

Minutes of a Meeting of FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in The Swifts, Haggis Gap, Fulbourn.

**Present:** Councillor Smith (Chairman), and Councillors Brown, Drage, Gaskell, Howell, Johnson, Lacey, Lockwood; County Councillor Daunton, District Coucellor Cohn and Williams, the Clerk and 4 parishioners.

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

Gill Ward had expressed interest in joining the Council, having been a councillor previously. Having signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, she was welcomed to the meeting by Council.

**37 To accept apologies for absence.**

Councillors Butler, Thorn, Viner.

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

38.1 David Noble brought up assets of community value. Cllrs Drage and Howell, and the Clerk are happy to be on the working group. Cllr Cohn wrote to Cambridge Council to get some extra information; they are happy to come and talk to the group about what needs to be done. Councillor Cohn will send details to working group.

38.2 Gerry Norman and Dave Glover from Royal British Legion were present. Discussion about whether Parish Council can take responsibility for the parade and the public liability. Cllr Daunton mentioned someone (Tommy) who is intending to get in touch with PC. Cllr Howell asked if it is normal for PCs to take the responsibility in other villages.

Gerry stated that other big villages are starting to get TMOs, but it is where they take place in different places eg not on highways that makes a difference.

Gerry has spoken to highways and they are happy to let us put a closure in now and he suggested there are no charges for Remembrance Day closures.

Cllr Lockwood asked if we have Public Liability to cover this. Clerk to look at how high our Public Liability is and if it covers the High Street.

Council voted in principle to support taking responsibility of the Remembrance Day Parade.

**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.**

**39 To receive reports from County and District Councillors.**

39.1 County Cllr Daunton issued the attached report.

Cllr Daunton had a meeting with Street works and Cambridge fibre on doing more work around the village, mostly regarding down Station Road. Street works have said it cannot happen until they can close the road e.g. school holidays.

Cadent still waiting to hear from Network rail about Teversham road.

The decision on 20mph is going to highways meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 10am. In person meeting that public can attend (online or in person) Parishioners are able to apply to speak but must follow protocol. Results from the 20mph consultation will be made public at the meeting. Cllr Daunton to send details to Clerk, to pass on the Parishioners.

Cllr Daunton attended a meeting with Anglian Water and other county councillors, as issues are wide spread. AW looking further into what went wrong. Parishioners have been in touch wanting more information, as report given does not answer questions. Decision made to set up a further meeting with AW and invite residents. Cllr Smith will take paper copies of report to parishioners houses.

Cllr Daunton to set up quarterly meetings between PCs and highways department; series of things coming up including HGV movements, drainage and safety etc.

