

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday, 13th September 2023 in The Swifts, Haggis Gap, Fulbourn.

Present: Councillor Smith (Chairman), and Councillors Brown, Butler, Gaskell, Howell, Johnson, Lacey, Lockwood, Thorn and Ward; County Councillor Daunton, District Councillors Williams and Cone, the Clerk and 4 parishioners.

The Chairman, Cllr Smith began the meeting with the news of the sad passing of a retired Parish Councillor, Graham Jones who had worked hard for the Council over the years and Members sent condolences to his family.

Gill Ward has retired having served as a Councillor for 30 years especially working on the recreation ground and as our Tree Warden; Graham Cone, having moved from the village has therefore had to step down. However, Graham is still a District Councillor, so thankfully we have not lost him altogether. Cllr Smith and Members expressed thanks to both Gill and Graham for all their hard work and support over the years. Cllr Howell will liaise with Gill to take over some of the recreation ground duties. A new Chairman will need to be elected for that sub-committee.

49 Parish Council Vacancy/Vacancies – Co-option for Resolution.

Item deferred.

50 To accept apologies for absence. Cllrs Bramwell and Roberts.

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

Cllr Lockwood, Item 56 Personal.

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.

Mr Hughes said since moving to the village there had been 4 crashes in Balsham Road near the traffic calming, and he fully supported the application for a 20 m.p.h. speed limit throughout the village recently submitted by a community group. Cllr Daunton advised a decision on this proposal will be known in October. Cllr Smith said other speed reduction measures are also being considered.

52 Neighbourhood Plan Update – Speaker to attend.

Members were issued with a Progress Report together with an Aims and Ambitions chart prior to the meeting. Ron Ward said he would like the Parish Council to consider how to take the Plan forwards bearing in mind the village will grow by 20% in terms of population and housing up to 2030. Mr Ward said the current recreation ground was not large enough for the village and did not meet National Standards. Cllr Smith said having met with users of the recreation ground about what to do with the existing pavilion, everything all takes time. Consideration to recreational land could be given to the green end of the Ida Darwin site, and Cllr Gaskell added at a meeting with Longfellow at Capital Park, they would be receptive to providing land for sporting and recreation facilities. Mr Ward suggested forming a small Project Team to explore other areas in the village to accommodate these needs.

David Nobel then highlighted Environmental Issues and recommended the PC nominates a Councillor to liaise with the Neighbourhood Plan Groups to begin the process.

There was much discussion on the NHS and Fulbourn Health Centre. Cllr Gaskell is on the PPG (Patient Participation Group) Committee too. Cllr Williams said planning permission for Ida Darwin included additional recreational land, and money had already been given to the NHS. This has been spent at the Fisher's Lane, Cherry Hinton surgery, and nothing in Fulbourn. The Chair thanked the NP Team for attending and their presentation. 3 parishioners then left the meeting.

53 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

53.1 County Councillor Daunton issued the attached report. Cllr Daunton met a resident with

the Clerk to discuss highway concerns on the Dogget Lane bend opposite Babraham Road. When a Member said the white lines needed repainting on that bend, Cllr Daunton said this could be included in an LHI (Local Highways Initiative) bid, closing date January 2024.
53.2 District Councillors Williams and Hofman issued the attached joint report.
53.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report. All reports were accepted.

54 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

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

55 Matters arising from the last meeting.

55.1 Fulbourn Liaison Meeting. Cllr Williams chaired this meeting regarding the Ida Darwin development; unfortunately, Morris Homes did not attend. Cllr Williams said 33 properties on the Teversham Road development had been secured for Council Housing; half for rent and half affordable. This will enable keeping an eye on management of the site in the future.

55.2 Mobile Speeding Device. Currently located in Windmill Lane, Cllr Cone will continue to work down the list. He is happy to carry on with this until another Councillor can take over.

55.3 Swifts Play Area. Having reached a stalemate, Cllr Johnson suggested compiling a report with all costings to put the area right, submitting this to Accent Group for payment to enable the PC to finally adopt the site. Cllr Johnson will list everything for Cllr Smith including exposed wires near the Life Wall, play equipment and grass.

55.4 Cambridge Technology Park. Cllrs Gaskell, Smith and Daunton met with Nick Stanton, an appointed representative, to discuss various issues including why there was a cross section of building heights, which Mr Stanton couldn't answer. There will be a selection of facilities on site, which Mr Stanton advised, the village could use.

