

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday, 11th January 2023 in The Fulbourn Hub, Home End, Fulbourn.

Present: Councillor Drage (Chairman), and Councillors Bramwell, Brown, Butler, Cone, Gaskell, Johnson, Lacey, Lockwood, Roberts, Smith, Thorn and Ward; County & District Councillor Daunton, District Councillor Williams, the Clerk, The R.F.O., Mr Terry Fretwell and Mrs Kim Howell.

97 To accept apologies for absence.

District Councillor Carla Hofman.

98 To notify the clerk of any declarations of interest that will be declared by members for any item to be discussed.

99 Cambridge Nature Network (CNN) presentation.

Natalie Lambert working for Cambridge Past, Present and Future, gave an informative and interesting presentation. She explained biodiversity is in crisis with habitats of poor quality and too small. CNN are working on Nature Recovery Projects by joining clusters of larger areas including wetlands and chalklands forming corridors across the county to make larger and better environments. CNN has been speaking to farmers, the Wildlife Trust, Communities and Parish Councils to promote regional projects having secured funding for 25 area projects which include Fulbourn Nature Reserve. More information can be found on their website www.cambridgenaturenetwork.org which includes planting 4.5k trees and 7k bulbs. People can do things in their own gardens, support local Green Spaces and look at habitat in their villages to see how to improve the environment. Cllr Roberts mentioned the Primary School was working on a Pond Project which Natalie said was perfect, so Cllr Roberts will liaise further with both the school and CNN. The Chair thanked Natalie for attending the meeting.

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Public & Press - You are invited to attend the whole meeting and are welcome to speak at our Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting. There were no questions from the floor.

100 Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Drage confirmed the Referendum will be held on 9th February 2023 and Polling Cards are already being delivered. The January 2023 edition of The Village Pump, to be distributed next week, contains more information about this.

101 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

101.1 County Councillor Daunton issued the attached report. She advised the white lines on the mini-roundabouts at the top of Haggis Gap/Cambridge Road are due to be re-painted shortly. There are numerous potholes around the district caused by the hot summer, wet autumn and cold winter. These will be filled as soon as possible. Some Councillors remarked on several bad ones in the village and Cllr Daunton said these can be reported online at the Cambridgeshire County Council's website.

101.2 District Councillors Williams and Hofman issued the attached report. Cllr Williams said a government grant of 4.5million was being spent to purchase 30 homes which would cover 60% of the cost. These homes will be used for Ukrainian guests. The homes will then go back to Council House stock when the war is over. Cllr Williams said from May 2023, everyone will need photo identification to be able to vote at the Polling Stations. If people do not have an acceptable form of ID, then you can apply via the government's website. There are plans for a Solar Farm which comes under East Cambs; however it most likely will be linked to Fulbourn's Sub-Station. The Pc and residents can respond/comment on the planning application. Discussion re South Cambridgeshire grant for installation of electric vehicle charging point. Cllr Williams signposted Cllr Roberts to Siohan Mellon at South Cambs for more information on potential costs involved.

101.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report. He said batteries can now be bagged up and left on any bin in future for recycling and most of the larger supermarkets can also take them.

<p>102 To approve the minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes were signed by the Chair and accepted as a true record.</p>	<p>1488</p>
<p>103 Matters arising from the last meeting. 103.1 <u>Mobile Speeding Device</u>. Currently in Haggis Gap then to be moved to the next location on the list. 103.2 <u>Swifts Play Area</u>. Work has still not been completed by Accent Group as promised, so the PC is not in a position to adopt this area at present. After discussion, Cllrs Bramwell and Johnson agreed to check all the works identified in the report from JLES and report back to Council with their findings. Cllr Johnson had received complaints from residents about ball games being played on the open field which had damaged a local property. He is working with Accent Group to have “No Ball Games” signs erected, which might not be popular with some nearby residents. When it was the old Windmill Estate, SCDC found it necessary to do the same. 103.3 <u>King’s Coronation</u>. Cllrs Drage and Thorn attended a meeting arranged by Fulbourn Royal British Legion along with other representatives from various clubs and societies where numerous suggestions were proposed to commemorate this historic occasion. Cllr Drage said the day of the Coronation would be kept free then various events would be held on both the Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday. Before their next meeting to be held on 20/02/2023, Parish Councillors were asked to consider what the PC could do for this event. A timetable of events will be drawn up once known. 103.4 <u>Pavilion showers</u>. Shelford Heating has been putting in a new boiler despite the building suffering a burst pipe just before Christmas, causing a lot of damage especially in the kitchen area. Part of the ceiling has collapsed; kitchen units and refrigerator will need replacing, and tiling has come off in one of the changing rooms and gents toilet. The Clerk is dealing with an insurance claim. Cllrs Drage, Smith and Ward and Richard Drage, who kindly cleared up a lot of the debris, have been sourcing dehumidifiers and contractors to carry out the repairs. 103.5 <u>Hub Garden</u>. The landscaping has now been completed and looks very good. 103.6 <u>Congestion Charge</u>. The Public Consultation closed on 23/12/22. The PC sent its objections to the scheme and also supported Great Wilbraham PC objections. 103.7 <u>LHI</u> (Local Highway Improvement). Cllr Cone has submitted an application on behalf of the PC.</p>	<p>GC</p> <p>AB/KJ</p> <p>PC’s</p>
<p>104 Minutes of a Planning Meeting held on 14/12/2022. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th January 2023, 7pm in Fulbourn Hub.</p>	
<p>105 Tree works: 22/1466/TTCA, 12 Pierce Lane – Portuguese Laurel, fell to ground due to canker, over mature and yellowing leaves. FPC has no objection to this application. 22/1486/TTCA, 18 Balsham Road – T1, Yew – 1 metre crown reduction and T2, Horse Chestnut – remove decaying stem. FPC has no objection to this application. Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p>	
<p>106 Correspondence. 106.1 CCC – Way 2 Go; Road Safety Education newsletter, Winter 2022. 106.2 SCDC, Communities Duty – Updates for those supporting Ukrainian Refugees. 106.3 Cambs Police – Dates for forthcoming Community Meetings arranged in 2023. 106.4 SCDC – Presentation from Parish/Cabinet Liaison meeting held on 12/12/22. 106.5 CAPALC – Special General Meeting arranged for 25/01/2023 at 7pm via Zoom. 106.6 GCSP – Consultation on Joint Planning Compliance Policy which runs until 20/01/2023. This will be discussed at the next Planning Meeting on 17/1/23. 106.7 3C Shared Services – Having gone through such a transformation during 2022, they have sent their Building Controls Year End Review which shares key achievements, staff</p>	

