we'll send you the link.

20's Plenty

The Highways and Transport Committee has begun to examine how the county council could establish a new process for the implementation of 20mph schemes. This would allow third parties – such as Parish Councils - to make an application for a 20mph limit in their chosen area, with a number of schemes then progressing following a period of assessment and prioritisation.

There are two types of 20mph schemes which can be introduced by the council – 20mph limits and 20mph zones. A 20mph limit typically covers individual or a small number of streets and requires signs only, while 20mph zones typically cover larger areas and require both signs and markings.

The former are more cost effective, but the latter have been found to have a greater impact in reducing speed limits, especially when accompanied by traffic-calming measures. There are a number of issues to be worked through in detail before a new policy can be operational and a working group has been set up to do provide a detailed brief. Oxfordshire County Council is a little ahead on this and we will be keeping a watch on their progress.

It is anticipated that a scheme setting out how applications for 20mph schemes will be prioritised, once submitted, will be brought to a committee meeting later this year.

Cambridgeshire County Council Budget

The Joint Administration is to consider a 4.99% rise in order to close the authority's £16m budget gap this year. Next year's funding gap is likely to be even worse. 4.99% would mean an extra charge of £1.04 per week for a Band B, and £1.19 for a Band C household. More than half of all homes in

Cambridgeshire are in these two bands. Local government experts who visited in summer highlighted that past decisions not to raise council tax in previous years had led to significant ongoing lost income to support services. The council is also proposing to provide a specific fund of £14m, the Just Transition Fund, over the next five years to tackle inequality, improve lives and care for the environment.

The council consulted residents at the end of last year about spending priorities. It visited a representative sample of residents at home and launched an online survey.

In its first year, if agreed, the Just Transition fund will provide for schemes on flood prevention in the county, continuing the recent improvement in gully clearing. It will also work towards tackling climate change; widen opportunities for children with special educational needs and disabilities; increase independent living services and expand direct payments and individual service funds – where adults assessed as needing support can choose and manage their own care services; it will also expand the ‘Care Together’ programme, providing care services close to where people live.

Fire Authority Budget

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority are asking residents to have their say on proposals to increase the fire service’s share of council tax for 2022/23. The Service is looking for a below inflation increase of £1.44 (around 2%) for the year, making the total contribution for the year £74.97 for a resident living in a Band D property.

Following the financial settlement confirmed by the government at the end of December 2021, which confirmed the level of funding for the next year, the Service has reviewed its financial position, making savings where possible, and has considered what it needs to maintain its valued services to the public. The service has an excellent track record of finding savings from within the organisation. However, after many years of doing this, it becomes increasingly challenging without damaging service levels. This year like everyone there is considerable pressure from inflation, increased energy and fuel prices and cost of living increases. However, with savings we can keep the council tax rise to a minimum – only £1.44 for the year for most residents.

Mobile Library

The County operates Mobile Library Vans which are free to join and use. Each Mobile Library vehicle carries up to 3,000 items of stock including fiction, nonfiction, large print, books on CD & cassette and books for children of all ages. You can request books/cassettes/CDs/DVDs and they have access to all the books in Cambridgeshire Libraries. You can also request books online to collect from the mobile Library on our next visit.

Any books borrowed from the Mobile Library can be returned to any other Cambridgeshire Library. Books borrowed from other libraries can be returned to the mobile library. Readers can renew and order books online and all vehicles have a lift for wheelchair users or those who find steps difficult. Mobile Libraries also carry hearing aid batteries and they sell stamps and reading glasses. The location of stops for the library vehicles can be checked here.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/mobiles/find-a-mobile-library-stop>

Water Resources East (WRE)

WRE is a consortium of all our local water companies and other bodies concerned with the crucial provision of sufficient water for current and future development across our area. It is **their role** is to oversee and **lead** on the coordination of regional efforts and the production of a regional plan for water which may include the import of water and the development of new reservoirs. WRE has just published its very significant report and has opened a consultation on it. You can find out more here: <https://wre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WRE-Emerging-Plan.pdf>

Thank you to all residents who report faults on the Highways reporting page. This is an essential step, to make sure problems are logged and Highways made aware. You can visit to see if a fault has already been reported here <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

Claire Daunton
2nd February 2022
Claire Daunton

Item 114.2

Report of Councillor Claire Daunton and Councillor John Williams to Fulbourn Parish Council for February 2022.

