

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday, 15th November 2023 in Fulbourn Hub, Home End, Fulbourn.

Present: Councillor Smith (Chairman), and Councillors Bramwell, Brown (from Item 79 to Item 81.2), Butler (until Item 84), Johnson, Roberts and Viner; County Councillor Daunton, District Councillors Williams and Cone (until Item 84), the Clerk and 15 parishioners.

78 To accept apologies for absence.

Cllrs Andrews, Gaskell, Howell, Lacey, Lockwood and Thorn.

79 Cambridge Grove Care Home Presentation.

Jacqueline Brown, Customer Relations Manager, introduced herself to the meeting along with Rex, the Home Manager. Jacqueline said it had 72 bedrooms, a mixture of single rooms and personal suite which also had a lounge, all with en-suite wet rooms. The home offers Residential Care and for those with Dementia for both permanent residents and respite care. It could cater for Nursing Care in the future. The Home offers a variety of facilities including a café/bistro near the entrance, a bar, cinema plus dining areas which will be open to the community. They have been pairing up with different charities including Red2Green in support and offer use of the facilities. Jacqueline said prior to its opening in December 2023, an event has been planned at the end of November for the local community to take a tour of this new building. For Hamberley, this is its 21st Care Home; they have a Home Maker Model, not Carer's in uniforms and have holistic approach to care. Rex continued their ethos is different to other care homes as Home Makers are trained to participate in activities with residents, provide companionship and do some housekeeping. The staff ratio is high; 1 to 5 residents too. Children are welcome to visit and a playground is on site. A grand opening is being planned for January 2024. The Chair thanked Jacqueline and Rex for their presentation and invitation to the Open Day on 30/11/2023.

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

Cllr Smith, Item 88 – 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.

Kate said Cambourne based, Hope Against Poverty, run a Mobile Food Bank which visited Fulbourn Tuesday weekly, and was for anyone to use. Currently using the Health Centre's car park, it is not ideal if it rains and they have no tables. The PC will see if The Swifts would be available as an alternative during the winter months and liaise with Cllr Thorn.

As the LHI Bid is on the agenda for discussion, several residents from Dogget Lane and Geoffrey Bishop Avenue attended the meeting to discuss the blind bend on Dogget Lane and School Lane aware a site meeting with a County Council Officer had taken place. One resident, who cycles to work, said this bend was one of the worst parts of his daily commute with speeding vehicles overtaking on the bend which also has poor visibility. There is only a footpath on one side of the road, which again is dangerous for pedestrians as vehicles have mounted the kerb at times when passing traffic coming in the opposite direction. Another resident had put together a Speeding Data analysis report using speed data provided by Cllr Cone from the Mobile Speed Camera. The report included daily Traffic Counts and Speed Bands with comparisons to other roads around the village.

Cllr Daunton said during the Highways Officer's visit, two schemes for the PC to consider had been looked at, Dogget Lane/School Lane and Home End which also suffers with speeding traffic resulting in vehicles crashing into brick walls on several occasions. The Highways Officer had produced a report for both projects with recommendations for improvements, which the PC should consider when it has decided which scheme it will

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submit an application for, both will incur similar costs so the PC will be expected to contribute up to £20K if it was successful. Cllr Daunton said Fulbourn had been successful with having 20mph for the whole village which should assist, and she suggested using an incremental approach seeing how this 20 mph works together with The Highways Officer’s recommendations.

Cllr Cone said the PC had been unsuccessful with a bid 4 years ago for Dogget Lane when it had applied for speed cushions as these can only be installed in certain places and not near a bend.

As well as a bid submitted by the PC, a community may also apply and both Mrs Beci McCaughran, Headteacher and Ms Ellie Crowe, Assistant Headteacher from Fulbourn Primary School attended the meeting. Wishing to promote a cycle route to the school, during the site meeting, the County Highways Officer recommended using the side gate entrance for this application rather than the main entrance in School Lane, or the one in St Vigor’s Road. Again, if successful, the PC would be expected to fund half the costs. This had already been agreed by the PC.

Cllr Daunton added the CCC will mark roads with the 20 mph limits, and was aware there were no yellow zig-zag markings by the St Vigor’s entrance.

Cllr Williams said next year Civil Parking Wardens were being introduced as for now any breaches were a low priority for the Police. Cllr Williams said the Wardens would turn up randomly and once fines had been issued, people would get the message.

Cllr Daunton said when submitting a bid, to be successful the PC would have to provide evidence of data and demonstrate it had community support.

Cllr Smith said the PC would need to decide which scheme to go for, and would make a decision at its December 2023 meeting as the closing date for applications is 12/01/2024.

Cllr Smith thanked everyone for attending and all parishioners then left the meeting.

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81 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

81.1 County Councillor Daunton issued the attached report. Cllr Daunton had met a couple of residents from Wilbraham Road including Cllr Lacey regarding flooding issues. The ditch and gulleys need clearing which will alleviate the problem. Three trees need managing near the level crossing; Cllr Daunton will let the Clerk know where they are so ownership can be ascertained. If on private property, the Clerk will write to the residents, otherwise will see which Council owns them to get works done. Cllr Daunton has attended meetings at Capital Park advising the site will be divided into three; south, north and central. Another meeting is scheduled for the end of November. Cllr Johnson said the traffic lights at the Robin Hood junction are causing problems. Both Cllrs Daunton and Williams confirmed this is an experiment, with the lights controlling themselves. The lights are working out logarithms to gauge traffic flow and when to change. Cllr Johnson also showed a redundant sign in The High Street which is leaning, and the owner of the Chinese Takeaway is worried about its safety. Cllr Daunton will get this reported.

