

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in The Swifts, Haggis Gap.

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

Minutes of a **PLANNING MEETING** of Fulbourn Parish Council commencing at 7pm prior to Full Council.

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

Apologies: Cllrs Drage, Lockwood and Newell.

**Permissions:**

21/05292/HFUL – 56 School Lane

22/00068/HFUL – 21 Hinton Road

**Refused Permission:**

21/03135/HFUL – 83 Station Road

**New Application:**

22/00494/HFUL

Location: 54 Station Road

Proposal: Part ground and first floor side extensions and extend existing boundary wall. Recommendation support.

**Information only:**

20/05143/NMA1

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

Proposal: Non-material amendment on application 20/05143/S73 for alterations to materials schedule, site plan, roof plan and dormer window.

S/0670/17/CONDB

Location: Ida Darwin Hospital, Fulbourn Old Drift

Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 16 (Post-Excavation Assessment) of planning permission S/0670/17/OL.

S/0670/17/CONDC

Location: Ida Darwin Hospital, Fulbourn Old Drift

Proposal: Submission of details required by Conditions 13 (Traffic Management Plan) and 26 (Environmental Management Plan) of planning permission S/0670/17/OL.

S/0670/17/CONDD

Location: Ida Darwin Hospital, Fulbourn Old Drift

Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 10 (Footway) of planning permission S/0670/17/OL.

S/0670/17/CONDE

Location: Ida Darwin Hospital, Fulbourn Old Drift

Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 34 (Tree Protection) of planning permission S/0670/17/OL.

S/0670/17/CONDF

Location: Ida Darwin Hospital, Fulbourn Old Drift

Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 31 (Reptile Management Plan) of planning permission S/0670/17/OL.

<p>S/0670/17/CONDG  Location: Ida Darwin Hospital, Fulbourn Old Drift  Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 33 (Floor Levels) of planning permission S/0670/17/OL.</p> <p>S/0670/17/CONDH  Location: Ida Darwin Hospital, Fulbourn Old Drift  Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 20 (Foul Water Drainage) of planning permission S/0670/17/OL.</p>	<b>1456</b>
<p><b>Full Council Minutes.</b></p>	
<p><b>124 To accept apologies for absence.</b>  Councillors Drage, Lockwood and Newell.</p>	
<p><b>125 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed.</b> None received.</p>	
<p><b><u>Public &amp; Press</u> - You are invited to attend the whole meeting and are welcome to speak at our Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting.</b> No one present.</p>	
<p><b>126 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.</b></p>	
<p>126.1 County Councillor Daunton issued the attached report and highlighted some of the key points. When asked about re-painting white lines particularly at the High Street/Pierce Lane junction and the Haggis Gap/Cambridge Road mini-roundabouts, Cllr Daunton advised quotes are being sought and the work will be done in the next financial year. Cllr Daunton was advised of damaged signs around the village which will be reported.</p>	<b>CD</b>
<p>126.2 District Councillors Williams and Daunton issued the attached report. Cllr Williams had reported that Planning Enforcement had been in contact with the owner at 40 Pierce Lane and was advised trees had been felled without permission.</p>	
<p>126.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report, with some topics already covered in the report from Item 126.2</p>	
<p><b>127 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.</b></p>	
<p>Following an amendment to Item 117, the Minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p><b>128 Matters arising from the last meeting.</b></p>	
<p>128.1 <u>Mobile Speeding Device</u>. Cllr Cone advised the battery unit is on charge and its next location will be Dogget Lane.</p>	<b>GC</b>
<p>Swifts Estate. A letter has been sent to Sarah Ireland, Accent Group as agreed at the February PC meeting and we await a response.</p>	<b>MD</b>
<p>128.2 <u>Cow Lane</u>. The tree damaging gas pipes has been felled exposing the brick building which looks unsightly. Consideration will be given to covering this up in the future.</p>	
<p>128.3 <u>Queen's Green Canopy</u>. Two trees are being delivered this week; one for the entrance of The Haven and one for the courtyard area at Fulbourn Hub.</p>	
<p>128.4 <u>Horse Pond Sign</u>. Cllr Drage typed up the artwork and layout for the sign using the existing wording which was taken to Algar Signs by Cllr Ward. Two new photos had to be used as the existing ones were too faint and the original artwork could not be found. Following further discussion by Cllrs Drage and Ward with Algar Signcraft, they have provided a draft layout and quotation which Council has approved.</p>	
<p><b>129 Notice of Election, May 2022.</b></p>	
<p>Public notices advertising the election will be displayed on 28/03/22. Nomination papers must be handed in at the SCDC offices by appointment between 28/03/22 to 05/04/22. Either the Clerk or Cllr Cone will deliver these in bulk.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>