training and development.

106.8 **Eastern Community Homes** – Invite to a Question and Answer session on Community Led Housing in Cambridgeshire on 19/01/2023 at 7pm online.

106.9 **CCC** – Pierce Lane road closure 16/01/23 – 18/01/23 for Cambridge Water to blank off a redundant supply. *On the PC’s website.*

106.10 **Teversham PC** – Request small meeting regarding the proposed joint Mobile Warden Scheme. This will be arranged shortly.

106.11 **Clerks & Council Direct** – January 2023 magazine.

106.12 **Lucy Frazer MP** – Lucy launched the South Cambridgeshire Volunteer Awards, and the deadline for nominations is 13/01/2023.

106.13 **TMC** (Traffic Management Centre) – Incident Report, December 2022.

106.14 **SCDC** – Cambridge East Community Forum, next meeting 22/02/2023, 6pm-8pm.

106.15 **Little Gransden Parish Council** – Invitation to a Public Meeting on 23/2/2023 regarding aircraft noise and increases to passenger and freight aeroplanes from the Luton approach.

106.16 **CCC** – Offering the PC a free visit to Waterbeach Education Centre to learn what happens to your household waste.

106.17 **Fulbourn Gardening Society** – following the community meeting held on 9/1/23, suggest planting a tree and installing a hexagonal bench with a plaque to commemorate the King’s Coronation. FGS are willing to make a large financial contribution towards this proposed project. Until the PC decides what it plans to do, it is unable to offer a financial contribution at this stage. Also the proposed siting of the tree and bench is on land owned by SCDC who would need to give their consent.

106.18 **SCDC** – Long Road Sixth Form College has sent an invitation to a Volunteering Event on 25/1/23, time to be confirmed.

106.19 **Fulbourn Arts** – January 2023 newsletter.

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107 To resolve the accounts for the month.

Wages: Swifts Cleaner.....184.00R	Wages: Hub Cleaner.....72.00R
Barclays: Monthly fees.....19.52	HP: Ink supplies.....4.49
e-on: Hub electricity.....129.78	e-on: Pavilion gas.....57.42
TH Tree surgery: Open spaces.....936.00	PO: Stamps.....5.44R
Booker: Cleaning supplies.....130.86	Cleaner Windows: Swifts.....30.00R
Sharp: Photocopies.....160.20	Greenland: Hub landscaping.....6,000.00

Quotation received for Resolution.
 SP Landscapes: Grass cutting for 2023 and 2024 £15,700 + VAT per annum.
 Cllr Lockwood proposed accepting the quotation, proposal seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed by the Council.

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108 Council Committees and Remote Meetings.

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

Parish Council Vacancy for Co-option.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Attached reports:

Item 101.1

County Councillor Report to Fulbourn Parish Council for January 2023

This report provides factual information which I hope will be judged informative and be of interest and of use to the parish council and wider community

1. Government settlement: Just before Christmas the Government issued its ‘provisional local government finance settlement’—the annual indication to councils of the money they will have available for local services next year. The Government proposes that Cambridgeshire County Council’s ‘core spending power’ (the overall revenue funding available for council services) should increase by 9.5 %. It is worth noting that:

- 9.5% is less than the current rate of inflation;
- Half of the 9.5 % is from the county council’s power to raise council tax;
- Some of the remainder replaces lost business rates income.

2. ENVIRONMENT AND GREEN INVESTMENT: POPs in WUDS:

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are found in various Waste Upholstered Domestic Seating (WUDS) such as sofas and upholstered dining chairs. For this reason, furniture materials should not be landfilled.