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81.2 District Councillors Williams and Hofman issued the attached report. Cllr Williams said SCDC had been issued with a Best Value Notice from the Secretary of State with regards the 4-day working week. Cllr Williams advised the District Council will provide all the requested information.

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81.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report. He added SCDC would be launching an advertising campaign and the dangers of putting used batteries in the black bin. Countrywide this has caused bin lorry fires costing £150 million.

82 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.

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

83 Matters arising from the last meeting.

83.1 Mobile Speeding Device. Following speed bumps being installed in Shelford Road, the

Parish Council decided to put the camera here again to compare before and after statistics to see if the calming measures had been successful. Cllr Cone will prepare the data over the next couple of weeks. The camera will then be erected in Dogget Lane.

83.2 Swifts Play Area. Cllr Smith has been arranging meetings with contractors to get quotes for the various problems to present to Accent Group before the PC will consider adopting this area. Cllr Bramwell has also been in communication with Accent who are arranging for some works to be completed shortly.

83.3 Defibrillator. The Hat and Rabbit (Baker's Arms) PH has been closed for a few weeks; until its future is known, the defibrillator will be briefly put on hold.

83.4 Winter Festival. Cllr Smith will liaise with Julian Mair and Sid Dawson to install new lights in time for the festival. The Clerk will contact Martin Dyson regarding the Christmas lights switch on.

84 LHI (Local Highways Initiative) Bid for consideration.

Having met the County Highways Officer to discuss improvements for both the bends on Dogget Lane and Home End, the PC needs to decide which scheme to go for, and further information on both projects. A decision will be needed at the December meeting so an application can be submitted before the LHI Bid deadline in early January 2024. As Cllr Daunton had previously explained, the parish can submit two schemes; one from the PC and one from the community. The primary school wish to apply, but if successful need assurance the PC will fund 50% of the cost. Council had already agreed to support the application.

85 Minutes of a Planning Meeting held on 31/10/2023.

Another meeting needs to be arranged before 27/11/23. The Clerk will contact Cllr Gaskell to arrange this.

Clerk

86 Tree works:

23/1266/TTCA, 6 Cow Lane – Oak, crown reduce by 1-2m to clear house roof and establish 5m clearance over road; remove epicormic growth from main stem. FPC has no objection.

23/1264/TTCA, Chestnut House, Sanders – Chestnut, Dismantle and remove tree to ground level; situated in front garden, close to a wall and the roots are cracking the wall and lifting areas of the pavement.

This application is not straightforward; last summer was very hot and dry, so we are not sure if this attributed to the problems causing movement to the wall and pavement, or if it is actually the trees.

23/1267/TTCA 16 Stonebridge Lane – Cypress; multi-stemmed specimen in poor health that has split at base and begun to collapse towards garage – remove.

No objection.

23/1315/TTCA, 12 Home End – Scots Pine; poor specimen, fell.

23/1346/TTCA, 7 Dogget Lane – Two Monterey Cypress “Goldcrest” trees; fell as both trees have Coryneum Canker. No objection.

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

87 Correspondence.

87.1 **CCC** – Together with Peterborough City Council they have launched a “Steady on your Feet” interactive falls self-assessment tool to help older adults understand their risk of falling and simple steps they can take to stay active and independent. Posters and literature with more information also received.

87.2 **SCDC, Communities** – September 2023 Parish E-Bulletin.

87.3 **SCDC, Communities Duty** – Homes for Ukraine October 2023 newsletter.

87.4 **GCP** (Greater Cambridge Partnership) – Public consultation on revised Waterbeach Greenways route, runs until Friday, 8th December 2023.

87.5 **SCDC, Communities Duty** – Civil Parking Enforcement webinar, 07/11/23 at 6pm.

87.6 **Clerks & Councils Direct** – November 2023 magazine.
 87.7 **Resident** – Concerns over visibility when exiting Thomas Road due to overgrown bushes obscuring the highway. The Clerk will write to Metropolitan Housing.
 87.8 **War & Memorials** – November 2023 magazine.
 87.9 **G Kerslake** – Suggesting a shelter or seating near the bus shelter by the pharmacy. This has been discussed several times in the past, and despite site visits from the County Council too, it was found street furniture could not be accommodated here. Cllr Daunton will kindly look into this too.
 87.10 **Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP)** – consulting on a new Statement of Community Involvement) and how Councils will involve communities in the range of planned related activities it undertakes.
 87.11 **SCDC, Community Safety** – Information regarding the legalities of e-scooters in advance of them potentially being given as gifts at Christmas.
 87.12 – Cambridgeshire Matters October 2023 newsletter.
 87.13 **SCDC** – Information regarding the launch of a Homes for Ukraine Landlord Incentive Scheme; this has been uploaded on the PC’s website.
 87.14 **CCC** – Traffic Management Centre (TMC), October 2023 Incident Report.
 87.15 **Clarke Telecom** – Information regarding the proposed upgrade to the existing telecommunications at the S & B Herba site in Wilbraham Road.
 87.16 **SCDC, Communities Duty** – Civil Parking Enforcement, information on briefing held on 07/11/23.
 87.17 **Fulbourn Forum** – November 2023 newsletter.
 87.18 **CCC, Care Together** – Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough – are launching a survey to gather people’s experiences of access Primary Care Services, such as GP services. It will run until 17/12/2023.

