

Draft until signed
Minutes of Dry Drayton Parish Council (DDPC) Meeting
Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7.30pm, held at The Barn, Duck End Farm, Dry Drayton

Present: S Aldersley (SCA) (Chair), E Pyle (EP) (Councillor), T Houlihane (TSH) (Councillor), K Cullen (KC) (Councillor), E Wickham (EW) (Councillor), S Vale (SV) (New Councillor - Co-opted at Item 4)

Attending: S Etherington-Meech (SEM) (Clerk/RFO), Cllr E Murphy (EM) (County Councillor), Cllr C Garvie (CG) (District Councillor), 3 members of the public

1. To Accept Apologies for Absence

Apology accepted from Cllr Simon Lander (absent due to another commitment)

2. To Accept Parish Councillors Declarations of Interest for Matters on the Agenda

Cllr Pyle and Cllr Wickham declared a pecuniary interest in Item 9.a) iii) – Planning Applications for consideration – 7 High Street (Cllr Pyle and Cllr Wickham are neighbours of 7 High Street)

3. To Agree to hold a Public Forum

SCA invited the public to speak, and the following was raised in relation to the Pettitts Close Development:

- No response from the Director of Planning with respect to the site being in line with the approved plans. An undertaking was made by Cllr De Lacey at the May 2020 DDPC meeting concerning this development. As suggested the member of the public asked the Director of Planning to confirm the ‘as built’ retrospective modifications were hurriedly attached to the applications. Factual errors and omissions remain within the application.
- Subsequent to this request, new applications (under the covert guise of ‘For Information Only’ including a proposed major change to the carports) were submitted. Additionally, following a query to the agent, a series of ‘as built’ retrospective modifications were hurriedly attached to the applications. Factual errors and omissions remain within the application.
- As detailed in the response to Greater Cambridge Planning, the principal objections to applications S/4554/18/NMA1 relate to the increased massing the proposed carports represent, the increased light pollution emanating from the skylights and the conflict with Condition 19 in the original application. Neighbours’ objections have been registered on the latest applications with respect to sedum covered carports roofs and light pollution from sky lights.
- Groundworks and landscaping in accordance with the conditions have yet to be completed.
- The development is due for completion within the month, with some properties already sold, subject to contract.
- There has been considerable damage to footpaths and the road surface in Pettitts Close and remedial works are required, which is, perhaps, a matter for Cllr Edna Murphy. Residents wish for the remedial works to be undertaken by the developer and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) (as noted in the Decision Report, S/3447/18/RM p.15) as soon as possible after site completion.

SCA advised that he understands that there have been issues with this development from the very beginning. Cllr S Lander has previously expressed frustration and submitted a letter to the Head of Planning (Stephen Kelly) highlighting DDPC’s dissatisfaction and also has never received a response. SCA requested that Cllr Garvie arrange a meeting with the relevant planning officer and a senior member of the planning team to address these concerns that have been ongoing for years (**Action** – Cllr Garvie to arrange meeting as soon as possible). A resolution is required as a matter of urgency as properties are being sold and the issues must be resolved before the properties are occupied.

4. To consider application for one casual vacancy from Susan Vale

An application was received from Susan Vale (SV) for the councillor vacancy. RESOLVED ^(Prop SCA, 2nd EP, unanimous) to co-opt SV as councillor for DDPC. SV signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office following her appointment, SEM counter signed.

5. To Approve the Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 & 1st June 2021

RESOLVED ^(Prop SCA, 2nd EP, unanimous) that the minutes of the meetings held on 4th May 2021 and 1st June 2021 be approved and signed by the chairman as a true and accurate record.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes, Report of any actions and Resolutions from last meeting – See Appendix 1

All items to be adjourned to the next parish council meeting due to a full agenda and limited time. However, item 6.5 was discussed:

- SCA confirmed that works at the allotments have now been completed. The transformer is in place, cabling completed, and the old transformer taken down so the new transformer should be functioning.
- SCA authorised a member of the public to speak and it was highlighted that UK Power Networks (UKPN) were superb with the care and attention they took with the allotments and believe DDPC and the allotment holders should be pleased with how the works were completed. SCA agreed.
- SCA advised that he had received confirmation from UKPN today that the wayleave agreement that was signed in August 2020 had been superseded by the latest wayleave agreement that he signed in May 2021.
- SCA explained that with the many issues that have occurred over the last few months in relation to the allotments a review of the management of the allotments by DDPC is required. SCA and SEM are hoping to attend a training session on allotment management through CAPALC and will also investigate the obligations of DDPC as owners of the allotments.
- SCA allowed a member of the public to speak at this point and it was requested that the slab be either removed or lowered to ensure it did not remain as a focal point at the allotments. SCA confirmed that once building works start at Duck End Farm, he will ask the contractors to remove the top of the slab in order for it to be covered over.