This report contains factual information which we hope will be of use and of interest to the parish council and to the wider community of the parish.

*For queries please email us at cllr.daunton@scamb.gov.uk;
cllr.williamsjg@scamb.gov.uk*

SCDC Street Lights

As you will have seen as promised the Council has replaced the three broken lights in Cow Lane and the two in Stonebridge Lane with new LED lights. The three in Cow Lane have different lanterns and we await the Parish Councils view on which one it prefers before proceeding to replace the remaining lights in the village that are earmarked for ornate lights. As to the Stonebridge Lane lights as a temporary measure a standard LED light has been attached to the two new columns and will be replaced when the lantern type for the ornate lights has been decided. Unfortunately we had some problems in connecting the new lights in Stonebridge lane to a power supply and had to involve UK Power Networks which delayed their installation.

Update on Green bin collections

We are now back to the usual winter monthly collection period for green bins. You will recall that we restarted green bin collections on 12 January, following a temporary suspension caused largely by crew absences as a result of COVID. We are pleased that, despite these challenges, our Greater Cambridge Shared Waste (GCSW) crews managed to empty all green bins as per the published schedule during January. However, as we look towards the next batch of green bin collections, GCSW continue to face challenges due to staff absences.

This means that, as things currently stand, for the next two weeks our message will remain as it was in January: Residents will be asked to put their green bins out as normal, with waste crews working to empty as many as possible each day. Although the intention is to empty all green bins as per the published schedule, it is likely that crews will now be able

to reach all properties. Also, they won't be able to return to empty any green bins that unfortunately are missed. As was the case in January, it will not be possible to report missed green bins during this next collection period. This is because there are not enough waste crews to return to empty these missed green bins. So, if a green bin collection is missed, we are asking residents to take it back in until their next scheduled collection.

South Cambs backs Cambridge South Rail Station but calls for more environmental protection

In its response to the forthcoming Public Inquiry, South Cambridgeshire District Council's Cabinet has confirmed that the Council supports the new station in principle because it will help respond to climate change, provide more environmentally friendly choices for local people to get around and contribute to economic growth.

However, the response argues that not enough information has been provided by Network Rail up to this point about how biodiversity improvements for the works at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Hobson's Park and Great Shelford will be made.

The Council has also highlighted how important it is that the loss of trees along the railway line and across the area of the works is minimised.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is contacting local businesses to help support their efforts to reduce COVID transmission in the workplace.

With the infection rate in South Cambridgeshire continuing to remain high, with an increasing death rate, working with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and alongside local public health authorities to support the understanding of patterns in confirmed coronavirus cases in the area, the Council will be providing advice and guidance via telephone or un-announced in-person visits to local businesses.

The Council will be seeing what measures are in place to help tackle the spread of COVID and will also be offering support in managing risk and protecting workers, customers and visitors. This ranges from specific advice to, if necessary, issuing enforcement notices or stopping certain work practices until they are made safe.

Those with poor controls will be referred back to the Council's Covid Team to follow up with further advice and guidance. Where businesses fail to comply then this could lead to prosecution. However, wherever possible, Council officers will seek to engage and discuss measures with local businesses and a prosecution would always be a last resort. Since the start of the pandemic, the Council's approach to engaging with local businesses has meant the need for any COVID-related prosecutions has been avoided.

Working to manage the transmission of COVID means that businesses should conduct a risk assessment to understand the measures they may require to protect workers and others from the virus. Government guidance on how to manage the risk in different business sectors is available at Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19) - Guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

HSE will also check that businesses have measures in place to manage work-related stress and support workers. Where stress may be a problem, employers should include it in their risk assessment and take action to tackle it. See Stress at work - HSE

South Cambridgeshire businesses can now apply for the latest COVID Government support grants via the District Council.