The law against landfilling of POPs was introduced in 2007; but the Environment Agency (EA) has not enforced until now.

The EA announced in August 2022 that it would soon expect councils to cease landfilling upholstered seating, and instead to incinerate it. In the meantime, the County Council had to begin discussions with its waste contractor, Thalia (formerly Amey) on options. Thalia does not have local incineration facilities.

The EA published its Final Regulatory Position Statements on this matter on Monday 19 December 2022, with implementation starting on Sunday 1 January 2023. LARAC (Local Authority Refuse Advisory Committee) reported that over half of local authorities had difficulties concerning incineration.

The EA notice in December provided little time to organise incineration capacity and the Council is therefore seeking an extension of at least a month while it works through options and liaises with Thalia and with the district councils who collect Cambridgeshire’s waste. On Friday 6th January the County Council notified residents that it had been able to reopen refuse sites for collection of sofas and other seating affected by the EA ruling, until alternative arrangements with its contractor can be agreed. It continues to work closely with the EA.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/cambridgeshire-to-accept-upholstered-seating-waste-from-saturday>

3. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

Applications for County-funded highways improvements schemes closed on 6th January. I was involved in and supported applications from Quy, Great Wilbraham, Little Wilbraham/Six Mile Bottom and Fulbourn. In the near future we will be dealing with separate applications for 20mph schemes.

a) 20 mph schemes

- a. The Highways & Transport Committee approved the changes to the Council’s policy on 20mph speed limits. The proposed timetable for applications for funding for new 20mph speed limits is as follows.
- b. • Go ‘live’ with application process on-line for new schemes (February 2023)
- c. • Application period (February to April 2023)
- d. • Prioritisation (May to June 2023)
- e. • Committee report for approval (July 2023)
- f. • Programming and delivery of schemes (August 2023 onwards)

Unlike a 20mph limit which covers individual or a small number of streets and requires signs only, 20mph zones typically cover larger areas and require both signs and markings. The former is more cost effective, but the latter have been found to have a greater effect in reducing traffic speed, especially when accompanied by traffic calming measures. The committee has already set aside £400,000 up to 2024/25 to introduce new 20mph zones as part of a commitment made by the Joint Administration to make them more widely available to improve road safety, encourage more active travel and to reduce noise and pollution.

b) Civil Parking Enforcement

The County Council is taking the legal steps required to introduce Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) in Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire. (It is already in place in Cambridge City.) This would mean that parking enforcement could be managed by parishes and District Councils, rather than by the Police. It is however, a complicated legal process and once a Designation Order has been made, it cannot be rescinded.

See the agenda report from highways committee on December 6th here [Council and committee meetings - Cambridgeshire County Council > Meetings \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

Funding - in South Cambridgeshire the Greater Cambridge Partnership has committed to cover all associated set-up costs and also committed to covering an estimated annual operational deficit of £30k-£50k. This is because CPE in South Cambridgeshire has been identified by the GCP as being one of the measures through which travel demand can be managed within the Greater Cambridge Area.

Signs and lines survey - A major part of the preparation for commencing CPE, is ensuring that Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs), signs and lines associated with parking restrictions are accurate, enforceable and comply with current Traffic Regulations. This is to ensure the motorist understands the restrictions in place and traffic orders can be robustly enforced through the appeals process. The signs and lines surveys for all Districts have been undertaken by RTA Associates (RTA) a company who are experienced in Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and have undertaken over 100 similar studies for other authorities. In South Cambridgeshire this survey work was paid for by the GCP and completed in March 2022. The information collated from these surveys form the basis of the Remedial work package design. **Timeline:** In South Cambridgeshire – stakeholder consultation, the review of signs and lines and the review of Traffic Regulation Orders have all been completed. Other works in S. Cambs include:

Undertake remedial design works (inc. Target cost) – June 22-Apr 23

Development of the draft Agency/Financial Agreements and Approval – Dec22

Development of the Application Approval and Approve (H&T) -Mar23

Submit application to DfT – Mar23

Undertake remedial works – Feb23 – Nov23

Designation Order created and CPE brought into effect – Dec23

c) ROADS and FOOTPATHS

The severe weather in mid December has led to a significant deterioration in the surfaces of roads (67,000 miles of them) and footpaths across the county. This has been compounded by very wet weather, leaving surfaces further vulnerable.

Over the Christmas period the emergency teams have been out repairing the worst of the holes and broken surfaces, but there will be much more to be done throughout the coming year. There will be particular challenges on routes used by HGVs where the surface is subject to heavier wear and tear. There will also be issues concerning the constant upkeep of footpaths for which funding had not been sufficient in recent years.

Officers are going round very regularly marking up work to be done and passing this on to contractors at an increased rate. Please go on reporting using the reporting tool.

<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk>

We have a local highways officer (LHO) who visits the Division very regularly and picks up on maintenance issues. I have had walkabouts with him in all villages, often with the parish clerk and parish councillors. I am in touch with him constantly, finding out where we are with repairs etc. He in turn is dependent on contractors and on budgetary constraints.

