

**Draft until signed**  
**Minutes of Dry Drayton Parish Council (DDPC) Meeting**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm, at Dry Drayton Village Hall, High Street**

**Present:** S Aldersley (SCA) (Chair), K Cullen (KC) (Councillor), T Houlihane (TSH) (Councillor), E Pyle (EP) (Councillor), E Wickham (EW) (Councillor)

**Attending:** S Etherington-Meech (SEM) (Clerk/RFO), Cllr C Garvie (CG) (District Councillor), Cllr T Bygott (TB) (District Councillor), Cllr E Murphy (EM) (County Councillor), Jo Baker & Laura Gates (Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) presenting at Item 3), 4 members of the public

**1. To Accept Apologies for Absence**

Apologies accepted from Cllr S Lander (absent due to another commitment) and Cllr S Vale (absent due to being unwell).

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

No declarations of interest were declared.

**3. Jane Grant (Communications & Engagement Officer) from Greater Cambridge Planning to present an update on the C2C Project and Phase 3**

The update was presented by Jo Baker and Laura Gates and the presentation is available for viewing on the Dry Drayton Parish Council website – [www.drydraytonpc.org.uk](http://www.drydraytonpc.org.uk)

**4. To Agree to hold a Public Forum**

No items were raised in the public forum.

**5. To Approve the Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

RESOLVED *(Prop SCA, 2nd EP, unanimous)* that the minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 & 4<sup>th</sup> August 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**

**6.1** Prior to the meeting it was advised by Cllr Lander that the Park Lane verges, and drainage had been dealt with and could be removed from the action list. However, the white lines at various road junctions are in very poor condition, requiring regular maintenance and as they are a safety matter should be more closely attended to by those responsible. **Action** – Referred to EM to pursue repainting of the white lines.

**6.2** SCA advised that he raised this matter with Charlotte Peet and no response has been received yet. **Action** - SCA to chase Charlotte Peet.

**6.3** No update

**6.4** EP advised that the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting is to be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Wi-Fi is now connected and available in the village hall.

**6.5** No update

**6.6** EP had forms for SCA and Cllr Lander to sign to allow her online access to Lloyds

**6.7** KC & EM advised that they did meet with Highways and walked around the village and there are some suggestions for approaches that could be taken. However, they would require planning etc. **Action** – EM to follow up with Highways Officers and C2C also

**7. Chairman's Report**

No report required – all items included in the agenda

**8. To Accept a Report from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Bygott Report – See Appendix 3

Cllr Garvie Report – No written report provided

**a) Response from Cllr Murphy to resident report in relation to road surface and repairs needed for Pettitts Close**

EM advised that following a site visit to Pettitts Close at the end of July with the most senior county council officer, she received a response in relation to the poor condition of footpaths and road surfaces in Pettitts Close caused by development works at Swifts Close. An assessment has been commissioned for resurfacing options and EM is awaiting a statement as to what this means and options that are available. **Action** – EM to chase response.

Cllr Murphy Report – see Appendix 5.

The chairman brought Item 11.1 (Discussion on Cambridgeshire Active Travel Scheme Consultation) forward for discussion with EM. EM advised that she has requested information in relation to this consultation and has not received any response. Therefore, a Freedom of Information request will be carried out in order to gain the information. EM confirmed that she had raised this issue with the transport committee today.

RESOLVED <sup>(Prop SCA, 2nd TSH, unanimous)</sup> that DDPC objected to this scheme as DDPC believe that the proposal is unacceptable as the scheme will be unsafe and will divert traffic to other unsafe parts of the village. DDPC also raised concern that they have not been formally consulted on this proposed scheme.

