

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday, 14th June 2023 in The Swifts, Haggis Gap, Fulbourn.

Present: Councillor Smith (Chairman), and Councillors Bramwell, Brown, Butler, Gaskell, Howell, Johnson, Lacey, Lockwood, Thorn and Ward; County & District Councillor Daunton (from Item 13), District Councillor Williams, the R.F.O. Mr Fretwell, the Clerk and 8 parishioners.

18 To accept apologies for absence. Cllrs Cone, Roberts and lateness from Cllr Daunton.

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

Public & Press - You are invited to attend the whole meeting and are welcome to speak at our Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting.

Steve Taylor introduced himself as Chairman for the last 7/8 years of FISSC (Fulbourn Institute Sports and Social Club). He said two football teams currently play in Cottenham in the Sunday League but would like to come to Fulbourn. Having initially speaking to the Clerk, he approached Fulbourn Football Club (FFC) as suggested, but they do not want any more teams playing on the recreation ground. *At this point Cllr Lacey arrived to the meeting*). Steve said Fulbourn used to have three teams and have to be affiliated to FISSC to play on the recreation ground. He said Fulbourn always had a good reputation, but this has now dwindled. Mr Taylor got involved with the ladies team, Fulbourn Bluebirds, and they are doing very well. He said it would be nice for youngsters to come up through the ranks, but there weren't any feeder teams from the ages of 16-18, and although some go off for further education, many players drop out. Steve Taylor asked what can be done next and what does the PC think?

When questioned, Mr Taylor said they wanted to have one youth team and one men's first team to play in the Sunday League. Fulbourn currently play in the Saturday League. When asked about equipment, Steve said from a Support Fund, FISSC had contributed towards goals, mower repairs and a line marking machine for Fulbourn Football Club. He knew many from FFC worked hard to maintain the pitches, and said in the teams proposing to come to Fulbourn, there were two grounds men who could do some work for a fee. One gentleman said they also had Save Guarding Policies with trained persons in place and insurance cover. Documentation could be provided if required.

Cllr Smith told those present he would speak to Fulbourn Football Club to hear their side and see what could be achieved without making any promises. He thanked everyone for attending explaining the situation. The parishioners then left the meeting.

20 Additional Football Teams for Discussion.

The Public and Press item was discussed further with Cllr Brown wondering if the proposed football pitch for Ida Darwin site might be a possibility, although it won't be ready for use for some time. Cllr Williams said Longfellow also wishes to reinstate the football pitches at Capital Park, so that too could be investigated.

21 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

21.1 County Councillor Daunton. Item deferred.

21.2 District Councillors Williams and Hofman issued the attached report.

21.3 District Councillor Cone is attending another meeting. In his absence Cllr Cone issued the attached report.

22 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23 Matters arising from the last meeting.

23.1 Ida Darwin Site. See item 34. Cllr Williams said at the recent Fulbourn Liaison meeting

chaired by Cllr Cone, that Hill Residential was welcomed to the meeting having purchased the East of Teversham Road site from Castlefield. They had to mow the grass in order to carry out a Reptile Survey and had already sent letters to nearby residents keeping them up to date with these works. Morris Homes had produced a Construction Travel Plan but Cllr Williams still had concerns about the Fulbourn Old Drift/Hinton Road junction. As part of the Greenway project and to assist both cyclists and pedestrians, the junction will be re-modelled. A Section 278 has been signed and Morris Homes will pay for the consultation.

A meeting has been held including the Cycling Team regarding widening the path for the Greenway Project, but there have been problems with Network Rail as it is their land and they want more money for it. The first phase of the Greenway will be from Fulbourn to Tesco. There will be consultation on introducing a 20 mph running along Apthorpe Street to the rear of the hospital via Fulbourn Old Drift. Cllr Williams said under government guidelines, 20 mph areas/zones should have speed pillows to make them effective. He advised Cambridge Steiner School has been consulted regarding parking issues on that junction as on road parking will disappear.

Cllr Williams said Morris Homes and Hill will need to co-ordinate traffic movements as construction of both sites will occur at the same time. Hill can only access via Teversham Road. Any concerns, the Clerk should contact the land manager.

23.2 Swift's Play Area. A report with photographic evidence concerning the condition of the equipment and area has been sent to Accent Group for comment. We await a response.

23.3 Recreation Ground car park. Cllr Lacey arranged for the potholes to be filled with planings, gravel before being rolled by closing sections of the car park over a couple of days to get the works completed. The PC thanked Cllr Lacey for getting this done.

23.4 Additional defibrillator. Cllr Thorn approached the landlord of the Hat & Rabbit (formerly known as The Baker's Arms) to see if a defibrillator could be fitted to the outside of the building with a connection to electricity. He agreed, but we need to confirm this with Greene King too.

23.5 Fulbourn Primary School. A Citizenship Day was held on 15/05/23 when the children visited Fulbourn Windmill, did brass rubbings at the church and met The Clerk on the recreation ground to hear what the Parish Council did towards protecting the environment. The children then carried out a litter pick of the ground.