7. Chairman's Report

The chairman did not have anything to report that was not included in the agenda. However, he did suggest rearranging the dates for DDPC meetings through November to January due to it being a time for holidays and a quieter time of year for parish councils. RESOLVED ^(Prop SCA, 2nd EP, unanimous). It was agreed to move the November meeting to 9th November 2021, no meeting in December 2020 and then 11th January 2022 with monthly meetings returning in February 2022.

8. To Accept a Report from County and District Councillors

- a. **Cllr Edna Murphy (County Councillor)** – see Appendix 3 – **Action** – KC to attend meeting and walk round of the village with EM and Highways to discuss transport issues, etc. EP suggested to EM that she also contact Daryl Preston, the new Police Commissioner, as one of his top three priorities is road safety, in particular speeding. Cycle paths and routes were discussed. EM suggested that two options have been identified. Firstly, the cycle path that funding has already been identified for joining with the A1307. Secondly preliminary thoughts for the path that joins the top of the High Street with Bar Hill (known as The Drift) to create another way to get a much shorter commuting cycling route from Bar Hill to Cambridge. TSH also suggested Scotland Road down to Scotland Farm to access other villages, assuming the Park & Ride goes ahead at Scotland Farm. It has been mentioned previously in consultation that there would be a cycle path and traffic calming in this area as the two roundabouts that cross the A428 are very dangerous.
- b. **Cllr Tom Bygott (District Councillor)** - Cllr Bygott was not in attendance
- c. **Cllr Corinne Garvie (District Councillor) including update on 2 derelict buildings of concern (The Old Rectory and 12 Pettitts Lane)** – see Appendix 4 – CG advised that she received a reply from SCDC to advise that these two properties are similar to a number of properties within the local authority which are part of strategic review. CG will attempt to find out timelines and decisions. CG has also been advised that there are staff shortages at the local authority and once they are in full complement, they will address this issue. EM left the meeting at this point.

9. To Discuss Planning Matters

- a. **Applications received for consideration**
 - i. **S/4554/17/NMA1 - 65 Pettitts Lane Dry Drayton CB23 8BT - Non-material amendment on permission S/4554/17/OL for amendments to car port roofs**

RESOLVED ^(Prop TSH, 2nd EP, unanimous) to object for the following: appearance, loss of separation between buildings and that the amendment is not consistent with the maintenance plan.

- ii. **S/3447/18/CONDA - 65 Pettitts Lane Dry Drayton CB23 8BT - Submission of details required by condition 4 (Terrace Screens), 5 (Street Management and Maintenance) and 6 (External Lighting) of planning permission S/3447/18/RM**

RESOLVED ^(Prop TSH, 2nd EP, unanimous) to object for the following: Condition 5 - the street management plan does not appear to be consistent with their drainage and maintenance plan, for instance the driveways are to be maintained monthly (this detail is not included). Condition 6 – light pollution is being caused by the skylights which have already been installed.

EW and EP left the meeting before the next item.

- iii. **21/02721/HFUL - 7 High Street Dry Drayton CB23 8BS – Single storey side extension – deadline for comments 20th July 2021**

RESOLVED ^(Prop SCA, TSH 2nd, unanimous) to object as the appearance of the proposal is not in character with the location.

- iv. **21/02156/HFUL - The Flat 3 Old Rectory Drive Dry Drayton CB23 8BU - Single storey front and side extension and replacement of existing flat roof with conventional gable end pitched roof – deadline for comments extended to 9th July 2021**

EW and EP returned to the meeting. RESOLVED ^(Prop SCA, 2nd TSH, unanimous) no comment as this is a resubmission.

- v. **21/02301/HFUL & 21/02302/LBC - 11 Pettitts Lane Dry Drayton CB23 8BT - Single storey side extension and internal alterations. Demolition and replacement of existing garage – deadline for comments extended to 12th July 2021**

RESOLVED ^(Prop SCA, 2nd TSH, unanimous) no comment.

- vi. **21/02173/FUL – Land to The North-East of Childerley Farm (Stargoose solar energy) - Installation of a renewable energy led generating station – deadline 8th July 2021**

Gareth Hawkins from Stargoose has requested to attend a meeting in relation to this item and, therefore, the deadline for comments has been extended to the 16th of July so that this can be discussed at the extraordinary meeting on 13th July 2021.

