

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday, 8th February 2023 in The Swifts, Haggis Gap, Fulbourn.

Present: Councillor Drage (Chairman), and Councillors Bramwell, Butler, Cone, Gaskell, Howell, Johnson, Lacey, Lockwood, Roberts and Thorn; County & District Councillor Daunton, District Councillor Williams and the Clerk.

110 Parish Council Vacancy – Co-option for Resolution.

Having attended previous meetings as an observer, Kim Howell was unanimously co-opted onto the council, having signed her Declaration of Office; the Chair welcomed Cllr Howell to Fulbourn Parish Council.

111 To accept apologies for absence. Cllrs Brown, Smith, Ward and District Councillor Hofman.

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

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.

113 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

At this point Cllrs Daunton and Roberts arrived. Cllr Daunton gave her report after the District Councillors.

113.2 District Councillors Williams and Hofman issued the attached report. Cllr Williams added that Anglian Water had submitted an application which involved a D.C.O. (Development Control Order). The Planning Inspectorate has 28 days to decide if this application may proceed and whether it complies with various conditions. It will then go before the Secretary of State who will appoint a Planning Inspector. It will then be 18 months before a decision is made following further public consultation.

113.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report which was accepted by Council.

113.1 County Councillor Daunton issued the attached report. Potholes in Teversham Road, Fulbourn and Fulbourn Road, Teversham are due for repairs on 10/02/2023. There are several bad ones in Pierce Lane and it might be necessary to close the road to action these repairs. Cllr Daunton explained the cones put in School Lane and Manor Walk was also to have three-way traffic lights so the footpath in School Lane could be resurfaced. Following an inspection, and for safety reasons, the road will need closing so the cones were removed. The traffic calming along Balsham Road lighting has been repaired; it is a “hat-pin light” managed by Balfour Beatty. Cllr Cone thanked Cllr Daunton for her help in getting the mini roundabouts painted in Cambridge Road/Haggis Gap. Cllr Cone mentioned overgrown bushes encroaching onto the carriageway along School Lane. It was established these are the responsibility of the residents in Ludlow Lane, so the Clerk will write asking for these to be maintained. The Clerk will send Cllr Daunton details of a sign which has appeared at the Stonebridge Lane entrance to see what works are planned for later in February. Cllr Gaskell said the drains along Windmill Lane are full of mud which will be reported by Cllr Daunton.

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114 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Following an amendment to Item 101.2, the Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

115 Matters arising from the last meeting.

115.1 Ida Darwin. The next Liaison Meeting will be held on 01/03/2023.

115.2 Fulbourn Hub, FA4Y Lease. This has been received from the solicitor ready for the Trustees to sign.

Cllr Drage has made a list of Rules of Use of the Hub and Garden which can be amended as required.

<p>115.3 <u>Mobile Speeding Device.</u> Cllr Cone has the unit on charge. It will then be put in Wilbraham Road with assistance from Cllrs Johnson and Lacey. Cllr Drage asked about “concealed entrances” signs and will liaise further with Cllr Daunton about these.</p> <p>115.4 <u>Swifts Play Area/Green Space.</u> Older children are playing football on the green space and have been using a portable goal. Unfortunately the ball is not only disturbing neighbouring properties, but also causing some damage. Cllr Johnson suggested the PC installs a disclaimer when it takes over the area. Cllr Drage said the PC and Accent Group are in stalemate over its adoption as promised works to the play equipment have not been carried out and will cost the PC thousands to get up to standard. Cllr Gaskell said trees and plants have been removed and not replaced either.</p> <p>115.5 <u>Recreation ground potholes.</u> Cllr Lacey has equipment to fill the potholes with the planings donated by the County Council. A Working Party will assist.</p> <p>115.6 <u>Armistice Close.</u> Cllr Williams said a fire hydrant had been installed but not marked. The Fire Brigade are now aware of this and its location.</p> <p>115.7 <u>Pavilion showers.</u> Although an igniter has now been installed, three showers are not working as a motherboard is needed. As it is an old system, the contractors are having difficulty in sourcing one.</p> <p>115.8 <u>Townley Trust.</u> Cllr Roberts attended the AGM advising the Trustees are looking at the sustainability of the Centre as the utility bills are high.</p>	<p>1491</p> <p>MD/CD</p> <p>RL</p>
<p>116 Neighbourhood Plan. The Referendum will take place on 9th February 2023. Mr Ward issued a list of Actions and Aims for the PC to consider should the Referendum be successful and how they will integrate the NP into the SCDC planning process.</p>	
<p>117 Minutes of a Planning Meeting held on 17/01/2023. New applications: 23/00157/HFUL and 23/00158/LBC, 4 Stonebridge Lane – Retention of an Air Source Heat pump. PC has no recommendation.</p>	
<p>118 Tree works: 23/0049/TTCA, Telford House, 76 Cow Lane – Remove Ta Cedar, 70% deadwood; Remove Tb Yew, 90% deadwood; Large Tc Laurel, reduce back to 2 metres to re-grow and reshape; Remove dead Td Yew; Clear stem of vegetation Te Yew; Remove Tf Hazel, triple stemmed; Remove Tg Ash, self set; Crown lift Tl Yew to 2.2m; Remove Tm, Holly growing at base of T16; Cut 0.5m Tn Holly engulf in ivy and retrain new growth into a hedge to form a screen; T7 Yew, crown lift to 4m; T8 Lawson Cypress, crown lift to 4m and T11 Yew, crown lift to 4m. 23/0059/TTPO, Telford House, 76 Cow Lane – T9 Mature Yew, crown lift to 4m; T18 Mature Lime, remove as poorly pollarded; T23 Mature Lime, incongruously positioned so remove; Th and Tj pair of Yew trees, crown reduce both by 0.5m to improve density and Tk Holly, remove as growing at base of T17 Lime. As the site is surrounded by padlocked herras fencing, a time extension from SCDC has been sought until access for the PC’s Tree Officer can be arranged to consider these applications. Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p>	
<p>119 Correspondence. 119.1 SCDC, Communities Duty – Weekly updates on supporting Ukrainian Refugees. 119.2 R Culshaw – Suggests planting up to three more trees by Poor Well to commemorate the Coronation, installing a plaque with the offer of donating one tree and watering them until established. Cadent are planting an Alder this week to replace a tree necessary to remove due to damage being caused to a nearby drain. 119.3 Resident – Cars parking inconsiderately in March’s Close on pavements, blocking driveways and on the green area. The Clerk has done a mail-drop but it would appear one</p>	<p>MD</p>