24 To approve the Annual Governance Statement.

Terry Fretwell went through the individual columns explaining how the PC complies with each statement. Once completed, and approved by the Council, the Chairman signed the Annual Governance Statement.

25 Approve Annual Accounts 2022/23 for Resolution.

Mr Fretwell went through the figures explaining the Council's financial position. He said publication of the accounts should commence on 03/07/2023 until 11/08/2023 to comply with regulations. Terry said we had received the signed Internal Auditor's Report, who had not made any further comments. This will also be presented to the External Auditor. Terry advised we will need a new Internal Auditor next year.

Cllr Ward proposed approving the Annual Accounts for 2022/23, proposal seconded by Cllr Butler and agreed by the Council. Mr Fretwell was thanked for his hard work by the Chairman.

26 Council Policies for review.

Council Policies are reviewed and amended as legislation dictates. The Finance Committee will need to review the Financial Regulations to accommodate local bank branches closures, and might need to consider switching to another bank in the future.

27 Neighbourhood Plan.

Members from the Neighbourhood Plan Team and Parish Councillors met with SCDC Planners on 07/06/2023 walking round the village. Although most large developments are

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already going ahead, there were discussions about proposed future projects and their impact taking into account the newly adopted Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Daunton said Mr Ron Ward had asked about the 20 mph areas/zones application submitted from a Community Group and was advised that we were still waiting to hear.

Item 21.1 was taken next.

Cllr Daunton issued the attached report highlighting a few points. Cllr Daunton said Fulbourn School had been involved in the Covid memorial Project and a ceremony will be held at Lower Valley Farm on 15/06/2023 which Cllr Daunton will attend.

Cllr Daunton said the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust were looking for new Members and Governors. The Clerk will display posters provided.

28 Minutes of a Planning meeting held on 22/05/2023.

The next Planning Meeting was arranged for Tuesday, 20th June 2023 at 7pm.

29 Tree works:

23/0303/TTPO, Telford House – SCDC has granted permission for these works.

23/0243/TTPO, 26 Wilbraham Road – SCDC has granted permission for these works.

23/0217/TTCA, 40A Pierce Lane – Reduce Crown by removing 1m in height and 1m from lateral branches to maintain small fruit tree. SCDC has no objection to this application.

23/0435/TTCA, 16 Stonebridge Lane and 23/0434/TTCA, 20 Stonebridge Lane – SCDC has no objections to these applications.

Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.

30 Play Equipment.

Following the annual play inspection, from the reports, Cllr Ward said the PC needed to be mindful that equipment will need replacing in the near future. Some repairs including the replacement of a baby swing will be done by Wicksteed when they install the new toddler equipment in the next few weeks. Cllr Ward continued that the MUGA was running successfully, an onsite container had been painted and a deep clean carried out. She felt the PC should write to Ernest Doe expressing disappointment over the delays in getting the ride-on-mower repaired. Cllr Ward said the allotments are now looking very good. She said after nearly 30 years serving as a Councillor, Cllr Ward will be retiring in September and would need someone to take over. Cllr Howell offered and will be guided by Cllr Ward.

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31 Stonebridge Lane signage for Resolution.

Following discussion, it was felt most people visiting the Nature Reserve would not necessarily take notice of a sign suggesting they park on the recreation ground. There might be times when the ground is full anyway depending on events in The Fulbourn Centre or what sports were taking place. There isn't an easy solution to the parking problems being endured by residents.

32 Correspondence.

32.1 **SCDC** – Communities Duty, update for those supporting refugees from Ukraine.

32.2 **Canfund** – Remote meeting 08/06/2023 to discuss solutions for financing the transition to a net zero carbon future for Cambridgeshire.

32.3 **CCC** – Fulbourn Greenway: Phase 1, Eastern Section Cllr Briefing on 23/05/23.

32.4 **Fulbourn Arts** – June 2023 newsletter.

32.5 **SCDC** – Information regarding a Mobile Food Hub and whether Fulbourn would benefit from using this scheme.

32.6 **CCC** – Cambridgeshire Matters May 2023.

32.7 **The Hill Group** – Copy of correspondence to nearby residents concerning erecting fencing on 02/06/2023 near the Land East of Teversham Road to facilitate ecological works.

32.8 **SCDC** – May 2023 Parish E-bulletin.

32.9 **War Memorials Trust** – May 2023 magazine.

32.10 **Dr R Dudas** – Concerns raised to Hill regarding vehicular access in Cox’s Drove and reptiles on the site as work begins.

32.11 **Fulbourn Forum** – June 2023 newsletter.

32.12 **GCSP** (Greater Cambridge Shared Partnership) – Making Connections 2022, consultation findings and update.

32.13 **Cambridgeshire ACRE** – Staying in Touch, May 2023 newsletter; first remote meeting on 4/7/23 “Staying Connected” event on Rural Affordable Housing.