KJ/DS

56 Entrance to Recreation Ground after demolition of old Scout Hut for discussion

Cllr Lockwood advised a date had been given for removal of the asbestos from the old Scout Hunt followed by demolition of the building. She said the road would not need to be closed during this time. Cllr Smith asked for sight of the Risk Assessment prior to the commencement of works. Heras fencing will need to be erected when works are complete to secure in the site. Consideration will be given in the future to moving the limit gate to a narrower section further along the entrance. When improvement works to the entrance finally take place, one condition of the planning permission for the Sports Hall said they were partly responsible, so the Townley Trust will be asked for a financial contribution.

57 Minutes of Planning Meetings held on 01/08/2023 and 04/09/2023.

58 Tree works:

23/0742/TTCA, 35 Pierce Lane – Ash, reduce crown by 3-4m; tree recently lost 30cm diameter limb and is overhanging neighbouring buildings. Great concern that should further limbs fall it will cause considerable damage. GCSP has no objection to this application.

23/0764/TTCA, 30 Pierce Lane – T1, Silver Birch and T2, Conifer – dead; fell to ground.

T3, Yew, crown reduce to give 25cm clearance to BT cable. FPC has no objections. GCSP confirmed that have no objection to this application.

23/0761/TTPO, Fulbourn Manor, Manor Walk – Horse Chestnut, crown reduction of height by 4m and spread by 2-3 m, also remove all dead branches. FPC has no objections. SCD has granted permission.

23/0627/TTCA, 76 Pierce Lane – SCDC has no objection to this application.

23/0792/TTPO, Piney Lodge, 66 Cow Lane – Lime Tree. Reduce height by approximately 6-7m; reduce spread on all sides by 4-5m and remove deadwood throughout crown due to evidence of extensive dieback, crown thinning and chlorosis.

3/0822/TTCA, 18 High Street – T1, Oak, crown lift to 5.5m and take it 2m back from phone line and house; T2, Walnut, Crown lift to height of 2m as close to neighbouring property. SCDC has no objection.

23/0860/TTCA, 2 School Lane – Fell dying Cypress. SCDC has no objection.

23/0867/TTCA, 6 Cow Lane – T1, Elder, fell; T2, Hawthorn, fell and T3, Populus Alba, pollard by 8m to reduce size of tree for its location and to clear property. SCDC has no objection.

23/0897/TTPO, 5 Chaplin's Close – Mixed species; fell to ground level to allow for installation of new fence.

23/0971/TTPO, Recreation Ground, Home End – Lime Tree: reduce top by 4m and sides by 2.5m in order to manage size of tree.

23/0973/TTPO, Holly Lodge, Cox's Drove – T1, Yew – remove large lateral above drive as it is a highway hazard; T2, fell dead Beech Tree. FPC has no objection.

23/0674/TTPO, Woodland Area fronting 30 The Haven – T1 & T2 - Beech - Fell due to poor health. Both trees are showing significant amounts of dead wood and appear to be in slow decline. T1 is peeling bark from chest height. This is a public area (donated by blue arrows on map) Wooded area - crown lift all trees to a height of 4m to allow mower access. SCDC has granted permission.

23/0679/TTPO, 18 Chaplin's Close – T1 - Prunus – Re-pollard to previous levels at approximately 3-3.5m above ground level. Tree has become too big for the garden. SCDC has granted permission.

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

59 Correspondence.

59.1 **Cambridgeshire Constabulary** – Remote quarterly meeting on 08/08/2023.

59.2 **PJA** – Having looked at Fulbourn's Neighbourhood Plan, and worked with other Parish Councils, they are offering to meet to discuss a Traffic Management Strategy to improve our transport environment.

59.3 **Cambridgeshire Constabulary** – Next South Cambs Community Remote Meeting on 08/08/2023,

59.4 **CCC** – Cambridgeshire Matters, July 2023 newsletter.

59.5 **CCC** – Low Carbon Business Support Programme; running 2 workshops in September 2023.

59.6 **Fulbourn Arts** – August & September 2023 newsletters.

59.7 **Cambridgeshire Acre** – Staying in Touch July 2023 newsletter.

59.8 **CAPALC** – Annual Conference, 15/09/2023 at Wyboston.

59.9 **CCC** – Flood Group Conference, 21/09/2023 in St Ives at 10.15am.

59.10 **Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)** – Greenways update, first edition.

59.11 **Cambs Acre** – AGM, 27/09/2023 via Zoom.

59.12 **Roberts & Kerlake** – copy of correspondence sent to the Editor of The Mill regarding Greenways proposals along Cow Lane and Apthorpe Street with the suggestion the PC sets up a meeting.

59.13 **CCC** – Action on Energy, Cambridgeshire Autumn Event on Wednesday, 11th October 2023 in Cambridge.