<p><b>130 Neighbourhood Plan.</b> A meeting of the PC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the Fulbourn Neighbourhood Plan Group took place on 3 March 2022 to discuss and resolve the queries raised by the Examiner and the comments received from SCDC. The draft replies were agreed at the meeting with a review awaited from Martina Juvara, the adviser at Urban Silence Ltd. This was subsequently received and approved and the collective replies were sent to Alison Talkington at SCDC on 8 March 2022 for onward transmission to the Examiner. We now wait for any further comments/report before this leads to a Referendum, and with the village's support, implementation of the Plan.</p>	<p><b>1457</b></p>
<p><b>131 Land East of Teversham Road Planning Inquiry.</b> Cllr Smith will speak at the Inquiry in May 2022 raising objections previously discussed by the Parish Council. Cllr Cone will also speak as a Local Member. As it is likely Fulbourn Forum will send a representative, it was agreed all parties will liaise prior to the Inquiry to avoid repetition at the Inquiry. Save Fulbourn's Fields (SFF) and Fulbourn Forum have jointly applied for and been granted 'Rule 6' status, which allows them to be part of the Appeal process and have engaged a barrister and flooding experts to prepare their case.</p>	<p><b>DS GC</b></p>
<p><b>132 Minutes of a Planning Meeting held on 17/02/2022.</b> Issued and accepted.</p>	
<p><b>133 Proposed Street Names for the former Ida Darwin Hospital Site for Resolution.</b> Following discussion, it was agreed to name the roads after the original IDH Ward names. There was some discussion about prominent people associated with the site, but this could cause offence to anyone left out, so Ward names will be suggested. There will be a Community Centre on site, and Members will suggest this is named the "Ida Darwin Community Centre" to retain the name.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>134 Tree works:</b> Permission: 21/1600/TTPO, Barnsbury House, Cox's Drove – various tree works. 22/0222/TTCA, 9 Station Road – Pollard Sycamore to 9ft monolith. SCDC have no objections to applications: 22/0121/TTCA &amp; 22/0054/TTCA. Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p>	
<p><b>135 Correspondence.</b> 135.1 <b>Fulbourn Forum</b> – Nature Reserve Work Party date changed to 20/03/22. 135.2 <b>J Hudson</b> – Press release update on George Brewster, an 11-year old chimney sweep who was the last "climbing boy" to die in England having been forced by his master to climb and clean a chimney at the former Victorian Asylum in Fulbourn. First ever Blue Plaque has been awarded for a child. 135.3 <b>Greater Cambridge Partnership</b> – East Community Forum, 21/03/2022. 135.4 <b>SCDC, Communities Duty</b> – Update following Prime Minister's announcement regarding living with Covid and changes to procedures. 135.5 <b>CamCycle</b> – Update including UK road pricing, cargo bikes and Mill Road. 135.6 <b>Fulbourn Arts</b> – March 2022 newsletter. 135.7 <b>Cambridge Greater Partnership</b> – Online event 23/03/22 at 6.30pm to update residents and stakeholders on projects North of Cambridge including Waterbeach to Cambridge, Milton Road and the St Ives and Waterbeach Greenways. 135.8 <b>CCC</b> – Cambridgeshire Matters, February 2022 newsletter. 135.9 <b>SCDC</b> – Zero Carbon Communities, Spring 2022 newsletter. 135.10 <b>Fulbourn Feast</b> – Request to use the recreation ground 26/06/2022, plus parking for Vintage vehicles following a parade round the village and Great Wilbraham. Council approved</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

<p>this request.</p> <p>135.11 <b>CCC</b> – South Cambs Think Communities, March 2022 newsletter.</p> <p>135.12 <b>CCC, IHMC</b> (Integrated Highways Management Centre) – February 2022 Incident Report.</p> <p>135.13 <b>C &amp; B Waller</b> – Further correspondence regarding cricket balls landing in their garden adjacent to the recreation ground. Due to the tone of their email, further advice is being sought from CAPALC. The PC’s insurance company has also been contacted. The PC will arrange a meeting with the Cricket Club before any response is made.</p> <p>135.14 <b>P &amp; E Mellis</b> – Observations regarding footpaths and muddy verges in Pierce Lane and abandoned scooters in Hinton Road. Cars have been parking on the verges for years, and it is difficult to know what to suggest. The Hinton Road/Cherry Orchard junction is a designated Voi docking area. Council suggested any concerns should be addressed to the Mayor of Cambridge &amp; Peterborough while this scheme is still on trial.</p> <p>135.15 <b>A White</b> – Concerns about speeding vehicles along Stonebridge Lane and asking for an update on the proposed road signs. The Clerk is dealing with this.</p> <p>135.16 <b>Greater Cambridge Partnership</b> (GCP) – Executive Board Meeting, 17/03/2022.</p> <p>135.17 <b>Fulbourn Village Library</b> – Wish to increase opening times to 5 weekly sessions from May 2022 and plan weekly Primary School visits over the Summer Term.</p> <p>135.18 <b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> – March 2022 newsletter.</p> <p>135.19 <b>CCC</b> – On 9/3/22 a proposal for a 40 m.p.h. speed limit along Hinton Road, Fulbourn will be published. Any comments to be received by 31/3/22.</p> <p>135.20 <b>Clerks &amp; Councils Direct</b> – March 2022 magazine.</p> <p>135.21 <b>Fulbourn Primary School</b> – Request to use recreation ground for Sports Day on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and access to pavilion toilets.</p> <p>135.22 <b>Resident</b> – request for a dog bin on the route from Windmill Hill to Yarrow Road. Members said there was a bin for some years on top of the hill but as it was rarely used, was removed. It is costly to have bins emptied, so unless further requests are received, Council will wait before agreeing to this request.</p> <p>135.23 <b>K Carter</b> – thanked the PC for their support by sending a letter to SCDC regarding the Village Framework, which was also supported by Lucy Fraser MP.</p>	<p><b>1458</b></p> <p><b>PC/CC</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>																
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<p><b>Quotations:</b></p> <p>Algar Signcraft: Horse Pond sign £340.00 +VAT</p> <p>G Marshall: Paint rear of pavilion after preparation - £895.00</p> <p>Cllr Smith proposed accepting both quotations, proposal seconded by Cllr Lacey and agreed by Council.</p>																	
<p><b>137 Council Committees and Remote Meetings.</b></p> <p>137.1 Parish Area 1 Team Remote Meeting on 21/02/2022. Cllr Drage attended this meeting and notes will be circulated.</p> <p>137.2 Fulbourn Hub User Working Party meeting on 21/02/2022. Minutes were issued.</p>	<p><b>MD</b></p>																

<p><b>138 Date for Annual Parish Meeting.</b> The APM will be held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in The Swifts, Haggis Gap. The agenda will be printed on the first page of the April edition of the Village Pump.</p> <p><b>139 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action.</b></p> <p>There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>	<p><b>1459</b></p>
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Attached reports:

**Item 126.1**

**Cllr Claire Daunton: County Councillor Report for March 2022**

The county council’s Constitution & Ethics Committee met on Friday 25 February, to receive the report of solicitors Wilkin Chapman LLP into the conduct of the former County Council Deputy Leader and the Councillor for Sawston Division. He had been chair of the council’s Assets & Investment Committee in 2016/17, and ‘member champion’ for the county farms estate. He was awarded the tenancy at Manor Farm Girton in April 2017 and took it up in December 2017.

The case, known as ‘Farmgate’, concerns actions in obtaining the tenancy of this county council farm.

The committee decided to publish the 177-page report in full, on grounds of public interest. The report found appalling levels of bullying and intimidation in pursuit of personal advantage.