32.14 **TMC** (Traffic Management Centre) – May 2023 Incident Report.

32.15 **SCDC** – Cambridge East Community Forum, next meeting 21/06/2023.

32.16 **Natural England** – Running a Training Day at Fulbourn Fen in July, date to be confirmed, and asking to use the pavilion toilet facilities as The Fulbourn Centre and FISSC are not open until 4pm. The Clerk has acknowledged saying the building is closed pending an insurance investigation.

32.17 **Annual Quiz** – To be held in The Townley Hall on 29/07/2023; teams of a maximum of 6 players; £5 per head with table top snacks and donations of raffle prizes.

32.18 **SCDC, Community Safety** – Information relating to an ATM Protection Project being proposed in conjunction with the Police.

32.19 **Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)** – Have your say on the Grantchester section of the Haslingfield Greenway; consultation runs until 28/07/2023.

32.20 **SCDC** – Zero Carbon Communities Summer 2023 newsletter.

32.21 **Fulbourn Centre** – Request for financial assistance towards upgrading to LED lighting. The Clerk has sent Council’s Policy on Grants information. Cllr Daunton said this request would meet the criteria of Item 32.20. The Clerk will send information.

32.22 **AGE UK** – With regret, and due to lack of funding, the Fulbourn Scheme will close in September 2023. The Clerk has acknowledged this update thanking everyone for their help and support over the years.

32.23 **Marshalls** – Invitation for the Chairman to attend community workshops to discuss the future of Cambridge Airport – a project known as Cambridge East. The Clerk will advise that Cllr Smith will attend.

32.24 **Fulbourn Liaison Meeting** – Next meeting 12/09/2023 5pm-6pm.

32.25 **GCP** – Making Connections update.

32.26 **Resident** – Concerns regarding trees on the edge of the recreation ground adjacent to Impett’s Lane that need maintenance. One tree looks very unhealthy, others are encroaching neighbouring properties, a street column is obscured and some branches are tangled in telephone lines. The Clerk will contact a Tree Surgeon.

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33 To resolve the accounts for the month.

e-on: Pavilion electricity.....153.49R	e-on: Hub electricity.....108.98R
e-on: Hub gas.....211.48R	Fulbourn Centre: Room hire.....43.50
Pristine: Hygiene contract.....445.20	SP Landscapes: Grass cutting.....1,410.00
C Dellar: Maintenance.....139.00R	R Sharp: Internal Auditor.....300.00R
W Turf: Ground treatments.....789.70	Furnleaf: Ground maintenance.....642.00
Stannah: Lift service.....192.00	Birketts: Legal fees.....1,051.20

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

Quote for new Desktop and Laptop: ITEXS £988.00.

In need to upgrade the office computer and to provide equipment for a new Assistance Clerk, Cllr Smith proposed accepting the quotation, seconded by Cllr Lacey and agreed by the Council.

<p>34 Council Committees and Remote Meetings. Fulbourn Liaison Meeting; suggested site name required. Cllr Thorn said a viewing platform was being erected to see the windmill, so suggested “Windmill View” as the site name. Unanimously agreed by the Council. Parish/Cabinet Liaison Meeting.</p> <p>35 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action.</p> <p>There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.35pm.</p>	<p>1508</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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Attached reports:

Item 21.1

County Councillor Claire Daunton: report to parish councils for June 2023

Fulbourn Issues

Roadworks: Several areas of the village will have road closures/diversions in the coming weeks for road- or foot-path repairs. These include: School Lane, St Vigor’s Road, and Station Road. General notices have gone out from County Streetworks, but houses in those areas should also be receiving letters. I am in close contact with our Streetworks officer and our local highways_officer to make sure this happens.

Stonebridge Lane: the road has been cleaned – again - and I am now waiting for confirmation of works on the grips.

Geoffrey Bishop Avenue: it has been confirmed that there will be work to deal with drainage issues (jetting of pipes, clearing of gullies, clearing of soakaways and possibly other work depending on investigations) but some questions remain concerning one or two areas where tree roots might be causing a problem.

Teversham Road/Ida Darwin. Following the Parish Liaison Forum meeting on 1st June (which I was unable to attend), I was briefed by Cllr Williams. As a result, I have asked Highways managers to keep councillors fully alerted to the traffic management plans for the building out of these sites. Highways officers will aim to coordinate the working practices and of developers and encourage their cooperation, to minimise disruption in this corner of the village. This area will also be the subject of work for Phase I of the Fulbourn Greenway. See below*

FULL COUNCIL

The Annual Council meeting on Tuesday 16 May agreed three motions from councillors, amended and passed a fourth, and voted down a fifth.

- Cllr Thompson proposed a motion to seek to ensure availability of childcare in new developments, after learning that many new developments were being built with covenants on them preventing use of domestic properties by childminders.
- Cllr Goodliffe proposed a motion to recognise the experience of care leavers (‘care experienced people’) as equivalent to a ‘protected characteristic’ which councils have a duty in law to consider when making decisions.
- Cllr Hathorn proposed joint working to develop an action plan for better information about Cambridgeshire’s cycle networks.