- vii. **21/0683/TTPO - 1 High Street Dry Drayton CB23 8BS – tree works to manage and maintain trees – for information only**

- viii. **20/02789/CONDB - Springhill Stables Oakington Road Dry Drayton CB23 8DE - Submission of details required by condition 3 (Drainage) of permission 20/02789/FUL – for information only**

- ix. **S/1133/18/CONDA – Scotland Farm - Submission of details required by conditions 4 (Vehicle Access) and 5 (Traffic Management) of permission S/1133/18/FL – for information only**

- x. **21/02654/PRI06A – Scotland Farm, Scotland Rd - Application for prior approval for erection of an agricultural grain storage building– information only**

- xi. **21/02675/PRI06A – Rectory Farm, New Road – Application for prior approval for erection of two agricultural general purpose storage buildings – Information only**

b. Decisions received from South Cambs District Council

- i. **20/04295/HFUL - Duck End Farm, Duck End Farmhouse Park Lane Dry Drayton - Side extension and front window/porch alterations. Internal alterations and relocation of detached garage – permission granted**

10. Matters for discussion/correspondence received

- 10.1 To discuss the temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO) for the Cambridge Club (10th – 13th September) and Strawberries and Creem events (17th – 20th September) – comments 20th July 2021**

RESOLVED (Prop SCA, 2nd EP, unanimous) DDPC had no comment for this TTRO.

- 10.2 To discuss the following in relation to grass cutting in the parish**
- (a) Frequency of cuts**
SCA adjourned this item to September.
- (b) Resident email regarding ongoing issue of lack of cuts for Park Lane verges**
SEM sent information from Highways to Brookfield Groundcare showing the areas DDPC have responsibility for cutting to ensure the correct areas are being cut. The Managing Director of Brookfield Groundcare replied to SEM today to advise that he is still investigating the cutting areas. However, he has assured the clerk that the Park Lane verges will be included in the grass cut that is due next week.
- (c) Email from the Managing Director at Brookfield in relation to damage caused during grass cutting in relation to 'no mow May'**
Due to 'no mow May' and instructions from DDPC to delay grass cutting in 2021, Brookfield Groundcare had harder conditions for grass cutting in the parish and subsequently some damage was caused. SCA advised that DDPC need to manage this situation better in 2022.
- (d) Current contract with Brookfield Groundcare taken out in 2018, to consider grass cutting tenders**
SCA adjourned this item for discussion during budget setting at the end of the Summer.
- 10.3 To discuss CAPALC response from NALC in relation to gifting of monies from residents towards the allotment transformer invoice and consider the amount for a contribution**
NALC legal department has advised DDPC that they can use the Local Government Act 1972, section 139 (1) (b) because *'The money would be received to unblock the work on the transformer which will benefit the inhabitants of some part of the area by removing the transformer from the current dangerous/unsightly position'*.
SCA highlighted that DDPC must take some responsibility for not seeking legal advice at the time of signing the wayleave agreement from UKPN on the 7th of August 2020, resulting in works being carried out. SCA believes morally that DDPC should contribute to the invoice for this reason and take some responsibility.
SEM advised that she has assessed the budgets and DDPC has no contingency or monies allocated for the allotments. £3,608 has been allocated for the LHI application for Oak Crescent that was unsuccessful, DDPC could consider reallocating, however this would leave a shortfall from the £5,868,98 invoice. SCA advised the residents concerned with this matter that DDPC will consider figures over the Summer and include this item on the September agenda.
- 10.4 To discuss emails received in relation to the MVAS and discuss and approve any actions required in order for the speed watch team to get the MVAS fully operational asap.**
SCA advised that Chris Turner has taken over the MVAS and Speed Watch from Graham Carver and currently has the MVAS unit in his garage. SEM has added the MVAS onto the DDPC insurance policy under 'Street Furniture' and provided activities involving the MVAS are on behalf of DDPC rather than as an independent group cover will be provided under the public/employer liability section of DDPC policy. A risk assessment should be completed in writing and kept on DDPC records. SCA proposed that Chris Turner starts the process of getting the MVAS operational. SEM advised that this will not be a quick process as applications will need to be made for mounting locations of the MVAS and risk assessments completed.
- 10.5 To discuss the Zero Carbon Community Grant – deadline for applications 31st July 2021 for Community buildings, Tree Planting/Nature, Other projects which reduce carbon emissions**
SCA advised that the Townlands Trust will be making an application for this grant.
- 10.6 To provide an update on the outstanding Section 106 monies DDPC have and to discuss email received from James Fisher at Cambridgeshire Greater Planning in relation to appropriate uses of monies**