The report can be found at [www.tinyurl.com/farmgate-report](http://www.tinyurl.com/farmgate-report) the debate is online at <https://youtu.be/YqSxVYCxoxQ>

The meeting agreed unanimously, that

- The issues raised in the report should be treated as a cross-Council priority;
- The Committee should refer it to the Strategy & Resources Committee, with a request that they establish a programme of action to resolve these issues and prevent a recurrence;
- The Committee should invite the Strategy & Resources Committee to refer the matter on to the Full Council if appropriate; and
- The Council should take up the matter with council colleagues across Cambridgeshire to improve standards of behaviour in public life more widely.

**Cambridgeshire County Farms**

Cambridgeshire County Council has been advertising for new tenants for seven council-owned farms, part of the council’s 33,000- acre rural estate.

The council’s estate – the largest public sector estate in the country – is divided into 226 holdings, with 160 different tenants. The seven farms up for application, 1,800 acres in total, are in South Cambridgeshire, Fenland and Littleport. Interest is high, with 67 viewings booked by mid-February.

The estate brings in £5M in rent to the council each year, to support local services. It contributes to the local economy, enables the council to put its environmental commitments into practice, and ensure public access to the countryside with permissive paths and bridleways.

The council is looking for innovative, entrepreneurial applicants with new ideas for developing their own businesses on the land. These could well be arable or livestock farming, but there are also opportunities for ancillary enterprises such as livery, farm shops or engineering.

Applicants will need to demonstrate that they have the necessary skills and a viable three-year business plan and budget. They will also need to show that they understand the council's expectations for the farms estate, and in particular are keen to farm in step with nature and do their bit to help tackle climate change and increase biodiversity.

Interviews will take place this month, and tenancies will be ready to take up from October onwards. The council has published a brochure about this opportunity, <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/business-with-the-council/rural-business-opportunities>.

### **Queen's Green Canopy on County Farms**

On Saturday 19 February Waterbeach County Councillor Anna Bradnam, deputy Lord Lieutenant Tim Breitmeyer, and members of the County Council's farms team started the planting of five thousand trees at Oldfield Farm in Landbeach. The trees are part of the Queen's Green Canopy project to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The farm is part of the County Council's rural estate and is let to a local tenant farmer.

## **FINANCES County Council budget and spending plans**

Cambridgeshire County Council's Joint Administration has set up and spends a £14 million 'Just Transition Fund' over the next five years to tackle inequality, improve lives, and care for the environment. The Council's Strategy and Resources Committee on 27 January recommended proposals for the fund, as part of the new administration's plans which also include a set of new priorities for the council.

In its first year, the Just Transition fund will fund schemes that

- Increase flood prevention, continuing a recent rapid increase in gully clearing
- Help tackle climate change
- Widen opportunities for children with special educational needs and disabilities
- Increase independent living services
- Expand direct payments and individual service funds, where adults assessed as needing support can choose and manage their own care services
- Expand the 'Care Together' programme, providing care services close to where people live

When the Joint Administration took control of the council in May last year, it inherited a potential budget gap of £86M by 2027. The new leadership invited in an independent and cross-party team of local government experts in July 2021 to review the council, who highlighted this as an issue 'of significant magnitude' for the new council administration.

In order to help balance the county council's finances, the Joint Administration will raise the County Council's share of council tax by 4.99 per cent—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. The local government experts who visited in summer highlighted that historic

decisions not to raise council tax in previous years had led to significant ongoing lost income to support local services.

This is a difficult time for many people who are struggling with factors including the financial effects of the pandemic, enormous increases in energy bills, national insurance rises of over 10 per cent, and loss of universal credit. The council's business plans therefore include direct support for those most in need.

If Cambridgeshire received the same level of funding as the average county council, it would have received an extra £23M for services in 2022/23. Instead, the Government has announced that a review of local government funding expected in 2020 has been postponed for at least another year and is now not expected until 2023/4.

Current funding baselines for local authorities in England come from an assessment of relative needs and resources which has not been reviewed since 2013/14. It takes no account of Cambridgeshire's 27 per cent increase in people aged 65+ in the past ten years, compared to the national average of 19 per cent.

The County Council's budget was set on Tuesday 8 February. Significant budget gaps were left to the incoming Joint Administration for the years ahead, and will remain to be addressed.

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## **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **Holiday vouchers and household support**

The council's Children & Young People Committee agreed at its meeting on 1 March to continue the supermarket voucher scheme for 2022/23 for eligible families, on the same basis as in the current financial year. This will cost around £3.6M and will operate alongside the Holiday Activity and Food Scheme which will also continue to run in the coming year.

Meanwhile the Household Support Fund will run until the end of March. Demand is very high so is now restricted to one application per person.

### **Special needs provision**

During Covid-19 Cambridgeshire has seen an unprecedented increase in the numbers of children with special educational needs and disabilities who require a specialist placement. As of 8 February, 211 children in Cambridgeshire had an Education Health and Care Plan requiring placement in a special school or specialist provision attached to a mainstream school in the near future. This includes pupils who have moved into Cambridgeshire. These pupils are either currently on roll in a mainstream school or receiving tuition packages of alternative provision.

The council is proposing to commission new and additional places to meet this need through appropriate specialist educational provision across Cambridgeshire. On a wider, strategic scale, officers are also mapping future demand in order to develop sustainable specialist provision for the future.

Proposals include expansion of existing Area Special schools, creation of dedicated provision attached to mainstream schools, and more efficient use of independent providers through negotiation of block contracts.

## **CONSTITUTION & ETHICS**

### **Motions about planning applications**

There was a motion to the county council's Full Council meeting in January opposing the proposal by Envar for an incinerator near Somersham. However, we felt it was inappropriate to discuss at Full Council a planning application which was waiting to be determined by the County Council itself.

Such motions increase the risk of the council appearing to pre-judge applications, and of the council forming an opinion on applications where all the facts are not necessarily available. This could lead to appeals by unsuccessful applicants, or even judicial review. Planning applications should be discussed by the Planning Committee on the basis of the evidence in front of them.

At the meeting of the Constitution & Ethics Committee on 25 February—the same meeting that discussed 'Farmgate'—the committee agreed unanimously to recommend to the Full Council that motions for debate relating to planning applications yet to be determined, whether by the Council or the Planning Inspectorate, should not be permitted.