- Cllr Sharp proposed a motion about highways maintenance, which was amended to require a draft action plan to be considered by the Highways & Transport Committee in July.
- Cllr Count proposed a motion, which was defeated, seeking to review the council's decision in March on the Cambourne to Cambridge busway route.

The Full Council also agreed a new People Strategy. This aims to align the council's workforce to achieve the council's ambitions over the next five years. It focuses on four themes: attracting, appreciating, supporting and developing the council's staff.

ADULTS & HEALTH

A new approach 'Care Together' is underway in the area around Ely and we hope to extend it more widely across the county, in due course. Local teams, based in their localities, are working with local community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises, as well as the NHS. Working together, in a community as a community they are looking to provide a more personalised home care for the elderly who might require different levels of support at different stages, from a variety of sources. One important aspect of 'Care Together' is making it much easier to find the right support to help people remain active and stay socially connected. This means having more and better options for homecare in which local services – both paid-for and voluntary – are known, easily contactable and quickly available. To make this work means having county officers based locally who really know their communities, know what is available, what could be available, what funding is needed to allow local care businesses or 'micro enterprises' get started and to flourish. The range of places and people involved include libraries, lunch clubs, pharmacies, GPs, home support, community living rooms, transport, and small local care-support businesses.

On a visit to Ely to learn how it is working in practice I heard of the importance of libraries not only as places to read and gather information, but also as warm places to meet and talk to people and deal with loneliness and isolation, as places to find out how to get help. I also learned of the challenges of negotiating 21st-century life with insufficient digital skills and with poor transport and with little money; and heard of new ways of tackling these problems and those of dementia and the mental health strains caused by poor physical health. 'Care Together' cannot tackle all these problems but it appears it can make a difference by maximising resources locally, making sure that all concerned work together

COMMUNITIES, SOCIAL MOBILITY & INCLUSION (COSMIC)

Accountability agreement

COSMIC has approved an Accountability Agreement, which is a new requirement for any organisation receiving more than £1M a year from the Government's Department for Education. This sets out a limited number of priority aims, targets and key performance indicators for Cambridgeshire Skills in delivering high quality adult education.

Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund

This fund consists of £1.5M left over from the previous administration's £5M Communities Capital Fund. £1M will be made available for community capital projects to improve or upgrade community buildings and assets, while supporting the council to achieve at least three of its strategic ambitions.

- Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes.
- Travel across the county is safer and more environmentally sustainable.
- Health inequalities are reduced.
- People enjoy healthy, safe, and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs.
- People are helped out of poverty and income inequality.
- Places and communities prosper because they have a resilient and inclusive economy, access to good quality public services and social justice is prioritised.
- Children and young people have opportunities to thrive.

The fund will open for a single round of applications during the 2023/24 financial year, with an upper bid limit of £40,000. Cambridgeshire based voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations will be eligible to apply, as will district, town and parish councils, and businesses if they can evidence the public benefit of their project.

The remaining £0.5M will be reserved for the County Council's own community based assets, where this will support the council's commitment to decentralisation.

ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT

Flood Group conference

Following the success of last year's first Flood Group Conference at Alconbury Weald, the 2023 Conference will take place on Thursday 21 September in St Ives. The County Council's Community Flood Action Programme has been shortlisted for a national award.

Green Energy Together / Solar Together

Solar Together is a national scheme run by iChoosr, an independent organisation that vets and appoints accredited installers of solar panels on homes. iChoosr appointed three installers in 2022 to deliver solar panels and battery storage across Cambridgeshire. The County Council promoted the scheme to residents and it has been popular, with over 2,000 installations completed to date.

We were disappointed to hear that one of their suppliers, Green Energy Together Ltd (GET), who operated in Huntingdonshire, had appointed liquidators following the loss of their MCS certification. This accreditation is a requirement for installers participating in the Solar Together scheme. Other Solar Together installers in Cambridgeshire are unaffected.

We have sought assurance that iChoosr will be in contact with affected Huntingdonshire customers to explain the situation and their options.

Home Upgrade Grants

Cambridgeshire has been awarded £11.5M over two years to improve energy efficiency in homes which are not on mains gas. More information, including eligibility criteria, at actiononenergycambs.org/funding

Sunnica solar farm

The Planning Inspectorate is currently expected to submit its recommendation for the Sunnica solar farm application, located between Burwell and Red Lodge, by 28 June.

Smart journeys

The new *Smart Journeys* team is now in place working with developers of sites at Northstowe, Alconbury Weald, and Cambridge Science Park to promote active travel throughout the developments.

Disposal of vapes and metal recycling

Following a number of fires, an information campaign is being planned about the safe disposal of vapes and the hazards of fires in collection vehicles and waste plants arising from the batteries sealed inside these items. There is currently a six week campaign of bus advertising, radio and social media across the whole of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough promoting the need to recycle all metals.