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<https://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/form/primary-care-access-survey>

88 To resolve the accounts for the month.

e-on: Hub electricity.....131.62R	e-on: Hub gas.....63.03R
MJ Dunn: Pavilion plasterwork.....1,295.00R	Wave: Swifts Water rates.....61.33
Replay Ltd: Service agreement.....1,386.00	Wave: Rec. Ground rates.....117.12
Falcon: Print Village Pump.....395.00R	Barclays: Monthly fees.....10.24R
TH Tree Surgery: The Haven.....1,380.00	e-on: Pavilion electricity.....304.06
Npower: Street lighting.....216.30	Peac: Copier lease.....253.46
DBS Electrical: Pavilion works.....840.00	SP Landscapes: Grass cutting....3,240.00
Dor-2-Dor: Pump delivery.....264.13	e-on: Hub electricity.....95.61
Weed Control: Tennis courts.....288.00	Wages: Hub Cleaner.....76.00
Wages: Swifts Cleaner.....192.00	Wages: Clerk + expenses.....1314.01

Cllr Johnson proposed accepting the accounts, proposal seconded by Cllr Bramwell and agreed by the Council.

89 Council Committees and Remote Meetings.

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

LHI (Local Highways Initiative) Bid 2024/25 for Resolution.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Attached items:

Item 81.1

Cllr Claire Daunton, Fulbourn Division: report to parish councils for November 2023

Fulbourn Issues

Drainage: since the last meeting further work has been done in **Geoffrey Bishop Avenue** towards dealing with the drainage problems, including a topographical survey. The results of this will lead to decisions concerning future improvements.

A meeting was held in **Wilbraham Road** on 8th November, with drainage officers and residents, to consider drainage issues there. Gulley clearance and jetting will be carried out again and conversations are now going on concerning ditch clearance. The more extensive work related to the drainage at and under the level crossing is likely to take place next year.

Related to drainage in both cases are trees. I have been in touch with the clerk about the probable need to do some cutting back.

LHI Bids: this will come up as a separate item on the agenda, suffice it to write here that I was pleased to be able to organise a visit of the Highways project manager to give advice to the PC and to the school concerning probable LHI bids relating to road safety and traffic calming at key points in the village. I will be pleased to help draw up the applications and to support them through the process.

Capital Park: I attended the final, summary, meeting of the community liaison sessions which recapped issues such as: access, green spaces, division of the park into three zones, possibilities for community spaces; timescale for development; relationship to local transport. We also covered Longfellow's relationships to near neighbours at Ida Darwin, Teversham Road, Technology Park and Fulbourn Hospital.

They expect that significant changes will start to become visible in late 2024/early 2025/

STRATEGY RESOURCES & PERFORMANCE Mind the [budget] gap

Cambridgeshire County Council's estimated budget gap for 2024/25 has increased from a predicted £16M to more than £23M—largely due to increases in demand for services and inflationary pressure. Without action's being taken, this gap will grow and is predicted to be more than £20M in the following year, a further £19M and more the year after that.

Cambridgeshire is not alone. The Local Government Association currently reports that councils across the country face an 'inflationary storm', with a predicted £4Bn funding gap over the next two years.

A report from the Council's Chief Executive Stephen Moir and Executive Director of Finance and Resources Michael Hudson says:

"In 2023-24, pressures on our budget have arisen principally due to several very high-cost children's social care placements and a delay in receiving income from a newly constructed solar farm (which requires connection to the electricity grid). In addition, we are seeing that demand for bed-based care for older people is also rising, following a period of reduction in demand and then stability stretching back for some time, to the beginning of the pandemic".

The report also points to wider national and international issues which have an impact on the council's pressures—such as interest rates which the Bank of England has said are likely to remain above five per cent until 2026. This will affect all goods and services the council buys, the cost of borrowing, and pay award costs for council workers as well as for a large externally commissioned workforce which includes staff working in residential care for vulnerable adults and children.

The report highlights how all services in the council have been the subject of a comprehensive exercise to find efficiencies, alongside a number of specific reviews into particularly high-cost areas such as home to school transport, children's social care placements, and high levels of historic adult social care debt.

Proposals to set the Council's 2024/5 budget will be discussed by councillors in December before a period of scrutiny during January, including an opportunity for residents to comment on the plans.

Quality of life survey shows mixed picture

Most Cambridgeshire residents feel happy and safe in the county, well connected to their local communities, and believe it's a great place to raise children.

That's the headline finding of the County Council's first annual Quality of Life survey involving more than 5,500 residents. But the news is less good for some specific groups, with a stark finding that loneliness in Cambridgeshire is far higher than the national average. Loneliness was most likely to be reported by those aged 18 to 25, who also reported more struggles with their mental health.