## 9. To Discuss Planning Matters

### a. Applications received for consideration

#### i. 21/03441/OUT – Land lying to the North of 3 Old Rectory Drive, Dry Drayton – Outline planning for the erection of 1 No. dwelling house with all matters reserved – deadline for comments 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

RESOLVED <sup>(Prop TSH, 2nd SCA, unanimous)</sup> to support this application subject to the following conditions being applied:

1. The proposal is in keeping with what is already on the site.
2. The development does not push the village boundaries.
3. Any development is on the Eastern side of the plot.

### b. Decisions received from South Cambs District Council

#### i. 57 High Street – Delegated meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and it was decided application was a delegated decision

## 10. Matters for discussion/correspondence received

### 10.1 To discuss and agree LHI application for 2022/23 considering previous application for Oak Crescent – deadline for applications 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

SCA advised that one reason that Highways advised that the 2021/22 LHI application scheme was not successful was the limited number of residents who would benefit from the scheme. However, SCA highlighted other residents of the parish would actually benefit due to school buses uses the area. Therefore, it was RESOLVED <sup>(Prop SCA, 2nd EP, unanimous)</sup> for the 2021/22 LHI application to be reviewed by SCA and resubmitted for 2022/23.

### 10.2 To discuss the re-siting of stay cables and pole on the village green by the church at request of resident of Church Farm Cottage and UKPN

SCA circulated all documents in relation to this item to councillors prior to the meeting. It was RESOLVED <sup>(Prop TSH, 2nd KC, unanimous)</sup> for DDPC to support the re-siting if Highways were informed and in favour. **Action** – SCA to inform resident and UKPN of DDPC resolution

### 10.3 To discuss the Greater Cambridge Local Plan and publication of preferred options including a small employment site off St Neots Road <sup>(TSH)</sup>, full public consultation from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

It was agreed that this is currently information, and no action is required until the full public consultation begins.

### 10.4 To discuss projects put forward from Dry Drayton Village Hall Committee and the Townlands Trust for Section 106 monies and response to projects from James Fisher at GCP

SEM advised DDPC that the projects put forward have been confirmed as acceptable for Section 106 monies by James Fisher at GCP. Therefore, DDPC agreed in principle to the projects and have requested more detailed information from both Dry Drayton Village Hall Management Committee and the Townlands Trust. SCA advised that the Townlands Trust are planning to meet on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and that he would advise of the feedback on S106 funds.

### 10.5 Update on recent site meeting attended by GCP, Cllr Aldersley, Cllr Houlihane, and a resident in relation to Swifts Close and the various concerns that have been highlighted

SCA circulated an update to councillors following the site meeting and is now awaiting a response from GCP. **Action** – SCA to follow up GCP for an update

- 10.6 To discuss projects and works to be carried out following the removal of a dead oak tree and provide an update on SCDC carrying out a brief survey of trees in the parish**  
The dead oak tree has not yet been removed, no works have been carried out and no update on works or survey provided by SCDC. **Action** – CG to forward original email to SCA in order to chase for an update.
- 10.7 To discuss email received from Jilly Mc Naughton in relation to great crested newts and pond funding in the parish**  
SCA had a meeting with BCN at his pastureland and they are intending to create two ponds on this land, one being ca.250 m<sup>2</sup> and another ca.200 m<sup>2</sup> and BCN will manage them for 25 years. SCA highlighted that this scheme is available for all residents of the parish.
- 10.8 To discuss the SCDC Zero Carbon Communities Initiative – Six free trees – deadline for applications 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
RESOLVED <sup>(Prop SCA, 2nd KC, unanimous)</sup> to make an application for the six free trees and then liaise with residents in relation to planting locations.
- 10.9 To discuss grass cutting contract and obtaining tenders for 2022**  
SCA deferred this item to the next parish council meeting.
- 10.10 To discuss councillors making use of the village website and displaying councillor photos**  
SCA deferred this item to the next parish council meeting.
- 10.11 To discuss the gate that is in disrepair on the way to the A14**  
SCA deferred this item to the next parish council meeting.
- 10.12 To discuss the Community Gritting Scheme – application deadline 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**  
SCA deferred this item to the next parish council meeting.
- 10.13 To discuss email received from a resident in relation to the dangerous footpath between Hill View and Trinity Stables**  
**Action** – SCA to forward email to Edna for her to action
- 10.14 To discuss locations for mounting of the MVAS and also a risk assessment and method statement drafted by Chris Turner**  
All councillors confirmed that they believe that the draft risk assessment and method statement are acceptable and have requested potential locations for the MVAS from Chris Turner. **Action** – SCA/SEM to contact Chris Turner to request a location map and also details for equipment required in order to be able to mount the MVAS at height.
- 10.15 To discuss an Autumn Litter Pick**  
SCA deferred this item to the next parish council meeting.
- 10.16 To update on activities taking place in readiness for The Cambridge Club and Strawberries and Creem Festival**  
SEM advised she had been contacted by a resident who was concerned that a leaflet for the festival had not been delivered. Therefore, no dedicated phone number was provided if any problems were to occur during the festival. SEM contacted the event organisers by email on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 but had not yet received a response. **Action** – SEM to chase up and EP to contact SCDC licensing.
- 10.17 For info – to confirm councillor attendance at SCDC Infrastructure Workshops in October**  
SEM confirmed that TSH and Cllr S Vale have agreed to attend workshop