vehicle is still parked on the grassed area. To be monitored.

119.4 **Fulbourn Forum** – Copy of correspondence with concerns over tree clearance at the Ida Darwin site relating to bat and bird bricks on the Discharge of Condition, 20/05199/CONDG. Cllr Cone awaits a response from a GCSP Planning Officer.

119.5 **M Prater** – Has set up a new website, (<https://earthallies.org.uk/>) which is a non-profit platform where people can share ideas and projects that will have a positive impact on the environment. We have also started up a new recycling drop off point outside our home as part of the Terracycle programme for toothbrushes and Marigold gloves. We would like to raise awareness for our new drop off point.

119.6 **J Chalfen** – As Chair of Trustees for The Steiner School, asking the PC about the community building will be on the Ida Darwin site now things are progressing.

119.7 **S Wozencraft** – Suggests Twelve in The High Street might be suitable as a “Warm Hub” during the winter months. The Clerk has acknowledged the email. It now appears Twelve has decided against this idea as too much criteria needs to be met.

119.8 **CCC** – Cambridgeshire Matters, January 2023 newsletter.

119.9 **South Cambs District Council** – Next Community Meeting is on 7/2/23.

119.10 **TMC** (Traffic Management Centre) – Incident Report, January 2023.

119.11 **CAPALC** – February 2023 Bulletin.

119.12 **Fulbourn Forum** – February 2023 newsletter.

119.13 **e-cops** – February 2023 edition of “Our News” Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

119.14 **GCP** (Greater Cambridge Partnership) – St Ives Greenway, an eight-week consultation started on 6/2/23 regarding improving links to this Greenway from Fen Drayton, Over, Oakington, Westwick and Cottenham.

119.15 **FA4Y** – Disappointment their annual donation has not gone back to its original amount this financial year. The PC will review at the 2023/2024-Precept Meeting.

119.16 **Fulbourn Primary School** – Request to use the recreation ground for their Sports Day on Friday, 7th July 2023 from 9.30am to 12 noon. Agreed by Council.

Precept

120 To resolve the accounts for the month.

Falcon Print: Pump.....	395.00	Cleaner Windows: Swifts.....	30.00R
M Morris: Pavilion Repairs.....	222.79R	Dent Security: Access Control....	1,357.20
DBS: Replace lights in pavilion....	273.60	DBS: Pavilion electrics.....	540.00
S Heating: Boiler.....	11,511.40	TH Tree: Horse Pond works.....	336.00
Barclays: Monthly fees.....	16.05R	e-on: Pavilion gas.....	27.07
Glasdon: New bench.....	1,100.34C		

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

121 Council Committees and Remote Meetings.

121.1 PPG (Patient Participation Group). Cllr Gaskell attended the meeting, the first since February 2022, advising Dr Cathy Bennett had stepped down as lead and Dr Sarah Burling had stood in. Both the Cornford House and Haggis Gap practices will eventually be closed and a new one will be built somewhere between to two sites. There is still 3 years to run on the current Haggis Gap lease, which they do not own but pay £120K p.a. in rent. If the practice is not in the parish of Fulbourn, the Wright’s Clock Tower Charity will be unable to assist with any funding. Cllr Gaskell suggested contacting Granta who have medical practices in Linton, Sawston, Shelford as well as Barley and Royston.