Businesses can now apply for the latest Government grant schemes to be administered by South Cambridgeshire District Council. The first is the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant (OHLG). The second is further funding available via the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG). Full eligibility criteria and application forms can be found on the SCDC website. Applications should be made by 18 February. Final payments will be made by 31 March 2022.

Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant

The OHLG is targeted at businesses within the hospitality and leisure sector which were trading as registered Business Rates payers in South Cambridgeshire on 30 December 2021. These businesses could be eligible for a one-off payment because the rise of the Omicron variant led to severe impacts on their industry. Grants of up to £6,000 are available, depending on the rateable value of each business. Businesses in hospitality, leisure and tourism accommodation sectors, which offer in-person services (like food and drink, experiences and lodging for holiday purposes) are being encouraged to check the full eligibility criteria online to see whether they are eligible to apply.

Additional Restrictions Grant

The Council has decided to make best use of the ARG funding from Government by providing support to eligible businesses that do not have a rateable value, and / or are ineligible to receive the OHLG, but nonetheless operate in the supply chain to businesses in the hospitality, leisure and accommodation sectors. Businesses eligible to apply for the ARG should operate within:

Hospitality, leisure, accommodation, personal care, the travel and tourism sector including group travel, travel agents and tour operators, coach operators, wedding industries, nightclubs, theatres, events industries, wholesalers, English language schools, breweries, freelance and mobile businesses (including caterers, events, hair, beauty and wedding related) gyms, and other businesses that may not have received other grant funding.

Grants of up to £10,000 will be provided under the ARG, depending on turnover, fixed costs, number of employees and the scale of losses due to Omicron. Full eligibility criteria and an online application form are available from the SCDC website.

Since the start of the pandemic, the South Cambs has distributed a total of around £45 million in Government business support grants to more than 5,000 South Cambridgeshire businesses. Anyone needing advice relating to their business can contact the Council's Business Support and Development team at openforbusiness@scambs.gov.uk

Water Resources East consultation

Water Resources East has recently launched a consultation on its emerging water resources plan for the East of England. You can read a copy of the emerging plan.

South Cambs has said that our emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan strategy is dependent on improvements to the water supply. The consultation explores measures to address water demand as well as protect the environment.

The deadline to respond to the Water Resources East consultation is Monday 28 February.

Our Greater Cambridge Shared Planning policy colleagues are now drawing-up plans for a joint response from both us at SCDC and Cambridge City Council.

Climate and Environment fortnight – Weeks of 21 February and 7 March

We are delighted to invite you to the Zero Carbon Communities Team's annual series of events held to celebrate climate action taking place in the district, as well as looking at some of the things that the council is doing to mitigate and adapt to climate change in the future. Please see the details of the sessions below. Tickets are free and available from the SCDC website

21 February: 7pm to 8pm:

Community Action in Response to the Climate Emergency

What next after you've declared a Climate Emergency? A session with Cambridge Carbon Footprint for Parish Councils and community organisations on how to get community action going in your area.

23 February: 7pm to 8pm:

Cycling for Sustainability

Led by local campaign group Camcycle, and chaired by Cllr Paul Bearpark, this session will explore action taking place on cycling in the district, including campaigns such as School Streets. Come along to this online event for ideas, inspiration, and information.

24 February: 1pm to 2pm:

Making your business greener

This case study-based webinar hosted by our Business Support Team will feature a panel of speakers demonstrating ways businesses can operate more sustainably, reducing not only their carbon and waste but also being more efficient and saving money by embracing renewable energy.

1 March: 1pm to 2pm:

Planning for the Climate Emergency

Want to know more about how the Council is planning for climate change? This session will include information on how the Council is shaping planning policy to help cut carbon emissions and adapt to a changing climate.

3 March: 1pm to 2pm:

Installing Electric Vehicle Charge Points for workplaces and public use

Want to know more about installing Electric Vehicle Charging points? Find out more through our session for Parish Councils, local businesses and residents, including information on funding options.

7 March: 6pm to 7pm:

Post Covid Community Support Workshop

This session will be held by our Sustainable Communities Team and explore sustainability in the widest sense of the word, exploring community led planning and featuring a talk from HIHUB (Histon and Impington's Community website and communication hub).