## 11. Consultations

- 11.1 To discuss and agree a response to the Cambridgeshire Active Travel Scheme Consultation – deadline extended from August until after September meeting**  
This item was brought forward and discussed under Item 8
- 11.2 Greater Cambridge Draft Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document – deadline 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
DDPC agreed for SCA to read through the document and respond accordingly.
- 11.3 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan – adopted 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021**  
For information

#### 11.4 The Ox-Cam Arc Spatial Framework Consultation

Item deferred to the next parish council meeting as the deadline for comments is 12 weeks from 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

#### 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. Cambridgeshire County Council – Grass cutting reimbursement 21/22 - £555.26
- ii. Haven Power – Streetlighting Energy Reimbursement due to upgrade to LED - £128.04

##### c) Direct debits and standing orders paid between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

- i. Salaries/Expenses/Pensions (Period 4-5) - £1,520.42 (Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, s.112)
- ii. Haven Power Streetlighting Energy from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July - £4.35 (Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301)

##### d) Online payments made between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

- i. Brookfield Groundcare – Cut 4 of 10 Inv No 13115 - £360.00 (Public Health Act 1875, s.164)
- ii. SLCC Annual Membership for clerk – 50% split with GPC - £83.00 (LGA 1972, s.143)
- iii. Cambridgeshire County Council – Wig wag and MVAS contribution - £1,200.00 (Highways Act 1980, s.274A)
- iv. Brookfield Groundcare – Cut 5 of 10 Inv No 13182 - £360.00 (Public Health Act 1875, s.164)
- v. Dry Drayton Village Hall – Hall Hire for 2 hours on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - £14.00 (Local Government Act 1972, s.133)

##### e) Payments to hand

- i. Clerks Overtime from Period 1 – Period 5 - £220.32 – RESOLVED (Prop SCA, 2nd KC, unanimous) for payment to be made, to be approved online. (LGA, 1972, s.112)

##### f) To advise of successful completion of HMRC Employer Compliance Review for 20/21

SEM advised DDPC that she had received confirmation from HMRC of the successful completion of an Employer Compliance Review for 20/21 for DDPC.

##### g) To discuss clerks' attendance at CAPALC annual conference on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

RESOLVED (Prop SCA, 2nd EP, unanimous) for clerk to attend CAPALC annual conference for a fee of £37.50 (£75.00 split 50% with GPC).

##### h) To discuss an annual review of parish council policies

SCA deferred this item to the next parish council meeting.

##### i) To discuss reviewing laws, procedures, processes & training in relation to the allotments

SCA deferred this item to the next parish council meeting.