121.2 MUGA. A revised document highlighting the Hiring Terms and Conditions was circulated to Members. This will be reviewed annually with other Council Policies.

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122 Date of APM to be confirmed.

Thursday, 27th April 2023 at 7.30pm

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

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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Attached items:

Item 113.1

County Councillor Claire Daunton: Report to Parish Councils, February 2023

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

County Council's Budget

Tuesday 7 February is the date of the annual budget meeting. As reported last month, the Government announced its 'financial settlement' for councils just before Christmas, and proposed that Cambridgeshire County Council's 'core spending power' (the overall revenue funding available for council services) should increase by 9.5 per cent, less than the current rate of inflation. Half of that 9.5 per cent is from the council's power to raise council tax—in other words, Government expects local council tax payers to shoulder extra costs.

The County Council proposes to set a balanced budget for 2023-24, in the face of a national funding settlement which takes no account of Cambridgeshire's population growth. The Government's decision to move its fair funding review back for a further two years leaves Cambridgeshire with a formula which does not take account of recent population growth; in relation to some areas population figures are more than twenty years old.

The proposed budget seeks to bridge a potential funding gap for the coming year of £21.4M, even after finding more than £10M of additional savings or income, in the face of levels of inflation not seen for forty years along with rising costs for energy and essential services.

The proposed budget also outlines how the Council plans to spend more than £15m in one-off funds from reserves next year including

- £1M to continue free school meal vouchers for eligible children
- £1M into highways schemes including rural roads drainage
- £1M investment into flood mitigation

- more than £1.3M into libraries
- £380,000 investment in community services.

The county council's new 'triple bottom line' approach to the social and economic impacts of budget proposals has seen increased investment in biodiversity improvements, and in ensuring all new schools are built to net zero standards.

The budget proposal would see band D properties paying an additional £73 per year in council tax, although more than half (64 per cent) of the county lives in homes rated band C or below and would see rises of between £49 and £65 per year. In total this would raise £17.8M towards setting a legally balanced budget for 2023/4 and help to mitigate the additional costs of adult social care.

The Full Council will also be asked to approve the Council's five-year business plan, based on its Strategic Framework, which sets out a vision for a 'greener, fairer and more caring Cambridgeshire', and is based around its seven key ambitions. Over the next five years, the business plan looks to deliver

- £122M for new primary school places

- £164M for new secondary school places
- £13.3M investment into converting streetlights to LED, delivering both environmental and financial benefits
- £2.5M into a new highways materials recycling operation
- A £7.2M upgrade to the March and Milton household recycling centres

At the time of writing, the following council tax changes are being proposed.

Cambridgeshire County Council East Cambridgeshire District Council Fire Authority
Police & Crime Commissioner + 4.99 per cent (£1.72 per week Band D) No change
+ £4.95 per annum at Band D
+ 5.8 per cent (£0.29 per week Band D)

The Combined Authority Board set its budget in January, including for the first time a Mayoral Precept of £12 a year at Band D (less for lower bands, and more for higher bands) to support bus services in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. This will help stabilise vulnerable services and help pave the way for a more sustainable ‘franchised’ bus model and help pave the way for a more sustainable ‘franchised’ bus model.

STRATEGY & RESOURCES Electricity contract

Concerns over the carbon credentials of its current provider of electricity have led Cambridgeshire County Council to defer a decision to sign up for a further four years while it looks into further options.

Since 2016 the Council has had a single contract in place for the supply of electricity with Total Energies, a French multinational oil and gas company from which it purchases a ‘Pure Green’ electricity tariff at a small extra cost. The contract was negotiated via the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO), of which the County Council is a shareholder.

In recent discussions with ESPO, the opportunity has arisen to allow the council to offset the energy it purchases with energy it generates, such as from the North Angle solar farm which is due to become operational later this year. It is not yet known if this opportunity would be available via other purchasing organisations, and councillors agreed to defer making a final decision on the contract until March to explore this further.

ADULTS & HEALTH Cold weather actions and tips

Each year the number of deaths expected from cold weather increases. Cold weather and freezing temperatures are threats to health, as they can lead to falls, respiratory infections, strokes, heart attacks and other health risks.

This winter a particularly high number of people are ill with a respiratory illness, and so Cambridgeshire County Council have put together some actions and tips for residents to help them prepare.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Great Gidding school A meeting of the committee last month included a decision to start formal consultation on the potential closure of Great Gidding school in Huntingdonshire. Pupil numbers from within the catchment have declined significantly and there are concerns about the ongoing educational and financial viability of the school.

Outdoor centres: The council is moving to close Stibbington outdoor centre, and use the money saved to improve the council's other centres at Grafham Water and Burwell House. The committee looked closely at usage statistics and facilities in each outdoor centre, including in- county and out-of-county use.