South Cambs Community Engagement Forums in 2022

The dates for the Community Engagement Forums have been set for 2022. These take place in locations where major development is planned (Bourn; Cambourne; Cambridge East; North East Cambridge; Northstowe; North West and West Cambridge; and Waterbeach).

The dates for the spring 2022 forums are below. The earlier events also have links to Facebook posts that you are invited to share among your community. We'll update you again with links for the later events in early February. All of the below forums will be held

virtually on Zoom. Joining details and agendas can be found on our website no later than one week prior to the advertised date.

- Wednesday 9 February, 6pm - North East Cambridge (Facebook link)
- Wednesday 23 February, 6pm - Cambridge East (Facebook link)
- Wednesday 2 March, 6pm - Waterbeach (Facebook link)
- Wednesday 9 March, 6pm onwards - A428 Cluster – Bourn Forum
- Wednesday 9 March, 6pm onwards - A428 Cluster – Cambourne Forum
- Wednesday 16 March, 6pm - North West and West Cambridge
- Wednesday 23 March, 7pm - Northstowe

New forums have been set up at Bourn Airfield and Cambourne. We encourage all Parish Councils and residents that are impacted by these developments to attend. Forums are now being scheduled a year at a time. For future forum dates please see our forums webpage. For information on forums, email the Communities Team or call 01954 713 070.

Personalised advice service from South Cambs for community action

A new service has been created to provide personalised advice about the different community action toolkits and grants on offer to support positive action in your community.

Whatever challenge residents or community groups would like to tackle in your village, if people don't know where to start, our new personalised advice service can create tailored guidance. This advice could be pointing a resident or group to another village that has successfully overcome a similar challenge, or introducing them for tips; letting the resident or group know which grants they could be eligible for; and signposting them to a relevant toolkit for more ideas and guidance.

So whether they want to create a social group for people in the community who feel isolated, or to tackle a community safety concern such as antisocial behaviour, or to improve their village's green credentials such as by planting trees, they can fill in the short form on our website to receive personalised advice from one of our team about funding and how to get started.

Emergency Out of Hours South Cambs telephone numbers

Just to remind you of the emergency out of hours numbers after 5.30pm:

Dangerous Structures (Building Control) 03003 038 389

Environmental Health (e.g. work place fatalities and major incidents) 08456 095 437

Homeless Emergency 01253 501117

Community East Forum

The next meeting of the Community East Forum (CEF) will take place on Wednesday 23rd February between 6.00 and 7.30pm. This will be an online event. To join the meeting on Zoom – use password '877181'

We share the running of this Forum with the city and it's the city's turn to run the February Forum. We are finalising the agenda with them but it is likely to include the following: a general update on developments across our area, including the latest information on Cherry Hinton Lakes; a detailed update on Land North of Cherry Hinton; an update on Marleigh, with information on the progress of the Hangar, the community building and the primary school.

Feedback on previous Forum meetings has taught us not to have too long an agenda so that we can allow sufficient time for all questions to be dealt with fully. It's always good to see everyone participating fully.

The Ida Darwin site (with planning permission granted on 19th January) will not now be dealt with at the CEF but by a separate Liaison Meeting bringing together councillors, developers and residents, through the parish council.

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority funding for solar power for electric bin lorries

Proposals for a solar farm to power electric bin lorries used by Greater Cambridge Shared Waste have been included in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's latest budget plans.

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste is a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils and collects recycling and rubbish from around 127,000 households.

The plan to install a renewable energy plant at the depot in Waterbeach was submitted to the Combined Authority by the District and City Councils. The plan forms part of the Combined Authority's budget, which was discussed and agreed by its board today (Wednesday 26 January). It was agreed by Board Members that £2.7 million in funding towards this work in Waterbeach will be made available from the Combined Authority, so long as additional checks such as value for money assurances are passed. This follows an invitation from the Combined Authority to its constituent councils, where funding has been made available to support ideas for projects that reflect the aspirations and business plan objectives of the Authority. The total cost of the work is expected to be around £4.2 million, and the Councils will meet the remaining cost.