##### j) To provide an update on SCDC adopting the 2020 Model Code of Conduct

SEM confirmed that SCDC will consider the 2020 Model Code of Conduct at the Civic Affairs Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> September and then it is likely to go to full council on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. SCDC will contact parish councils in due course to advise of the outcome.

#### 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30pm at Dry Drayton Village Hall

#### 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 CILCA coursework options and deadline extensions

In confidential minutes of meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.41 pm

Signed.....Chairman

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## Appendix 1

### Action Report/Ongoing Issues

6.1	Park Lane Verges/Cycle path upgrade/line painting/drainage (ongoing)	SL
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	SA
6.6	Update on bank signatories and online access to bank account	SEM/SA/EP
6.7	Update on arrangement of meeting with Highways to discuss transport issues	EM/KC

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Appendix 2

**DRY DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**August 2021 Bank Reconciliation**

	<b>£</b>
Lloyds current account on 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	£30,349.51
<u>Less</u> payments presented from 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021 to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021 <i>8 online payments, 3 direct debits and 2 standing orders</i>	£3,768.15
<u>Plus</u> , receipts presented from 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021 to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021 <i>2 BACS credit</i>	£683.30
Closing bank account on 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	£27,264.66
<u>Less outstanding payments not yet subtracted</u>	<b>£220.32</b>
<b>Balance carried forward at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021</b>	<b>£ 27,044.34</b>

Notes:

*Sarah Etherington-Meech*

RFO

6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## District Councillor's Report - Cllr Tom Bygott - 7th Sept 2021

### Nearly 49,000 more flats and houses proposed for 'Greater Cambridge'

One year ago, on 16th September 2020, the District Council, together with Cambridge City Council, published the Call for Sites submissions as part of their preparations for the Greater Cambridge Local Plan up to 2041. Developers and landowners, hoping to make a quick profit, suggested far more development sites than were needed. The Council, knowing that the vast majority of these sites would be rejected, subjected residents to the cruel and unnecessary ordeal of waiting for an entire year, without being formally able to make any direct comment, to find out whether their homes and lives would be blighted by unwanted development.

The good news is that Dry Drayton has been spared the major developments proposed in the Call for

Sites. Sixteen sites were proposed in Dry Drayton totalling 575 hectares for about 12,750 houses and 406,000 sq m of floor space for other uses. These sites comprised almost all the open countryside around the village, connecting it with Bar Hill. The only site that has been chosen in the parish is opposite the service station on St Neots Road in Childerley Gate. Additional development pressure could come from smaller developments, however, as the number of homes required in the new plan from this 'windfall' source could be raised by over 25% from 4,220 to 5,345.

The bad news is that the two councils have decided to build more than the Government has asked them to. They propose building 48,840 new flats and houses across 'Greater Cambridge' between 2020 and 2041, around 12,000 more dwellings than the Government requires. To put the number in context, Cambridge City had 52,000 houses in 2020. The Councils have chosen not to stick to the Government 'standard method' for calculating new housing which shows that around 36,700 new dwellings are needed to 2041.

We need some new homes, including affordable homes in the District that fit in with existing communities, but a growth-led approach risks making affordability worse and putting further strain on local services and damaging the environment. The scale of the growth that is planned could put severe strain on local schools, roads, services and particularly water resources. The Councils were advised in the Autumn of 2020 that any growth above the government numbers could not be supported by current water supplies without likely damage to rivers and our chalk streams. Assuming that each of the 48,840 new dwellings uses 80 litres of water per day, an additional 1.43 billion litres of water will be needed annually. Much of our water supply is pumped up from underground aquifers already more quickly than it is being replenished, and chalk streams and ponds in nearby villages, such as Kingfisher Pond in Northstowe, have started to run dry each summer.