Holiday voucher scheme The Christmas holiday voucher scheme closed at the end of January with around three per cent of vouchers unclaimed—significantly less than in previous rounds. The Council intends to run a voucher scheme for February half term and will be publishing information in early February. Each eligible child will be issued with a £15 voucher for the half term; criteria are published on the council's website.

- Information <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>
- Queries winter.support@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Foster caring Cambridgeshire County Council is continuing to seek residents who would like to make a real difference to the lives of a child or young person by becoming a Foster Carer. Applicants must be over 21 years of age, have a spare bedroom, and be willing and able to provide a stable and loving environment in which a child or young person can thrive. Foster Carers can benefit from local training and development, generous pay and benefits, 24/7 support from a Supervising Social Worker, as well as local support groups and networking opportunities.

- Information www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/fostering-and-adoption

Email fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, • Call 0800 052 0078

- Text FOSTERING to 60777

Strikes in schools The National Education Union has announced four strike dates affecting Cambridgeshire.

- Wednesday 1 February (national)
- Wednesday 1 March (East of England)
- Wednesday 15 March (national)
- Thursday 16 March (national)

The County Council's education team has been providing advice and information to schools, and the Director of Education has met with the Trade Unions.

The most up to date and relevant information about strikes affecting particular schools will be on the schools' own websites. However a list will also be maintained at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/school-term-dates-closures/school-closures>

COMMUNITIES, SOCIAL MOBILITY & INCLUSION

Food bags for vulnerable families: Nearly 1,200 vulnerable families across Cambridgeshire were given special food bags as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme this Christmas. The 'Take and Make bags'—funded by the Department for Education—contained long-life food items worth up to £35 to allow families for the New Year. Bags were distributed to 1,178 families, and eligible children were also able to attend a holiday scheme which provided them with a nutritious meal and a variety of experiences such as sports, cooking and play opportunities. Requests for free school meals have increased by 24 per

Free school meals information www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals

National Lottery funding: Funding of up to £10,000 is available for events and activities through the National Lottery Awards for All programme. National Lottery Awards for All does not have a deadline, but can take up to twelve weeks from the point of submission to receiving funding, which means applications for the Coronation weekend should be made before the middle of February. www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k

Work with Young People. County community's teams are able to help set up local initiatives and to provide small amounts of funding. Following discussions with the local county team, they are very willing to help with any local initiatives or projects for young people that the parish might like to initiate.

ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT

Waste upholstered domestic seating: Last month I reported on changes by the Environment Agency to its enforcement of legislation on disposal of waste upholstered domestic seating. As a result of these last-minute changes, Cambridgeshire County Council had no option but to stop receiving unwanted sofas and other upholstered furniture from 1 January. Fortunately this situation lasted only a week, and legally compliant storage arrangements have now been put in place while permanent disposal solutions are negotiated.

Moving towards Net Zero

- Decarbonisation measures in eight schools for heating, hot water, and energy efficiency.
- 30MW of solar electricity generating capacity coming online from the North Angle Cost of living www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living. The County Council's Environment & Green Investment Committee received a report last month on the council's progress towards Net Zero for its own operations, and for the whole of Cambridgeshire.

The focus of the council's activities in the next six months will be on:

- 100 homes connected to the Swaffham Prior Community Heat Network receiving 99 per cent decarbonised heating and hot water.
- 1,500 Cambridgeshire homes installed with solar and battery solutions by the end of May 2023 to add to last year's figures.
- Starting to retrofit a further five Council buildings (to add to the 22 already complete or nearing completion) to decarbonise heating and hot water.
- 30 businesses receiving low carbon business support to start their Net Zero journey.
- Decarbonisation plans for the Council's high emitting carbon sectors.
- A roadmap for the roll-out of county-wide electric vehicle infrastructure in partnership with the Combined Authority and district partners.
- Starting an audit of trees and significant hedgerows this month on the Council's assets to inform the Corporate Tree and Woodland Strategy and wider Biodiversity Strategy.
- Launching a new People Strategy to help bring the right skills and resources to the organisation for climate change and biodiversity crises.
- Developing and sharing best practice and case studies as part of the implementation of the Council's Climate Communications Strategy.
- Agreeing Net Zero by Design principles for all projects and services.
- Net Zero procurement guidance for commissioners of Council services.
- A further thirty council officers receiving Carbon Literacy training.

- A new corporate outcome for the Council starting April 2023 focused on responding to the climate crisis and achieving carbon net zero.
- Solar Farm

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

Potholes I will repeat below the statement put out a few weeks ago on potholes, circulated to local websites and to parish councils. Every week thousands are repaired and the pace of repair has been stepped up significantly.

Potholes in Fulbourn, especially those at Ferndale and on Fulbourn Road, down to the junction with Hinton Road have been reported and officers have been out to assess them and order the work.

The emergency crews are also very quick to respond in the evenings and at weekends: I have personal experience of fast response time.

