

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday, 10th January 2024 in The Swifts, Haggis Gap, Fulbourn.

Present: Councillor Smith (Chairman), and Councillors Andrews, Bramwell, Butler, Gaskell, Johnson, Lacey, Roberts (from Item 108) and Thorn; County Councillor Daunton, District Councillor Hofman, the Clerk and 5 parishioners.

Minutes of a **Precept Meeting** of Fulbourn Parish Council at 7.15pm prior to the Full Council Meeting on Wednesday, 10th January 2024.

Terry Fretwell issued precept estimate figures for 2024/25 and precept comparison figures to all Members. He said there had been a query with SCDC over their projected figure of two new dwellings in Fulbourn for 2024/25 bearing in mind there are new developments both at Ida Darwin and Teversham Road. SCDC accepted our figures, although, Terry has since spoken to the developers at Teversham Road who think it unlikely any properties will be sold this financial year so our figures might be slightly optimistic. Terry said by keeping the precept at last year's level, the PC would do its best for parishioners. Raising the precept over £200K incurs additional administration costs and puts the external audit in a higher bracket with extra costs too. Terry has put in funding for additional street lights to replace some that were lost when reductions were made a few years ago. Upgrading the pavilion would mean getting assessments and preliminary plans so funds for these have been included. Also, the cemetery drive will soon need replacing and water pipes along the drive had already been repaired. Expenditure to run the PC for at least 3 months are listed plus allowances for additional fuel costs for necessary services including grass cutting. It would appear the Clerk has been underpaid for some time, so on her retirement the PC will have to pay the going rate to a new Clerk; an Administration Assistant has just been appointed and the pavilion will need a cleaner, so the wages costs have also increased. Submitting LHI (Local Highways Improvement) Bids means the PC has to commit to 50% of the total costs should the application be successful, so again these figures are included. Thought will be needed to improving the recreation ground entrance when the old Scout Hut is eventually demolished. From the floor Mr Cottee asked if the entrance had been included in the precept and if lighting could be improved there too. Mr Fretwell said there is some money available, but it might mean other things won't get done. There is some money in reserve and it will be up the PC to decide where to spend it. The recommendation was to increase the precept to £199,000.00. Cllr Brown proposed setting the 2024/25 precept at £199,000.00, proposal seconded by Cllr Thorn and agreed by the Council.

The Chairman thanked Mr Fretwell for all his hard work.

The **Full Council** meeting then commenced.

105 To accept apologies for absence.

Cllrs Howell, Lockwood, Viner and District Councillor Williams.

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

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

107 Neighbourhood Plan – Tree and Woodland Strategy.

David Nobel had issued notes from a Working Party meeting regarding the above held on 11th December 2023 along with a Project Scope document and a Summary Diagram to all Councillors. At no cost to the PC, David was seeking approval from the PC to carry on with

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the Strategy. Michael Downs, Arborist from Fulbourn and known to the Council would carry out a survey of the PC's trees noting the species, condition, age then making a plan on how to move forward. This Strategy would fit in with National Policies, be consistent with SCDC and fit in with the Village Design Statement and Neighbourhood Plan whilst building on the whole character of the village. *(At this point Cllr Roberts arrived)*. Following a show of hands, the PC voted unanimously to approve continuing with the Tree and Woodland Strategy.

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108 20 m.p.h. Design Proposals for Fulbourn.

Cllr Roberts began that following support from the community to this proposal for 20 m.p.h. in the village, a proposal was submitted to Cambs County Council which was successful. People in the survey had wanted the whole of the village included in the limit, not just zones. Mr Chris Loughlan continued that the CCC had received 80 applications which had been judged to meet 6 criteria points, with 20 applications being successful and Fulbourn came 2nd overall. A Working Group consisting of Parish Councillors and Fulbourn Forum had put the proposal forward and most of these had been accepted although due to regulations, not all were approved. Chris said the PC needed to give their final approval along with Cllr Daunton so a Public Consultation could begin. Feedback from this Consultation will determine the final decision as to whether the scheme will go ahead or not.