The County Council commissioned the report from national independent market research agency Thinks Insight and Strategy, and plans to use the results to help councillors set business plan and budget priorities for the coming five years. The survey will also be used to inform the Public Health Joint Needs Assessment, a mandatory document which local organisations use to identify the health and wellbeing needs of a local population.

The survey found the council itself plays a relatively trusted role in residents' lives, with just over half of residents trusting it to make decisions. Residents' views about whether the council acts on their concerns and delivers value for money were in line with Local Government Association averages for England. Satisfaction with council services was mixed—highest across library, waste management, street lighting, and registration services, and lowest in road and pavement maintenance.

Residents reported high concerns about the cost of living and many said they were changing their behaviour because of it. 48 per cent have cut back on heating use, 27 per cent have cut back on nutritious food, eight per cent have used a foodbank and nine per cent have stopped using prescription medicines. The council intends to run the survey again next year.

84% feel safe in their local community

72% report high or very high levels of happiness

52% trust the council to make decisions about services

44% think the council delivers value for money (national benchmark 42%)

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52% of 18-24s feel lonely—compared to only 18% of those aged 55+

86% are concerned about cost-of-living increases

37% have struggled with mental health (61% of 18-24s, 59% of 25-34s)

48% have cut back on heating use

FLOODING: Storm Babet

Storm Babet hit Cambridgeshire on Friday 20 October, leaving some households with external or even internal flooding to their homes, or without flushing toilets, as well as seeing a number of roads closed. County Council highways officers have been working through the various incidents logged, and the Flood & Water team is pulling together an overall picture of events.

If you were affected by flooding, and have not yet reported it to the County Council, please do so, as it is really important to build up a full picture of what happened.

- You can report flood issues affecting your home or property at **cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Flood reporting** (This is *not* the place to report flooding in an emergency.)
- You can report highways-related flooding (blocked road drains, sewers, gullies, for example) at **highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk**

ADULTS & HEALTH Be Winter Wise

The County Council has launched its *Be Winter Wise* campaign to help residents with information and advice throughout the winter. Its aim is to draw together a range of services, activities and offers, keeping communities across Cambridgeshire informed and prepared to stay safe and healthy during the winter months of 2023/24—and to signpost to services offered by partners.

The campaign links together everything from winter gritting and road safety activities to falls prevention, flu vaccination support, and the Household Support Fund which helps people with urgent expenses, or by issuing vouchers to every child eligible for free school meals in the half term and Christmas holidays,

under a single *Be Winter Wise* banner. Activities include

- Work being carried out on the county's road network, including gritting, gully and drain clearance, and getting ahead of expected impacts of bad weather.
- Road safety activities and advice, such as encouraging pedestrians, cyclists and motorists to wear reflective clothing, check lights and brakes, and always travel according to road conditions.
- Information to help residents stay warm and well through the colder months, with an emphasis on activities to reduce loneliness and support mental as well as physical health.
- Further work to promote the council's Household Support Fund, open to eligible residents who are most affected by the cost-of-living crisis.
- Supporting NHS colleagues by promoting flu, COVID and MMR jabs to eligible groups.

For more information, search on social media for #BeWinterWise

Care quality initiative

A new initiative to improve the quality of care and support for Cambridgeshire residents has been approved by the council's Adults and Health Committee and is to be launched by the County Council.

The new initiative for the adult social care workforce, supported by investment of over £1M, seeks to address problems of recruitment and retention in the sector, support skills development, and drive-up quality of services.

The County Council already requires care providers with whom it contracts to pay the Real Living Wage. The Council will now also seek to embed the new approach to build skills in the workforce into future contracts with care providers. A high-quality Care Certificate will be offered by the Council at low cost to care providers and to care workers themselves.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE Supermarket vouchers continue

The supermarket voucher scheme will continue to operate in the October half term for all eligible families in Cambridgeshire.

Cambridgeshire County Council will run the scheme until the February 2024 half term using the Household Support Fund from the Department for Work & Pensions and additional funding provided by the Council. Eligible families were automatically sent a £15 voucher via email or text on Saturday 21 October. The voucher can be used at a choice of ten supermarkets.

The voucher scheme has been a huge success since it was introduced and appreciated keenly by families struggling in the current financial climate. A survey revealed that over seventy per cent of families said the vouchers had helped them cope with the rising cost of living.

Appeal volunteers needed

Volunteers are urgently needed to hear appeals when children are not offered a place at their preferred school.

All parents or carers have the right to make an appeal to an independent appeal panel if their child is not offered a place at their preferred school. The role of the panel is to decide whether a child who has been refused a place by the County Council should be given a place.

All parties involved must be given an appeal hearing that is transparent, accessible, independent and impartial. The appeal panel is independent of the local authority and its decisions are binding on all parties, unless overturned by the courts.

Volunteers will sit on the independent admission appeal panels and ensure that parents feel they have had a fair and independent hearing and have been given

every opportunity to put their case and have been taken seriously.