The message to residents is always the same: as soon as you see a pothole, report it on line giving approximate size as well as location.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

Cllrs Alex Beckett and Neil Shailer, chair and vice-chair of Highways and Transport at the County Council, have published a statement about potholes. In a separate statement they have also indicated that historic underfunding of Cambridge roads has made current remedial work even more difficult. Discussions with government, along with other neighbouring counties, are going on.

In the winter a lot more road defects and potholes form, this is being seen across the country. This is due to wet and freezing weather causing those worn areas of road and pavement surfaces to break up. We carry out regular inspections of our roads, bridges, cycleways and footpaths. Defects identified and reported to us are repaired as quickly as possible. We have increased the number of gangs dealing with both temporary and permanent fixes and we are using our two dragon patchers.

“Our dedicated highway inspectors are working hard to keep the roads safe, but we can't be everywhere at all times, which is why we encourage the public to report any potholes or highway faults using our online tool. It's easy to use and flags any faults which have not yet been marked. We would rather have multiple reports of the same fault, than none at all.

“After the cold spell at the end of last year, it can take time for damage in the road to go on and form into potholes. We'd urge drivers to be vigilant over the next few weeks and report any faults to us.”

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults>

The County Council plans to fit street lighting with energy-efficient LEDs. The council spends £3.3M a year on energy for street lights, and investment in a programme of LED replacement would pay back in less than six years. The Council is also proposing to recycle materials from road works, from asphalt and tar to gully water, with an estimated saving of around £250,000 a year.

BUSES: Combined Authority: I reported in detail last month on bus services, short and long term funding and developing strategies. The Combined Authority has re-launched its consultation on bus strategy, with a survey closing on 24th February.

‘The Bus Strategy aims to set out an ambitious vision and strategy to improve our bus network in a way that will benefit the residents and business of our region, and to deliver the goals and objectives of the Combined Authority’s Local Transport and Connectivity Plan. The purpose of the Bus Strategy is not to examine detailed, granular issues around specific routes and services; more to outline the key, strategic aims, objectives, and aspirations of the Combined Authority to enable us to bid for further funding and shape the network to meet the needs of the people of the region. The aim is to pave the way for a bus network that is convenient, attractive and easy to use, characterised by all of the following attributes.

Parish councils and individuals are encouraged to take the survey
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ODIKGF/>

Highways: Fulbourn Issues

White painting of the mini roundabouts on Cambridge Road/Shelford Road. Haggis Gap junction took place on Sunday 29th January

The light over the traffic calming fixture on Balsham Road, reported as not working for some time, has now been repaired.

I am waiting for confirmation of arrangements for the patching of footpaths on School Lane and St Vigor’s Road. This should have been done last week but had to be halted for safety reasons. Because of national safety regulations, it will now not be possible to do this work without a full road closure and this has to be planned well in advance

I am exploring with relevant Highways officers the possibility of a webinar/Q&A session on issues relating to 20mph zones and limits in villages, in preparation for the new LHI application scheme, expected to open now in March.

Greater Cambridge Partnership Consultations

Below are details concerning the Eastern Access consultation with dates of relevant meetings. I have spoken to the GCP officer team to raise issues related to Teversham and I understand that a dedicated meeting for Teversham parish council, to discuss the proposals below, is being set up.

GCP Eastern Access Consultation on Improvements to Newmarket Road

Proposals

1. **Newmarket Road improvements – transforming the Elizabeth Way and Barnwell Road roundabouts, and the provision of direct, safe, comfortable and attractive facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and bus users between central Cambridge and Airport Way**
2. **Park & Ride preferred site – we're asking for feedback on the preferred location for a relocated and expanded Newmarket Road Park & Ride site. There are five sites under consultation.**

The scheme aims to

- [Improve the green space on Newmarket Road](#)
- [Provide better connections by improving existing, and providing new, pedestrian crossings](#)
- [Enable people to change to walking, cycling and public transport rather than using private cars](#)
- [Provide improved bus stop facilities and bus priority measures](#)
- [Enable increased levels of walking and cycling by residents living along Newmarket Road](#)
- [Support the delivery of sustainable planned developments including Marleigh and Cambridge East \(Cambridge Airport\)](#)

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[This consultation closes at midday on Monday 20 March 2023.](#)

- **Wednesday 8 February, 6pm-7.30pm**
Online event, via Microsoft Teams: please click [here](#) to register.
- **Wednesday 15 February, 5.30pm-7.30pm**
Drop-in event, Christ the Redeemer Church, Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8RS
- **Wednesday 1 March, 6pm-8pm**
Drop in event, East Barnwell Community Centre, Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8RS

Item 113.2

Report of Councillor Carla Hofman and Councillor John Williams to Parish Councils for February 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@scambs.gov.uk or cllr.hofman@scambs.gov.uk

Key Amnesty campaign to tackle misused Council properties

People who are misusing Council properties are being offered a one-off opportunity to #DoTheRightThing and return their keys without facing criminal proceedings during a month-long crackdown by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

A “Key Amnesty” campaign called #DoTheRightThing is taking place across the district during February 2023 to give tenants the opportunity to voluntarily hand in their keys, for a limited time, with no further action taken.