There was much discussion both in favour and against from all present. Some, whilst agreeing with buffer zones, felt applying the 20 m.p.h. to the whole of the village was excessive, was not needed and is unlikely to be enforced. Also concerned about the estimated £18K cost, but it was then pointed out monies had been set aside for these schemes and would not cost the PC anything. There would be no changes to the road infrastructure, only signage. Another added hitting a pedestrian at 20 m.p.h. as opposed to 30 m.p.h. increased survival rates; people accept speed limit over time.

After further discussion, the PC felt it democratic that the village should have its say to either support or object to the proposals.

Members then voted by majority to accept the 20 m.p.h. Design Proposals for Fulbourn. A Notice of Intention would now be published for a Public Consultation which could take up to 3 months to commence.

109 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

109.1 County Councillor Daunton issued the attached report. Following a discussion on new posts erected in The High Street as part of the Civil Parking Enforcement, the majority of Members voted these should remain so Penalty Notices and Fines could be issued if required. Residents from Stackyard Court had raised concerns about exiting the road onto School Lane as parked vehicles impaired the visibility. Cllr Daunton met with a CCC, Highways Officer who suggested applying for double yellow lines on either side of the road, and adding this proposal to the Primary School's LHI Bid as costs for this would be minimal. The PC agreed to this and as the school were happy to include this on their application, the Clerk will ask the school to do so.

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109.2 District Councillors Williams and Hofman issued a joint report. Cllr Andrews asked Cllr Hofman about the Corporate Peer Challenge and about outstanding accounts. It was suggested Cllr Andrews contact Cllr Williams as he is Head of Finance at SCDC and would be able to assist.

109.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report. He said the Mobile Speeding Device had a fault and was clearing its data. Having contacted the manufacturer, they felt software might have a bug which they should be able to clear. The PC had asked for the device to go in Shelford Road so data could be compared before and after the traffic calming speed cushions had been installed. Cllr Cone will keep the PC update on whether the device can be repaired and re-installed.

<p>110 To approve the minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>111 Matters arising from the last meeting.</p> <p>111.1 <u>Cadent, Drop-In Session.</u> Plans to replace main gas pipes around the village this year which will cause disruptions. A date is being arranged for a Drop-in Session so parishioners can get further information and raise any questions with Cadent.</p> <p>111.2 <u>LHI Bid.</u> Cllr Roberts has completed an application for improvements to the blind bend around Dogget Lane, and will submit this on behalf of the PC before the 12/01/2024 deadline. The Chairman thanked Cllr Roberts for her hard work on this.</p> <p>111.3 <u>Caraway Road.</u> Having received a planning application for a Change of Use of land maintained by the PC for over 60 years, further investigations by SCDC are being carried out with Land Registry.</p> <p>112 Re-siting of Scouts Garage on FISSC land for consideration. The PC has not been approached by either FISSC or Scouts regarding the above proposal, and were only made aware when a request for advice on installing a concrete base was posted on Facebook. The PC discussed this further, and it was then reminded there is a Covenant on this land, which we believe relates to sporting activities, football in particular. Further investigations will be made.</p> <p>113 Minutes of a Planning Meeting held on 04/01/2024. Accepted.</p> <p>114 Tree works: 23/1264/TTCA, Chestnut House, Sanders Lane: GCSP has Declined to Determine. 23/1541/TTCA, The Old Chapel, adjacent to 41 Pierce Lane – Avenue of ten trees at front Ash and Lime: re-pollard to previous points at 5m. Disclaimer: Fulbourn Parish Council Tree Officer and the Parish Council accept no liability for the advice given above.</p> <p>115 Correspondence.</p> <p>115.1 Cllr Dan Lentell – Copy of LGA Independent Peer-Review of SCDC. 115.2 Fulbourn Arts – January 2024 newsletter (sent by email 22/12/23). 115.3 SCDC, Communities Duty – Updates for those supporting Ukrainian Refugees. 115.4 SCDC – Civil Parking Enforcement is now live across South Cambridgeshire. Penalty Charge Notices will be issued from 1st February 2024 including fines for parking restrictions including parking on double yellow lines. 115.5 SCDC – Dates for Northeast Cambridge Community Forum meetings during 2024. The next meeting will be on 28/02/2024. 115.6 CAPALC – January 2024 Bulletin. 115.7 TMC (Traffic Management Centre) – December 2023 Incident Report. 115.8 Townley Memorial Hall – AGM, Wednesday 17th January 2024. Cllrs Brown and Roberts will attend. 115.9 SCDC – Cambridge East Community Forum, next meeting 06/03/2024.</p> <p>116 To resolve the accounts for the month. G Marshall: Pavilion decorating.....1,050.00R K Pritchard: Pavilion works.....3,318.00R ESPO: Supplies.....124.08 HMRC: Tax & NI.....592.23R TH Tree: Open Spaces.....2,496.00 VIA: Car Scheme website.....120.00R TH Tree: Rec. ground.....888.00B Gas: Pavilion gas.....79.72 Cllr Brown proposed accepting the accounts, proposal seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed by the Council.</p> <p>117 Council Committees and Remote Meetings.</p> <p>118 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action. There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.20pm.</p>	<p>1529</p> <p>CD & Clerk</p> <p>RR</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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Attached Items:

Item 109.1

County Councillor Claire Daunton: Report to parish councils for January 2024

This month there are two areas of significant overlap between District and County reports: (i) the response to Michael Gove's most recent statement on Cambridge 2040 and his now-scaled down plans for housing from 250,00 to 150,000 dwellings; (ii) the introduction of civil parking enforcement, jointly managed by District and County and funded by the GCP. The system is now in place and fines will be brought in from 1 February.

Details of both these significant matters are given in Cllr Williams and Hofman's report so I will not repeat them here. I do, however, raise a local matter related to parking in the High Street. See below*.

LOCAL ISSUES

Network Rail signs up to County Council biodiversity site: Network Rail is the first investor in the council's pioneering biodiversity and habitat restoration scheme at Lower Valley Farm in Fulbourn. Arable land is being transformed into a one-of-a-kind 345-acre biodiversity net gain site. Council land there will be used to replace habitat lost due to construction of the new Cambridge South railway station at Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

From January 2024, legislation comes into effect requiring new developments in England to not only provide for nature lost as part of works but to achieve a minimum biodiversity net gain of 10%. As part of the Cambridge South Infrastructure Enhancement scheme, Network Rail has purchased 65 biodiversity units at the Fulbourn site to create an environmental legacy that will complement their creation of Hobson's Park on the Campus. The Lower Valley Biodiversity Site is part of the council's commitment to a greener Cambridgeshire and helps tackle the ongoing country-wide nature crisis. It also supports the council's aim to become a net zero county by 2045, five years ahead of national targets.

20mph: the design work for the 20mph areas in the village is now being finalised and will be on the agenda for consideration at the parish council meeting. The village as a whole is included in the 20mph zone with three buffer-zone areas of 40mph on the main approach roads into the village from Balsham, Cambridge, Great Wilbraham and Teversham. There is already a buffer zone in the approach from Shelford. There will be no in-road constructions such as bollards, nibs or speed humps, the zone will be marked by roundels on the road surface and roundels on poles by the side of the road, at regular intervals as reminders to motorists. The nature of the funding for this scheme requires that a public consultation be held by the county and this will take place once the parish council has considered the design.

LHI bids: I have been working with the school and with parish councillors on drafts of the bids for traffic-calming measures outside the school and on Doggett Lane and will continue to provide support, as appropriate, through the deadline for the bids of 12th January.

***Civil Parking Enforcement, High Street:** there has been some discussion concerning time restrictions in one of the bays in the High Street. In accordance with requirements of the regulatory framework, County has put up a pole notice concerning a 2-hour limit in the bay on the

northern side of the High Street. Some residents have not noticed the pole, others have; some want it removed. Some believe there is not a parking problem with this bay: they indicate that shoppers come and go and do not stay long; others believe some vehicles remain for long periods. I visited three times before Christmas and spoke to several people, each in the area for different reasons. A senior officer also visited with me on one occasion and spoken to shoppers, shop-owners and passers-by. There is no other suitable place for the pole to go and be in line with requirements; and parking tickets can only be issued if there is clear marking of a time-limit here. An alternative option, which the officer is willing to entertain, is to remove the pole: if parking problems do arise, then the pole will need to go back, and in its current location; if they do not, then the pole can stay away. There are already time-restriction poles outside the Co-op and they are required.