SEM confirmed that DDPC has Section 106 monies that must be spent by 2022. James Fisher (JF) has confirmed that DDPC has £6,796.92 to be spent towards public open space for the following general areas – new grass/artificial turf pitches, teenage play facilities (shelters), children’s play areas, seating/lighting/changing facilities, improving changing rooms or pavilion. The councillors agreed that it would be difficult to find a project that falls into this category in the parish as the only land on the asset register is Pump Green, land at the end of High Street and the allotments. Some suggestions from councillors were for footpath maintenance or Townsland Trust projects, clerk to discuss appropriate spending with JF. JF advised that there is also £1,123.00 of Section 106 monies that can only be used for a contribution to an indoor meeting space which covers improvement to any village hall or community centre. Uses include a new village hall/extension, resurfacing a car park, energy efficient measures, air conditioning, new kitchens, or toilets. **Action** – EP and SEM to liaise with Dry Drayton Village Hall Management Committee regarding any relevant projects.

10.7 Update on rewilding project in the parish ^(SCA)

SCA advised that he is struggling to gain any information from CCC in relation to support for the rewilding project in the parish. CG mentioned to DDPC an invitation to Girton in August to view their rewilding plan, SCA to consider attending.

10.8 Update on EWR and email received from Anthony Browne requesting completion of a survey with views on the EWR process

For information, email circulated.

10.9 Feedback from the Virtual roundtable meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ^(EP)

SCA adjourned item to September meeting.

10.10 For info – Freedom of Information Request received in relation to the allotments

SCA advised that the works relating to the siting of the transformer has caused some disquiet with allotment holders resulting in a freedom of information request in relation to covenants and documents that relate to the allotments. SEM has sent documents to SCA which he will redact and send on. SCA did allow a member of the public to speak who advised that the legal advice received from their solicitor is that no documents should be released that relate to their property and wants to be assured DDPC will deal with this matter in the appropriate way. SCA confirmed that all correct procedures will be followed and adhered to.

11. Consultations

11.1 For info – adoption of Cottenham and Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan – email from Stephen Kelly

11.2 Gambling Act 2005 - Review of Statement of Licensing Policy – deadline for comments 9th August 2021

No comments

11.3 Final plan for Borrow pit 6 of the A14 Highway Improvement Works

No comments

11.4 Cambridgeshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan consultation – deadline 13th July 2021

RESOLVED ^(Prop SCA, 2nd KC, unanimous) to comment the following:

The requirement for NMU in Dry Drayton still exists and it is imperative that it happens, Dry Drayton needs a cycle path from the village to the A1307. A cycle path was proposed a few years ago and this has been an ongoing issue ever since, Dry Drayton Parish Council want to highlight the importance of the requirement for a cycle path in Dry Drayton.

12. Finance and Policy

a. To accept account review to date and bank reconciliation

Bank reconciliation (see Appendix 2) and finance spreadsheet were circulated to all councillors before the meeting, RESOLVED ^(Prop SCA, 2nd EP, unanimous) to accept and approve the accounts and bank reconciliation.