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste currently operates Cambridgeshire's first electric bin lorry; a Dennis Eagle eCollect which entered service in late 2020. Two more electric bin lorries are due to begin working across South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City by the end of March this year. The service also runs a number of smaller electric vans and has solar panels installed on the Depot buildings. However, there isn't enough charging capacity in the Depot's local electricity network to meet the requirements of the Councils' programme to replace its diesel bin lorries with electric lorries. As a result, there is an urgent need for on-site renewable energy supply to enable electric bin lorries to be charged using clean energy.

The programme proposed by Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils includes a solar panel power plant on land adjacent to the Depot, along with a battery storage system, charging islands, cabling and other associated works to form a smart micro-grid.

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority funding for Chalk Streams

Plans for a project to support Greater Cambridge's chalk streams have moved forward following a decision by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

A plan to carry out projects which make local chalk streams and the species they support more resilient was submitted to the Combined Authority by Greater Cambridge Shared Planning – a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils.

The plan now forms part of the Combined Authority's budget, which was discussed and agreed by its board yesterday (Wednesday 26 January). It was agreed by Board Members that £420,000 towards this work will be made available from the Combined Authority, so long as additional checks such as value for money assurances are passed. This follows an invitation from the Combined Authority to its constituent councils, where funding has been made available to support ideas for projects that reflect the aspirations and business plan objectives of the Combined Authority.

The chalk streams of Greater Cambridge are of international importance and their restoration is fundamental to addressing both Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils declared Biodiversity and Climate emergencies. The chalk aquifer which feeds these unique watercourses also supply the region's drinking water. As a result, to help ensure there is enough water for local people and to support the economy, they must be healthy.

Projects that have been proposed by the Councils range from specified physical restoration, offering management advice to landowners and further feasibly work such as removal of weirs to aid fish passage.

Levelling Up White Paper

The government has published the Levelling Up White Paper which sets out the plan for reversing the UK's geographic inequalities. The White Paper includes:

- A new devolution framework which sets out a clear menu of options for places in England to devolution powers from central Government and that by 2030, every part of England that wishes to have a 'London-style' devolution deal will have one.
- A transformation of the government's approach to data and evaluation, with a new independent body created to improve transparency of local government performance.
- A commitment to simplify the local growth funding landscape.
- The intention to mobilise £16 billion of the Local Government Pension Scheme for investments in local projects.
- The £2.6 billion UK Shared Prosperity Fund will be decentralised to local leaders as far as possible.
- Councils will be given the power to require landlords of empty shops to fill them if they have been left vacant for too long.
- 68 more councils to be supported by the High Streets Task Force.
- All homes in the Private Rented Sector will have to meet a minimum standard – the Decent Homes Standard.
- 55 Education Investment Areas (EIAs) will be designated where school outcomes are currently weakest and will benefit from intensive investment and support.

South Cambs council is analysing what this means for our district and we will keep you informed as this progresses.

For more information go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levelling-up-the-united-kingdom>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1052062/LU_white_paper_tech_annex.pdf

Claire & John

Item 114.3

District Councillor Report to Parish Council February 2022

Local Plan

Thank you to all who took part in the Local Plan consultation. Officers are now looking through all the submissions and are aiming to compile the draft Local Plan ready for consultation in the Summer.

2018/19 Accounts Audit

The Audit meeting in January has been delayed following resources issues with the external auditors having more staff off sick than anticipated. The meeting will now be on 4th February where it is hoped to bring the accounts to a close.

Green Bin collection

Green bin collections should now be back to normal, waste crews have struggled to collect any bins missed. Unfortunately, if your bin is missed you may have to wait until the next scheduled collection. If a missed green bin causes an especially difficult issue for a resident, such as someone who is elderly, disabled or receives an assisted collection, they are asked to call their Council to discuss their individual situation. South Cambridgeshire District Council: 01954 713 000.

Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant

This grant is aimed at businesses within the hospitality and leisure sector which were trading as registered Business Rates payers in South Cambridgeshire on the 30th December 2021. These businesses could be eligible for a one-off payment up to £6,000 depending on the rateable value of each business. Businesses in hospitality, leisure and tourism accommodation sectors, who offer in-person services (like food and drink, experiences and lodging for holiday purposes). Eligible businesses should apply for these grants by the 18th February 2022. Payments will be made by the 31st March 2022. If you think you know someone who could benefit from this please encourage them to check if they are eligible via the link below.

[Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant and Additional Restrictions Grant top-up payment - South Cambs District Council \(scambs.gov.uk\)](https://www.scambs.gov.uk/omicon-hospitality-and-leisure-grant-and-additional-restrictions-grant-top-up-payment)

Five Year Land Supply

At a recent appeal the five year land supply was challenged, I'm pleased that the inspector has found that the council does have a 5 year land supply still despite the discounting of 978 dwellings that the council had included in their supply. The inspector found that 'the Council's housing land supply as of April 2021 was 5.6 years, a slightly improved position compared to 5.07 years at the time of the last appeal.' This is a relief but no doubt we will need to keep a close eye on this going forward.

Babraham Research Campus given go ahead to expand

Babraham Research Campus, which is a globally important site and one of the UK's leading locations supporting early-stage bio-science enterprise, has been given the go ahead to expand. It is my hope that this permission will ensure the UK Life Sciences sector can continue to deliver world leading research and health solutions. As someone that works in Oncology, I know how important the Babraham Research Campus is in terms of research and the benefits that that has on patients. South Cambridgeshire District Council's Planning Committee approved this application at the end of 2021 with unanimous support cross party. This application has gone to the Secretary of State as the expansion will involve green belt land. I am pleased to say the Secretary of State has not called in the judgement of SCDC's Planning Committee which means their decision will be upheld and has now formally been given planning status. It is hoped that the expansion will support 174 new jobs on site. No one likes any encroachment into the green belt but this site truly is very special to Cambridge and will benefit the whole world in terms of research.

Derek Jones, CEO, Babraham Research Campus Ltd added: "Our dynamic, highly connected Campus ecosystem creates a low-risk environment in which people can share knowledge, skills and scientific capabilities to help create the medicines and businesses of tomorrow. This has resulted in an enterprising and collaborative culture that supports people and their development and facilitates the discovery of treatments and technologies and the understanding of fundamental biology which will have a real impact on the health of future generations."

"The Campus has an increasingly important role to play in stimulating, developing and sustaining local, regional and national economic growth and if this valuable economic contribution is to be enhanced, we must grow to accommodate the changing needs and increasing demand of the fast paced, competitive life science sector. Approval of this latest development is an extremely positive forward step - with thanks to all who have helped make it happen - which will enable us to continue to support the growth of both existing and new innovative ventures within the cluster, without the need for them to look elsewhere."

Mill Road public consultation

Mill Road is not within our ward, it falls within the City but ultimately it will affect residents in the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn Ward who travel through Mill Road or use it for social reasons. I have included below the consultation and workshop information so both residents and Parish Councils can comment given its location close to the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward.

The future of Mill Road and how it could be improved will be at the heart of two upcoming workshops and a public consultation.

People will be asked for their views on how Mill Road could be improved in the future to help support sustainable travel and to ensure it continues to be a nice place to live, shop and work.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership is working with the charity Involve to hold two online workshops in February to listen to people's ideas about how the road could be enhanced.

Involve, which ran the Greater Cambridge Citizen's Assembly, will initially run the workshops to seek views from a diverse and representative mix of people who live and work on Mill Road. People wishing to attend the workshops are encouraged to register their interest in advance.

The public consultation, also due to be launched shortly, will seek a broad range of views from stakeholders in and beyond the city to give everyone a chance to say what they think about Mill Road now and how it could be improved in the future.

Mill Road bridge was closed to private vehicles from June 2020 to early August 2021 as part of a package of measures rolled out by Cambridgeshire County Council to help people walking and cycling to maintain social distancing following the outbreak of Covid-19.

The county council's Highways and Transport Committee voted in July 2021 to reopen the bridge to traffic and asked the GCP in November 2021 to incorporate the scheme as part of the City Access programme and hold a consultation.