The Councils have not, in my view, provided convincing evidence for their desire to build more than they need to. Despite our current climate crisis, too many of our key decision makers are following an obsolete and defunct form of economics that prioritises rapid industrial and population growth ahead of per capita improvements in the standard of living and broader quality of life. They are stuck in the twentieth century growth ideology that regards the earth's resources as infinite.



## **East West Rail update**

I have continued to meet with the East West Rail strategy team to discuss the route of the proposed railway and to make the case why the 'northern route' across the fields between Dry Drayton and Madingley should not be built. I also regularly talk to key stakeholders in both Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire about the project. In my view, new railways should be constructed immediately adjacent to motorways and other main roads, wherever possible, to avoid damaging villages and open countryside.

## **South Cambs trailing behind in Covid-19 vaccinations**

In July I mentioned that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has launched a marketing campaign to increase the level of Covid-19 vaccination locally, especially amongst 18 to 29 year olds. The campaign is called "The Vaccinators on Tour" and includes of several walk-in clinics that will be available at certain times and places. It also allows bookings to be made on-line for local vaccination centres. Details can be found on the website at: [www.thevaccinators.co.uk](http://www.thevaccinators.co.uk).

If you or members of your family haven't yet been double vaccinated, it is worth looking on that website for locations and upcoming events. Covid-19 rates in Cambridgeshire have risen sharply and by mid August were nearly as high as they were in January during the winter peak.

From 23rd August, all young people aged 16 to 17 in England have been offered a first vaccine dose to give them protection before returning to school. By early September, 86.5% of people over sixteen in South Cambridgeshire had had the first dose of a Covid vaccine, compared to 88.8% nationally. For both doses, the numbers were 78.8% in South Cambs and 79.9% nationally.

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## Appendix 4

### District Councillor Report to Dry Drayton Parish Council 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### 1.. Important update on the (New) Local Plan - Preferred Options

The next stage of the Local Plan – the preferred options stage - has just been published by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (a partnership between South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Councils).

A site has been identified in Dry Drayton Parish for **non-residential** development. This is the narrow piece of land between the A428 and the St Neots Road. Views on this would be welcome.

#### First stage – the call for sites

Over 690 sites were put forward by landowners in the first stage “Call for Sites” but only 19 (3%) of them are being proposed for acceptance and, of those, many are extremely small. The NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) states that local plans must make ‘sufficient provision’ for need of both homes and jobs. We are proposing to meet what our evidence has determined will meet that minimum need. This means we are rejecting the much higher growth figures suggested by some commentators and reports. One of the promises of the incoming LibDem administration was to develop a proper local plan. A number of studies have been conducted to identify what the combined need within South Cambs and Cambridge City is for additional housing between 2020 and 2041. It is greater than the figure provided by the government’s standard methodology because, based on our evidence, that is insufficient, and if we fail to prove to the Planning Inspector that we are meeting the evidential need, the plan will be rejected or significantly delayed (as was the previous Local Plan, which led to serious consequences for our villages). In other words, the plan will quickly become “out of date” – significantly reducing our level of control over future applications.

If we make an under-provision, we drive up house prices and rents and export our growth to other areas. A consequence of that could be increased commuting into and out of our district which conflicts with our zero carbon ambitions and our affordability ambitions. Given the impact of travelling on reducing carbon emissions (which is a key point from our evidence) this joint plan shifts the emphasis away from meeting housing need in the dispersed rural villages of SCDC. Instead, the plan will focus on new growth in more connected localities - including making the best use of existing new settlements and focusing on locations close to existing services and infrastructure such as North-East Cambridge. The new plan therefore increases the role of the existing new settlements and further reduces the role of rural areas in meeting future housing need.