b. To advise of payments received

i. SCDC – 1st instalment of precept for 2021/22 - £8,087.50

- c. **Direct debits and standing orders paid between 1st April 2021 and 28th June 2021**
 - i. **Salaries/Expenses/Pensions (Period 1-3) - £1,719.30** – *(Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, s.112)*
 - ii. **Haven Power Streetlighting Energy from 1st March 2021 – 31st May 2021 - £68.56** - *(Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301)*
- d. **Online payments made between 30th March 2021 and 30th June 2021**
 - i. **LGS Services – Internal Audit Fee - £90.00** *(LGA 1972, s.111)*
 - ii. **CAPALC – Code of Conduct Training for clerk (50% split with GPC) - £20.00** *(LGA 1972, s.112)*
 - iii. **P.C Window Cleaners – Bus shelter cleaning - £15.00** *(Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s.4)*
 - iv. **Clerk reimbursement for postage costs - £1.92** *(LGA 1972, s.111)*
 - v. **SLCC – 50% contribution to Charles Arnold Baker book - £62.30** *(LGA 1972, s.111)*
 - vi. **UK Power Networks – Costs of disputed substation base at allotments - £5,868.98** *(Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 & LGA 1972, s.111)*
- e. **Payments to hand**
 - i. **Cambis ACRE membership for 2021/22 - £57.00 - RESOLVED** *(Prop SCA, 2nd EP, unanimous)* for payment to be made, payment to be approved online *(LGA 1972, s.143)*
 - ii. **Brookfield Groundcare – Grass Cut 2 of 10 (Inv No 13026) - £360.00 - RESOLVED** *(Prop SCA, 2nd EP, unanimous)* for payment to be made, payment to be approved online *(Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908)*
 - iii. **Brookfield Groundcare – Grass Cut 3 of 10 (Inv No 13074) - £0.00**
 - iv. **Received after the agenda was produced – Brookfield Groundcare – Grass Cut 4 of 10 (Inv No 13115) - £360.00 – RESOLVED** *(Prop SCA, 2nd EP, unanimous)* for payment to be made, payment to be approved online *(Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908)*
- f. **To discuss and approve payment of the CCC invoice for the MVAS & wigwags and whether works have been fully completed and lights are now in full working order.**
TSH has a meeting on site on 8th July for training to programme the wig wags, therefore, SCA adjourned this item to the extraordinary meeting next week when TSH can confirm if the wigwags are in full working order.
- g. **£132.19 in credit with Haven Power for streetlighting energy following LED upgrade effective from December 2020**
SEM advised that she has emailed Haven Power to request that monies are reimbursed.
- h. **To approve the updated asset register to include the MVAS**
RESOLVED *(Prop SCA, 2nd EP, unanimous)* to approve the updated asset register.
- i. **To advise of completion of a HMRC Employer Duties Review questionnaire**
Clerk completed and submitted the questionnaire on behalf of DDPC and is awaiting a response as to whether further information is required.
- j. **To approve renewal of the clerk’s SLCC membership**
RESOLVED *(Prop SCA, KC 2nd, unanimous)* to approve renewal of clerk’s SLCC membership for £83.00 (50% of £166.00 split with Graveley Parish Council) *(LGA 1972, s.143)*

13. To accept notices and matter for the next agenda

Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 s12 10(2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore, the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for discussion.

14. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 7th September at 7.30 pm (to be held at the village hall if Covid-19 restrictions allow)

SCA advised an extraordinary meeting is to be called for the 13th of July as more sites have been submitted for ‘Call for Sites’ and planning applications received, agenda to be published this week

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw, Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

15. To discuss clerk’s hours, annual leave and CILCA coursework

Item adjourned to the extraordinary meeting on 13th July 2021

Meeting closed at 9.02pm

Signed.....(Chairman)

Date.....

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Appendix 1

Action Report/Ongoing Issues

6.1	Park Lane Verges/Cycle path upgrade/line painting/drainage (ongoing)	SL/LH
6.2	Draft and circulation of a complaints letter to planning re: processes	SL
6.3	Update on the Pegasus consultation for a new development	DDPC
6.4	Village Hall Management Committee Meeting Update	EP
6.5	Update on the allotments inc. UKPN/transformer location	SA
6.6	LHI application for Oak Crescent and re-applying/article for newsletter	SA
6.7	Great British Spring Clean	SA
6.8	Completion of Government Call for Evidence Survey/virtual meetings– deadline June 2021	SEM
6.9	Update on bank signatories and online access to bank account	SEM

Appendix 2

DRY DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL
June 2021 Bank Reconciliation

	£
<u>Lloyds current account on 31st March 2021</u>	£31,543.83
<u>Less</u> payments presented from 1 st April 2021 to 30 th June 2021 <i>14 online payments, 6 direct debits and 3 standing orders</i>	£9,281.82
<u>Plus,</u> receipts presented from 1 st April 2021 to 30 th June 2021 <i>1 BACS credit</i>	£8,087.50
<u>Closing bank account on 30th June 2021</u>	£30,349.51
<u>Less outstanding payments not yet subtracted</u>	£0.00
Balance carried forward at 30th June 2021	£ 30,349.51

Notes:

Sarah Etherington-Meech

RFO

2nd July 2021

Appendix 3

Dry Drayton Parish Council report – July 2021

Overview

- We are in the middle of the first cycle of meetings of the new administration. It is early days but still there are major initiatives underway.
- Even at this early stage it is clear that there are some problems with the County's finances, and operations, which will require urgent attention.
- There are concerning levels of Covid19 in Cambridgeshire, particularly Cambridge and some areas in South Cambs, and also relatively low levels of vaccination. There are more walk in centres and it is important to try to push this with family and friends and limit opportunities for any further infection.