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<p>Cllr Gaskell confirmed the drainage has been done on Cow Lane.  Cllr Daunton attended a meeting on Cambridge Biomedical campus. Reported on progress on Cancer research hospital and Children’s hospital, as part of governments scheme to build 40 new hospitals by 2030. Fulbourn hospital wards will eventually move to the new hospital. Proposed shopper bus at the new site, but issues as not enough room for bus service.  39.2 District Councillors Williams and Hofman issued the attached joint report. As read.  39.3 District Councillor Cone issued the attached report.  Liason meeting with developers; Hill attended, but not Morris Homes. Looked at the access off old fulbourn drift; access is still not clear. Cllr Cohn asked developers for timeline for major deliveries, as some work could be in conjunction with each other. Let Clark know when. Cllr Williams will be meeting with Tony Hill and will report back. Decision about Honey Hill will to be made by 17<sup>th</sup> October.  Cllr Johnson asked about another road closure by Arthur Rank; Cllrs confirmed solar panels are being installed.  All reports were accepted.</p>	<p><b>1550</b></p>
<p><b>40 To approve the minutes of the last meeting.</b>  The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	<p><b>JW</b></p>
<p><b>41 Matters arising from the last meeting.</b>  41.1 <u>Fulbourn Hub</u> Missing claus from the lease. Clerk to ask solicitor to add in.  41.2 <u>Mobile Speeding Device</u> Cllr Cohn has found speeding device packages are around £3500; Cllr Cohn to send details to the Clerk. Cllr Cohn was going to put the device down Teversham Road, but it was closed so went to the next location on list which is Haggis Gap, where it currently is. A discussion took place on whether to buy solar or not, and it was decided battery would be better, so it can be moved easier.  42.3 <u>Swifts Play Area</u> Accent have meeting cancelled again. Replanned for 24<sup>th</sup> September. Clerk will contact them to ask for a more recent RoSPA.  43.4 <u>Village defibrillators</u> High Street defibrillator is finally back. Hat and Rabbit has been purchased, just waiting on final paperwork from Greene King.  43.5 <u>Sub committees</u> Cllr Smith went through confirming all committee groups. Clerk to prompt meetings for all groups. Cllr Drage to talk to Clerk about which committees to join.  43.6 <u>New/refurbished pavilion</u> Junior football needed a few changes, so Cllr Smith will chase the architect  43.7 <u>LHI bid</u> Cllr Daunton reported that LHI bid response on 1st October.  43.8 <u>Fulbourn Old Drift</u> Clerk to chase Belfour Beatty. Cllr Daunton asked if we can keep the residents in the mobile homes updated. Cllr Daunton to pass their details to Clerk.  43.9 <u>Village walk</u> Saturday morning could be done. Council to meet at hub and split into groups. Clerk to arrange date.  43.10 <u>Cemetery</u> Cllr Johnson wants a policy on how much soil is put on top to solve the subsidence, as it is significant and some headstones are sinking. Cllr Drage confirmed that there is top soil in the cemetery that John Stalley adds to the graves. ACE committee to meet with John to confirm.  Cllr Johnson also brought up the change in policy for youth graves. Clerk to check back in minutes.  Cllr Ward said the mowers need servicing. Ask John for key for the shed to check.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>GC</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>DS</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>42 Correspondence.</b>  42.1 <b>CAPALC</b> – August/ September Newsletter  42.2 <b>Fulbourn Arts</b> – Newsletters  42.3 <b>CCC</b> – Cambridgeshire Matters August report  42.4 <b>Cambridge Planning</b> - Announcing a date for a 1st ‘Disability Access User Group meeting’ 5th September</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

<p>42.5 <b>Cambridgeshire Acre</b> - invitation to Cambridgeshire ACRE's Annual General Meeting 2024 – Wednesday 9th October, 2-3pm via zoom</p> <p>42.6 <b>Parishioner letter</b> - letter requesting a new lock be put on the cemetery gate</p> <p>42.7 <b>SCDC</b> – Invitation to Cabinet / Parish Liaison meeting, 10th September</p> <p>42.8 <b>CAPALC Parish Domain Helper Service</b> – Information on changing to gov.org domains</p> <p>42.9 <b>Parishioner email</b> – request to hold a private bird of prey experience on the rec</p> <p>42.10 <b>CAPALC</b> - Final CAPALC Training Sessions of 2024</p> <p>42.11 <b>Cambridgeshire Acre</b> - 'Staying Connected' event aimed exclusively at those living and working in South Cambridgeshire - Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5pm online via Zoom</p> <p>42.12 <b>CPRE Cambridgeshire and Peterborough</b> – request to send a copy of Campaign to Protect Rural England and Parish Council magazines/newsletters/websites</p> <p>42.13 <b>Parishioner email</b> – request for a U13, 11v11 football pitch on Saturday mornings</p> <p>42.14 <b>Care Together team @ CCC</b> - Request from Sun Network to put up posters on noticeboards looking for people to start Fostering</p> <p>42.15 <b>Anglian Water</b> – report from incident on Stonebridge Lane</p> <p>42.16 <b>Highways @ CCC</b> - Potential applicants for next round of LHI bids 25/26. Deadline to express interest 11th October.</p> <p>42.17 <b>TH Tree Surgery</b> – new quotes for tree works to be discussed. Quotes approved.</p> <p>42.18 <b>SCDC</b> - Presentations from Cabinet / Parish Liaison meeting, 10th September</p>	<b>1551</b>														
<p><b>43 To resolve the accounts for the month.</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>e-on: Swifts electricity.....449.72</td> <td>The Pest Company: moles on rec.....70.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Falcon: printing village pump....385.00</td> <td>Furnleaf Landscapes: Hedges/grass...3636.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SP Landscapes: Grass cutting..1410.00</td> <td>D Lambert: Window cleaning.....30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wickstead: Horse repairs.....1630.13</td> <td>C Dellar: Repairs and supplies.....75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk: Wages.....1300.00</td> <td>Admin Assist: Wages.....666.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Npower: Street lights.....223.35</td> <td>SP Landscapes: Grass cutting.....1890.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Pest Company: moles on rec..140.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Cllr Lockwood proposed accepting the accounts, proposal seconded by Cllr Brown and agreed by the Council.</p>	e-on: Swifts electricity.....449.72	The Pest Company: moles on rec.....70.00	Falcon: printing village pump....385.00	Furnleaf Landscapes: Hedges/grass...3636.00	SP Landscapes: Grass cutting..1410.00	D Lambert: Window cleaning.....30.00	Wickstead: Horse repairs.....1630.13	C Dellar: Repairs and supplies.....75.00	Clerk: Wages.....1300.00	Admin Assist: Wages.....666.67	Npower: Street lights.....223.35	SP Landscapes: Grass cutting.....1890.00	The Pest Company: moles on rec..140.00		
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<p><b>44 Council Committees and Remote Meetings.</b></p> <p>Minutes from the Planning meeting were shared with council electronically. Minutes were accepted by Council.</p>															
<p><b>45 To receive items for inclusion on the next Agenda for decision and/or action.</b></p> <p>Cllr Daunton has been approached by a Parishioner who has concerns about the parking on Pierce lane. This led to issues on Manor Walk and the High Street, outside the kebab shop, being discussed. Cllr Williams suggested putting in timed parking restrictions. Clerk to add to next months action plan.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>														
<p>There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9:30pm.</p>															