59.14 **Downing Renewables** – proposal for Kingsway solar farm in the south-east of Cambridge and the offer of a meeting to discuss this project further. The Clerk has replied asking for a more specific location.

59.15 **3C Shared Services** – June and July 2023 newsletter.

59.16 **SCDC, Duty Communities** – Homes for Ukraine August 2023 newsletter.

59.17 **Fulbourn Forum (FF)** – September 2023 newsletter; Fleam Dyke, FF is pleased to publicise the Wildlife Trust's land purchase appeal to bring into their ownership the part of Fleam Dyke that runs along the Fulbourn parish boundary from the Nature Reserve to Mutlow Hill, close to the A11.

59.18 **Cambridge Carbon Footprint** – Asking for volunteers to act as hosts in lending Thermal Imaging Equipment.

59.19 **GCP** – Reports published which will be considered at the Joint Assembly Meeting on

07/09/2023 including: Making Connections – Revised proposals; Future Investment Strategy; Waterbeach to Cambridge and Cambridge Easter Access.

59.20 **Lynne Miles, Director of City Access, Greater Cambridge Partnership** – message regarding the Making Connections consultation results and revised proposals.

59.21 **War Memorials Trust** – August 2023 magazine.

59.22 **CCC** – Temporary Traffic Order Application (TTRO), Cambridge Road closure between 21/10/23 – 29/10/23 to allow for Cadent to carry out gas mains replacement works; Diversion notices will be put in place and the PC’s website updated nearer the time.

59.23 **CCC** – Cambridgeshire Matters, August 2023 newsletter.

59.24 **TMC** (Traffic Management Centre) – August 2023 Incident Report.

59.25 **Action on Energy Cambridgeshire** – A partnership with the local County and District Councils are hosting an event on the how we can best work together to deliver home energy efficiency improvements. 11/10/23 10am – 2pm at the Meadows Community Centre, Arbury Road, Cambridge.

59.26 **SCDC, Communities** – Cambridge East Community Forum to be held on 11/10/23, online at 6pm.

59.27 **CCC, The Library Presents** – 10–week programme of various Workshops and Events featuring music, theatre and dance, magic, puppetry and films from 01/10/2023.

59.28 **SCDC** – Zero Carbon Communities Newsletter, Autumn 2023.

59.29 **Clerks & Councils Direct** – September 2023 magazine.

59.30 **SCDC, Climate & Environment** – Green Connect, Funding Your Project: an online event on 27/09/2023 at 7pm about funding and grant opportunities for green projects.

59.31 **SCDC, Planning Meeting** – Online meeting, 30/11/23 at 5pm.

60 To resolve the accounts for the month.

Dent: Annual maintenance.....356.40	Smith of Derby: Clock service.....279.60
Falcon: Print Village Pump.....395.00	Barclays: Monthly fees.....10.24
Peac: Copier lease rental.....313.46	e-on: Hub electricity.....172.64R
N Power: Street lighting.....179.90R	SP Landscapes: Grass.....1,410.00R
BT: Mobile phone.....34.45R	e-on: Hub gas.....98.02R
Npower: Street lighting.....179.31	e-on: Hub electricity.....117.63
e-on: Pavilion electricity.....237.86	
TH Tree: Open spaces and tree works.....3,552.00	
Wickstead: Play equipment and new fencing.....28,996.49R	
PKF Littlejohn: External Auditor.....756.00	

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

Quotations:

iTEXS: Pre-paid support plan.....492.00 Decision deferred.

Shelford Heating: Pavilion showers.....9,594.39

Cllr Smith will visit Shelford Heating to ascertain if the recently purchased showerheads would be compatible with this new system, and when the pavilion is redeveloped, if they the showers could be retained. Other contacts will be asked to submit quotations too.

61 Council Committees and Remote Meetings.

Finance Committee. Minutes of a Meeting held on 26/07/2023 were issued.

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

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9pm.

Attached reports:

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2023

PROGRESS REPORT SEPTEMBER

INTRODUCTION

Now that the NP has been formally adopted, we now need to agree a process for achieving the Aims and Aspirations for the villagers that were set out and which they voted for.

A key factor is that over the plan period i.e., up to 2030 the village will grow by c20% both in terms of population and housing.

The following report and that also attached for the Environmental actions are the start of the process.

This has been put together by key members of the previous NP Steering Group.

There are actions identified and your input as to how we move forward is needed.