The workshops will be held on Tuesday 22 February, 12-5pm, and Saturday 26 February, 10am-3pm.

People are asked to register via bit.ly/MillRd2022 by 28 January. Depending on the number of applications, it may not be possible for everyone to take part.

Thank you for taking the time to read my report. If you have any questions on my report I will be happy to answer them over the phone (please leave a voicemail) on 07595 361 285 or via email graham.cone@councillor.online

Item 122.1

FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from a meeting of The Hub User Working Party held on Monday, 24th January 2022.

Present: Councillors Drage and Thorn and the Clerk.

FA4Y: Alex Andrews

57th Fulbourn Scouts: Greg Harewood.

1 Matters arising from the last meeting not covered on the Agenda.

- a) Fire Notices. The Clerk to source.
- b) In/out board in lobby. Richard Drage will make this.
- c) Outside notice board. Alex provided a contact so Trish will order one.
- d) Bike racks. On hold until finance available.
- e) Burglar alarm. On hold until further training arranged.

Action: Clerk, RD

2 Courtyard Garden: Roger Parker has kindly cleared the area and will spray the bramble roots in the Spring. The Scouts would like an area to do outdoor cooking and FA4Y would like a picnic area. Derek had done a draft which included paving and a small grass area in the centre. A Sensory Garden, raised beds and a tree planted to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee were also considered. Quotes for paving and turf to be obtained.

Action: Clerk

3 Old Scout Hut demolition. Greg said they would be applying to the Wright's Clock Fund for funding once a budget had been done. The Clerk will speak to CJ Murfitt Ltd as they might be able to recommend a contractor who specialises in asbestos removal and would provide a quote for the work.

Action: GH, Clerk

4 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event - official opening of The Hub in June.

To mark the Jubilee there a Bank Holiday between 3rd – 6th June. Although there will be many events held that weekend, it was agreed to hold the official opening on Sunday, 5th June 2022, 2pm – 4pm. Enquiries will be made to get someone to open the building. An article advertising the occasion will be included in the April edition of The Village Pump.

Action: GH, MD

5 Any other business.

A new outside light has been fitted to the side by the stairs.

The Scouts asked if they could install anchor points in the hall plus have a projector and screen fitted to the ceiling.

FA4Y would like blinds inside their main hall.

Date of next meeting. Monday, 21st February 2022.

Item 122.2

MINUTES OF THE SWIFTS USER GROUP MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 26th January 2022

Present: Derek Thorn (Chair), Trish Newman (FPC), Kathy Attmore (Library) and James Caesar (Garden).

1. Apologies: Mary Drage, Jill Jones, Roger Burton and Jean Doe.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2021

The Minutes were agreed as a true record. Kathy had collected the Minute Book.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Notice for tiles in the corridor: No further action yet.

3.2 Car park lights: The one by the front door is not working. The Parish Council is still paying for the 3 car park lights.

3.3 Plastic/rail for walls: Richard Drage will be asked for a quote for a dado rail. Derek will also ask RD to look at the toilet roll dispense in the disabled toilet. As it was suggested that the lower half of the walls should be a dark colour, and that good quality paint which could be wiped be used; colour charts or sample sheets will be obtained. The library needs remedial work where the boilers came off the walls. The corridor by the first set of double doors needs attention including an area of plaster which has come off by the door. When rail fitted and colours chosen, Gregg Marshall would be contacted for action.

3.4: Windows: The outside are being cleaned monthly. Kathy said the inside also needed doing so Trish volunteered.

3.5 Store: Kathy said the tiles and string of lights are still taking up space. Trish offered to move the tiles.

4. Financial Report

4.1 Trish presented accounts for April – December 2021. They showed a deficit as they included the hygiene contract which has been resumed following the pandemic and income was beginning to recover (see Bookings).

5. Bookings

Derek reported that most of the regular bookings had returned. Sadly Carpet Bowls would only be holding the occasional friendly match and the W.I. are considering changing from evening to daytime meetings. There have been some children's parties booked plus a sewing group holding regular sessions.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Kathy said the hand sanitisers were not working very well. Manual ones will be considered.

7. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 27th April 2022 in the Swifts.