Major items to report

1. Free school meals in the holidays

One early change has been to ensure that children who receive free school meals will receive **food vouchers during the summer holidays**. This is new, we were able to introduce the COVID support grant scheme rapidly after the election. More information is available here: (https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/food-voucher-scheme-for-vulnerable-families-set-to-extend-over-summer-holidays?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo)

2. Summer holiday support for families

Also there will be more **summer holidays support for families**. The County Council has been working with public health bodies and has launched the application process for the summer Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) scheme for families dealing with disadvantage – to check if your child is eligible contact <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

3. Social care funding problems

Adult social care is by far the biggest area of expenditure of the County Council, and with need steadily increasing as our population ages and requires more complex care the financial challenges are real.

The County's budget is dependent on >£25m in government grant funding that is not confirmed to be continuing in the long-term, and this makes up almost 10% of our budget. We are also seeing costs increase each year as demand for our services rises, with around £50m of additional funding needed over the next five years. It is going to be a challenge to address these vital issues.

4. 'Farmgate'

One of the commitments in the Joint Administration agreement is to work with Council officers to publish the long-awaited 'Farmgate' report to the greatest possible extent, and as soon as possible. The Council's new leadership is working with senior council officers on this.

5. Sorting out the County's Highways services

The problems with road maintenance, especially potholes and blocked road gullies is high on the list of priorities for the new Joint Administration at the County Council. I am on the Highways and Transport Committee, and a large part of the challenge is to improve basic service delivery. Responding properly to residents, and offering longer term solutions, are required.

We cannot promise to rectify the problems overnight, but we looking critically at contracts and quality of work and push for improvements as soon as they can happen. As a minimum I have requested regular quarterly reports on the Division so that we are sited on what is happening.

Residents are kindly reminded to report any problems on Highways using [Highways Reporting](#).

6. Dry Drayton – holistic review of transport issues

The village has a number of issues which are interrelated or interact. These are:

- Flooding which could be linked to damaged culverts which in turn leads to potholes.
- Traffic speed through the village is a significant problem and needs a permanent solution. Having little speed reduction encourages greater volumes of traffic, particularly HGVs who see the village as a cut through. HGVs in turn increase road damage and increase potholes.
- Potholes are a considerable issue throughout the village, and are particularly dangerous for cyclists. If roads are not safe for cyclists then we will not see modal shift.
- A view toward the cycling and walking initiative – there are 2 paths which could come from Bar Hill, one is already on the plan and which would involve the cycle lane crossing the road to join with the dedicated cycle path on the 1307, and the other is not yet on the plan (it comes from a point further west in Bar Hill, and is the bridlepath joining the top of the High Street in Dry Drayton) but this one would short circuit cycle commuting from Bar Hill through Madingley to Cambridge. It would still involve crossing a road.

These issues are generally dealt with by different groups of officers within the County. I have however requested a meeting with the most senior responsible officers in order to have a holistic and joined up approach to these issues. The meeting will happen soon and it may be that depending on the options suggested we could invite them to speak at another Parish Council meeting.

7. Wild flowers in verges – A1307 between Girton and Dry Drayton

Cambridgeshire is trying to leave wild flowers to grow in verges, where it is safe to do so. Recently a resident wrote noting that the roadside verge along A1307 from Girton towards Dry Drayton had been mowed, despite there being no obvious safety issue. They pointed out that previously it had been a mass of flowers, mainly oxeye daisies and the recently bloomed birds foot trefoil.

It turns out the mowing was done by Highways England, not the County Council. However we are actively considering what means we have of influencing Highways England, to get them to adopt the same policy, to leave these wild flower verges to be mowed later. More to follow!

8. LHI applications – update

The deadline for submission of LHI grant applications has been extended to 15 September 2021, to allow everyone a bit more time to reflect on what to put in and to make sure the success criteria have been addressed.

The recent Highways and Transport Committee met and offered to make refresher training available to Councillors – County and Parish Councillors – to make sure applications have the best chance of success.

9. Dry Drayton CofE Primary School – OFSTED inspection

Although the overall conclusion was ‘requires improvement’ the report recorded many positive points and overall noted that there was an improvement journey, recognising that progress does take time to be delivered, and of course the pandemic makes everything much more difficult.

10. Committee membership – for information

I am a member of the following committees on the County Council:

- Highways & Transportation
- Strategy & Resources
- Pension Fund
- Staffing appeals

I am also a member of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire and Rescue Service, and recently I have been elected Chair. This also means I attend the Combined Authority Board, which is chaired by the Mayor, and the other members are leaders of local councils and the Police and Crime Commissioner. It deals with strategic issues for the region, from transport to biodiversity.

11. Consultations underway – note closing dates

Two important consultations are underway now which it would be good for residents to give any feedback.

Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan for Cambridgeshire - consultation deadline 23.59 on 13 July 2021

The County Council begun a consultation on proposals which had been suggested in January 2021 but which they would like to re-start and seek input.

This is an early stage policy document which seeks to outline new and existing walking and cycling routes and consider which routes should be created or improved, as and when funding becomes available. It may take time for funding etc to be secured but the County would like input now into the proposals.

The proposals can be found on: <https://consultcambcs.uk.engagementhq.com/cc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021>

Are these the right paths identified? Do you have thoughts on the proposals so far? For example there could be another link from Bar Hill than the one cited, which would go from Bar Hill along the bridlepath to the top of Dry Drayton High Street. Clearly to link any new cycling properly along the entry to the village on Oakington Road more thought will be needed as the paths would currently have to cross the road at a point where the traffic is heavy and travelling at speed.

Either write to me or put your thoughts direct into the consultation website above.

The consultation has been open for a few weeks and concludes at **23.59pm on 13 July 2021**. The information will then be analysed and presented to the County Council’s Highways and Transport Committee.

Milton Recycling Centre redesign – consultation deadline 23.55 on 27 July 2021

Milton landfill site, including the area occupied by the recycling centre, is owned by the County Council, and leased to FCC Environment on a 99 year lease that expires in 2092. The lease contains a right for the County Council to occupy part of the site as required for use as a recycling centre. Planning consent for the existing recycling centre expires in 2026 and a fresh planning application will need to be submitted for a Centre to continue on that site. Plans within the County Council have been worked on for a considerable period of time and have now reached the point at which proposals are being put forward for consultation. The Council is taking the opportunity to rebuild the site to serve an increasing population, allow for expansion in recycling volumes, and improve facilities, access, and parking. Obviously this will require the centre to close for a period while it is rebuilt on its existing site.

The County Council has brought forward proposals which have been worked up over at least the last year and now are seeking to consult residents on the proposals for a new Centre. The consultation process opened last week and residents are encouraged to give feedback on the proposals.

The consultation period has been extended to allow everyone the chance to review the plans and have their say.

Features of the proposed new site:

- There will be increased capacity, it can deal with 30,000 tonnes per year versus 12,000 tonnes per year now
- It will operate at a split level (so don't have to go up steps or ladders), like the site at Witchford
- There will be better car parking, and also cycle parking
- There will be a covered area for a shop allowing re-sale

For more information about the proposals please see: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/milton-household-recycling-centre-consultation-document.pdf>

Also note there is a virtual exhibition at www.miltonhrc.info.

Please use the link to [comment on the proposals for Milton HRC on the Survey Monkey website](#).

Contact me - please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have a query or concern. My details are below.

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Appendix 4

South Cambridgeshire District Council July 2021

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South Cambridgeshire Growth fund

The **South Cambridgeshire Growth fund** is opening for applications on 1st July 2021. It is for micro and small businesses operating in/from South Cambridgeshire. Priority applicants will include those who have not previously received government backed (covid related) funding. A one-off grant of between £1,000 to a maximum of £50,000 will be awarded to eligible applicants. The Growth Fund scheme is designed to support businesses' growth and expansion plans in the district. Eligible applicants for the scheme must be South Cambridgeshire based start-ups who are looking to scale and grow quickly, or they can be established South Cambridgeshire based companies who can clearly demonstrate ambitious growth plans in the District. Businesses in any sectors can apply, including, sole traders and partnerships. One-off grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 may be awarded to successful applicants. The scheme will end when all funds have been allocated.

Business Plan Update

The update on the business plan is here:

<https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s122476/Appendix%20B%20-%20Q4%20Business%20Plan%20Actions%20Update%20Cab.pdf>

Zero Carbon Grant Scheme

Community groups can bid for grants between £1000 and £15000 for projects to tackle climate change. Go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/applications-open-for-cash-for-climate-change-projects/> to read more about the grant, how to apply and how to register for the webinar. Closing date for applications is **5pm on Friday 30 July 2021**

Cambs Home Improvement Agency:

As you may be aware, each year we complete an annual report showing what Cambs HIA has completed in terms of adaptations for disabled and older people. This year's report is attached and a link to previous reports and our website is here: <https://www.cambshia.org/about-us/plans-and-performance/>.

Given the challenges in 2020/21, I am really pleased to report that although the number of adaptations completed and the spend was lower than in previous years, we still managed to complete 166 adaptations investing over £2m to enabling residents to live more independently in their own home.