ACTIONS and AIMS

PLANNING

Mary and Ron met our Area Planning team on 27th April. The objective of the meeting was to outline to the planning team the key points of the Made NP. David Nobel put together a useful presentation of the key areas within the Plan. All the planning team who could be involved with the village were present and it was well received.

Following the meeting a visit to Fulbourn of the Planning manager and two of the planners took place on 7th June. An itinerary was planned and there was a two hour walk around the village and a discussion session was held in the Centre.

Following these actions, the Planning Department has a clearer view of the key areas in the village.

It has since been noted that the Planning Department expects the PC to refer to the relevant parts of the NP when making any comments on applications.

Ask for planning forms to include a statement regarding how the application complies with the NP. This point was raised during the walk round and it would need the Localism Bill to be amended if planning forms were changed to include a tick box to confirm that the application has taken account of the NP.

How will any 106 monies be allocated to recognise NP? No discussion on this point.

RECREATION GROUND

There is a need for further Recreation Ground provision within the village.

- Identify landowners willing to assist?
- Discussions with owners of land adjacent to Recreation Ground.

The Clerk has received the process for Compulsory purchase from CPALC. ACTION We now need to form project team to carry out a feasibility study.

HEALTHCARE CENTRE

- PPG to action. Will need joint project team with surgery.

A meeting of the project team took place. It was noted that following the repairs to the surgery building following the fire, it was now considered that the building would be suitable for use for longer than the 5 years that had been indicated earlier.

The doctors however indicated that they have no current capacity for additional patients. Given that within the Plan period the population is likely to increase from 5,000 to 6,000 meeting the additional need would have to be addressed. Given individual GP's support 2500 patients this would need 0.5 of a GP.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWING VEGETABLES.

How do we move this forward? Objective – more allotment land?

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT AND MOBILITY

A County Council initiative is imminent with regard to 20mph zones etc. and PC/NP should take advantage to improve road safety.

A group of villagers has produced an application to SCDC with PC support proposing to make the village 20 mph throughout. On all approach roads to the village 30 limit signs would be changed to 20mph with new 30mph signs installed further out from the existing signs. A decision on whether our application was successful is expected in July.

A further consultation has taken place regarding the “Greenway” project linking Cambridge to outlying villagers to ensure safer cycling and walking.

How do we identify where safer footpaths for all are needed?

Traffic calming measures.

Improved bus services, community car scheme etc.

Cycling issues. What are they?

Safety around our schools. What needs to be done?

Traffic management plans for through traffic and Heavy Goods vehicles.

CEMETERY

What are the current access rules? How should these be reviewed?

How do we improve the accessibility and appearance?

Ron Ward and NP steering Group

Item 53.1

MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023: Cllr Claire Daunton

Fulbourn Issues

- (i) LHI bid. Work to implement the 2022 LHI bid for traffic-calming on Shelford Road is in progress.
- (ii) 20mph. The outcome of the bid for a 20mph in the village will be known in the next couple of weeks.
- (iii) Next round of LHI bids. The next round of bids will open at the end of October and will close in early January. I will work closely with the parish council and community on any proposals for a bid.
- (iv) Drainage. I have asked for more gulley clearance to be done on Station Road, close to the junction with Wilbraham Road where two gulleys are blocked again. There is a much bigger piece of work needed on drainage here and that means working closely with Network Rail. This is a long process. I have raised it again and am following it up.
- (v) Footpath. The footpath on Station Road has been repaired in a number of places. A full slurry-seal of the path will take place in due course.
- (vi) Other footpaths. Other footpaths in the village needing attention will be added to the list.
- (vii) Crack-sealing. Repairs to the speed ramps in High Street/Manor Close are due to take place over night on 5th October

Children and Young People's Committee

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in schools

A Government order to schools to immediately shut buildings made with aerated RAAC concrete until safety work can be undertaken has been prominent in the news as term starts. RAAC is a lightweight, bubbly form of concrete usually found in roofs and occasionally in walls and floors. It looks like standard concrete but is weaker, less durable, deteriorates over time, and is also prone to collapse when wet. The problem has been known for a long time, but the *Building Schools for the Future* rebuilding programme was scrapped by Michael Gove in 2010. Attention returned to the use of the material in schools in 2018 when the roof of a primary school in Kent collapsed 24 hours after signs of structural stress began to appear.

Fortunately, as of the start of this month all but three of Cambridgeshire's schools have been surveyed and no RAAC has been found. The Council has no concerns about the remaining schools but at the time of writing each requires a survey to rule out RAAC.

Following assessments and surveys, the County Council has also been able to confirm that none of its public buildings have been found to contain RAAC.