Panel members must be able to listen to two sides of a case and weigh up evidence objectively and impartially. They must also be able to:

- Communicate effectively with a wide range of people
- Read and assess information and identify key points
- Listen to key information
- Ask questions to obtain information and clarify points being made
- Analyse information and use it to form opinions and conclusions
- Obtain and weigh up evidence to reach a decision
- Work as part of a team, take advice and develop their own skills

All volunteer Panel Members receive initial and annual refresher training and will be fully supported by the Appeals Service. The time commitment depends on

how much time volunteers are willing to give. While appeals are held throughout the year, the peak months are between April and July. The appeals are arranged either for half a day or a full day. Hearings are currently held online using Microsoft Teams.

Anyone interested in applying or who would like an informal chat about the role should contact clare.cronk@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

COMMUNITIES SOCIAL MOBILITY & INCLUSION (COSMIC) Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund

Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund is a £1M fund to help upgrade and improve community buildings and assets to better meet the needs of the families, households and communities who use them. Many expressions of interest were received by the September deadline. More than 85 per cent of them met the eligibility criteria and those applicants have been invited to submit a full proposal. This next stage will be competitive, with only one in four applications likely to be successful.

ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT

Swaffham Prior Community Heat Network

Residents, contractors, council officers and others gathered at the village hall in Swaffham Prior recently to celebrate the anniversary of the first connections to the new renewable energy centre.

100 external connections are now completed, and by November 65 properties will be fully connected to the heat network. Connections will recommence in Spring. The council is keen to complete these in batches to ensure works are carried out effectively and efficiently and disruption is minimised. Further testing of the heat network will take place over the winter to optimise the system.

Climate scorecard

Campaigning organisation Climate Emergency UK once again published a ‘scorecard’ for each council to measure how it was responding to climate change. As the methodology changes every year it is not possible to compare

present against past scores.

Cambridgeshire was ranked fifth out of all county councils on this year's scorecard, with a gold star for our work on decarbonising buildings and heating.

We scored lower than average on biodiversity, and on waste reduction and food.

This is unsurprising, given that Cambridgeshire is the most biodiversity-deprived county in the country, and that the Waterbeach waste facility is out of action while the council and its contractor Thalia seek to resolve compliance issues.

<https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/scoring/county/>

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

Getting Cambridgeshire's roads winter ready

Cambridgeshire's gritting crew spent several nights in mid-October carrying out a trial run ahead of winter. Gritters including Buzz Ice Year and David Grittenborough were on the roads, along with quad bikes on cycle routes in Cambridge.

The salt domes and barns have already been filled with 10,000 tonnes of rock salt ready for the start of the cold season.

Last year gritting crews went out 51 times, many of them working throughout the night and early hours. Anyone interested in volunteering to help the council grit Cambridgeshire during the winter months is invited to visit the council's website to find out how they and the local community can get involved. www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/help-with-gritting/

20MPH schemes—the next round

The council plans to reopen the window for new applications for 20MPH funding from Monday 15 January 2024, and close it on Friday 15 March 2024 at 5:00PM. There was intense interest from parish councils in this opportunity, showing how much popular support there is for road safety and speed reduction initiatives.

In the meantime, the council plans to review and update its 20MPH website pages to provide additional information and assistance to applicants.

HS2: will there be winners?

The sudden announcement by the Government in October of the scrapping of HS2 to Manchester was followed by a list of transport schemes across the country that would receive a share of the funding instead. In Cambridgeshire these illustrations included Ely railway junction and the A10 between Ely and the A14.

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

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

For queries please email us at cllr.williamsjg@scambs.gov.uk or cllr.hofman@scambs.gov.uk

Flooding advice and sandbags

Given the heavy rain we are having, we wanted to remind residents about being prepared for possible flooding in advance, before significant rainfall occurs. This is especially the case for residents whose properties have flooded before. The most effective time to act is in advance of rainfall – rather than during or after it.

- On the flooding page of the South Cambridgeshire website there is a useful list of things residents can do in advance of rainfall under the 'Be prepared for flooding' section. This includes signing-up for Flood Warnings, using the Government's Flood Information Service to check if a property is at risk of flooding and preparing a flood plan.
- We realise it can be confusing to work out who deals with what when it comes to flooding. So, if you again visit the flooding page of our website, there is a list which residents can refer to, to ascertain what would need to be reported where in the event of a flood.
- There is also a specific section about the provision of sandbags (summarised immediately below) on the flooding page of our website.

The Council does not provide a sandbag service to residents. Generally, it is the responsibility of residents to protect their own properties from flooding. This is why it is important that any residents who think they may need sandbags source them in advance of bad weather. However, we do have a limited supply of sandbags that can be delivered to domestic properties that are at imminent risk of flooding only, and not as a preventative measure days or hours in advance of potential flooding. Bearing this in mind, residents requesting sandbags during normal office hours should call 01954 713 000 or email streets@scambs.gov.uk. If it is outside of normal office hours and is an emergency, they can contact our out of hours number for Environmental Health Emergencies on 01253 501 055.

Four Day Week Trial Continues

From legal advice, the Government non-statutory guidance that has been issued recently does not appear to change anything, so the trial is continuing as planned to the end of March 2024, when the evidence will be shared in public, and all councillors will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not to make a four-day week permanent.

Basically, councils are expected to follow guidance unless they can special circumstances to show that they should do otherwise. We believe we can demonstrate those special circumstances. There is threat from the Secretary of State, but it is not clear if that threat has any substance in law and obviously, we will review the situation again once we know what that threat is.