Attached reports:

**Item 39.1**

**Report to Parish Councils in the Fulbourn Division for September 2024 from  
Cllr Claire Daunton**

## **Fulbourn Issues**

1. Bus Service: It is expected that a new bus service, now out to tender, will start in November (NOW projected for 29<sup>th</sup> November). It has been tendered as an hourly service to and from Newmarket via the Swaffhams and Bottisham, serving the Wilbrahams, Fulbourn, Netherhall, Addenbrookes and Hills Road.
2. Footpaths: Cow Lane footpath is due to be resurfaced in January
3. 20mph: I am expecting an update in the near future and will report at the meeting; it is expected that this will go for discussion and decision at the Highways and Transport committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October.
4. Highways quarterly meetings: the first of these divisional quarterly meetings for parishes across my division to meet and discuss with highways officers has been set up for 14<sup>th</sup> October. I will be sharing a draft agenda with all attendees towards the end of this month.
5. Greenways: I will report at the meeting on the outcome of a briefing with the PC on the current state of design of the Fulbourn Greenway.
6. GCP Assembly: the Assembly will consider the move of the Newmarket Road park and ride site and an update report on all Greenways scheme. I will pick out relevant points for Fulbourn and report on these at the meeting.
7. Roadworks: after a summer of roadworks in Fulbourn, for utilities' connections, repairs to some footpaths have been delayed. Cadent are still waiting to hear from their contractor as to whether or not work near the level crossing in Teversham Road can go ahead. I hope to have an update on this at the meeting.
8. Stonebridge Lane: Anglian Water (AW) have yet to complete repair work to verges and surfaces. They had hoped to do so in August but their contractor was not available; we are still waiting for a date. AW were reminded that they need a permit to undertake work on the highway and that they should apply for this in good time.
9. Fulbourn Old Drift, Lighting: I took part, with chair and clerk, in a visit from Balfour Beatty lighting division to advise on improvements to lighting on Fulbourn Old Drift. Solar lighting has been recommended on account of cabling difficulties.

## **Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC): briefing**

Councillors from the City and South Cambs were invited in mid July to take part in a briefing from the consultants advising on the development of the biomedical campus (CBC). CBC includes two major hospitals, along with commercial laboratories, research centres, university medical school, housing, technical buildings, car parking, bus routes, administrative buildings, and soon to be completed, Cambridge South Station. It is a densely developed site.

### *We were informed about:*

progress towards the building of the Cancer Research Hospital (outline planning permission now granted), the services this will provide and the key role of research linked to treatment; full funding yet to be secured; there were questions related to the size of the hospital and scope of the work;

the proposed site for the Children's hospital; the hospital, now approved, will have special significance locally as it will bring together, onto one site, physical and mental care for children in an innovative way, thus moving some of the care currently provided for children and young people on the Fulbourn site to new facilities on the Addenbrooke's site;

the intention to increase the planned housing on site from the proposed additional 11,000 dwellings to 16-18,000;

the development of Cambridge South Station and associated bus arrangements; there will be very limited space for buses at the station as well as for cars.