## **ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT**

### **Household Recycling Centre changes**

COVID-19 measures at the Household Recycling Centres are being changed with effect from Tuesday 1 March. Booking requirements for all vehicles at all sites are being removed, and the number of vehicles allowed on all sites is being increased to pre-COVID levels.

There will still be 'meet and greet' staff to limit the number of vehicles on site to the sites' maximum parking bay capacity, site signage related to COVID, hand sanitiser for public use, and social distancing between site staff and visitors.

Anyone who is self-isolating is asked not to attend any site. Where staff assistance is needed, materials must be removed from the vehicle by the site visitor for removal by site staff after the visitor's departure. Staff will maintain social distancing, wear gloves and sanitise after handling waste. Where practical, only one person should be on a gantry at any time except where two are required to lift bulky items.

Visits using vehicles or trailers which require e-permits will be registered by site staff on arrival at a recycling centre, as they were prior to the introduction of the booking system, with no requirement to book visits in advance.

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### **Solar Together**

The County Council is promoting the second round of Cambridgeshire's group buying scheme for solar energy. The interview is on my YouTube channel at [https://youtu.be/8N\\_bb67mfps](https://youtu.be/8N_bb67mfps)

Registration is currently open to join a large group of people across Cambridgeshire buying solar panels or battery storage from pre-approved installers. Homeowners can register online to express interest free of charge and without obligation. More information about the scheme is available



at <https://solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire/landing>

Pre-approved suppliers will take part in an auction on 15 March, bidding to supply and install the panels and batteries for the whole group. They can offer competitive prices because of the number of installations close to each other.

After the auction, applicants will receive a personal recommendation. If they

accept this, the details will be confirmed with a technical survey and an installation date set. Telephone and email helpdesks are on hand throughout, along with pre-installation information sessions.

The effects of climate change are becoming ever more obvious, and energy bills are rising astronomically. This is a great way to reduce carbon emissions, and energy costs over the longer term.

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## Climate Change Strategy

The Joint Administration's ambitious Climate Change & Environment Strategy was approved by the Full Council on Tuesday 8 February. The chair of the committee, Cllr Lorna Dupre, was invited by UK100 to write a guest blog post for them on the new strategy, and it has been

published at <https://www.uk100.org/blog/2022/02/ambitious-cambridgeshire-our-new-climate-change-environment-strategy>

## Cambridgeshire COP

UK100 is a network of highly ambitious local government leaders, which seeks to devise and implement plans for the transition to clean energy that are ambitious, cost effective and take the public and business with them.

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80 representatives of organisations fighting the climate emergency met on Monday 28 February to kick off a year-long 'Cambridgeshire COP'. After COP26, the climate summit held in Glasgow last November, Cambridgeshire County

Council leader Cllr Lucy Nethsingha was inspired to bring together countywide organisations to share information on Cambridgeshire's current position in the race to net zero.

Monday's webinar heard from Cllr Nethsingha, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Mayor Dr Nik Johnson, and Cllr Pippa Heylings who sits on both the Local Government Association Climate Board and South Cambridgeshire District Council. Cambridgeshire's Lord Lieutenant Julie Spence was also in attendance and read a message of encouragement from Prince William Duke of Cambridge.

The event included four group discussions on increasing biodiversity, developing sustainable transport, changing heating and housing options, and dealing with waste.

A range of local events and activities will take place throughout the year. These will include a biodiversity in May, to mirror the international national biodiversity conference in China; activities led by youth groups in June to coincide with the pre-COP27 discussions in Bonn; and a two week series of activities across Cambridgeshire 7-18 November to coincide with COP27 in Egypt.

## Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

The revised local flood risk management strategy is expected to be approved by the council's Environment & Green Investment Committee on Thursday 3 March, having completed its public consultation and been amended in the light of residents' and councillors' comments.

## County Council pay policy and pay gaps

The county council's Staffing & Appeals Committee met in February to receive annual reports on the council's pay policy and pay gaps, and the council's People Strategy. These reports contain some very interesting analysis of the gaps in pay between men and women, and between white and minority ethnic staff, as well as pay ratios between higher and lower earners.

The council's mean gender pay gap is 9.6 per cent, compared to 7.3 per cent last year. The council's median gender pay gap is 8.6 per cent, compared to 8.9 per cent last year.

The council's mean ethnicity pay gap is 2.5 per cent, no change from last year. The council's median ethnicity pay gap is also the same as last year at minus 2.9 per cent. However, the council does not hold ethnicity data for 1 in 4 of its employees, so this calculation is less reliable than the gender gap figure.

The median salary of the organisation in 2021 was £27,041, the same as last year. The ratio of the Chief Executive's salary to the organisation's median salary was 1:6, again the same as the previous year. The current mean salary for the organisation this year is £29,791, a slight increase of £328 compared to the previous year.

## COVID-19

**Overview:** Covid precautions in England were removed on Thursday 24 February. People with Covid are no longer legally required to self-isolate, and the £500 payment for some people on lower incomes has also ended. Statutory sick pay and employment support allowance will start to be paid after four and seven days of absence, rather than immediately. Routine testing for pupils and staff in schools has ended, with the exception of special schools. Free lateral flow and PCR tests will end from 1 April, with very few exceptions.

**Vaccinations:** The roll out of vaccinations for 5 to 11 year olds will begin from 31 March. Advice at this point is that children will be vaccinated in pharmacies and mass vaccination centres rather than in primary schools. Mobile vaccination centres are still in operation—see the schedule at <https://www.thevaccinators.co.uk/>

## Local Issues

1. **Footpaths:** work has been completed on footpaths in Manor Walk and Balsham Road.
2. **Byways:** areas of the Roman Road are being investigated for repair following significant vehicle use.
3. **Hare-coursing on Balsham Road:** this has been reported to the police rural crime team.
4. **Roadworks:** There are two sets of road works planned for Fulbourn in March, 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, with UK Power Network laying cables in Yarrow Road and Cambridge Road (Capital Park). Two-way signals will operate.

## Item 126.2

**Report of Councillor Claire Daunton and Councillor John Williams to Fulbourn Parish Council for March 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.  
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## **Ukraine**

The following letter has been sent by local government leaders across the area to the Home Secretary to urge her to go further in support of refugees from Ukraine.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/letter-to-rt-hon-priti-patel-mp/>

South Cambs is proud that it is already providing homes for refugees from Syria and Afghanistan. This has not affected those on our council home waiting list.