#DoTheRightThing is targeting people who:

- Have provided false information on application forms for housing including Right to Buy.
- Anyone illegally subletting, where the tenant moves out then rents the property to someone else, usually at a higher rent.
- Tenants who fail to use the property as the only or principal home as well as those who abandon homes without following the proper process.

It is hoped the campaign will also provide an opportunity to raise awareness among people who moved out of Council properties to create a family bubble during the Covid pandemic, who wish to remain living with relatives. They may now realise they no longer require their Council home and wish to #DoTheRightThing by handing in their keys, enabling another family to come out of temporary accommodation or off the housing waiting list.

Additionally, the campaign is encouraging anyone who suspects housing fraud to #DoTheRightThing and report it to the Council using the online form or emailing fraud@scams.gov.uk.

#DoTheRightThing runs across South Cambridgeshire District from February 1 to 28.

To surrender keys, people are asked to hand them in to South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne CB23 6EA, in an envelope containing the property address. No more questions will be asked.

Introducing the Oxford – Cambridge Partnership

Government has confirmed support for the establishment of an Oxford to Cambridge Pan Regional Partnership. The endorsement follows a proposal submitted to Government by leaders from local councils, local enterprise partnerships, the Arc Universities Group and the area’s transport body, England’s Economic Heartland.

Backing for the pan-regional partnership unlocks access to up to £2.5million Government funding for the Partnership to support its priorities in delivering sustainable growth and environmental enhancements for the region.

The Partnership’s role will be to champion the region as a world leader of innovation and business, acting to achieve environmentally sustainable and inclusive growth. It will strengthen cross-boundary collaboration among its partners to focus on tackling the issues that matter to the people who live and work in the region.

The Partnership’s initial programme is to:

- develop a set of propositions to attract international investment and profile the region on a global stage; and
- continue the work underway to embed shared Environment Principles.

Following the official commitment from government, the Partnership will begin active recruitment of an independent Chair. In the interim, a Shadow Board has been set up to oversee the Partnership's programme and agree governance and funding.

Cambridge East Community Forum

The next on-line meeting is happening on Wednesday 22 February from 6pm to 8pm
Join the meeting via Zoom- passcode: 412510.

If you would like to be included on the forum mailing list or to suggest agenda items, contact cambridge.east@scams.gov.uk.

This meeting will include Bellway Homes updating on their housing development on land north of Cherry Hinton, to be known as Springstead Village.

More electric buses for Cambridge Stagecoach routes

30 new zero emission electric double decker buses are due to join the Stagecoach Cambridge fleet by the end of April as part of the Zero Emission Buses Regional Area (ZEBRA) scheme.

By replacing 30 city centre buses with zero emission vehicles there will be a positive impact on public health by improving air quality for the residents and people of Cambridge. The buses will be used on the five Cambridge park-&-ride routes, as well as the Citi 2 service which links Cambridge North Station with the city centre and Addenbrooke's Hospital.

In addition to the delivery of the buses, works are close to completion on refitting Cowley Road bus depot in Cambridge with simultaneous overnight charging facilities for all thirty buses. Work has also commenced at Babraham Road Park & Ride to provide a charging facility for the electric buses on the five Park & Ride services.

Local buses saved by Mayor Council Tax precept

The Mayor has approved a ring-fenced bus precept for the coming financial year to fund bus routes that would otherwise have been withdrawn at the end of March. For our ward this would have included the 11,16a and 18 routes which serve Fulbourn, Stow-cum-Quy, Teversham and the Wilbraham's. The precept will amount to an annual £12 charge on a band D property or £1 a month.

Consultation launched on options to improve journeys along Newmarket Road

Residents, businesses and commuters are being asked their opinion on new detailed proposals to make travelling along Newmarket Road easier, safer and better for the environment.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has launched a consultation on the Cambridge Eastern Access (CEA) project which aims to improve public transport journeys and walking and cycling links to the east of the city and relocate the Park & Ride site.

The scheme is part of the GCP's future transport network. This aims to help cut congestion, improve air quality and significantly develop public transport and active travel links people need to travel around, all aiding the challenge of managing the area's continued growth.

People can now have their say on the detailed designs for the CEA project which include better cycle lanes, new signal-controlled cycle & pedestrian priority junctions – which prioritise walking and cycling – new bus lanes, floating bus stops, and improved footpaths.

The GCP is also asking people to share their views on the proposed relocation of the Newmarket Road Park & Ride to a site off the junction of Newmarket Road and Airport Way.

A number of options for the P&R have been considered in order to deliver more parking spaces than the existing site to give more people an alternative to travelling by car.