There are concerns over the future density of the site, the tightness of the area around Cambridge South Station and approaches to it; and the general movement of people (those working there, patients, visitors, students, commuters) within and across the site. It was agreed that the next forum meeting in the autumn would concentrate on transport. Access to the train station would be by bus (probably shuttle bus), foot or cycle, not by car.

### **Community Forum East, 9<sup>th</sup> July**

The forum took place in the Marleigh Hangar. There were presentations on Marleigh and Springstead Village from the developers, on local GP services from the NHS's Integrated Care Board (ICB), primary school places from the County's education service.

Concerns on Marleigh over contractor parking, use of the Hangar building, use of the park and ride site for Marleigh visitor parking. On Springstead Village there was an update on progress with the house-building, provision of community facilities and green spaces, liaison with the local community. The parish council might want to ask for more regular meetings with the Springstead developers on the accessibility to community facilities.

On school places, it is clear that there is currently an over-provision of primary school places in and around Teversham and Cherry Hinton and that this is likely to feed through into the next few years. As a result, the start date for the Springstead primary school is likely to be pushed back. There was no suggestion at present that this would happen with the secondary school.

ICB staff explained that the East Barnwell surgery was not taking new patients for a few months, its being staffed at present by locum GPs as a result of unhappiness by former medical staff with contractual arrangements. A longer -term arrangement with GPs both for their service contract and a new maintenance contract for the NHS-owned building would, it was hoped, be in place by October. Marleigh residents not yet registered with a GP practice, were provided with contact details for nearby surgeries.

UPDATE: it is hoped that the new GP services at the practice will be available from 10<sup>th</sup> October.

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### **Former County Council Offices in the City**

The County Council's Assets & Procurement Committee has agreed to enter into an exclusivity arrangement with a preferred bidder for a freehold sale of the old Shire Hall, on Castle Hill in the city. The move comes after the previous preferred bidder pulled out of a proposal for a leasehold arrangement, and a new marketing exercise was undertaken. The Committee agreed to make arrangements in the event that contracts are not exchanged by 9 October. The Committee has also agreed to establish arrangements for strengthened oversight of companies in which the council has an interest as owner, and to recommend the council's Constitution & Ethics Committee to establish a shareholder sub-committee to consider how this should be done.

## COMMUNITIES, SOCIAL MOBILITY & INCLUSION (COSMIC) Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund in Cambridgeshire closed to new applications on 26 July as the national scheme finishes at the end of September. The July closure was to ensure that demand was managed and the fund did not overspend. In April 2024, Cambridgeshire County Council was awarded over £3,580,000 to support households in need and help with the rising cost of living. The scheme has experienced significant demand, with large numbers of applications being submitted every day both directly and through partners. The council's Household Advice and Support Team will continue to process applications, with the current processing time being approximately three weeks. If funds remain after all outstanding applications have been processed, the scheme will briefly reopen for new applications. Although the scheme is being discontinued, advice is still available to those struggling with the cost of living. Help with utility bills, housing support, emergencies and benefits, and the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme from Cambridgeshire County Council can be found on the council's website.

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/support-with-the-cost-of-living](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/support-with-the-cost-of-living)

The Government offers help and advice with living costs, childcare and maternity costs, managing money and debt and guidance for those over 60 or those who have a disability or health condition. [www.gov.uk/cost-of-living](http://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living)

**UPDATE: the new government has just agreed to re-start the household support fund. I will provide details of the new scheme at the meeting.**

## HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

### Weed Treatment

Chemical weed treatment is applied directly to any weeds in the gullies of roads and at the back of footways abutting a building, wall, or fence line. A period of about three to five weeks is typically required for the weed treatment to take effect. After this, road sweepers are deployed to remove dead weeds. A second programme of treatment will take place in October. This will help to get the weeds under control before the next growing season. Seven areas of the county have confirmed that they do not wish to be part of the chemical weed treatment programme, so they have been excluded.

### Vision Zero and iRAP (International Road Assessment Programme)

An update on the Vision Zero Partnership will be presented to the County Council's Highways & Transport Committee in December. At the same meeting, a report setting out the analysis of the Council's A roads using the iRAP methodology will be considered.

Vision Zero is a road safety partnership including local councils, police, fire, NHS and other relevant organisations. It is committed to preventing all road deaths across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and to significantly reducing the severity of injuries, costs and social impacts resulting from road traffic collisions. iRAP is a registered charity working with governments, highways authorities, and others to provide the tools and training to make roads safer.