Drainage: jetting and gulley-clearance on Wilbraham Road, Fulbourn will take place on Monday 15th January. This maintenance work follows a visit in November to investigate long-standing problems and precedes related project work to deal with the more complex problem of drainage under the level crossing.

STRATEGY RESOURCES & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Infrastructure support funding: a successful bid to Government means an additional £368,000 will be available to help the council respond to proposals for major infrastructure in Cambridgeshire. The money will help support the council with the administration of Development Consent Orders (DCO) for schemes like East West Rail, the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet upgrade, and the Fenland Reservoir, as well as other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). £268,000 will bring in extra technical and specialist resource, and a further £100,000 will enable work across all these types of projects.

Consultation begins on budget proposals: consultation is to begin on the council's proposals for its 2024/5 budget, in what is being called 'the toughest year to set a balanced council budget'. The Government's one-year Local Government Financial Settlement announced last month does not compensate for the levels of demand and inflation that the council is faced with, particularly in areas such as children's social care, home to school transport and provision for children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities. A fair funding review for local councils promised by the Government has never materialised. And all local authorities face significant financial uncertainties as a consequence, as I reported last month.

The council is looking to support vulnerable people and improve highways maintenance, while still seeking to bridge a remaining £2M gap—even with a proposed council tax rise of 4.99 per cent (2 per cent for adult social care services, 2.99 per cent for general services).

Draft budget proposals have been shaped by views gathered in the council's first Quality of Life Survey conducted over the summer. They focus on sustaining social services, continuing to provide free school meal vouchers for eligible children during holidays, progressing the council's commitment to pay the real living wage to people providing adult social care, and prioritising highways and cycleways maintenance across the county.

The Strategy, Resources & Performance Committee received and considered draft budget proposals at its meeting on Tuesday 19 December. The council's service committees will consider

these at their various meetings in January. An online public survey has been launched and is open until Tuesday 16 January <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2024-5>

Potential savings have been identified to help bridge the funding gap. These include

- Moving to LED streetlights (£1M in energy savings each year)
- Rationalising office accommodation (£1.5M in the next three years)
- Reviewing the highest cost children's placement costs, and home to school transport routes (more than £2M)
- Driving down the amount of bad debt (£0.5M)
- Reviewing income from permits and parking charges (Just under £1M).

The Strategy, Resources & Performance Committee will make a final budget recommendation at its meeting on Tuesday 30 January for Full Council to debate on Tuesday 13 February.

ADULTS & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Covid: Covid is far from over. Our EU neighbours now seem to be able to purchase over-the-counter or online multi- tests which test for covid, flu, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) on a single test cassette. We have asked the Director of Public Health what the hold-up is in making these available in the UK.

Preventing falls: falls and related injuries are a common and significant problem for older adults and a major public health issue. Falls are a major cause of disability and injury- related death in people aged 75 and over, and have a large impact on quality of life—and as our population ages, this will become even more of an issue. Around one in three people over 65 years old and half of those over 80 experience a fall at least once a year. In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in 2022/23, there were 2,699 emergency admissions due to falls and 1,015 admissions due to a hip fracture. The estimated combined total cost of these hospital admissions was £16.3M, an increase of over £1.9M on the previous year. These costs do not include wider health and social care costs such as primary care, ambulance, or adult social care costs. Cambridgeshire County Council's Adults and Health Committee has endorsed a three-year Falls Prevention Strategy and detailed delivery plan, working with a multi-agency Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Falls Prevention Strategy Group. The strategy includes a number of interventions that have been shown to be effective at preventing some falls and fractures, and its intended outcome is a reduction in the rate of hip fracture admissions, and an improvement to the quality of life of older adults who experience a fall or fracture.

COMMUNITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION (COSMIC) COMMITTEE

Supermarket voucher scheme continues in Christmas holiday: the council's supermarket voucher scheme continued to operate in the Christmas school holiday for all eligible families in Cambridgeshire. The scheme will run until the February 2024 half term, using the Household Support Fund from the Department for Work & Pensions topped up with additional funding provided by the council.

Over 20,000 vouchers were claimed in the October half term alone. Over seventy per cent of families said the vouchers had helped them cope with the rising cost of living. More than half said

the scheme had reduced the need for them to seek other sources of support in the school holidays such as food banks.

Total spend in the October half term week was £317,000, with this expected to more than double to £660,000 in the two-week Christmas holiday. In addition to the holiday voucher scheme, there is further support available in response to the cost-of-living

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/support-with-the-cost-of-living>

Libraries offer a helping hand to stay connected this winter: a successful pilot scheme offering free mobile SIM cards to those unable to afford internet access is now available in eleven of Cambridgeshire's libraries. Cambridgeshire Libraries have signed up to the National Databank, an initiative run by Good Things Foundation which provides free mobile SIM cards to anyone over the age of 18 who is on a low income. The SIM cards are donated to the National Databank by Virgin Media, O2, Vodafone and Three. They are then supplied to members of the National Digital Inclusion Network, including the eleven Cambridgeshire libraries, to be passed on to those in need of data.

Life-saving defibrillators installed at thirteen council sites: life-saving automated external defibrillators have been installed at thirteen county council offices for use by local communities as well as county council staff and visitors. The council purchased the units, but all installations were carried out free of charge by the county council's maintenance contractor GSH as part of their commitment to support social value in Cambridgeshire.

ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Change to access at Royston and Thriplow recycling centres: Cambridgeshire residents now need to apply for a digital permit to use Royston Household Recycling Centre in Hertfordshire. The change comes following the announcement last year that Hertfordshire County Council would be adopting a policy restricting access to non-residents at Hertfordshire's network of sixteen recycling centres. However, the county council has reached an agreement with Hertfordshire County Council that enables continued cross-border access to Royston Household Recycling Centre for Cambridgeshire residents living close to the county boundary, whilst allowing Hertfordshire residents access to Thriplow Household Recycling Centre in South Cambridgeshire.

Resident-only policies are becoming increasingly common across the region and indeed the country, with many neighbouring counties having had this policy in place for some time.

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

Electric vehicle charging: An estimated 10,000 public electric vehicle charge point sockets will be needed across Cambridgeshire by 2030, as motorists choose electric vehicles over more polluting petrol and diesel cars. The sale of new petrol and diesel cars is set to be banned by government from 2035.

Using up to £5M in Local Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) funding, the council is working with the Combined Authority on how to meet this need, with fewer than 500 public charge points currently installed. Officers will develop a plan informed by technical mapping and seek public engagement to find suitable charge point locations. They will report back to the Highways and Transport

committee in March, prior to a decision by the Environment and Green Investment Committee later in 2024.

Item 109.2

Report of Councillor Carla Hofman and Councillor John Williams to Parish Councils for January 2024.

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@scambbs.gov.uk or cllr.hofman@scambbs.gov.uk

Joint statement from local leaders and the Combined Authority Mayor on Cambridge 2040 announcement

The Rt Hon Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, unveiled updated plans for the Government's 'Cambridge 2040' vision on 19 December 2023. The Government's vision for Cambridge includes proposals for "northwards" of 150,000 new homes around Cambridge as part of a major new expansion of the city.

The leaders of Cambridge City Council, Cllr Mike Davey, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cllr Bridget Smith, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cllr Lucy Nethsingha, and the Combined Authority Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Dr Nik Johnson, said:

"Despite working hard to engage constructively with Government officials since the Secretary of State's initial Cambridge 2040 announcement in the summer, it's deeply disappointing that once again Government plans for Cambridge seem to be being negotiated through the press.