The purpose of the 4-day week is to improve staff recruitment and retention to give better value for money for Council Taxpayers by reducing the cost of agency staff. So far, the council's Key Performance Indicators (including those about to be published to Quarter 2) show that the four-day week has had no detrimental effect on service delivery, indeed there continues to be improvement in a number of areas.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/four-day-working-week-trial>

More Community Hubs Planned for South Cambridgeshire

More Community Hubs are coming to South Cambridgeshire to support residents during the cost-of-living crisis.

South Cambridgeshire District Council has appointed Cambridgeshire ACRE to support Community Hubs across the district for a further two years, thanks to nearly £200,000 of funding from NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, part of our local Integrated Care System.

The funding will be used to support the development of existing hubs and to allow new Community Hubs to open their doors. Additionally, three new Village Agent roles are being introduced based on the three Primary Care Group areas. These will be local people, embedded in their community, who will support the health and wellbeing of others.

The hubs offer residents somewhere to socialise, take part in new activities and to receive information on cost-of-living support such as how to reduce bills and access financial support, as well as how to stay healthy and well.

South Cambridgeshire also has Income Maximisation Officers to help residents with their financial planning and to ensure they access all the benefits they are entitled to.

South Cambridgeshire has a cost-of-living page on its website at:
<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support>

Bin Lorry Fire Caused by Batteries Placed in Wheelie Bin

We are reminding residents of the importance of disposing of batteries responsibly and correctly, after a fire in the back of a Greater Cambridge Shared Waste bin lorry.

The cause of the fire is believed to have been batteries which had been placed inside a black wheelie bin. When batteries are put into a wheelie bin, there is a danger they can split when mixed and compacted with other waste or recycling in the back of the collection lorry – which can cause a fire.

The correct way to dispose of all types of portable household battery is to put them inside a small plastic bag and place the bag on top of the wheelie bin.

There are also collection points in all major retailers that sell batteries. For example, supermarkets and electrical shops.

Green Grants for South Cambridgeshire Businesses

South Cambridgeshire District Council has teamed up with partners to launch an exciting 18-month project to help local businesses go green.

The partnership project aims to support local businesses reduce their carbon footprint, adopt more sustainable practices and reduce energy costs.

Business charity Allia is managing the new programme to help small to medium businesses across Cambridgeshire work towards Net Zero.

The programme has been created by South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridge City Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Growth Hub and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and is funded by the UK Government through the Shared Prosperity Fund.

Go to: <https://www.scams.gov.uk/business/grants-and-funding/>

Update on Waste Announcements, in particular Food Waste

In the light of the recent Government announcement about a National Waste Strategy including weekly food waste collection, we summarise here where the Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service is currently with respect to future food waste plans:

- GCSWS has been collecting food waste commingled with garden waste, fortnightly since 2004.
- The Service conducted a 3-year trial of separate weekly food waste collection to 9,000 properties which ended in March 2023. The trial was successful (1,400 tonnes collected) and provided practical information to help us prepare for upcoming mandatory collections.
- As part of the new Strategy and to capture more food waste for recycling, central government will require councils to implement a weekly collection of food waste. This will now be made mandatory from 2026, with the collected food waste ideally sent for anaerobic digestion (to produce energy) rather than in-vessel composting (as is the case in Cambridgeshire at present).
- Central government will be making some funding available to councils to cover the extra costs of food waste collections (this is called 'new burdens funding'); however, discussions are still being held with DEFRA about the impact of Cambridgeshire County Council's existing PFI contract (through which food waste is currently processed).
- Most recent guidance from DEFRA indicated that it could be acceptable to continue to collect food waste commingled with garden waste but that the frequency would need to be weekly. The Service would need to consider what options would be most suitable, depending also on the outcomes of discussions with DEFRA and our application for new burdens funding.

Carla & John

Item 81.3

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council November 2023

Four-day working week discussed at Full Council

In September, South Cambs District Council received a second letter from local government minister Lee Rowley MP asking to stop the trial. I have continued to raise concerns about the four-day week, especially the financial and reputational cost to residents.

The reports suggest that the administration has saved on agency fees so far by filling nine of 23 'hard-to-fill' posts – helped by the incentive of a four-day week. This should be considered

in light of the full facts and figures, which show that **£189,153 extra** was spent in the first 3 months of the four-day week trial. These figures can be seen below:

Q4 2021/22 (without the four-day week) £1,148,728

Q4 2022/23 (with four-day week) £1,337,881

The estimated costs for the four-day week for bin collections are also higher. This is due to the need to recruit two more bin crews with two more electric bin lorries. These costs are summarised below:

Cost	<u>3-month trial</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
	£66,000	£132,000	£207,000
	(£33,000 per Council For SCDC & CCC)		

The figures are currently being scrutinised and I will continue to raise concerns to ensure residents are getting value for money.

I do not believe it is right that 80% of elected councillors have not been given the opportunity to vote on the four-day week. With something like this, which has a huge impact on all residents, it should be decided in a way where all have a voice.