We also have a Streetworks Officer for the Division. He examines and assesses requests and issues permits for roadworks to County contractors and to utility companies. He monitors those works closely; and he deals with problems. He is responsive and active, particularly when contractors do not adhere to their permits. He does his best to ensure that there are no overlapping roadworks going on, but if there is an emergency or a deadline for utility work to be done, he deals with difficult situations. We cannot tolerate abuse or attacks on our officers or on contractors by anyone held up because of roadworks. Timetabling of works cannot always be ideal, dependant as they are on weather, manpower and contractual obligations.

d) BUSES

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) is the local passenger transport authority (LPTA) responsible for passenger services across the area. It works within a legislative framework and a deregulated bus system.

Bus Strategy

- The draft Bus Strategy was agreed by the CPCA Board on 30th November for the purposes of consultation.
- The Strategy is planned to be issued for consultation on 9th January for a period of six weeks.
- The Strategy is set within the wider context of the emerging Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP). The draft LTCP was consulted upon in Summer 2022.

Bus Service Improvement Plan

- CPCA was one of a majority of LTAs not to receive any funding for its buses business programme earlier this year.
- BSIP funding is decided by Government and is intended to support new and innovative approaches to support the bus system. BSIP money cannot be used to directly subsidise bus services.
- Following discussions with DfT the CPCA will be working with partners to prepare a revised BSIP that reflects the priorities of the emerging local transport plan and draft Bus Strategy.

Bus Franchising

- Bus franchising is the Mayor's preferred solution for the running of bus services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- Franchising at its essence is a model by which the local authority takes control for the public transport network, specifying and contracting all services, rather than operators registering the services they want to provide. There would be mechanisms to ensure that services are provided by the contracted operator(s) in accordance with the specifications.
- Work is on-going to refresh the outline business case for franchising that will explore all potential funding options and opportunities and assess the benefits of franchising against the current bus system.
- As well as funding, the business case work will be reviewing other matters including, geography, contracting, depots, vehicles, and branding.
- This work will continue in parallel with Bus Strategy development and BSIP work early in 2023.
- Engagement with operators and other stakeholders will be vital and necessary if and when franchising is to be progressed to the next stage following the outline business case work.
- Ongoing revenue funding to offset any financial risk is key to franchising

Bus Services in 2023/24

- The majority of bus services provided across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are run commercially by bus operators. The CPCA has no direct control over these services.
- CPCA currently subsidises 73 services across the region. Support for 18 services in full and five partially supported began in October 2022 to maintain services that were withdrawn by Stagecoach.
- The CPCA is currently consulting on its budget for 2023/24 and will set its budget at the Board meeting on 25th January.
- The budget consultation is asking for views on the CPCA's future funding options, including for buses.
- The contracts for six of the 73 services expire at the end of March and the procurement process has begun to retender those services.
- There is an option to extend the contracts for the 18 (plus five) services by one year from the end of March. These include routes serving villages in this Division and which receive NO other local subsidy.
- Final decisions on both the six services being retendered and the 18 services that can be extended for one year will be taken in February/March following the setting of the CPCA budget on 25 January and taking account of the draft Bus Strategy.
- The TiC will consider a Bus Assessment Framework at its meeting in January. The Framework will draw upon the emerging LTCP and Bus Strategy and be used to inform decision making on which services to subsidise going forward.

e) Making Connections

- GCP consulted on Making Connections, including proposals for an enhanced bus network in terms of services and fares.
- The proposals included mechanisms for ongoing bus subsidy to enable the above, as well as upfront investment, including driver recruitment.
- Bus strategy and franchising work will need to consider scenarios associated with the proposals developed as a result of the consultation.
- An outline business case would be developed by GCP as part of any detailed proposal, informed by the consultation
- Any ultimate decision on the road user charge would be made by Cambridgeshire County Council (Full Council)

f) Other Updates

CPCA is aware of concerns relating to **amended timetables, stops and fares**. Where these relate to commercial services the CPCA will raise the concerns with the relevant operators, but it ultimately has no direct authority to intervene.

Where they relate to services being subsidised, the CPCA will look to address the concerns directly with the operators but within the confines of the contract that is in place with the operators and the budget that is available for subsidies

ZEBRA buses. In a joint initiative with Stagecoach and GCP the CPCA secured Government funding for 30 zero emission buses in Cambridge. These are expected to be available from March 2023 with the first being delivered late January/early February.

Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) and TING. CPCA Board agreed on 30 November to extend the contract for the TING service in Huntingdonshire for 1 year.

In parallel the CPCA is working with partners to explore the case for introducing additional DRT services at other locations across the region. This would be consistent with emerging policy but subject to funding being available.

Driver Shortages – CPCA is working with operators to understand the scale of the shortages and impact upon services, as well as steps that operators themselves are taking and additional support the CPCA can provide through its skills programmes.