This is the third public consultation on the Cambridge Eastern Access project. In 2020, the GCP consulted on short-term infrastructure improvements to Newmarket Road and long-term upgrades to support expected growth in the area.

In 2021 the GCP asked the public about design options for enhancing Newmarket Road and put forward options for relocating the P&R.

People can view the designs and have their say on the proposals on the GCP's ConsultCambs website. The consultation closes on 20 March.

Carla & John

Item 113.3

District Councillor Report to Parish Council February 2023

New mental wellbeing service for victims of crime

A new £200k service supporting the mental health needs of victims and witnesses of crime is being launched by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police. The service will enable access to experienced mental health practitioners delivering support, self-help, relaxation, stress and anxiety management to people impacted by crime. Given the impact on emotional and psychological wellbeing in the short and long term as a result of crime, it is hoped that this funding will help people re-build their lives and avoid future crisis.

Combined Authority Bus Strategy consultation

The Combined Authority has again re-launched the Bus Strategy Consultation from the 13th January until the 24th February. Parish Councils will probably be aware that this consultation has already ran once before but it transpired that the documents previously uploaded to the consultation website were incorrect and an out-of-date previous version of the document was uploaded. The Combined Authority has issued an apology for this administrative error and restarted the consultation. People that had previously taken part in the consultation will be contacted and will have the opportunity to re-submit if required. The link for the consultation is below.

<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/bus-strategy/>

The following is taken from the Combined Authority Website:

The purpose of the Bus Strategy is not to examine detailed, granular issues around specific routes and services; more to outline the key, strategic aims, objectives, and aspirations of the Combined Authority to enable us to bid for further funding and shape the network to meet the needs of the people of the region.

The aim is to pave the way for a bus network that is convenient, attractive and easy to use, characterised by all of the following attributes:

Convenient

- *Routes connecting to places and activities that people want to get to.*
- *All areas are well served by buses.*
- *Direct routes with little deviation.*
- *Frequent services with limited waiting time in-between.*
- *Services are available all day and into the evening, every day.*
- *Range of tickets to meet different needs.*

Attractive

- *The network is simple and easy to understand.*
- *Buses enjoy an excellent public image and everyone is happy to use them.*
- *Services can be relied upon and runs to time.*
- *Cost of using a bus is considered good value for money, with targeted fares that incentivise users.*
- *Buses are direct and quick.*
- *Buses are clean, comfortable and pleasant to ride on.*
- *Services are well marketed and there is plenty of clear information in a range of formats, available via different media.*
- *Waiting environments are attractive, offer seating and information, and feel safe to use.*
- *Pleasant and helpful drivers, able to assist when needed.*
- *Zero emission buses, offering a quiet and smooth ride.*
- *A network that evolves in response to changing needs and demands.*

Easy To Use

- *A single understandable network that functions as one, with connecting services, branding and system-wide ticketing.*
- *Ability for people to transfer between bus and other travel modes (walk, cycle, e-scooter, car, coach, train).*
- *A clear service offer, backed by a Passenger Charter.*
- *Buses run at regular time intervals and with consistent frequencies.*
- *Stable services with minimal changes, removing uncertainty and confusion.*
- *Simple fares with payment through a range of methods.*
- *A system that is accessible and can be used by all.*
- *Plenty of information is readily available.*

Consultation launched on options to improve journeys along Newmarket Road

The Greater Cambridge partnership is consulting on changes to Newmarket Road layout and the position of the Park & Ride.

People can now have their say on the detailed designs project which include better cycle lanes, new signal-controlled cycle & pedestrian priority junctions – which prioritise walking and cycling – new bus lanes, floating bus stops, and improved footpaths.

The GCP is also asking people to share their views on the proposed relocation of the Newmarket Road Park & Ride to a site off the junction of Newmarket Road and Airport Way.

Obviously this is of huge importance to the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn Ward as the Park & Ride will be relocated within it and some of the improvements along Newmarket Road will be within our ward and along a major access route from our villages into the city.

Below, I have copied the map and information regarding the relocation of the Park & Ride as a quick summary but there is far more information in the consultation documents. I have given you the link below.

<https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/gcp-newmarket-road-23>

SITE APPRAISAL

The appraisal of the five shortlisted sites identified that:

- **Preferred Site P1:** P1 is the preferred site for a relocated Park & Ride as although it was assessed as having a moderate/high impact on the purpose of the green belt, no significant environmental impacts are predicted, it can deliver the quickest bus and cycle journey times into Cambridge, and is well located to complement the proposed busway through the Cambridge Airport site.
- **P2:** Was ranked second. In comparison to P1, P2 was assessed as having a moderate impact on the purpose of the green belt. However, the appraisal raised concerns with potential environmental impacts to ecology and archaeology, being located closer to Quy Water and the SSSI.
- **P3:** Was ranked third. The appraisal raised concerns with potential impacts to ecology and archaeology, is privately owned and was considered to have the highest potential impact on the function of the green belt.
- **P10/11:** Were ranked last as they provide the slowest bus and cycle journey times into Cambridge, there is potential for environmental impacts to the residents of Stow cum Quy, and substantial bus priority infrastructure will be required.