Envar application refused

The application for new waste facilities including an incinerator at the Envar site at Woodhurst was (narrowly) refused. The applicant is considering next steps which include an option to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

Waste Water Treatment Works

Having withdrawn its application to relocate its waste water treatment works from NE Cambridge to Horningsea, Anglian Water resubmitted its plans on 28 April. These plans have been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate.

Infrastructure Levy consultation

The Government is consulting on technical aspects of its proposed changes to how developer contributions towards new infrastructure are secured. The Government says: the Levelling Up & Regeneration Bill seeks to replace the current system of 'Section 106' developer contributions with a mandatory, more streamlined, and locally determined Infrastructure Levy.

Biodiversity and green spaces

The Tree & Woodland Strategy is now out to tender, including assessment of tree canopy cover for the whole county, and more detailed analysis on County Council land. The strategy will also include length of hedgerow on County Council land, amounts of carbon sequestered, and areas for future tree planting.

Work is also ongoing with Natural Cambridgeshire on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire, with a formal launch imminent.

Low carbon heating for council buildings

Air source heat pumps have been installed at 22 council buildings to date, replacing fossil fuel heating systems. A further five new projects are also now in progress, supported by grant funding, and the County Council is applying to the Low Carbon Skills Fund for grants towards design for the next batch of sites.

Autonomous vehicle trials

Connecting Cambridgeshire will be supporting the Greater Cambridge Partnership to deliver two autonomous vehicle projects, one running services around the West Cambridge campus, Cambridge Biomedical Campus, and between Babraham and Trumpington Park & Rides; the other looking at the feasibility of autonomous transit to support developments to the east of Cambridge.

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

1. Greenways

The GCP Assembly has approved moving to the next stage of detailed design on three more Greenways: Swaffhams, Bottisham and St Ives. It is intended that these should be complete by 2024/25.

The consultation on *Phase I of the Fulbourn Greenway (Phase 1 is Fulbourn village to Yarrow Road crossing) is to begin later in June. Continuing discussion with network rail will determine when consultation on Phase 2 (Yarrow Road to Cambridge Station) begins and what the precise route will be.

2. 'Making Connections' consultation Sustainable Travel Zone

The public response to the *Making Connections* consultation has now been published. More than 24,000 people responded to the consultation, which proposed measures, to be introduced in the very near future, to transform the bus network alongside better walking and cycling infrastructure that would be funded in the long term by the phased introduction of a road-user charge.

The key findings and the wide-ranging views—both in favour of and against the proposals—are contained in a paper to the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Joint Assembly which meets on Thursday 8 June. There is a huge range of detailed, factual material in this report concerning the range of responses and the methodology used for the analysis.

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The headlines are below.

- Over 70 per cent of people were in favour of the future transport network, with more buses to more locations, cheaper fares and longer operating times supported by better walking and cycling infrastructure to give people faster, cheaper and more reliable travel alternatives to the car.
- 58 per cent are opposed to the STZ as the means for delivering the transport vision proposed, with 49 per cent of respondents strongly opposed. The remaining 8 per cent opposed, commenting on particular areas of concern that were important to them (boundaries, exemptions, outbound commuting, and hours of operation).
- Opposition increased with age from 35 to 64, with 55-64 year olds the most likely to oppose. Those who lived outside Cambridge were also more likely to oppose.
- Around half of those who opposed the STZ did support the vision for better buses.
- 34 per cent of people supported the STZ as proposed. Support was highest among the youngest and the oldest respondents, who are more likely to find it most difficult to access education and healthcare due to the limitations of the existing bus network. Support was highest in the centre and west of Cambridge.
- The views from organisations such as business, healthcare and others were broadly supportive of the plans but with caveats about the impact on staff or those who were vulnerable.

- Additional representative opinion polling was carried out which showed opposition and support for a road user charge was more balanced.

The reasons for supporting or opposing varied but covered a variety of areas.

- Those who supported the proposals were keen to get more frequent bus services, would be able to cycle more safely and generally were positive towards the idea of a charge to tackle climate change and reduce congestion.
- Those who opposed felt the exemptions didn't go far enough, and perceived a charge to be unfair, in particular on those travelling to Addenbrookes, and also believed there would be a negative impact on jobs.

With a large number of free text responses in the survey to supplement the 'closed questions', a lot of detail is now available about what people feel could be positive amendments to the scheme. These included changing the rate for cars, changing the hours, amending the discounts and exemptions, and altering the boundaries.

No decisions have been made or can be made at this early stage of examining the evidence, consideration of the range of responses and then responding to the concerns expressed. The report will be discussed at the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Joint Assembly (of which I am a member) meeting on Thursday 8 June. And I will be reflecting in detail on the evidence, in all its variety. The GCP Executive Board will then consider the evidence alongside comments from the Assembly. The County Council will then take time to consider evidence, comments, feedback, before any decisions are taken.

The desire for better bus services, as one of the central parts of the GCP proposals in this consultation, accords with the push from the Combined Authority's draft Local Transport Plan for huge improvements to the bus network and to work on the introduction of public control over this service.