4. ADULTS AND HEALTH

Director of Public Health – Annual Report

The annual report of Cambridgeshire’s Director of Public Health to the Adults & Health Committee in December argued strongly in favour of universal, rather than targeted, approaches to health inequalities. She observed that targeted public health interventions risked missing the majority of people who need these services. Her conclusions and recommendations included:

The renewed interest and commitment to tackling health inequalities as a result of the pandemic, is very much welcomed. The automatic response to tackling inequalities is to target, however, as demonstrated in this report, universal approaches can be far more effective at reducing inequalities, than targeted approaches. Universal approaches are also necessary in identifying those individuals in need of further intervention. Targeting has also often been carried out on geographical basis or using the Index of Multiple Deprivation but that can miss the majority of individuals in need.

To reduce inequalities in health outcomes, proposals included:

- Focus on universal interventions.
- Plan those interventions to give equal access to all, with additional support to those who need it.
- Start early (pregnancy and childhood) before inequalities become entrenched.
- Evidence-based intervention.

5. COMMUNITITES, SOCIAL MOBILITY AND INCLUSION (COSMIC)

Births, deaths and marriages

A report to the Committee in December on the Council’s registration services included the following information about the numbers of births, deaths, marriages, civil partnership ceremonies, and new British citizens in Cambridgeshire in the last two years.

	2021/22	2020/21
Births registered	7,760	7,135
Deaths registered	5,779	6,115
Notices of marriage / civil partnership	5,417	2,737
Marriage / civil partnership ceremonies	1,925	608
New British citizens	2,322	874

Mobile library service review

A review of the Council’s mobile library service took place last year, resulting in a number of improvements. Twenty-one additional stops were added and routes were rearranged, enabled by storing vehicles within communities, rather than centrally.

- Mobile libraries are now available to the public nearly 20 per cent longer, due to reduced driving between stops.
- 150 fewer miles travelled a month and so less fuel used.
- 300 new members joined between May and September; and there were 6,296 visits to the vehicles and over 20,000 items issued—a stronger recovery than many of the service’s static libraries to pre-pandemic levels.

6. King Charles III coronation street parties

The Council has published guidance for local groups seeking to organise street parties and highways events to mark the coronation of King Charles III in May 2023. All street party applications (to close a road) must be received by the County Council at least eight weeks in advance (Friday 10 March 2023) via the Council's website. Highway Events applications must be submitted at least twelve weeks in advance (Friday 10 February 2023).

More information about the process can be found at

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/highway-events/coronation-events>

Claire Daunton: 6^h January 2023

Item 101.2

Report of Councillor Carla Hofman and Councillor John Williams to Parish Councils for January 2023.

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.williamsjg@scamb.gov.uk or cllr.hofman@scamb.gov.uk

Happy New Year!

Planning compliance consultation

We appreciate that compliance to planning permissions is a major source of concern to parish councils. Our Greater Cambridge Shared Planning team of course plays a vital role in managing development, but it can only achieve these objectives if it operates an effective planning compliance service.

Over the past few months the compliance service has been reviewed and new staff members are joining us in the New Year. And as part of our commitment to delivering an efficient and effective planning compliance regime, our Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service has drafted a new Planning Compliance Policy that will be joint between us and Cambridge City Council.

We are now consulting on this policy for a period of six weeks. The consultation will close on 20 January 2023. You can comment on the policy at <https://oc2.greatercambridgeplanning.org/document/1292>

£1.76 million boost for South Cambridgeshire projects under Shared Prosperity Fund

Eight projects that will benefit communities and businesses and increase job opportunities in South Cambridgeshire have been awarded around £1.76 million in Government funding.

The money has been secured from the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

During the summer, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, working with the local city and district councils, submitted to Government an investment plan detailing how a range of projects across the area could be funded under the scheme.

It has now been confirmed that 40 projects across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will receive a total of around £10 million in funding.

The funding is now due to start being received this financial year, ending by March 2025.

In South Cambridgeshire the projects funded include:

- £600,000 support towards creating amenities within Northstowe, through the Community Centre and Local Centre, including space for people working from home, room for business start-ups and space for community groups.
- £300,000 towards improving South Cambridgeshire's High Streets, with the District Council planning to consult with parish councils and residents of larger High Streets, along with community building and village hall committees, to implement changes that are agreed following those discussions.
- Around £270,000 towards skills training for small and medium sized businesses.
- £150,000 towards a scheme to improve community gardens and greenspaces in communities, improving quality of life and health. This project will allow communities in areas of identified need to acquire, design, build and maintain community parks and growing spaces with professional support coordinated community action.
- £100,000 funding for a scheme based in libraries to support business start-ups, including a focus on females and ethnic minorities looking to establish and grow their own enterprises.
- £100,000 to support new business start-ups with grant funding.

South Cambridgeshire District Council will also be working in partnership with neighbouring councils on some other schemes that have been funded. These include:

A programme of green business grants to help small businesses reduce carbon emissions and energy costs, in partnership with Cambridge City and Huntingdonshire District Councils. Under this programme, £170,000 will go to South Cambridgeshire businesses.

Funding towards enhancing the area's visitor economy and local markets, including by encouraging people to shop and visit local and a youth enterprise programme for disadvantaged and future traders, in partnership with Cambridge City Council. £70,000 of this funding will be spent in South Cambridgeshire.

The GCP Making Connections consultation now closed

The Making Connections consultation detailing proposals to transform how people travel in and around Greater Cambridge has now officially closed.