"We note in the latest announcement that the number of new homes put forward by Rt Hon Michael Gove MP has come down from 250,000 to 150,000, but this is still substantially more than the over 50,000 homes we have identified as needed in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (to 2040) – a number which will already be incredibly challenging to bring forward. We are ambitious for high quality sustainable, green growth but can't stress enough how vital it is that Government supports us to tackle the issues that will otherwise act as roadblocks to sustainable growth.

"We have written to the Secretary of State a number of times over the past month to stress the importance of committing to sustainable growth, and to reiterate the support that is needed to enable us to plan for the homes set out in the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan.

"This includes prioritising sustainable public transport, community infrastructure such as schools and GPs, and water shortages in this region, which are putting our chalk streams under extreme pressure – an issue which the Greater Cambridge Planning Service warned in January 2023 could delay existing plans for housebuilding if not addressed by Government. We are still waiting for responses to these questions which would detail how Government proposes to support us in delivering a proposed 50,000 or so homes responsibly, let alone 150,000.

"Clarity is also needed as to who is involved in the 'Cambridge Delivery Group', what it will do, and how it will be governed. Devolution works best when local politicians are

empowered to lead and deliver sustainable development and we will continue to work hard to represent our residents and ensure that Cambridge and its surrounding villages grow in a sustainable and carefully planned way.”

Emergency Go Fund Me page will help residents in the cost-of-living crisis

People are invited to donate to a new emergency Go Fund Me campaign which will help finance the response to the cost-of-living crisis in South Cambridgeshire.

Meanwhile the Council is supporting around 400 people with free electric blankets and slow cookers. In the first stage of the scheme, the Council has written to people who receive a 75-85% Council Tax discount, the band below those receiving 100%, as they have identified as potentially in greatest need of support. This group may be expanded depending on the number of donations received.

The first group of people eligible will have three weeks to claim the support offered by completing an online form. A phone number will be provided for people without internet access to call and go through the form with a member of Council staff. If more budget becomes available due to donations, the scheme will be expanded to more people on lower brackets of council tax discounts.

The Go Fund Me page is part of a wide range of support worth almost £400,000 being put in place by the Council to support residents this winter.

Donation is possible by visiting: <http://www.gofundme.com/SCDCcostofliving>

Civil parking enforcement is now in place in South Cambs

The New Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) powers for South Cambridgeshire given to Cambridgeshire County Council by Parliament came into place on 19 December 2023.

Until the end of January, a Warning Notice will be issued to the owners of vehicles that contravene parking regulations – this looks like a parking ticket but there is no fine attached. Then Penalty Charge Notices will be issued from 1 February which will mean a fine of between £50 and £70, depending on the severity of the offence.

Corporate Peer Challenge report published

A Local Government Association review has described South Cambridgeshire District Council as being in a positive financial position – with a comprehensive and innovative response to the cost-of-living crisis.

The District Council voluntarily recently took part in a Corporate Peer Challenge, which is run by the Local Government Association (LGA) and designed to provide robust, strategic and credible challenge and support to councils.

The District Council invited the team of Peers, made-up of councillors and officers from other councils, to visit South Cambridgeshire District Council in late October / early November. They spoke with staff, councillors, and local partners, and their report has now been published.

With cost-of-living pressures continuing to impact on the country, the peer team found that, “The Council’s cost of living response has been comprehensive, innovative and is well funded with good mechanisms in place to listen to residents’ concerns, and the joining up with key partners including the Integrated Care System has produced positive outcomes for communities.”

The report adds that the District Council performs above average for household recycling rates. It highlights respectful member and officer relationships and says the Audit and Governance Committee was consistently described as being effective. It also praises recent work to examine how the Council can improve how it interacts with younger people.

As with all Corporate Peer Challenges by the LGA, the report contains recommendations to help the Council improve. These include the need to better convey a vision for South Cambridgeshire and resetting and defining relationships at local and regional levels with key partners.

Peers recommended the Council accelerates the closure of its outstanding accounts. Since their visit, the 2020/21 accounts have been signed-off by the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee, and work is underway to complete the next set of accounts as soon as possible. However recent action by Government to tackle the growing problem nationwide of councils being unable to sign-off accounts due to an acute shortage of local government auditors has led to uncertainty across the country as to whether accounts for 2022/23 for many councils will be signed off. This is due to be discussed at a special meeting of the Audit and Corporate Governance committee this month.