Note post meeting:

Points raised in the discussion of 'Making Connections'

1. *This is early days yet in the consideration of the findings from the consultation and we must bear in mind that there is still some analysis to be done of the range of responses; we are not close to any decision at this stage.*
2. *The STZ is just one part of a much bigger picture of improved transport: Greenways, buses, walking are all part of the GCP package.*
3. *Doing nothing is not option: congestion is already bad and will become much worse.*
4. *There is a desire for change; there is clear support for better bus services and within that there is clear support for fast and frequent services;*
5. *Those most disadvantaged are the young (16-24) and the elderly (75 plus) who are not able to drive or do not have access to private transport. In many cases their access to public transport is also very limited because of where they live; they are also disadvantaged by congestion and the fact that current bus services are often late or cancelled because of it.*
6. *Respondents and members of the Assembly were very concerned about the inequality of life in and around Cambridge and that this lack was highlighted by public transport deficits.*
7. *Deficits in bus services because of Stagecoach actions in recent months had only exacerbated the credibility gap in relation to improved bus services. Services that are good enough to persuade people to leave their cars at home must be the solution.*

8. *Where do we begin to introduce better services? With the park and ride services and extending their hours? Rural services such as those serving for example, Cottenham, Soham, Ely, Mebourn -just examples? What travel data do we have to allow us to make the choices of services to start improvements?*
9. *Equality was also at the forefront of the discussion concerning the 'spread' of any charging: those speaking for peak hours only were also concerned about the level of exemptions, especially since many low-paid drove in early to jobs in the city.*
10. *Added to this was the issue of trip-chaining which again would be affected by the STZ and often women in low-paid jobs were the most effected here.*
11. *Exempting patients and visitors to hospitals on the Addenbrooke's campus was also a significant area of debate'*
12. *But also there was discussion for exclusion of Cambridge North station since this would be a travel hub for those coming in from the north and east;*
13. *Since the road charging proposed was to reduce congestion and much of the congestion was caused by people driving INTO the zone, then some thought should be given to not penalising OUT commuting. More work needed on this.*
14. *Similarly, more work is needed on boundary lines: for example, access to Fulbourn Tesco from parts of Fulbourn village and parts of Teversham village being one of them. Fulbourn Tesco – outside the zone – is a major local hub More work is needed on local use and local lived-experience.*

East West Rail

The southern route, rather than the northern, has just now been announced as the preferred option for the section of East West Rail from Bedford to Cambridge. The leader of the County Council, Cllr Lucy Nethsingha, has commented:

This is a nationally important piece of infrastructure, and we have been supportive of the principle of the rail link between Oxford and Cambridge for many years. It was good to hear a renewed government commitment to the project earlier in the year, and we are keen to study the detail of these proposals.

Rail travel is one of the most efficient and greenest transport systems, and increasing the opportunities for rail transport in our area is a key priority and important as part of our commitment to a greener fairer Cambridgeshire.

We will look closely at the detail of what has been announced today, we want to understand the exact alignment and what this means for residents and particular areas of the county. We look forward to working with our communities and with the East West Rail Company to understand and refine the proposals and address local concerns. We are also keen to understand whether our calls for the line to be electric from the start have been heard.

The most significant item on the Combined Authority Board agenda for 31 May is the Local Transport & Connectivity Plan. As the Government has still not published its guidance on Local Transport Plans, due last September, the Plan may need to be revised even if approved. It contains district-specific strategies, carbon assessments, impact assessments, and more.

The document's Mission Statement says:

The transport network must put improved health at its core, it must help create a fairer society, it must respond to climate change targets, it must protect our environment and clean up our air, and it must be the backbone of sustainable economic growth in which everyone can prosper.

And it must bring a region of cities, market town and very rural areas closer together. It will be achieved by investing in a properly joined-up, net zero carbon transport system, which is high quality, reliable, convenient, affordable, safe, and accessible to everyone, Better, cleaner public transport will reduce private car use, and more cycling and walking will support both healthier lives and a greener region. Comprehensive connectivity, including digital improvements, will support a sustainable future for our region's nationally important and innovative economy.

The Plan's proposed approach is to deliver new high-quality active travel infrastructure, prioritise bus links including demand-responsive transport, improve the rail network, investigate new Park & Ride facilities on the A10 near Waterbeach, improve the A10 and the A142/A14 junction at Exning, and support electric vehicles.

I am happy to receive comments and questions on the report at:

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Item 21.2

Report of District Councillors Carla Hofman and John Williams to Parish Councils for June 2023

This report contains factual information which we hop 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

South Cambridgeshire has 5 Year Housing Land Supply

The Greater Cambridge planning area has 6.1 years of housing land supply for the 2023-2028 five-year period. This conclusion is based on our five-year housing land supply being calculated jointly, using the Liverpool methodology, and applying a 5% buffer.