RAAC elsewhere has been causing issues in a number of hospitals including Hinchingsbrooke and especially the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Kings Lynn where

last October the number of wooden and steel props required to hold up the building had risen to 2,482. The hospital has been promised a rebuild estimated to cost £862M but this will not be open until 2029 at the earliest.

Childminders and restrictive covenants

A council motion successfully proposed to the County Council by my colleague Cllr Firouz Thompson in Northstowe has prompted change at national level. The motion drew attention to the fact that many new developments had covenants placed on homes so that they could not be used for childminding. This was leading to shortages of childminding capacity in many places. This motion has attracted national interest, and the relevant Government minister has now written to developers as well as housing associations and landlords, asking them to better support prospective childminders and remove these barriers to parents seeking to return to the workforce.

Cllr Thompson found that while in 2019 there were 641 childminders in Cambridgeshire, by January 2023 this had reduced to 456, a drop of 17 per cent. Additionally, the data shows that the number of childminders operating in new developments is significantly lower than those within surrounding villages, despite demand.

COMMUNITIES, SOCIAL MOBILITY & INCLUSION (COSMIC)

Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund

A reminder that this fund is open until 24 September, for bids of up to £40,000 for capital projects to improve or upgrade community buildings and assets.

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/cambridgeshire-priorities-capital-fund

Libraries of Sanctuary award

Libraries throughout Cambridgeshire have been awarded Libraries of Sanctuary status. This national award celebrates libraries that work hard to demonstrate hospitality, solidarity and welcome to new arrivals in the area. The title was awarded by City of Sanctuary UK, a nationally coordinated network of organisations and services, including councils, universities, theatres and libraries that welcome and support refugees and people seeking **asylum**.

Reading Challenge

I'm delighted to have been asked again to present certificates to young people who have completed the Summer Reading Challenge, on 23rd September. And thanks for the Fulbourn Library volunteers for running the summer programme and for their work on the library.

ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT

The process for the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation (from North East Cambridge to Hovingdean) is ongoing. This is one of the schemes that Michael Gove has said his planning 'super planners' for his 'Cambridge 2040' project will aim to speed up, though it is not clear how.

The Planning Inspectorate (PINs) have recently appointed a lead examiner for the DCO who, having reviewed the submitted documentation, has requested clarification and amendments from the applicant for several areas including Transport, Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage. The deadline that has been set for Anglian Water to submit this information to PINs is 29th September.

Weekly food waste collection

The County Council has responded to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) within its 4 August deadline, rejecting ‘transitional arrangements’ for district councils in Cambridgeshire to move to weekly food waste collections.

Under the Government’s proposals, the district councils would receive financial support to move to the new arrangements, but the County Council would not, despite having submitted evidence showing that the move would incur considerable ongoing costs for the County Council.

This all shows how difficult it can be to manage waste in a ‘two tier’ council system, when one council is responsible for collecting waste and another council is responsible for disposing of it. It has been encouraging to see the determined attempts by the local councils in Cambridgeshire to work together as a ‘whole system’ for waste despite this barrier.

Government delays ‘extended producer responsibility’ scheme

The Government has confirmed that the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme will be deferred for a year. The decision means first payments to councils from the scheme will now be expected in October 2025. The delay is disappointing for councils such as Cambridgeshire, and it is critical the scheme is introduced in ways that cover the full costs for councils and incentivise industry to reduce unnecessary packaging and increase recyclability.

The aim of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is for producers to pay the full net costs of managing and recycling the packaging waste they produce. This will help to reduce unnecessary and difficult to recycle packaging and increase recycling.

Carbon footprint

The Government has recently published new data on the greenhouse gas emissions of each local authority area for 2005 to 2021. This shows that the carbon footprint of the whole of Cambridgeshire was 6.78M tonnes CO₂e in 2021. Transport is now the highest emitting sector in the county. Work is also still under way collating data on the County Council’s own organisational carbon footprint for the financial year 2022-23. This will be presented to the Environment & Green Investment Committee later in the year, alongside further details of the county-wide emissions.

Renewable energy updates

- All the solar carports are now in place in the first part of the main car park at Babraham Park & Ride. Electrical work is currently under way to complete phase 1. Solar carport structures and modules in the remainder of the car park will follow in the coming months in phases 2 and 3.
- As at the end of July, 84 properties at Swaffham Prior had their external connections to the new community heat scheme completed, with 40 of those customers fully connected to the heat network and receiving heat. 23 Sanctuary Housing Association properties are among those with their external connection completed. One fully connected property is a Grade II listed building.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

Weeds

I'm aware of growing complaints about weeds in various parts of the district and across the county. The County Council's current Highways Operational Standards state that the Council will apply weed killer using a targeted approach at agreed locations identified on the basis of risk, rather than cyclically as before. This policy affects about 30 per cent of the highway network in Cambridgeshire, as only kerbed urban areas were previously cyclically treated for weeds.