## **Ida Darwin**

Although the Planning Committee give its approval to the Morris Homes application, subject to a satisfactory S106 agreement regarding the long term maintenance of the drainage system, as we write a Decision Notice has yet to be issued because of an objection to the Secretary of State by the Football Association regarding the replacement of the football pitches that were on the site. Once the DN is issued, South Cambs will set a Liaison Meeting scheme as it has done for other large developments in the District, to bring together councillors, developers and residents to oversee matters such as construction traffic.

## **40 Pierce Lane**

Planning Enforcement is in contact with the owner of this property about erecting a better fence and to ascertain their progress on the redevelopment of the site.

## **South Cambs' budget for 2022/23 and Council Tax charge approved**

On February 22 South Cambridgeshire District Council approved its budget for next year and set its Council Tax charge from April.

Continuing to have one of the lowest Council Tax charges in the country, Lib Dem councillors agreed to raise it by 10 pence a week or £5 a year for a Band D property to enable the Council to continue to transform council services and deliver £230,000 of savings every year.

Not to have raised Council Tax by even this small amount would have led to a deficit of £1.5 million over the coming five years and cuts.

The budget also supports the Council's zero carbon strategy with over £6 million to be spent on items such as a solar farm for our Waterbeach waste depot, more electric bin lorries, electric vehicle charging points and more money for the renewables fund which we use to fund green community initiatives across the District, such as the electric bicycle scheme in Teversham.

This coming year it will cost over £80 million to run South Cambridgeshire District and Council Tax will bring in £10.7 million. Business Rates bring us £11.6 million, which is why one of the first things the new administration did was to set up a business development team, which has proved invaluable in distributing Covid grants to stop businesses going to the wall during the Lockdowns. But you can see how important business is to delivering council services. As to the Government we expect to get just £2million in grants from it.

As to the difference between the £80 million and the £25 million income from taxation and grants, our investments play a big part delivering over £5 million in income. Our investments include Ermine Street our wholly owned housing company providing private rented accommodation, such as houses in multiple occupations for single people, the Cambridge Ice Rink and even Cambourne Youth Centre. We are also supporting business start-ups and the development of tech industries by investing in the Cambridge Science Park which is in South Cambridgeshire and receive income from rents.

We also receive income from our fees and charges and contributions from fellow councils for the cost of running the shared planning and waste services. But unlike many other councils we do not have income from car parks or civic amenities such as a sports centre.

As to our council housing stock, this is now growing again and with 189 new council homes having been built over the past three years it now stands at over 5,500. However, we have to fund this mainly from council rents as unlike Cambridge City we get very little money from Government for house building and cannot use Council Tax and Business Tax income. Given the hundreds on our council waiting list we must continue to build more. This means we have no choice but to increase council rents. Rents will bring in nearly £32 million in the coming year and we will be spending £17 million on new build and £7 million on refurbishing existing stock to reduce tenants' heating bills.

We appreciate that in these difficult times those on lower incomes are struggling that's why we will have more officers advising those finding themselves in financial difficult and pay Citizens Advice £85,000 a year to help our residents. Apart from Housing Benefit we also have a Local Council Tax Support Scheme and discretionary support for Council Tax. As a result of this support, last year we were the best in the country for collecting Council Tax and in the top ten for the collection of Business Rates.

We are one of a few councils in the country to have set a balanced budget for the coming financial year with a small surplus going into reserves to off-set possibly deficits in the future.

So as you can see we are in a very good financial state and building for the future.

### **Green Bin collection**

As you will know that due to staff shortages we were unable to empty green bins in some roads in February. However we were able to return over the last two Saturdays to empty green bins in the areas where it has not been possible to empty them during the previous fortnight in chronological order.

South Cambs is now working on how it can empty green bins in March as per schedule, so please lookout for messages.

### **Honey Hill**

Anglian Water has launched its phase three consultation on the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation project between 24 February and 27 April. It wants to hear your views on the detailed design proposals for the new facility, including its mitigation measures and preliminary environmental information.

For this phase three consultation Anglian Water has also published its Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which has been informed by the environmental studies and assessments it has carried out to date. Also available are its draft

management plans which show how it might minimise impacts on the local community and environment, and its draft Development Consent Order (DCO), which outlines the powers it will be seeking to construct and operate the new facility.

Copies of this leaflet, the PEIR, and all associated consultation materials are available via [www.cwwtpr.com](http://www.cwwtpr.com), by request via its contact channels, and at the Community Access Point locations listed within both the leaflet and on the Virtual Exhibition. Project information is also presented the Anglian Water website via its virtual exhibition and digital engagement platform.

South Cambridgeshire District Council will be responding to this consultation.

### **Cambridge South rail station**

Network Rail has now responded positively to South Cambridgeshire District Council's concern that not enough information has been provided by it about how biodiversity improvements for the works at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Hobson's Park and Great Shelford will be made and about the loss of trees along the railway line and across the area of the works, so the Council has withdrawn its objection.

### **£300 grants available for community fitness and wellbeing activities**

South Cambridgeshire District Council is urging instructors to apply for up to £300 to lead fitness and wellbeing activities in their communities.

Anyone who leads an existing group or who wants to set up a new initiative in the District, such as leading a walking group in their local park or running a weekly yoga class in a village hall, could be eligible for the small grant. Providers running multiple groups can also apply to fund multiple programmes. Activities could range from walking football/rugby/netball, to chair-based exercise classes, diabetes walking groups, yoga for the over 60s, baby yoga classes or more.

The grant, which is funded by Cambridgeshire County Council, is to help deliver physical activity programmes provided by the District Council in partnership with Living Sport. It is designed to cover costs such as venue hire for up to six weeks, with new participants being entitled to four free sessions. Once the free sessions are complete, participants would be expected to begin paying a small fee to continue participation, meaning that the initiative should become a sustainable source of income for the instructor.

### **New street trading policy for all South Cambridgeshire streets**

A new street trading policy has been approved by South Cambridgeshire District Council to ensure local businesses are supported whilst providing residents with a varied choice of goods and services.

The Council, in relation to its responsibility for street trading, has designated that all streets in the District will now come under its remit, with the exception of the A11 and A14 and any area of land which is in direct ownership and control of the County, District or Parish Councils.