### Highways projects overview

The council wants to use its website more to enable residents to see more up to date information on highways projects. This is very much a work in progress, but some of the larger projects can be seen at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/highway-projects/our-projects-and-programmes>

### **Local Highways Improvement schemes**

Local Highways Improvement applications are being scored and will be presented to the Highways & Transport Committee in October for approval. 36 of the 77 schemes added to the programme last year have been delivered, with a further ten ordered. Of the remainder, fourteen are with the contractor for pricing, fifteen are in design and consultation stage. Five schemes prior to 2023/24 have not yet been completed.

### **20MPH schemes**

Scoring of the new and updated applications took place in May and June in preparation for presentation to the Highways & Transport Committee in October. These remain popular, with 65 applications received this year, many of which were re-submissions from the previous year. Some of the 2023/2024 have been delayed as applicants undertake further informal consultation following feedback from residents, or due to changes to guidance from the Department for Transport, and the amount of time the formal consultation phase is

### **Winter gritting**

Preparations are under way for the 2024 winter, which starts on Friday 1 November, with salt barns being replenished and servicing of gritting vehicles.

### **Combined Authority for Cambridge and Peterborough(CPCA)**

The CPCA is the responsible authority for bus transport across the region. Services on a number of new or revised bus routes across South Cambs are due to start in September, funded by the new bus precept, visible in all council tax bills. Many of these provide public bus transport to secondary schools. *Locally, if all goes to plan, from November, an hourly bus service will connect Bottisham, the Wilbrahams, Fulbourn (via Cambridge Road, Queen Edith Way, Hills Road) to Netherhall, school, the Addenbrookes' site and Hills Road sixth form college.*

In the meantime, some new routes are likely to be introduced in South Cambs. Locally, these are proposed to include a bus connection between Newmarket Road park and ride, Cambridge North station and Cambridge Science Park.

Tiger Pass: Information about the Tiger Pass allowing £1 fares for young people up to the age of 25 can be found here <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/onepoundbusfare/>

The Combined Authority Board has also decided to proceed to consult on proposals concerning future funding for bus services, either a franchising or enhanced partnership scheme, in the hope of improving bus services in Cambridgeshire. The consultation closes on 20<sup>th</sup> November and both residents and parish councils are encouraged to take part. Here is the link: <https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-franchising-consultation/>

## **Further travel consultations**

The county is consulting on two areas of travel and transport: one is asking for comment on the hierarchy of active travel - walking, wheeling, riding – routes. The purpose is to gather information on usage which will then lead to a hierarchy of signage and connectivity and maintenance. The details for response are here below, with deadline now extended to 30<sup>th</sup> September:

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/active-travel-hierarchy>

Finally, as part of central government’s Transforming Cities initiative, funds are available to extend the coverage in residential roads of the city’s 20mph zones out to surrounding areas, including Teversham and Fulbourn. A survey of households is being undertaken. Depending on the findings from this survey, whether or not there is support for extension and indeed how extensive that might be, a formal consultation might be triggered. Here below is the link to the details of the survey and the form to take part:

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/cambridge20mph>.

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## **Item 39.2**

### **Report of Councillor Carla Hofman and Councillor John Williams to Parish Councils for September 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@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.williamsjg@scambs.gov.uk) or [cllr.hofman@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.hofman@scambs.gov.uk)*

## **Marleigh community development officer to be provided by South Cambridgeshire**

The Marleigh community development officer funded by a Section 106 contribution is now being provided by South Cambridgeshire District Council following the end of the contract with Locality and the appointment is imminent following a very successful recruitment campaign. The post holder will promote and help develop the community in Marleigh, liaising with external agencies and in particular Hill Marshall, master developer for this growing new town, Land Trust, L&Q, Fen Ditton Parish Council, small enterprises, the existing community and new residents.

## **Government funding for ‘Planning Super squad’ awarded to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning**

Audit Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has been allocated up to £650,000 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to help make the whole planning process even more efficient.

This funding is part of the accelerator project aimed at enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of planning services locally, colloquially named the ‘Planning Super squad’. Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP), a partnership between South



Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City councils, is also contributing money to the project.

The planning service already performs at above target for the speed in which it determines planning applications. This funding is intended to support the service to develop new approaches that will enable performance to be improved further, to help raise standards and benefit planning authorities across the country.