The County Council's policy remains to remove hazardous weeds, or weeds causing safety issues or nuisance. Where the use of chemical weed killer is part of wider maintenance activity it is still carried out—for example weeds should be cleared before slurry sealing footways or surface treating carriageways.

A mid-season review of the policy has already been programmed in, and I will certainly be reporting back residents' concerns.

Winter gritting

Once again, the County Council is inviting gritting volunteers for the winter season 2023-2024. Under this scheme, parish councils decide which routes in their area are important to the local community and agree them with the County Council. Local volunteers then grit these as required in freezing weather.

Parish councils looking to join the scheme should submit their completed form by 31 October 2023. Each volunteer will need to submit a form, including those who have volunteered before. The form is required annually to ensure health and safety standards are being met. Paper forms are also available on request. http://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Community_gritting_registration_form

Further information about the scheme is available online.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/gritting-roads-cycleways-and-paths/help-with-gritting-and-clearing-snow/>

Pavement parking

The Chair of the Highways and Transport committee at Cambridgeshire County Council is calling for pavement parking action from the Department for Transport.

Cllr Alex Beckett has written to the Department for Transport (DfT) asking for an update on what the current plans are for any changes in legislation and an estimated timescale.

In November 2020, the DfT ran a consultation asking whether a change in existing parking legislation should occur. The County Council responded and said it would like to see a ban on pavement parking being put in place, outside of London, with a new process for exempting areas from the ban without using the current Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process.

Districts with Civil Parking Enforcement can enforce against inconsiderate parking. It is likely that civil parking enforcement will soon be in place everywhere in Cambridgeshire, including in Great Wilbraham, operated by South Cambs District Council with funding from the GCP and the County.

Road re-surfacing - Around £5m is being invested into a programme of surface dressing, which will prevent damage and prolong the life of the county's roads, as well as ensuring they continue to be safe for all road users. Cambridgeshire County Council's highways team have already treated 39 locations across the county, and more than 50 roads are in the process of being completed. In addition to this surface dressing programme, a countywide programme of road markings, carriageway and footway resurfacing is also being delivered. As well as ongoing work addressing the roads on peat soils across the county.

Find out more about the [locations and types of road surface treatment](#) on the website.

Buses

With the programme of work related to the Making Connections consultation from the GCP, now halted in its present form, new conversations will take place between authorities involved, including the County, GCP, the Mayor and Combined Authority concerning funding for public transport. The Combined Authority is currently working on a local connectivity and transport plan which includes bus services across the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough region; within this are plans for franchising as well as for a complete review of services. There are also discussions taking place concerning funding for services that are currently subsidised for one or three years.

Item 53.2

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

This report contains factual information which we hope will be of use and of interest to the parish council and to the wider community of the parish. For queries, please email us at cllr.williamsjg@scamb.gov.uk or cllr.hofman@scamb.gov.uk

Household bin collection changes from mid-September

Bin collections are going to change for approximately 80% of households in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire from mid-September.

- New bin collection arrangements for around 104,000 residents will be introduced from the week beginning Monday 18 September 2023.
- Greater Cambridge Shared Waste, a partnership between Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils, is sending a letter in the post to every household affected which will confirm their new collection arrangements.
- Bin collections will not change for any resident who does not receive a letter.

The changes follow a review of bin rounds which are typically completed by all councils every few years. This takes into account new homes that have been built across the area and ensures bin collection rounds continue to be spread as evenly and efficiently as possible.

The councils are also moving to collect bins over four weekdays, instead of five. This means that, from the week beginning Monday 18 September, household bins will not be collected on a Monday. One benefit is that it avoids the disruption to collections that happens after bank holiday Mondays throughout the year as crews catch-up.

Meanwhile, Greater Cambridge Shared Waste welcomed its third electric bin lorry in June this year – and more electric vehicles are due to replace older diesel lorries as part of the councils' efforts to decarbonise the fleet. While carbon emissions are cut with electric lorries, the range of batteries means routes must be carefully planned.