Our service works closely with Occupational Therapists who were heavily redeployed to primary care services because of the pandemic – we look forward to a busy year ahead as these critical services resume.

We welcome your support in helping to raise awareness of these grants. Further information is available from our social media pages and you are welcome to also contact us at hia@cambshia.org.

Waste Services Campaigns

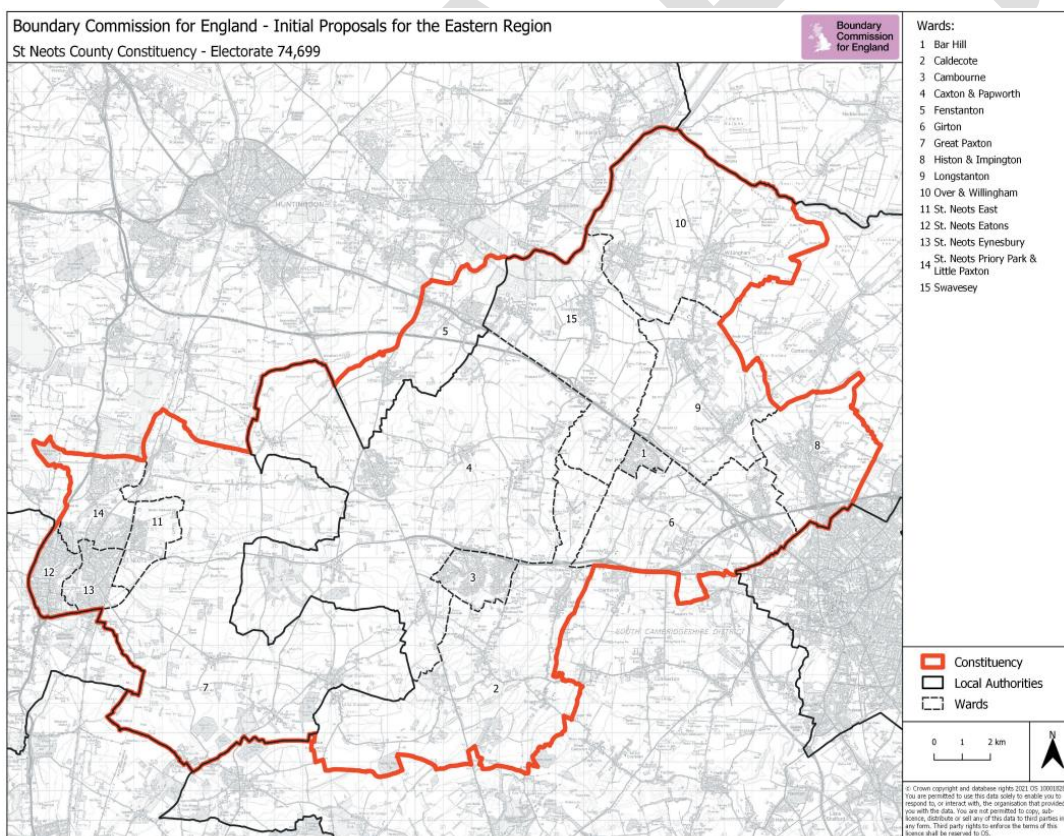
The shared waste service is launching campaigns to increase public awareness on fly tipping and recycling contamination.

The fly tipping campaign aims to educate residents about the problem and how it can be prevented, highlighting legal ways of disposing of waste and how to report fly tipping. The SCRAP action check list (Suspect, Check, Refuse, Ask, Paperwork) will be a key message.

The recycling campaign's aim is to reduce the amount of non-recyclable material put into blue bins. The contract for recycling has a threshold of 7% contamination so it is important that the council maintains levels below this. Textiles, sanitary products, black bags and food/liquids are the main items that are being found to be contaminating blue recycling bins, and the campaign will lead on these.

Boundary Changes.

From 2023 Girton, Dry Drayton and Madingley are planned to be part of St Neots County Council and not South Cambridgeshire County Council. Below is the map and also the links to read more and to respond to the consultation.



General information:

<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/>

Details for Eastern region, including links to printable maps:

<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/eastern/>

Consultation site. Enter postcode to get detailed map:

<https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/>

Detailed map:

<https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/node/6484?postcode=CB30LJ> If you click on the blue button labelled "BOUNDARIES" you can choose to see the old boundaries and the proposed new ones.

Consultation closes on August 2.

Re-Wilding

Girton has put together a re-wilding plan. They did not know whether Dry Drayton has one and have invited you to a party on Mayfield Green on 4th August 6pm to learn more. Contact me for more details.

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