Climate committee recommends stricter air quality standards

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Climate and Environment Advisory Committee have given their backing to the development of a new Air Quality Strategy, with stringent targets in-line with World Health Organisation aspirations.

They've recommended that the Council works with Cambridge City Council to develop a joint strategy covering Greater Cambridge. Cambridge City Council agreed a similar joint approach at their Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee back in October.

Research by the Committee on Medical Effects of Air Pollution concludes that even low concentrations of pollutants are likely to be associated with adverse effects on health.

Wishing you a happy new year

Carla & John

Item 109.3

District councillor Report to Parish Council January 2024

Happy New year

I would like to wish all parish councillors and residents a happy new year and I look forward to working with you all in 2024.

Grant for new Mobile / Community Warden Schemes

On 1 January, SCDC are launching a grant for new [Mobile/ Community Warden Schemes](#) that are wanting to set up in the district. £15,000 has been set aside for new schemes out of a total grant fund of £100,000. The aim of this funding (which includes a contribution from Cambridgeshire County Council's unspent Care Together Seed funding) is to provide increased coverage and more equitable access to schemes to support

independent living, particularly for older or vulnerable residents. Parish councils and community groups will be able to bid for up to £5,000 per new scheme.

The proposed timeline for grant scheme is as follows:

- Scheme launch and applications open - 1 January 2024
- Application deadline - 5pm 29 February 2024
- Allocation of funding decided- End of March 2024
- Grants paid – April 2024

Before making an application, we would recommend that you refer to the Council's [Mobile/Community Warden Scheme toolkit](#) for guidance about setting up a scheme. If you have any questions, please contact Development Officer, Communities team Emma.Dyer@scambs.gov.uk

Civil Parking Enforcement update

Cambridgeshire County Council have now had the final formal confirmation from the Government regarding Civil Parking Enforcement. The scheme is now live across South Cambridgeshire. Notices will be issued until the end of January (these do not have a fine attached). From 1 February 2024, Cambridgeshire County Council's Civil Parking Enforcement Officers will issue penalty charge notices which include a fine for parking on restrictions such as double yellow lines. For more information visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cpe

Gigabit Fibre-to-the-Premises network

Here is an update regarding the Fibre-to-the-Premises network:

Project Gigabit is the government's flagship £5 billion programme to enable hard-to-reach communities to access lightning-fast gigabit-capable broadband. The four-year programme of work will see around 215,000 premises across Cambridgeshire and parts of surrounding counties connected to our Fibre-to-the-Premises network.

We wanted to let you know that the initial planning phase is complete and that work is about to start in your area. The first locations are around Cambridge (Grantchester, Milton and Fen Ditton), Elton (near Peterborough) and parts of Whittlesey (South and East).

The contractor carrying out the work on our behalf is Granemore Group. Wherever possible, existing duct and pole infrastructure will be used in order to reduce the amount of construction required. However, new infrastructure will be needed and we are working closely with the Council Highways Teams to coordinate any works that are required.

Why is this work so important? In a rapidly changing world, we rely more and more on digital connectivity and the UK needs to ensure its residents and businesses can cope with future demands. This is not just about being able to better-browse the internet or stream television programmes. There are many other factors to consider such as:

- *Households have an ever-increasing number of internet connected devices like smart speakers, domestic appliances, heating control systems and doorbells.*
- *Smart TVs and gaming consoles become more and more sophisticated requiring faster internet speeds.*

- *The Covid 19 pandemic has demonstrated how important fast and reliable broadband is. Essential services such as healthcare and education are now increasingly online and regular homeworking has become the norm for many.*
- *When buying a house, the speed of the internet is now one of the top purchasing factors.*

If you have any questions you can speak to our build team onsite or visit www.cityfibre.com/help-support . If you would like to know more about our build process visit cityfibre.com/build.

*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 113

Minutes of a **Planning Meeting** of Fulbourn Parish Council in The Hub, Home End, Fulbourn on 4th January 2024 at 7pm.