With all this considered, bin rounds have been thoroughly reviewed to ensure that all existing collections – and those from newer homes – can be completed efficiently within a new timetable. As a result, there are changes to bin collection arrangements for many

South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge residents – whether that is a new bin day, or an adjustment to the order in which their black or blue and green bins are emptied. The frequency of bin collections will remain fortnightly with bins emptied on alternative weeks. Initially, some residents may find they have two consecutive weeks of the same colour bins being emptied as the new schedule is introduced. After that, all residents will continue to have their black bin emptied one week and their blue and green bins the other. As is the case now, bins should always be put out ready to be emptied by 6am on the day of collection.

Fly tippers beware - crackdown in South Cambridgeshire

South Cambridgeshire District Council is determined to crack down on illegally dumped rubbish and has prioritised it as a key objective in its Business Plan by:

- Prompt clearance of rubbish to reduce further occurrences at the same site.
- Deterring criminal activity using ‘fly tip under investigation’ stickers to highlight ongoing investigations.
- Joint roadside check initiatives with the Police, HMRC and other partners.

Fly tipping is a criminal offence which can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £400 or could end up in court with fines of up to £50,000 or even a prison sentence.

In South Cambs it cost £68,000 for fly tip removal in 2022/23. This is just the cost for time and labour alone. Uncontrolled illegal waste can be hazardous to the public, especially if it contains toxic material or asbestos. There could be a risk of damage to watercourses and soil quality from the dumped waste. In short, dumped rubbish is a disaster for people, natural wildlife, watercourses, plants and hedgerow – as well as the obvious immediate concern of looking unsightly and ruining our beautiful countryside.”

What many people also don't realise is they are legally responsible for the disposal of their waste even by a third party.

Half a million pounds in Zero Carbon Communities grants given to South Cambridgeshire community groups

South Cambs has awarded green grants to 10 South Cambridgeshire community groups marking a £500,000 total since the scheme began four years ago.

This year's round of projects, aimed at reducing carbon emissions and engaging communities on climate change, will receive grant funding totalling more than £125,000. The Zero Carbon Communities grants, awarded by South Cambridgeshire District Council, are part of the Council's vision to help the district become net zero carbon by 2050, to create a greener future for local people.

The latest round of grants means half a million pounds has been awarded to 71 projects since the scheme began in 2019.

Designed to equip community groups to take action at a local level, previous grants have helped upgrade community buildings, educate people around their carbon footprint, and help nature recover in the district. Projects have included tree planting, energy efficient heating and lighting, food production and distribution, plus waste reduction.

Mums welcome #FreeToFeedCP anniversary which empowers parents to breastfeed and pump in public

The #FreeToFeedCP campaign celebrated its anniversary during World Breastfeeding Week and has seen more than 70 venues in the District pledge their support in the last 1 The South Cambs campaign has been so successful it is now being rolled out into East Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The Eco Hub at Gamlingay is just one of a range of venues which have signed up to the #FreeToFeedCP project, including community centres, cafes, restaurants, a business conference centre, Govia Thameslink Railway and Shepreth Wildlife Park. Venues pledge their support by signing up, ensuring staff are aware about being breastfeeding and pump friendly, and displaying campaign stickers and promotional material in their premises.

The initiative is supported by NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Infant Feeding Team and the 'Family Hubs' partnership. Funding comes from the Public Health team at Cambridgeshire County Council from their Healthy Weight grant, as breastfeeding can prevent obesity risk by up to 25 per cent.

Carla and John

Item 53.3

District Councillor Report to Parish Council September 2023

Fly Tipping

SCDC receives around 1600 reports per year regarding fly tipping. Fly tipping is a criminal offence which can result in a fixed penalty notice of £400 or the possibility of the culprit ending up in court with fines of up to £50,000 or a prison sentence. The Council is cracking down on illegally dumped rubbish and has set three key objectives:

- Prompt clearance of rubbish to reduce further occurrences at the same site.
- Deterring criminal activity using 'fly tip under investigation' stickers to highlight ongoing investigations.
- Joint roadside check initiatives with the Police, HMRC and other partners.

I know there has been incidents of fly tipping in the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward as I have reported some of these and have been contacted by residents who have complained about this issue. The Council has my full support in bringing forward any measures that reduce this crime. It is important that residents and Parish Councillors be aware that often people believe that their rubbish is being legitimately disposed of and then ends up fly tipped, at which point these residents could then be liable for fly tipping. Be very careful when you're approached by businesses wanting to dispose of your waste.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is urging residents to do the right thing and properly get rid of their rubbish by:

- Consider giving it away for free on Facebook marketplace, Gumtree or taking to your local charity shop.
- If possible, reuse, repair or recycle your items before getting rid of them.
- Ensure you choose a reputable registered waste carrier disposal service.
- South Cambridgeshire District Council can arrange for collection of bulky items for many common household goods. We collect a maximum of nine items per collection. Up to three items can be booked for the minimum charge of £32.50. Additional items are then £5.50 each.
- Take your rubbish to one of Cambridgeshire's Household Recycling Centres

If residents see fly tipping, they can report it on the SCDC website.