Battery collection changes

Going forward, residents are asked to continue to recycle batteries separately from other waste which is really important environmentally and for the safety of our bin lorries. Household batteries can now be placed in a tied bag and placed on top of the bin (without taping the bag to the lid of the bin). The bag of batteries can be placed on any bin (green, blue or black) meaning batteries can be disposed of weekly if required. It is worth reminding residents that there are numerous battery collection points dotted across the ward in supermarkets (Tesco within our ward has a collection point).

Waterbeach to Cambridge busway

Documents and options for the provision of a Waterbeach to Cambridge Busway and a new Park & Ride at Waterbeach have started and will go on until the 24th March. There is a lot of detail within the documentation but again this will have an impact on the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn Ward as there is likely to be a large amount of traffic through Fen Ditton and Horningsea towards the City as a result of Waterbeach New Town so getting this right and achieving modal shift will be important for residents within our ward. Neither of the options pass through Horningsea or Fen Ditton directly but the outcome of this consultation will definitely have an impact on us. I have given you the link below and the dates and times of consultation events for your information.

<https://consultcamb.suk.engagementhq.com/gcp-waterbeach-to-cambridge-2023>

- 8/2/23 - The Bradfield Centre (lunchtime event) 11:30-14:00

- 8/2/23 - Landbeach Village Hall 16:00-19:00
- 9/2/23 - online meeting via Microsoft Teams (**registration required**(External link)) 18:00
- 13/2/23 - online meeting via Microsoft Teams (**registration required**(External link)) 18:00
- 21/2/23 - St. Andrews Centre, Histon 16:30-19:30
- 23/2/23 - online meeting via Microsoft Teams (**registration required**(External link)) 18:00
- 27/2/23 - Waterbeach Baptist Church 16:00-19:00
- 7/3/23 - Milton Community Centre 17:30-20:30

*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 117

Minutes of a **Planning Meeting** of Fulbourn Parish Council in The Hub, Home End, Fulbourn on Tuesday, 17th January 2023 at 7pm.

Present: Councillor Smith (Chairman) and Councillors Butler, Gaskell, Lacey, Roberts and Ward.

Apologies: Councillors Brown, Cone, Drage, Lockwood 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.

Permissions:

22/05064/HFUL, 9 Haggis Gap

22/01361/FUL, Barnsbury Stables, Cox's Drove

New Applications:

Cllr Smith declared a Personal Interest and did not take part in the following planning application.

22/05016/FUL

Location: 1 Town Close

Proposal: Construction of 1 no. new dwellinghouse together with associated parking and landscaping to the rear of 1 Town Close, Fulbourn.

1. Applications for this site have been refused twice before.
2. The vehicle access to Town Close is approximately 11feet wide and not suitable for increased traffic flow and exiting onto Pierce Lane safely.
3. Entrance onto Pierce Lane is at the narrowest part of the road which is a bus route and main road through the village.
4. The site is in a Conservation Area and is not in keeping with the character of the adjacent buildings.
5. It does not comply with the Fulbourn Village Design Statement.
6. In the current Design and Heritage Statement Item 2.3 it states that two outbuildings will be demolished namely a flat roofed car port. This is however not a car port but a large flat roofed double garage. In the original plans for 1 Town Close there should have been a timber framed double car port but this was never built.
7. The existing garage shown on the plans is not currently used as a garage for 1 Town Close, but it is a two storey self-contained annexe.
8. The proposed plans for a four bedroomed Georgian style house is not in keeping with the area and will dominate Town Close and adjacent properties on Pierce Lane.

Recommendation objects.

22/05485/FUL

Location: 58 Shelford Road

Proposal: Conversion and extension to existing garage to create a dwelling.

FPC objects to this application as it is an overdevelopment of the site. It will overlook neighbouring properties causing loss to their privacy. There are also concerns about parking and its design/appearance.

Recommendation objects.

22/05583/FUL

Location: CPC 3, Capital Park, Cambridge Road

Proposal: Creation of new internal commercial floor space at ground and first floors, modifications to the building elevations, reconfiguration of external areas and installation of plant at ground and roof level.

Recommendation supports.

23/00090/PRIOR

Location: Verge at Capital Park, Cambridge Road

Proposal: Installation of 1 no. 20m telecommunications streetworks pole, 1 no. equipment cabinet, 1 no. meter cabinet and associated ancillary development.

Recommendation supports.

23/00112/FUL

Location: Landmark International School, 9 Church Lane

Proposal: Internal room use changes, conversion of one classroom to a kitchen installation of a portakabin to add a classroom and switching the car park and play area.

Recommendation supports.