Above all, I want to make sure residents are getting the services they deserve from their local council. At present, I cannot see any reliable proof of improved service. Now, more than ever, we need more working hours, more council officers and an even stronger work ethic – not fewer working hours, with residents paying for five days' work but only getting four days' work.

At the full Council meeting on the 5th October, I seconded a motion that would have allowed all councillors a vote on the four-day week. Unfortunately, this was unanimously rejected and it was decided that this matter would be referred to Cabinet. I have made very clear my opposition to this decision. Based on the average wage and contracted hours figures for full-time staff as mentioned during the meeting, £3.3 million will be spent in 12 months on salaries alone for hours not worked.

I will continue to analyse the facts and figures and will continue to challenge the four-day week, which sees residents paying for five days' work but only getting four days' service.

Find your nearest pink bin to recycle electrical goods

Bright pink bins for electrical waste have resulted in nine times more e-waste being collected for recycling since being introduced last year. Over 49 tonnes of small electrical appliances have been collected for recycling in the pink bins – instead of it all ending up in the black bin.

The pink bins are suitable for most small electrical items which have a plug or battery – including phones, toys, kettles, toasters, and many more. Items which cannot be reused are then sent to specialist operators for recycling into new products.

I encourage everyone to recycle their old electrical goods – so please see the list below to find your nearest pink bin.

- Abbey Pool (Cambridge, CB5 8NT)
- Abode Development - Underground (Cambridge, CB2 9PG)
- Aura Development - Underground (Cambridge, CB2 9LS)
- CAMYOGA (Cambridge, CB4 3AX)

- Glebe Farm Underground (Cambridge, CB2 9NR)
- Gwydir Street Car Park (Cambridge City) (Cambridge, CB1 2LW)
- Lammas Land (Cambridge City) (Cambridge, CB3 9JJ)
- Melbourn Village Car Park (Melbourn, SG8 6DZ)
- Morrisons Car Park (Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6FY)
- Tesco (Fulbourn, CB1 9BF)
- Tesco (Bar Hill, Cambridge, CB23 8EL)

Cost of living support for residents

I am pleased the Council is supporting people with electric blankets, slow cookers, hot water bottles and warm clothes which are being distributed to residents in fuel poverty. If Parish Councillors know of people who are struggling with the cost of living and require support, please visit the council's website and refer to the cost-of-living support section (scambs.gov.uk). All information is dealt with in a confidential manner.

More Community Hubs (updated name for Warm Hubs) are being made available across Cambridgeshire thanks to funding of £200,000 from NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Community Hubs provide a warm, safe, welcoming environment for residents. Please see the full list of Community Hubs in South Cambridgeshire with addresses and opening times. I have given you a list of some of the community hubs below and highlighted the one in our ward so parish councillors are aware if residents require this service.

Caldecote Community Hub - Caldecote Pavilion, Furlong Way, Highfields, Caldecote, Cambridge, CB23 7ZH. Opens: Tuesday, 9.30am - 3.30pm

• **Cambourne Community Hub** - Cambourne Community Centre, High Street, Great Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6GW. Opens: Monday and Friday, 9.30am - 1pm

• **Comberton Community Hub** - Comberton Baptist Church, Green End, Comberton, Cambridge, CB23 7DY. Opens: Monday, 3pm - 5pm

• **Gamlingay Community Hubs** - Gamlingay Baptist Church's Back Room Cafe, Stocks Lane, Gamlingay, Sandy, SG19 3JR. Opens: Monday, 9.30am - 3pm and every third Sunday, 10am - 4pm. Also, at **Gamlingay Eco Hub Community Centre**, Stocks Lane, Gamlingay, Sandy, SG19 3JR. Opens: Monday - Wednesday, 9am - 4pm; Thursday - Friday 9am - 1pm; and Saturday, 10am - 12pm

• **Grantchester Coffee and Croissants Community Hub** - Grantchester Communal Hall, Tabrum Close, Grantchester, Cambridge, CB3 9NW. Opens: Friday, 10am - 12pm

• **Hardwick Community Hub** - Hardwick Evangelical Church, Broadway House, 149 - 151 St Neots Road, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ. Opens: Tuesday on a fortnightly basis, 11am - 1.30pm

• **Horningsea Community Hub** - Horningsea Pavilion, King's Farm, High Street, Horningsea, Cambridge, CB25 9JG. Opens: Tuesday, 10am - 12.30pm

• **Landbeach Community Hub** - All Saints Church, Green End, Landbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9FD. Opens: Wednesday, 10.30am - 2pm

- **(Melbourn) MACS Cozy Corner** - Vicarage Close Community Hall, Vicarage Close, Melbourn, Royston, SG8 6DY. Opens: Monday and Thursday, 12pm - 3pm
- **Meldreth Community Hub** - Meldreth Sheltered Housing Building, Elin Way, Meldreth, Royston, SG8 6LX. Opens: Tuesday and Thursday, 12pm - 3pm
- **Northstowe Community Lounge** - Northstowe Temporary Community Centre, 1 The Green, Pathfinder Way, Northstowe, Cambridge, CB24 1FD. Opens: Thursday, 6pm - 8pm
- **(Sawston) Footprints Community Hub** - Within the Footprints Cafe, 1 High Street, Sawston, Cambridge, CB22 3BG. Opens: Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 3.30pm
- **(Willingham) Octagon Warm Hub** - The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street, Willingham, Cambridge, CB24 5HS. Opens: Monday, 9am - 1pm

Development off Teversham Road - Fulbourn

I have had a few residents contact me with different concerns regarding the development by Hill off Teversham Road in Fulbourn for 110 houses. I am happy to liaise with the developer and planning officers if residents have any concerns, I will also be chairing every other meeting held between Councillors and the developer. It was a shame that an incorrect planning illustration had gone out in an information leaflet to local residents causing concern, I have been assured from the developer that this was a mistake and the correct plan for this site will be adhered to.