Bin collection changes

Bin collections will be changing mid-September. This is due to a review of bin collection routes and the fact that SCDC will be implementing a 4-day working week for their bin collection staff as

they have done for senior management and office staff. I would like to note that actually the bin collectors are not truly doing a 4-day working week as they will be working a 32-hour week which to me seems unfair when office staff are doing a 30-hour week, especially given the manual / physical nature of their role. I remain against the 4-day working week policy that has led to these dramatic changes to bin collections across South Cambs.

- New bin collection arrangements for around 104,000 residents will be introduced from the week beginning Monday 18 September 2023.
- Greater Cambridge Shared Waste, a partnership between Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Councils, is sending a letter in the post to every household affected which will confirm their new collection arrangements.
- Bin collections will not change for any resident who does not receive a letter.
- Residents of Cambridge City can check their bin collection dates online and South Cambridgeshire residents can check online too. There will also be reminders on the councils' social media channels and websites.

The frequency of bin collections will not change for residents so fortnightly bin collections will remain alternating between recycling and general waste.

Making Connections - Revised Proposals (Congestion Charging

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has come back with some revised proposals following the consultation that clearly indicated 58% of people were against congestion charging. It is my view that this percentage is actually low as the consultation didn't get to congestion charging until question 9 and in my view somewhat skewed the consultation in favour of the Sustainable Travel Zone (congestion charging zone). It is worth noting that the GCP is not just a team of officers formulating policy, it is firmly politically led. The officers only conduct the work that is required of them and voted through by political representatives. Below are the changes that have been made:

Key amendments include:

- peak time only charging – with six hours charge time instead of 12
- 50 free days for car users,
- 50 per cent discount for locally owned SMEs
- low-income discounts
- further hospital exemptions
- no charge for motorcyclists.

My view on congestion charging has not changed. These amendments will mean residents inside the zone still having to pay to leave the zone, Addenbrooke's Hospital will remain in the zone, businesses will still be affected inside the zone, some of the poorest working families on lower incomes will still have to pay to get to work and electric vehicles will still have to pay the charge.

I am still none the wiser of how all of this is going to be administered in terms of exemptions and I believe residents will overwhelmingly still be against these proposals as around 8 in 10 correspondence I receive on this issue are against these proposals. I am sorry to see the GCP, and the political leadership that governs it, continue to go down this road which is so unpopular that I believe will never materialise, all the time whilst not looking at alternative options such as the CAM metro, bus hubs, other forms of taxation, franchising, 106 monies etc. There has already been a vast amount of officer time (costing the taxpayer a lot of money) on these proposals which I believe will probably be unpalatable. All of these amendments will also impact the revenue gained from this scheme and thus have an impact on what buses can be provided and the extent to which the bus service can be improved.

*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 61

Minutes of a Finance Committee meeting of Fulbourn Parish Council held on Wednesday, 26th July 2023 at Fulbourn Hub, Home End, Fulbourn.

Present: Councillor Smith (Chairman) and Councillor Thorn, the R.F.O. Mr T Fretwell and the Clerk.

Apologises: Cllrs Cone and Lacey.

Those present agreed another Councillor should be appointed to the committee.

Terry Fretwell issued the first quarterly figures explaining most expenditure so far was on the play area. Gas and electricity costs are creeping up too. Donations to both FA4Y and Fulbourn Arts have already been paid for this financial year.

The final invoice for the now cancelled Shopper Bus was made at the end of June. Terry explained although we should be at 25% of the budget, it was 30% as the aforementioned donations had been made, so technically we were still on target.

The committee discussed expenses associated with the cemetery.

Terry then explained the projected figures report, which was accepted by the committee.

Cllr Smith thanked Terry for all his hard work.

The position of the Assistant Clerk was discussed. To make it worthwhile, initially they will be offered 10 hours per week, and the starting salary to be increased when training completed. With guidance from NALC (National Association of Local Councils), Mr Fretwell presented pay scales to the committee.

An Employment Contract will be drawn up. This will include the role of Booking Clerk for The Swifts, raising invoices and updating the website calendar as well as general administration and holiday cover for The Clerk.

An applicant has come forward and will be offered an interview within the next few days.

The committee recommends contacting Shelford Heating regarding the supply of showerheads which were then not compatible with the system requesting either replacements or a refund.