All designated streets will be subject to the new regulations which aim to create an environment which complements premises-based trading, is sensitive to the needs of residents, provides diversity and consumer choice, and enhances the character, ambience, and safety of local environments.

The new policy will take effect from March 1, 2022. It will run for the next three years and will be kept under review.

The new rules will apply to the issuing of consents for selling, exposing, or offering for sale of any article (including a living thing) or service in any of its designated streets, roads, highway verges, footways, beaches, or other areas to which the public has access without payment.

They cover static, mobile or layby traders, such as food vans, ice cream vans, flower sellers or vans selling bread, cakes, vegetables etc., and encompass areas such as:

**Public Safety** – is there a substantial risk to the public from obstructions, fire hazards, unhygienic conditions or any other danger that may occur

**Proximity to the highway** – to ensure there are no dangers to those who have a right to use the highway and no obstruction for emergency access

**Compliance** - trading must only be conducted only from a trading unit that complies with relevant legislation

**Food Safety** - vendors must be registered with the Environmental Health Service in the area in which they are based for food hygiene inspection and food vendors should have an FSA food hygiene rating score of 3 or more

**Public Order**- whether the street trading activity represents or is likely to represent a substantial risk to public order

Avoidance of Public Nuisance: Whether there is a substantial risk of nuisance to the public, particularly in residential areas, such traffic, noise, and rubbish, potential for the harbourage of vermin, odour, or fumes.

Previously, street trading did not apply to the whole of the District, which resulted in some street traders operating in areas with the consent of the local Parish or Town Councils.

To support those current traders now coming under the new regime, the Council is to introduce grandfather rights for those trading up to the period ending 1 March 2022, so they will have the right to retain their pitch or pitches subject to basic safety principles being adhered to within a grace period of up to six months.

In addition, a new streamlined regime (which has been welcomed by the trade and the National Caterers Association) is to be introduced for owners of outside areas such as pub car parks. This will allow them to be used on an ad-hoc basis such as for pop-up food traders and also non-food articles like Christmas trees.

### **South Cambridgeshire businesses can still apply for the latest COVID Government support grants**

The deadline for South Cambridgeshire businesses to apply for the latest COVID Government support grants has been extended until Friday 11 March 2022. We are currently administering two business support grants. One is the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant (OHLG) and the second is the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG). The deadline to apply for both grants, previously in February, has now been extended until Friday 11 March 2022 to give local businesses more time to apply. Payments will then be made by 31 March 2022. Please refer to the South Cambridgeshire District Council website.

## **Households urged to get ready for £150 council tax energy rebate**

On 23 February, the government urged households in England to set up direct debits with their council to receive a £150 council tax rebate. People who pay council tax by direct debit will see £150 go directly into their bank accounts from April. Those who do not pay by direct debit will be contacted by South Cambs and invited to make a claim.

Funding will also be given to South Cambs, although as we write we do not know how much, to provide discretionary support to vulnerable households who may not qualify for the £150 council tax rebate. This includes people on low incomes in council tax bands E to H. Guidance will be given to councils to administer the rebate.

More information can be found as follows:

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/households-urged-to-get-ready-for-150-council-tax-rebate>

Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance>

## **Grants totalling almost £78,000 given to local groups working with children and young people**

Thirteen local organisations across South Cambridgeshire have been awarded a total of almost £78,000 from the District Council, for projects which help motivate and empower children and young people.

The new grant scheme was launched last year as a pilot by South Cambridgeshire District Council, with £40,000 of the funding provided on a one-off basis by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Grants totalling £77,920 were awarded to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies for projects aiming to improve quality of life for hundreds of children and young people in the District, addressing social disadvantage and equality of opportunity and issues such as mental health, diet and nutrition and anti-social behaviour.

## **Water Resources East consultation**

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning acting for Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils has published their response to Water Resources East's consultation on the first stage of its Regional Plan for Eastern England's water resources. The plan covers the next 50 years and beyond and includes proposals for a Fens reservoir.

The councils welcome a long-term plan that aims to help ensure there is enough water in the region – but say it must aim for even higher water efficiency standards.

Evidence commissioned by Greater Cambridge Shared Planning to support the First Proposals for the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan, which were published in November 2021, found that water resources are already an issue in the region. The evidence also shows water supplies could be a potential 'show stopper' for meeting future development needs in Greater Cambridge.

Key points raised in Greater Cambridge Shared Planning's response to the Water Resources East Regional Plan are:

- The Councils support the principle of a Fens Reservoir to provide water, but also highlight the importance of bringing forward other short- and medium-term measures. This is because the reservoir would not be operational until at least 2035.
- The Councils agree that such interim measures include more strategic measures such as water transfers, as well as local catchment-based options with an increasing focus on the use of nature-based solutions to provide an adequate and sustainable water supply.
- In terms of reducing the amount of water used, the Councils support measures outlined in the Plan such as leakage reduction, smart metering and labelling of large household appliances, and say it will be crucial that the Plan provides confidence around the certainty and deliverability of some of the demand management measures proposed.
- The Councils suggest that the Plan could go much further to support very ambitious levels of water efficiency (80 litres/person/day in new housing) through supporting Local Authorities to set levels beyond current Building Regulations.
- Further exploration into improving water efficiency through retrofitting existing buildings would be welcomed by the Councils.
- The Councils are pleased to see Chalk Stream Protection listed as a specific intervention in the Plan and have themselves secured funding to carry out projects that make local chalk streams and the species they support more resilient. The Councils would urge a coordinated approach to actions in order to secure the greatest benefits.
- The Councils welcome references to next generation desalination plants needing to be powered by 100% renewable energy and that the plan responds to meeting net-zero carbon by 2050; and note that it will be important that energy use and emissions associated with these measures have been factored in, prioritising those with lower carbon emissions wherever possible.

### **Community East Forum**

The online meeting of the Community East Forum took place on Wednesday 23rd February. It included the latest information on Cherry Hinton Lakes including a proposal to lower the road under the railway bridge in Coldham's Lane to permit HGVs to access the proposed commercial development from the north; a detailed update on Land North of Cherry Hinton including its proposed design guide (we are concerned that Bellway Homes have set up a separate company for the development which it could wind-up to avoid post development action); and an update on Marleigh, with information on the progress of the community building and the primary school.