Over ten weeks, the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has received more than 23,000 responses to an online survey about the proposals.

In addition, nearly 900 emails have been received with various questions and over 100 stakeholder responses have been submitted following over 100 public meetings, virtual and outreach events as well as 50 focus group events.

Work will now begin to analyse the huge amount of data and information which has been collected, including the many written answers which were an important feature of the survey.

The results of the consultation will be included in a final report on the proposals and next steps, scheduled for the GCP Board in June 2023. At that time, the GCP Board will make a recommendation to Cambridgeshire County Council on whether to proceed with the scheme.

Between now and then, some of the conversations that have begun with stakeholders around potential exemptions, discounts and reimbursements for the proposed Road User Charge will continue. This will move us closer to having solutions for these rather than leaving key questions unanswered, should the proposals be taken forward.

Stagecoach East Bus Fares Update

Fares on local Stagecoach buses will be increasing from Sunday 8 January 2023. There will be the same ticket types, but at slightly different prices. The changes will add on average 39p onto the cost of daily adult bus travel.

Further information is available on the Stagecoach website. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Stagecoach East at east.headoffice@stagecoachbus.com

Stagecoach is also participating in the Government's three month reduction in bus fares to a maximum single journey fare of £2. However, it may continue to be cheaper to purchase multi-ride tickets such as the Dayrider for those journeys requiring a change of route and for return journeys.

Stagecoach and Whippet have also introduced cross-ticketing where both operators serve the same route such as Cambridge to Cambourne giving passengers greater choice and flexibility.

Domestic Abuse Housing Accreditation

Two years ago, the Council signed up to complete its Domestic Abuse Housing Accreditation (DAHA). The accreditation was not limited to Housing Services but covered the whole organisation and involved a thorough review of policies and procedures for staff and customers. More importantly, the accreditation was part of the Council's goal to change the culture around domestic abuse and embed a survivor led approach. This included training for staff and members, publicity and awareness campaigns and the introduction of Domestic Abuse Support Champions within teams.

At the start of December, the Council was officially assessed against the DAHA standards, and I am pleased to confirm that we passed and are now officially accredited. The Assessor's report I think says it all:

"All involved should be incredibly proud of this achievement as it is evident that a great deal of work and commitment has gone into adopting and embedding the standards across the relevant departments, and indeed, wider across the organisation. We are very proud to have awarded South Cambs District Council DAHA Accreditation, thank you for such a positive assessment process and experience – it was a joy to meet with so many passionate and dedicated people doing such great work."

Carla & John

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Water and environmental assurances needed for new homes

An update has been published about the development strategy of the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan. The report from the Joint Director of Planning for the city of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire says:

- The environment and water supply must be protected alongside a need for new homes – including addressing the shortage of affordable homes.
- Greater Cambridge is one of the most important research and innovation employment locations in the UK and is growing fast as new jobs are created.
- National planning policy says significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth – but Councils say the environment must be protected at the same time.
- The Councils' latest evidence points to an expected need for more homes and jobs than previously envisaged due to the success of the economy and expected increase in job numbers.

Leading members of South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils however say that before plans can be finalised, greater clarity is needed about where water will come from in future, and assurances are required that providing the necessary water will not cause unacceptable environmental harm. The report also notes that getting developers to increase the number of new homes built, including affordable homes, may not be straightforward.

Both Councils' existing Local Plans already provide for around 37,200 additional homes for Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire between now and 2041.

Because the latest economic forecasts from planners point to a likely increase of around 66,000 jobs across Greater Cambridge area by 2041, these additional new jobs, some 8,200 more than previously expected, result in a need to also plan for additional homes, over and above the earlier plan proposals.

This would result in a need for a further 19,900 new homes, on top of those contained in the adopted 2018 Local Plans for the area, by 2041. During the 2021 First Proposals consultation, as part of the work to create a joint Local Plan, the Councils set out an ambitious vision for minimising carbon emissions alongside improving the quality of life for residents, with all new homes to be carbon neutral. These elements remain central to the developing Local Plan.

The earlier proposals included 19 new sites for homes and business space, with the majority of extra development proposed for North East Cambridge, the Cambridge Airport site and at Cambourne. There were a range of new policies to meet the environmental challenges facing the area – including tackling carbon emissions and increasing biodiversity. However, the First Proposals explicitly said that they were dependent on evidence coming forward to confirm that there will be adequate water supply to support the new homes.

Water Resources East has recently published a high-level draft Water Resources Management Plan for the whole of the East of England. This proposes additional water supply to the area through routes such as a new reservoir in the Fens and transferring water from elsewhere, to come forward over the next decade and beyond. These large-scale projects, which alongside measures to manage current demand will go a long way towards addressing the existing environmental concerns, will not however be available until much later in the Local Plan process.

Local water provider Cambridge Water's plans for supplying the area's water needs have not yet been published. Until their draft Water Resource Management Plan is available, it is not clear whether there is enough water to supply the new homes and jobs required to meet future needs for the area, without causing environmental harm.