One objective of this Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) funding is to implement a virtual 'development team' approach in a partnership between GCSP and key partners. This initiative is designed to create additional capacity to speed-up the determination and issuing of planning decisions even further. By streamlining processes and using digital tools, the planning service aims to set a new standard in efficient service delivery.

As part of several new projects, the funds will go towards a comprehensive evaluation of all areas within the planning service to look at where processes can be faster or more efficient. The culmination of this effort will be the development of an accelerator model, which will be reported back to central government as a blueprint for potential wider implementation.

One area of focus for the accelerated implementation includes two existing projects: Northstowe and the Wellcome Genome Campus expansion. These projects will serve as focal points for testing and refining the accelerated process delivery model.

GCSP will work closely with development partners, namely Homes England for the Northstowe project and Urban&Civic for the Wellcome Genome Campus expansion.

Senior planners have said that these collaborations are essential in ensuring that the accelerated planning processes meet the needs of everyone involved and deliver tangible benefits.

The idea is that the projects will showcase the successful delivery of accelerated schemes through the planning process, providing valuable insights and lessons that can be applied to future projects elsewhere.

### **Support for local climate action in South Cambridgeshire continues with sixth round of Zero Carbon Communities grants**

The sixth round of South Cambridgeshire's Zero Carbon Community (ZCC) grants have been announced, distributing £125,000 across 11 innovative projects. Launched in 2019, ZCC grants have funded 82 projects with around £625,000 to date. Funding ranges from £2,000 to £15,000 per project.

The grant scheme supports projects which help reduce carbon emissions, lock up carbon, and foster community engagement on climate change.

This year's ZCC grant initiatives include solar panels for community buildings, a strengthened repair café network to encourage waste reduction and a group aiming to help people adopt climate-friendly gardening practices at home.

The ZCC grants are open to parish councils and community groups across the district and provide financial support for schemes that demonstrate a sustainable and lasting impact. Projects receiving funding this time are:

- **Solar Power for Community Buildings:** Five grants were awarded to install solar panels on community buildings at Balsham Village Hall, Caxton Village Hall, Kingston Village Hall, Over Day Centre, and the Spicers Pavilion in Sawston.
- **Energy Efficiency Improvements:** Cambridge and District Citizens Advice received a grant to replace their lighting with energy-efficient LEDs, and Cottenham Community Centre will renovate and repurpose an underused space into an energy-efficient activities hall with enhanced insulation and heating controls.
- **Community Engagement Initiatives:** Four grants were awarded to projects aimed at increasing community engagement around climate change. Cambridge Carbon Footprint will expand their repair café network, promoting a culture of waste reduction and repair. Let's Cook Project will continue their work in educating communities on reducing avoidable food waste, while Climate Change Gardening will establish a kit for events to encourage gardeners to adopt climate-friendly practices.

The ZCC grant scheme is funded through the Council's renewables reserve (business rates from renewable energy projects) and builds on a long-standing commitment to supporting community-level action on sustainable energy.

The program will continue through 2025/26 and 2026/27, with two more rounds of funding planned before its conclusion.

For more information on the Zero Carbon Community grant scheme visit the South Cambridgeshire District Council ZCC webpage, or email [zcc@scams.gov.uk](mailto:zcc@scams.gov.uk).

### **Councils to tackle housing challenges in Greater Cambridge in the next five years**

Affordable housing, improving housing conditions and building low carbon homes are among priorities in a new strategy plan for Greater Cambridge for the next five years.

South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council have drawn up a comprehensive plan on how both councils can address housing needs until 2029.

The Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy 2024 to 2029 sets out aims and priorities for new and existing homes - including building the right homes in the right places that people can afford to live in and improving existing homes.

The vision includes high quality, low-carbon, energy and water-efficient homes.

Following a public consultation, which gathered the views of a wide range of interested groups including people who live and work in the region, the Strategy was approved by both councils.

**Carla and John**

**Item 39.3**

**District Councillor report to Parish Council September 2024**

**Relocation of the Water treatment Plant**

The Secretary of State has 3 months from the 12<sup>th</sup> July to make a decision on the relocation of the Water Treatment plant following the public enquiry. On the 19<sup>th</sup> July, additional information was submitted via Anglian Water's solicitor entitled Cumulative Impact Assessment Review, all interested parties are invited to submit any response to this newly submitted information as they see fit. If you wish to submit a response or access the new information, the links are below.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/WW010003-002956>

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/WW010003/documents>

I would like to thank the Save honey Hill Group and the neighbouring Parish Councils for putting a huge amount of work in to make sure that resident views have been heard and considered throughout the enquiry, it is clear that this has had a big impact, regardless of the outcome.