### **Greater Cambridge Partnership East Community Forum meeting**

On Monday 21st March the GCP will be hosting a community forum to update residents and stakeholders on projects in the East of Cambridge. The online forum is scheduled to start at 6:30pm.

Projects that will be discussed include Cambridge Eastern Access, Chisholm Trail phases 1 & 2, Mill Road and the Greenways.

To attend this event, please register here -

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_pTaj1JikTmybox8W6ISmmQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pTaj1JikTmybox8W6ISmmQ)



After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

In the meantime, if you have any questions you wish to raise now please get in touch via [contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk](mailto:contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk).

### **Government calls on landlords to house Afghan families**

The government is calling on landlords with suitable properties to submit offers of homes for families evacuated from Afghanistan through a relaunched housing portal. The portal allows private landlords to put forward offers of accommodation so councils can match them to families. More offers are urgently needed to help move families from temporary bridging accommodation and into their own homes, so they have the stability they need to rebuild their lives in the UK.

Landlords will be joining more than 300 councils including South Cambs who have already pledged or provided places.

The announcement can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-calls-on-landlords-to-help-national-effort-to-house-afghan-families>

**Claire & John**

**Item 126.3**

### **District Councillor Report to Parish Council March 2022**

#### **Supporting young people's wellbeing via outdoor activities: Wild Minds**

Registration has now opened for the Wild Minds programme which aims to support and improve the mental health of the youth by spending time with small groups of their peers, trained youth workers and qualified activity instructors in a therapeutic outdoor environment. The sessions now run for 12-14 year olds and 15-17 year olds in separate groups. The course will be held at Milton Country Park and Wandlebury Country Park. The sessions last 90 mins for 8 weeks with different activities on offer each week.

The course has been designed to help teens tackle low mood, mild anxiety and depression and hopefully improve self-esteem and confidence. Teens involved will be supported by a clinical psychologist and it may provide support to those who otherwise would go without due to not meeting the required threshold for NHS mental health care. If you would like more information or would like to register someone onto the programme, click the following link, <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/wildminds>

#### **New street trading policy**

A new street trading policy has been approved by SCDC with an aim to ensure local businesses are supported whilst providing residents with a varied choice of goods and services. The new policy was approved at the Council's Licensing Committee on which I sit and will come into effect from the 1st March this year and will be kept under review. It is hoped that this policy will make it easier across the district with one policy applied to the whole district. Here some is some info from the website:

*The new rules will apply to the issuing of consents for selling, exposing, or offering for sale of any article (including a living thing) or service in any of its designated streets, roads, highway verges, footways, beaches, or other areas to which the public has access without payment.*

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- *Public Order- whether the street trading activity represents or is likely to represent a substantial risk to public order*
- *Avoidance of Public Nuisance: Whether there is a substantial risk of nuisance to the public, particularly in residential areas, such traffic, noise, and rubbish, potential for the harbourage of vermin, odour, or fumes.*

### **Housing Engagement Board - tenant vacancy**

The Housing Engagement Board comprises tenants and leaseholders, councillors and the Head of Housing, to oversee and scrutinise the performance of our council housing service.

Following the resignation of one of our elected tenant reps there is a vacancy, and Housing colleagues are currently looking to co-opt a tenant rep for the East area. Tenants from all three areas may apply; however, priority will be given to tenants from the East area. The opportunity could be a great experience for someone to gain useful skills, with expenses paid. Meetings are currently being held using Zoom.

If you have tenants in your area that you think can help us focus on tenants' priorities, making sure that rent and service charges are being well spent, council homes are maintained, neighbourhoods are safe and nice places to live, as well as other housing areas of interest, then please share the opportunity with them and encourage them to stand.

### **2022/2023 Budget**

There are many things I welcomed in the South Cambs District Council budget such as money towards environmental improvements. I supported money towards building more council houses, something I believe we desperately need more of. However, other areas I could not support, primarily the increase of Council Tax and increased external borrowing for the purpose of commercial investment.

With the current cost of living problems, I could not support increasing the council tax to the maximum legally allowed which is £5 for a Band D property (a £50 difference to the council tax paid four years ago). The budget included spending £200,000 on recarpeting the council building and £70,000 on redecoration which I thought could wait and would cover the majority of the money an increase would raise this year (£327,000 is the amount generated from this year's council tax increase). It was also revealed through the course of the meeting that over £500,000 has been used to pay staff to leave the council over the past four years via Early retirement settlements, gardening leaves and redundancies, if this was avoided then significant savings could be made. The District Council will also be putting up council tenants' rents by the legal maximum of 4.1%, which I did not support.

The council's budget is reliant on the investment strategy. We can see that the only real need for the council to borrow and get into debt is to make commercial investments, like buying offices to rent out. The District Council has had to scale back on its investment plans due to government changing the rules, local authorities are no longer allowed to borrow money from government purely for yield, but there must be additional benefits for communities. Councils looking to bring in money from investments are not a principle that I disagree with entirely, but I don't believe we should be borrowing nearly £150m to do so in uncertain times especially when this risk could burden residents with further tax.

There has been a significant increase in the planning budget; a department that saw a large cut of nearly a million pounds two years ago this means a net increase over the two years of around £2m. I have pushed for more money for the planning department at every budget meeting so in the first instance were pleased to see this. However, some of this increase covers yet another review of the planning department and in many parts of the planning budget were words such as "an increase in recharges/overheads for 22-23" or "Estimate to 2022-23 is mainly attributable to higher Recharge/Overhead costs being attributed to the service" which means we are unclear as to whether this will equate to more officers aka 'new money' or the majority being simply reallocation from other budget areas. This is particularly important as we are aware that over £300,000 is at risk of being returned to developers for failing to deal with their applications on time.

To see the budget papers in full you can do so via the link below:

[https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g9214/Public reports pack Tuesday 22-Feb-2022 14.00 Council.pdf?T=10](https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g9214/Public%20reports%20pack%20Tuesday%2022-Feb-2022%2014.00%20Council.pdf?T=10)

### **2018/19 Accounts Audit**

An extra Audit and Corporate Governance committee meeting is being called for the 4th March due to further delays in the completion of the 2019 accounts audit. While assurances had been made that the audit would be completed by the end of February, it has become clear that this will not be the case and so an extra meeting has been called to understand why the District Council finds themselves facing further delays.