As we can demonstrate a five-year housing land supply for Greater Cambridge, the planning policies in the adopted Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Local Plans 2018 will be given full weight in decisions on planning applications, unless there are other material considerations to take into account. This will be relevant for any planning applications that are being considered.

You will recall that prior to 2018 South Cambridgeshire did not have a five-year housing land supply and this enabled developers to get planning permission for land not allocated for housing under the previous local plan, such as the land east of Teversham Road, north of Cow Lane.

Four Day Week Trial Extended

A trial of a four-day week at South Cambridgeshire District Council has been extended by 12 months, after Cambridge University independently reviewed data showed the initial pilot was a success reporting that not a single area of performance fell to a concerning level during the trial.

At a time of increased public sector spending pressures, the four-day week aims to allow the Council to continue to deliver excellent services to residents and businesses, whilst improving consistency and reducing cost.

Following the well-publicised success of many similar trials in the private sector, the District Council became the first local authority in the country to trial this way of working between January and March 2023. Around 450 desk-based staff have been involved. The Council decided to undertake the trial because of the acute recruitment and retention issues it was facing – mirroring the national recruitment and retention situation in the public sector.

Before the trial started, the Council was spending about £2million a year on agency staff, often in specialist roles where the private sector pays more. This bill could be halved if all the agency posts were filled permanently. Although the three-month trial wasn't expected to see improvement in recruitment, because there was no certainty about whether it would continue, the Council's annual wage bill has already decreased by £300,000. Additionally, some staff have decided to stay at the Council when they may have otherwise moved-on. The Council outlined in September 2022 how, for more than a year, it had only been able to fill around eight out of every ten, or fewer, of its vacancies. Not being able to fill vacant posts – or using agency staff to cover them – is not only expensive but also disruptive. For example, when case officers change during the process of a planning application, it can cause delays and frustration because a lot of context and institutional memory is lost. The combination of reduced agency spends and improved recruitment during the three-month trial is a positive indication of what the Council hopes to see in the year-long trial, saving costs whilst maintaining high quality public services. It has also been decided to include bin and other Shared Waste staff in a three-month trial from July. This will mean that bins will be emptied on Tuesday to Friday, and if successful will avoid the problem of Bank Holiday Mondays.

Draft Regulations for changes to Postal and Proxy Voting published

The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities published draft secondary legislation which will implement changes made to postal and proxy voting arrangements by the Elections Act 2022. The update includes a new online service for absent vote applications, new identity checking for all absent vote applications, new rules around how long a person can have a postal vote arrangement in place, and a new limit on how many voters a person is able to act as proxy for. A draft Explanatory Memorandum is published alongside the draft Regulations. For questions on the draft secondary legislation, please contact: EIPBusinessChange@levellingup.gov.uk

Carla and John

Item 21.3

District Councillor Report to Parish Council June 2023

Oxford to Cambridge Partnership news: New managing director has been appointed

The following information was shared by SCDC regarding the newly appointed Managing Director for Oxford to Cambridge Pan-regional Partnership.

Dr Richard Hutchins has been announced as the new Managing Director for Oxford to Cambridge Pan-regional Partnership. The new Oxford to Cambridge Partnership brings together the region's leaders to pursue shared interests in realising economic potential in ways that are environmentally responsible and benefits local communities. The Partnership's role is champion the region as world leader in innovation and business, acting to achieve environmentally sustainable and inclusive growth. Dr Richard Hutchins will join as Managing Director from 1 June 2023. He brings extensive experience working with regional boards and large-scale partnerships. He brings expertise in leading successful inward investment programmes and has an impressive understanding of the innovation opportunities for the Oxford to Cambridge region and the value of public-private partnerships in delivering environmentally sustainable growth and development.

Cambridgeshire Community Hubs Network

The idea of Warm Hubs was initially designed to support vulnerable and isolated people as well as those on lower incomes during the winter months by providing a warm space in a community building which could offer financial support and information on how bills could be reduced as well as the opportunity for people to socialise together. Residents of South and East Cambridgeshire will have the opportunity to continue to benefit from access to community buildings throughout the summer to enable people to socialise and meet new friends, tackling loneliness and social isolation.

The passing of Robin Page

I was sorry to hear the following information, taken from the SCDC website.

The Council is saddened to hear that former Councillor Robin Page has died.

He was one of the authority's original councillors, representing the Barton ward from 1973 until 2006 and then the Haslingfield ward from 2012 to 2016, as an Independent Member.

His main interest was conservation and he served on the Council's Conservation Committee from 1983 until its disbandment in 2001. He co-founded the Countryside Restoration Trust in 1993, which aimed to promote commercial yet wildlife-friendly farming, serving as its chairman until 2003.

He had a regular column in the Daily Telegraph and presented the BBC TV show One Man and His Dog. He played cricket for Comberton (as wicket-keeper) and football for Barton.

Our thoughts are with former Cllr Page's family and friends.