*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 85

Minutes of a Planning Meeting of Fulbourn Parish Council in The Hub, Home End, Fulbourn on Tuesday, 31st October 2023 at 7pm.

Present: Councillor Gaskell (Chairman), and Councillors Andrews, Bramwell, Brown, Butler, Lockwood and Smith.

Apologies: Councillors Howell, Johnson, Roberts, Thorn and Viner.

Absent: Councillor Lacey.

Appeals in progress:

23/00945/HFUL

Location: 97 Speedwell Close

Proposal: Move the garden fence towards the pavement to align with property boundaries.

23/00310/HFUL

Location: 49 Station Road

Proposal: Single storey front, side and rear extensions, roof extension to create one and half storey with front and rear dormer windows.

23/01856/HFUL

Location: 58 Shelford Road

Proposal: Conversion and extension of existing garage with link to main house and rear box dormer to the existing house.

Discharge Conditions in Full:

20/05199/CONDD

Location: Ida Darwin Hospital, Fulbourn Old Drift

Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 3 (External Materials) of planning permission 20/05199/REM.

S/3290/19/CONDD

Location: Land East of Teversham Road

Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 4 (Bridge Details) of Reserved Matters application S/3290/19/RM.

S/3290/19/CONDE

Location: Land East of Teversham Road

Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 3 (Details of the external appearance of the proposed cycle storage) of reserved matters application S/3290/19/RM

Refuse to Discharge Condition Request:

20/04006/CONDA

Location: 14 The Maples

Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 3 (Material Samples) of planning permission 20/04006/HFUL.

Permissions:

23/00112/FUL, Landmark International School, Church Lane.

23/02419/LBC – 34 Cow Lane

23/02835/S73 – Landmark International School, Church Lane

23/023331/HFUL – 1 Weston Grove

23/03266/S73 – Capital Park, Cambridge Road

Consultation on applications for Prior Approval.

23/03779/PRIOR

Comments by 02/11/2023

Location: 7 Dunmowe Way

Proposal: Single storey rear extension.

23/03922/PRIOR

Comments by 09/11/2023

Location: New Shardelowes Farm, Balsham Road

Proposal: Change of Use of barn, land and smaller building within its barn's curtilage from agricultural buildings to 2 No. dwellinghouses (Class C3) together with building operations reasonably necessary to convert the buildings.

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.

Information only:

23/03610/CLUED

Location: Fernleigh Farm, Teversham Road

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness under S191 to confirm that Units 18 and 19 can lawfully be used for the display or retail sale of goods and/or the sale of food and drink for consumption on the premises within Use Classes E(a) and E(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 2020.

23/03622/CL2PD

Location: 60 Station Road

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness under S192 for proposed a new dormer window to rear and internal works.

23/03670/CL2PD

Location: Fulbourn Silo, 2 Wilbraham Road
Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness under S192 for proposed side extension.

23/03687/CLUED

Location: 2 Home End
Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness under S191 for the existing use of installation of solar panels on roof of double garage.

22/03530/CONDD

Location: Telford House, 76 Cow Lane
Proposal: Submission of details required by Conditions 4 (Traffic Management Plan) and 8 (Contamination and Remediation) of Prior Approval
22/03530/PRIOR.

S/3290/19/NMA2

Location: Land to the East of Teversham Road
Proposal: Non material amendment on application S/3290/19 for changes to window details to ensure the development would accord with Parts O and K of Building Regulations.

S/3290/19/CONDJ

Location: Land to the East of Teversham Road
Proposal: Submission of details required by Condition 6 (Surface Water) of Reserved Matters application S/3290/19/RM.

23/00413/CONDB

Location: CPC 1 and CPC 2, Capital Park, Cambridge Road
Proposal: Submission of details required by Conditions 8 (BNG Plan), 10 (Soft Landscaping Scheme) and 15 (Detailed Surface Water Drainage Design) of planning permission 23/00413/FUL.

New Applications:

23/03810/HFUL

Location: 39 St Vigor's Road
Proposal: Single storey detached garden room to front of site.
Fulbourn Parish Council considers this application to be an overdevelopment of the site with poor access to the garage.
We refer to the Neighbourhood Plan Policies FUL/06 a) and FUL/13 a).
Recommendation objects.

23/03805/HFUL

Location: 39 St Vigor's Road
Proposal: Two storey side extension and single storey front and side extension.
Recommendation supports.

23/04018/FUL

Location: 2 Hinton Road
Proposal: Demolition of 3 No. existing garages and erection of a triple garage with home office above as previously consented under 20/04275/FUL, in conjunction with minor amendments to external openings, architectural details, and the internal layout of the proposed building.
Recommendation supports.