### **Quy Mill Hotel, Stow Cum Quy**

As means of an update, the proposed extensions and alterations to the Quy Mill Hotel to provide additional bedrooms and associated facilities that included a larger restaurant, upgrading of the spa and gym and demolition of out buildings has been approved by the Planning Committee on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024. It is my view that this decision is broadly the right outcome, I did not oppose the application as local member as I felt the benefits outweighed the negative impacts of this application.

### **Cambridge 20mph speed limit survey**

Cambridgeshire County Council are running a consultation on extending the 20mph zones within the city. For information on which areas and roads that are included, please follow the link below:

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/Cambridge20mph](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/Cambridge20mph)

Please feel free to give your comments via the survey on the link above before 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Disposal of vapes**

I have been asked by residents and two of the Parish Councils within the Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward to explore the possibility of roadside collection for vapes, given they have caused a number of fires within lorries and at depots. It is clear that many people dispose of their vapes, (which contain batteries) incorrectly in the black bin. I have followed this up with the Head of Waste at SCDC and he issued the following statement:

*Unfortunately, we are not able to implement a kerbside collection of vapes in this way currently as we are utilising all suitable space on the refuse collection vehicles for the collection of batteries. Vapes have to be collected separately from batteries and are not accepted by either our batteries recycling contractor or our contractor for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE).*

*We have been pushing out more messages about correct recycling of vapes, batteries and WEEE in recent press releases put out last week and in May, articles in South Cambs magazine including the upcoming Autumn issue, and on social media. We'll be running another campaign in October to coincide with International E-Waste Day.*

*Most supermarkets including Tesco and Co-op have vape recycling collection points now, as well as other shops selling vapes and BP garages. Residents can search for all local collection points for vapes, batteries or WEEE at [www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk](http://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk)*

### **Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) bus franchising consultation**

There is a consultation running on bus franchising which will run for 14 weeks which will be a mix of online and face to face events. This isn't the first time the public have been consulted on bus franchising, let's hope this time round some progress can be made over and above the consultation phase. Please follow the link below to take part in the consultation.

<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/news/bus-franchising-consultation-in-cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-goes-live/>

### **Deputy Prime Minister's letter to Councils regarding planning reform**

Angela Rayner MP has written to all Council leaders and Metro Mayors regarding increasing house building, housing targets, and discuss planning reform. The link to this letter is below:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66aa4849ab418ab055593105/Letter\\_from\\_DPM\\_to\\_local\\_authorities - Playing your part in building the homes we need.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66aa4849ab418ab055593105/Letter_from_DPM_to_local_authorities_-_Playing_your_part_in_building_the_homes_we_need.pdf)

There is quite a bit of information within this letter but it does give an indication on the Government's approach to fulfilling the commitment to increase housing delivery. The truth is that all of the major parties were promising to increase housing delivery within their manifestos at the last election so it is not unsurprising to see information of this sort starting to materialise. In my view, it will take some time for us to have a complete picture of what this means for South Cambs. This is indicated in the following section of the letter:

“We will consult on the right approach to strategic planning, in particular how we structure arrangements outside of Mayoral Combined Authorities, considering both the right geographies and democratic mechanisms.

We will say more imminently about how we intend to deliver on our commitment to build a new generation of new towns. This will include large-scale new communities built on greenfield land and separated from other nearby settlements, but also a larger number of urban extensions and urban regeneration schemes that will work with the grain of development in any given area.”

### **Specialist Children's Hospital go ahead on site at Addenbrookes**

I was really pleased to see the current Government give the go-ahead for the new paediatric Hospital on site at Addenbrookes (Bio-medical Campus). As you will remember, this was one of the 40 hospitals to be delivered by the 2030's but this project had been under review due to the change of government. This hospital will be so important for the East of England and as someone who has treated paediatric patients, I can't stress how much this facility is required given that Addenbrookes is the paediatric centre for the East of England. I am hoping for a similar announcement on the Cancer Research Hospital asap given how far down the line this project is.

*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](mailto:graham.cone@councillor.online) or ring 07595 361 285 (please leave a voicemail if I am unavailable) **Councillor Graham Cone***