The update notes that Councillors should also consider the impact of not meeting all local needs, such as increased competition for new homes driving up house prices and the wellbeing, and climate impacts from increasing travel from outside the area to work in Greater Cambridge. Until central Government and water companies can provide assurance that the strategy for increasing the water supply to Greater Cambridge allows the Councils to balance their obligation to the environment against the need to provide homes and jobs, the Councils say they cannot confirm if the need for the additional new homes and jobs can be met.

Before it can be adopted by Councils, a Local Plan must be reviewed by a Government Inspector, who will decide whether it is 'sound'. A key consideration for the Inspector will be looking at the strength of the Greater Cambridge economy, and whether the number of new homes being planned matches with the pace of economic development in the area, and if not whether there are good planning reasons for the mismatch. Whilst consulting on changes to the Planning System, the Government has also recently stressed to Councils how Local Plans should also carefully consider how they can make more efficient use of land, particularly brownfield sites, and to consider what should be protected in an area – such as green spaces, heritage assets and the special character of an area.

The update also re-affirms the long-term vision of the Councils to bring forward new homes and jobs on sites that support low-carbon living, including at North East Cambridge, at Cambridge East (the airport) and on the allocated area at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, with a possible extension of the site. These significant sites are seen as the most sustainable for future development but because of their characteristics, they would also not see significant new development come forward until the next decade – when indications are that water supply concerns should have been addressed.

Grants for installing Electric Vehicle Charging Points at Village Halls and other community buildings

Electric vehicle charging will become easier across the district thanks to a new grant for public charging points for village halls and community buildings.

Grants of up to £5,000 each are available from South Cambridgeshire District Council towards the cost of installing an EV charger at community buildings. These grants are available to Parish Councillors and other owners of community buildings.

Once installed, the charging points must be available for public use and people can use the EV chargers by downloading an app and buying their charging time on their mobile phone.

The first EV charger point expected to be installed in the new year thanks to the grant boost, is at Steeple Morden Village Hall.

Campaign for more Ukrainian Hosts

We are still searching for new potential hosts who would like to apply to re-match existing guests through the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Our 'Spare Room' campaign is run in conjunction with Cambridge City Council, featuring across our social media channels (Facebook Twitter and LinkedIn), on digital indoor and outdoor signage, in local Sky television ads and in the local press. If you are interested in hosting, or know of someone else who may be interested, please take a look at our website for information and for details of the support available to new hosts.

Our pool of hosts stood at over 600 when the Homes for Ukraine scheme first launched last year, but this has now reduced considerably. We need help finding more so that, where possible, Ukrainian guests are able to stay with alternative hosts close to where they have previously been living. Anyone who can offer help simply needs to text ROOM to 88802.

Carla & John

Item 101.3

District Councillor Report to Parish Council January 2023

I would like to wish the residents across the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward a happy and prosperous 2023. 2022 has been a difficult year for many and 2023 I am sure will have its continued difficulties with the ongoing war in Ukraine, inflation, and cost of living. During 2023 I will continue to focus my mind on the impact of local government policy (to which I have an influence and vote) keeping in mind the effect of every policy's impact on the cost of living. I remain happy to signpost residents to help and support and will continue to provide updates through a monthly Parish Report throughout the year.

Prosperity fund given £1.76 million from central government

I am really pleased to see 8 projects will be funded across South Cambridgeshire to benefit communities, business and increase job opportunities. The £1.76million was secured from the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund to which local councils submitted an investment plan detailing how investment could be used across a range of projects. Below I have listed the projects that will be funded directly within our district.

- £600,000 support towards creating amenities within Northstowe, through the Community Centre and Local Centre, including space for people working from home, room for business start-ups and space for community groups.
- £300,000 towards improving South Cambridgeshire's High Streets, with the District Council planning to consult with parish councils and residents of larger High Streets, along with community building and village hall committees, to implement changes that are agreed following those discussions.
- Around £270,000 towards skills training for small and medium sized businesses.
- £150,000 towards a scheme to improve community gardens and greenspaces in communities, improving quality of life and health. This project will allow communities in areas of identified need to acquire, design, build and maintain community parks and growing spaces with professional support coordinated community action.
- £100,000 funding for a scheme based in libraries to support business start-ups, including a focus on females and ethnic minorities looking to establish and grow their own enterprises.

- £100,000 to support new business start-ups with grant funding.

Bulky fabric goods such as sofas

At the end of December Councillors were informed that bulky fabric items such as sofas, beanbags etc would no longer be accepted at our local recycling centres. The Council (SCDC) released the following statement:

Direction by the Environment Agency - confirmed in the last week - means Cambridgeshire County Council can no longer accept upholstered domestic seating, such as sofas, cushions, chairs, or beanbags at any Cambridgeshire Household Recycling Centres from January 1. This does not include mattresses, carpets, or curtains. The County Council is urgently working with partners to resolve this as quickly as possible. Please retain these items until there is a further update.

The statement released does not give the full picture as to what has gone wrong here as the national environment agency have had these changes being discussed for a very long period and we're informed in writing back in August.

Questions I have for the administration are as follows:

Why were Councillors not informed months ago that there was a problem here?

What provision have our neighbouring councils put in place?