Liaison meeting regarding development in Fulbourn – both on the Ida Darwin and Castlefield sites

I recently chaired a meeting between Planning Officers, developers from Hill (Castlefield) and Morris Homes (Ida Darwin), District and Parish Councillors. It is key that now both developments will be moving forward over the coming year that a number of issues are scrutinised such as:

- Traffic plans for delivery of materials
- Communication between both developers
- Communication between developers and the cycle greenways team
- Communication with residents
- Making sure we have suitable contacts if things go wrong
- Parking for contractors
- Drafting communication packs for new residents

Findings from GCP's Making Connections consultation published

The GCP has published the Making Connections findings regarding congestion charging. I have stated in previous reports that I had concerns regarding this consultation given that the main element, congestion charging, isn't mentioned until question 9. I also find it odd that this consultation has broken down results in age categories which is unusual and that within the consultation there were no options without congestion charging put forward. To access the results use the following website: <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/sustainable-transport-programme/city-access-programme/making-connections/making-connections-2022>

*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 28

Minutes of a **Planning Meeting** of Fulbourn Parish Council in The Hub, Home End, Fulbourn on Monday, 22nd May 2023.

Present: Councillor Smith (Chairman) and Councillors Bramwell, Butler, Gaskell and Thorn.

Apologies: Councillors Cone and Ward.

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.

Removal of Variation of Condition (Section 73):

23/01632/S73

Location: Fernleigh Farm, Teversham Road

Proposal: S73 to vary Conditions 6 (Archaeology), 7 (Fire Hydrants), 8 (Traffic Management Plan), 9 (Hard and Soft Landscaping) and 10 (Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Strategy)of planning ref, S/0036/20/FL (Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment for B1 business use including car and cycle parking provision and landscaping) for minor amendments to the wording of conditions 6 to 10 (Inclusive) to allow these works to be carried out without the need to discharge all the pre-commencement conditions.

Withdrawn application:

23/00820/CL2PD

Location: 12 Impett's Lane

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for the following:

- (1) External Cladding: NB: First Floor, Rear Elevation, under featherboarding cladding only (425cm x 190cm)- please see photo and thermal heat photo.
- (2) Velux windows in attic roof: Two on the front elevation and two on the rear elevation i.e. Four x (47cm Width x 98 cm Height) total.
- (3) Removal of Chimney and Flue: Centre left of roof - as per measured drawings.
- (4) Replacement of rotten Garden Shed: Wooden Structure (300cm x 360cm x 220cm)- representing less than 30% of the rear garden surface area.
- (5) Installation of Air Source Heat Pump: Rear Elevation installation of air source heat pump compressor on flat roof.

Application determined/closed:

20/04688/CONDA, 40 Pierce Lane

Proposal: Submission of details required by Conditions 3 (External Materials) and 7 (Carbon Emissions) of planning permission 20/04688/FUL. Discharge in Full.

Information only:

22/02173/CONDC

Location: Fulbourn Sports & Social Club, Capital Park, Cambridge Road

Proposal: Submission of details required by Conditions 4 (tree protections strategy), 6 (hard and soft landscaping), 7 (landscape management plan), 8 (landscape maintenance), 15 (biodiversity enhancement) and 23 (external lighting) of planning permission 22/02173/S73

20/05199/CONDI

Location: Ida Darwin Hospital, Fulbourn Old Drift

Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 8 (Water Efficiency) of Reserved Matters application 20/05199/REM

Amendment:

23/00112/FUL

Location: Landmark International School, 9 Church Lane Comments by 05/06/2023

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.

Fulbourn Parish Council wonders how long the intended use of the installation of a portakabin will be for. Neighbourhood Plan Policy FUL/01 Has no recommendation.

New Applications:

23/01269/HFUL

Location: 28 School Lane

Proposal: Install a 3 metre dropped kerb to front of property: central to garden/driveway. Recommendation supports.

23/01641/PRIOR

Location: 1 Teversham Road

Proposal: Single storey rear extension. Recommendation supports.

23/01768/PRIOR

Location: 25 Thomas Road

Proposal: Change of Use from Class E to a dwelling house Class C3. Recommendation supports.

23/01559/HFUL

Location: 20 Stonebridge Lane

Proposal: Single storey extension following demolition of existing single storey side extension; minor alterations to existing outbuilding. Recommendation supports.

23/01709/HFUL

Location: 8 Speedwell Close

Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension. Recommendation supports.

23/01720/FUL

Location: New Shardelowes Farm, Balsham Road
Proposal: Change of Use of agricultural building to General Industrial Unit
(Use Class B2) and of existing hardstanding to provide ancillary car
parking (re-submission of 22/4267/FUL).

Fulbourn Parish Council has concerns regarding access/visibility of site with possible extra
vehicle usage onto a busy highway with blind summits. We refer to the Neighbourhood
Plan Policies FUL/06 a) and FUL/13 a). Recommendation objects.

23/01650/LBC

Location: 8 Balsham Road
Proposal: Internal alterations including the lining of two chimneys and installation
of a wood burner. Recommendation supports.