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

Apologies: Cllr Johnson.

Appeals in progress:

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.

23/00356/FUL

Location: 76 Station Road

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two five-bedroom detached dwellings (Use Class C3) accessed from Station Road, with associated parking and landscaping.

Refused Permission:

23/03810/HFUL – 39 St Vigor's Road

Discharge Condition in Full:

23/01235/CONDB

Location: 15 Church Lane

Proposal: Submission of details required by Conditions 3 (Motors, Plaster and Render), 4 (Sample Panel), 6a (Chimney Stack) 6b (Chimney Liner) 6c (New Laths), 6d (Insulation for Timber Framing), 6f (Recording of the Blocked in Door), 7 (Joinery) and 8 (Historic Joinery) of Listed Building Application 23/01235/LBC.

23/00413/CONDB

Location: CPC 1 and CPC2, Capital Park, Cambridge Road

Proposal: Submission of details required by Conditions 8 (BNG Plan), 10 (Hard and Soft Landscaping Scheme) and 15 (Detailed Surface Water Drainage Design) of planning permission 23/00413/FUL.

Split Decision:

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.

Permissions:

23/03805/HFUL – 39 St Vigor's Road
23/04018/FUL – 2 Hinton Road
23/04025/HFUL – The Daxies, 2 Woodyard Close
23/04156/HFUL – 22 Oslar's Way
23/02145/FUL – Land at 1 Town Close
23/04062/HFUL – 51 Cow Lane
23/04079/HFUL – 7 March's Close
23/03182/S73 – Technology Park, Fulbourn Road

Withdrawn application:

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.

Amendment:

23/04619/HFUL
Location: 16 Dogget Lane
Proposal: Retrospective single storey rear extension built within existing conservatory outline.
Comments by 15/01/2024

Information only:

23/04899/CL2PD
Location: Fernleigh Farm, Teversham Road
Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness under S192 for confirmation that Units 1 to 7 can lawfully be used for the display of retail sale of goods and/or the sale of food and drink for consumption on the premises within Class E(a) and E(b).

22/03530/CONDE

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

23/02891/NMA1

Location: 29 Apthorpe Street
Proposal: Non material amendment of planning permission 23/02891/FUL (New one-and-a-half storey studio house to replace existing single storey house. Repair and renovation of existing single storey workshop. Resubmission of 23/00211/FUL) for 1. Repositioning of front door from south side elevation to east front elevation, 2. Omission of south elevation window, 3. Omission of 1 no. ground floor window on north elevation, 4. Reduction in size of 1 no. ground floor and 1. no. first floor bathroom windows on north elevation, 5. Revision to internal layout of bathrooms and stair location to meet Building Regulation Part M4(2) Category 2: Accessible and adaptable dwelling and 6. Omission of 2 no. skylights to rear roof.

New Applications:

23/0419/HFUL

Location: 16 Dogget Lane

Proposal: Single storey rear extension built within existing conservatory outline. Recommendation supports.

23/04658/FUL

Location: 43 Caraway Road Comments by 09/01/2024

Proposal: Change of Use of land to residential to be incorporated within the curtilage of 43 Caraway Road and the erection of a fence/hedge.

Fulbourn Parish Council strongly objects to this application.

The applicant has not contacted the PC, who owns and has managed this triangular grass area since the 1960's.

If necessary, we would ask this goes to the Planning Committee. Objects.

23/04692/HFUL

Location: 36 School Lane

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, front porch and roof extension with rear dormer.

Recommendation supports.

23/04806/HFUL

Location: 60 Station Road

Proposal: Retrospective rear dormer and extension.

Recommendation supports.

23/04839/HFUL

Location: 49 Station Road

Proposal: One and half storey side extension linking to existing rear garage with single storey front and rear extensions and front and rear dormers in existing roof.

Recommendation supports.

23/04834/FUL

Location: 5 Hollman's Close

Proposal: Change of Use from communal room to a 2-bedroom single storey semi-detached bungalow, including replacement/alterations to windows/doors and associated external works.

Recommendation supports.