### **Covid guidance from the end of February**

Restrictions have come to an end in England and residents in Cambridgeshire are being encouraged to make the most of the spring and summer while continuing good hygiene practices which will help protect themselves and others from serious illness.

After a tremendously difficult two years there will be relief for many that life can return to normal, but local health chiefs are reminding residents that there are people with underlying conditions who are at risk of severe illness from COVID so continue to use common sense.

*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 132**

## **FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a planning meeting held on Thursday 17 February 2022  
at Fulbourn Hub

Present: Cllrs, Smith (Chair), Drage, Butler, Thorn, Ward, Lockwood, Roberts and Gaskell  
Apologies: Cllrs Cone, Johnson & Newell.

**Appeals:**

21/03984/HFUL

Location: 2 Manor Walk

Proposal: Erection of a garden shed in the front garden. Appeal allowed so planning permission is granted.

S/3290/19/RM

Location: Land East of Teversham Road

Proposal: Approval of matters reserved for appearance landscaping and scale following Outline Planning Permission S/0202/17/OL for the development of 110 dwellings with areas of landscaping and public open space and associated infrastructure works. The outline was screened and confirmed not to be EIA development.

An Appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against South Cambridgeshire District Council's decision to refuse application.

The Appeal will be determined on the basis of an **inquiry**.

The Planning Committee had a preliminary discussion on this case and proposes it is placed on the Agenda of the 9<sup>th</sup> March PC meeting for full council discussion and agreement.

**Permissions:**

21/04774/HFUL

Location: 33 Apthorpe Street

Proposal: Extend existing dropped kerb.

21/04840/S73, 6 Pierce Lane – Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and Condition 6 (hard and soft landscaping) of Ref: 20/02833/FUL (Demolition of existing commercial buildings and construction of five dwelling houses (one detached and four terrace) together with open and covered parking and includes pedestrian and vehicular access) to amend the external appearance of the dwellings, garage and car port and retention of existing walls forming part of the boundary treatment.

21/05130/HFUL

Location: 74 Cow Lane

Proposal: Conversion and extension of existing single storey garage building to create annexe.

21/04943/HFUL

Location: 16 Teversham Road

Proposal: First floor rear extension and replacement of Cedar Boarding with Render

21/05289/HFUL & 21/05290/LBC

Location: 53 Station Road

Proposal: Proposed external alterations to modern rear extension to the cottage (Amendments to Approved scheme 20/02209/HFUL and 20/02210/LBC).

**Information only:**

S/3404/17/CONDD

Location: Land off Fulbourn Old Drift

Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 6iii (Contamination – Remediation Method Statement) of planning permission S/3404/17/FL

(Resubmission).

**New Applications:**

22/00049/HFUL

Location: 65 Cambridge Road

Proposal: Single storey front, side and extension to create granny annexe.

**Object.** This is overdevelopment of the site as the wall proposed for the rear extension is on the shared boundary with 63 Cambridge Road.

22/00068/HFUL

Location: 21 Hinton Road

Proposal: Part two storey, part single front and side extension.

Also see: 21/04573/HFUL

**Support** – as this is a small adjustment to the original planning application approval of 21/04573/HFUL, the PC feel it makes no material difference.

22/00441/HFUL

Location: 60 Shelford Road

Proposal: Replacement of conservatory roof and frames.

**Support**

**Amendment:**

21/05446/FUL [SCDC]

Location: Land At 92 Pierce Lane Fulbourn

Proposal: Erection of bungalow with integral garage

**Object** - the proposals for a new bungalow to be built in part of the existing garden at 92 Pierce Lane will have a detrimental impact on this important location in the Fulbourn Conservation Area, at the junction of Pierce Lane and Cow Lane. The importance of large trees, and their retention, is part of the character of Fulbourn celebrated in the Fulbourn Village Design Guide. The proposed loss of four trees plus the loss of two further trees to improve the entrance off Cow Lane to 92 Pierce Lane, will cause harm to the conservation area, as will the proposed bungalow which will be clearly visible above the low hedges surrounding the site. We consider this garden is unsuitable for any building and should remain undeveloped with all existing trees remaining to retain the site's visual, landscape and ecological benefits.

**Item 137.2**

**FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Hub Users Working Party held on  
Monday 21 February 2022 at 7.15pm at the Hub

Present: Cllrs Drage and Thorn  
FA4Y; Alex Andrews

57<sup>th</sup> Scouts; Greg Harewood

Apologies: Tish Newman, Parish Clerk

## **1 Matters arising from the last meeting not covered on the Agenda**

- a) Fire Notices – in hand
- b) In/out board for Hub lobby – made and ready to be put up.
- c) Outside noticeboard – in hand

**Action: Clerk**

## **2 FA4Y – Lease for part of Fulbourn Hub.**

AA confirmed that apart from the amendment to the name of Carole Scullion, one of the trustees, the Lease as drafted was approved. MD/DT will update Council at the PC meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and recommend that Council's solicitor makes the small change and sends a copy of the lease for execution by Council and FA4Y.

**Action: MD/DT**

## **3 Courtyard garden**

No other suggestions have been made so we will work with the design drawn up by DT. Quotes for paving and turfing the courtyard are awaited. A local firm, Cambridge Landscapers, would be approached to quote or any other local firm. GH reported that the Scouts are currently setting up a group for youngsters from the age of 4 called 'Squirrels' who would probably use the garden in the day time.

**Action: Clerk**

## **4 Old Scout Hut demolition**

An application to the Wrights Clock Charity will be made by the Scouts. MD offered to help.

**Action: GH, MD**

## **5 Queen's Jubilee Platinum celebrations**

A suitable person to officially open Fulbourn Hub on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 has not yet been found and enquiries are continuing.

**Action: All**

## **6 Lighting on steps up to Fulbourn Hub**

The area has been inspected by an electrician who will install another light nearer to the corner of the building which should illuminate the steps completely.

**Action: Clerk**

## **7 Any other business**

a) MD suggested the youth club and scouts discuss any ideas for a mural on the back wall of the cafe area in the Hub for consideration by Council.

b) AA reported that the blinds for the youth section are being delivered shortly.