If incineration capacity could not be found, why was no alternative storage facility out in place to deal with this problem?

What will residents be expected to do with these items?

Have the District Council factored in a huge increase in fly tipping across the district when people realise that there is no means to dispose of these items?

I have copied the link below of the letter from the environment Agency sent to the County Council in August, outlining why the legislation had changed and what councils would need to put in place to prevent the situation we now find ourselves in. It is a real shame that residents have been left in a position where they now can't recycle certain items, and this is likely to result in an increased amount of fly tipping if not rectified asap which I will be pushing for.

<https://www.letsrecycle.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Environment-Agency-POPs-letter.pdf>

and a useful info link:

<https://www.letsrecycle.com/news/waste-sofas-must-be-incinerated-pops-ea/>

Electric charging points

Please will all Parish Councils across the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward consider the following grants available for electric charging points.

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Once installed, people can use the EV chargers by downloading an app and buying their charging time on their mobile phone.

*Thank you for taking the time to read my report; if you have any questions or want to discuss any of the issues raised email me on graham.cone@councillor.online or ring 07595 361 285 (please leave a voicemail if I am unavailable) **Councillor Graham Cone***

Item 104

Minutes of a **Planning Meeting** of Fulbourn Parish Council in The Hub, Home End, Fulbourn on Wednesday, 14th December 2022 at 7pm.

Present: Councillor Smith (Chairman) and Councillors Bramwell, Butler, Gaskell, Johnson, Lacey, Lockwood, Roberts, Ward and one parishioner

Apologies: Councillors Brown, Cone, Drage and Thorn

Appeals in progress:

21/00743/FUL

Location: 20-24 Pierce Lane

Proposal: Change of Use and associated works to revert from current use as a shop unit and ancillary stores/workshops to a terrace of 3 no dwelling houses.

21/03457/FUL

Location: 20-24 Pierce Lane

Proposal: Change of Use and associated works to revert from current use as a shop unit and ancillary Stores/workshops to a terrace 3 No. dwellinghouses.

21/00772/OUT

Location: Technology Park, Fulbourn Road, Cambridge

Proposal: A hybrid planning application for a total of 56,473sqm of commercial floorspace for Use Classes E (g) i (offices), ii (research and development), ii (light industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution – limited to data centres uses. Comprising a) an Outline Application with all matters reserved (except for access) for the development of up to 44,671 sqm of floorspace, with associated access, structural landscaping, car and cycle parking and associated infrastructure works; b) a Full Application for the first Phase comprising the main access, one commercial building, a multi-decked car and cycle park and associated landscaping and infrastructure works; and c) a Full Application for the details of initial enabling works comprising site wide earth works and drainage.

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 written representations.

Appeal start date 02/08/2022.

Decision: Appeal allowed.

New Applications:

22/04497/FUL

Location: Land adjacent to 14 Dogget Lane

Proposal: Erection of a four bedroom, predominately one-and-a-half-storey, detached dwelling with associated landscaping and infrastructure works.

Recommendation supports.

22/05064/HFUL

Location: 9 Haggis Gap

Proposal: Single storey extension to rear.

Recommendation supports.

22/05229/FUL

Location: 25 Home End

Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey bungalow, garage and various outbuildings and the erection of 2 no. semi-detached houses and

1 no. bungalow.

Recommendation supports.

22/04403/FUL

Location: Telford House, 76 Cow Lane

Proposal: Accessible lift tower, two double garages, car ports and bike store to Prior Approval dwelling houses in converted pumping station with two additional semi-detached dwelling houses with carport parking.

22/04958/HFUL

Location: 21 Apthorpe Street

Proposal: Single storey rear extension.

Recommendation supports.

22/05068/FUL

Location: Land to North of Cambridge Road

Proposal: Implementation of new vehicular access to field within hedgerow.

The existing access appears adequate for its current usage i.e. farm vehicles.

Our concern is that the owner will be using the new 4metre access for purposes other than agricultural on Green Belt.

Recommendation objects.

22/05322/ADV

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

Proposal: Installation of 1 No. non illuminated fascia sign and 2 No. externally illuminated Monolith signs mounted on square legs.

Recommendation supports.

22/05341/HFUL

Location: 8 Caraway Road

Proposal: Side extension to existing detached garage.

Recommendation supports.

Permissions:

22/04367/CL2PD

Location: 13 Violet Close

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness under S192 detached garden room Incidental Use as home office.

Certificate granted.

22/03155/HFUL and 22/03156/LBC, 4 Stonebridge Lane

22/03944/HFUL, 70 Cow Lane

Amendment:

22/04026/HFUL

Recommendation supports.

Location: 24 Station Road

Proposal: Demolition of existing car port, single storey porch to the front, single storey extension to rear, first floor side extension with new car port below.

Information only:

S/0202/17/CONDB

Location: Land at Teversham Road

Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 8 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme) of planning permission S/020/17/OL.

22/02173/CONDB

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

Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 21 (Fire Hydrants) of planning permission 22/02173/S73.

22/05081/CLUED

Location: 7 Lanthorn Stile

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness under S191 for an existing roof dormer extension to rear roof slope.