#### Stage 2 – preferred options

The top priorities of this Local Plan are to address the problems posed by climate change and the high cost of housing in our area and the new proposals allocate a fair share of additional housing between the two districts. This is the “preferred options” stage, which includes the proposed locations where homes and jobs could come forward in the years ahead. A further period of public consultation will begin Residents of South Cambridgeshire told us how important reducing carbon emissions and enhancing the environment is, so locations with excellent public transport have been prioritised, shifting the emphasis away from unsustainable locations in rural villages. For all sites we will require the provision of 40% affordable housing. This new plan has a good balance of locations with only 4% of the proposed new homes in rural areas, helping to preserve the precious character of our villages. Overall growth in villages equates to an average of an extra 21 additional new homes per year (between 2020-41) spread over 7 new sites. These allocations will be focused upon the

villages with adequate services and very good public transport links. The new plan increases the contribution of the big strategic sites through densification and increased annual delivery - it plans to make them work harder.

### **Protection of the Green Belt**

When it comes to the Green Belt, it is only possible to make changes if there is very strong evidence to justify it and just 4 of the sites put forward for the new Local Plan met these rigorous tests. Two are extensions to research sites of international importance: The Cambridge Biomedical Campus and Babraham. These are world class research centres and housing is a key issue to allow them to grow. The other two are housing allocations close to excellent public transport; 20 homes in Oakington (next to the guided busway) and 100 homes in Great Shelford (near to the railway station).

The Local Plan is not just about development; the plan strives to include considerable environmental benefits too. For the first time ever, a “Call for Green Sites” was issued and the proposals include new green spaces and wildlife projects. The plan also sets a high bar for building standards, including policy recommendations for low carbon buildings.

### **Water conservation and the chalk streams**

Specially commissioned studies give robust evidence to show how we need to reduce the amount of water we take from the groundwater aquifer, including our internationally important chalk streams. This Local Plan will put constraints on the amount of development if the water issue is not resolved. Central Government and the water companies have to invest in this in advance of further growth; if they cannot or do not, we will have no choice but to scale back growth.

Please take a look at the new section of the website, which includes an interactive map: ([www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan](http://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan)) and take the opportunity to comment during the next public consultation, which starts on 1st November 2021.

### **2.. “Changing Places” Toilet funding**

The Government has made available funding to increase the number of ‘Changing Places’ toilets. Standard accessible toilets do not meet the needs of all people with a disability; over a quarter of a million people in the UK with a disability need extra equipment and space to allow them to use the toilets safely and comfortably. These needs are met by Changing Places toilets <https://www.changing-places.org/>

Local authorities have been invited to submit an expression of interest in the Changing Places toilets programme. SCDC is preparing to submit an expression of interest and is asking parish councils to help identify potential locations. The funding available for this can be substantial (£30,000-£50,000+) but is only for capital costs and not for ongoing maintenance and the funding cannot be used to transfer an accessible toilet into a Changing Places toilet.

Is there a building in Dry Drayton that could be a possible venue to install a Changing Places toilet, for example the Village Hall? If so, please contact [Duty.Communities@scams.gov.uk](mailto:Duty.Communities@scams.gov.uk) by Friday 10th September, sending information to support a bid with the proposed location, the rationale for this choice, evidence of consultation with users and an assessment of deliverability.

### **3.. Afghanistan refugees**

SCDC Housing staff have been working on plans to resettle three Afghan families, provided a home and essential support in response to the international crisis. South Cambridgeshire District Council's five-year (2020-2025) Business Plan commits to working with national, regional and local partners to support the needs of refugees and asylum seekers. Council owned homes are not being used to house these three families and it will not have an impact on the waiting time for local families who are already on the Council's housing waiting list.

#### **4.. SCDC's High Streets team passes milestone of 1,000 visits and enquiries**

A Council team set-up to help South Cambridgeshire's businesses re-open safely has passed the milestone of 1,000 interactions with local traders in a year. The District Council's Reopening High Streets Safely Team was established in July 2020 to support local small to medium sized businesses recover and reopen. During the last year, the small team of three officers has visited around 700 businesses to provide them with face-to-face advice, and dealt with more than 300 enquiries, concerns and queries.

#### **5..Business news**

**I have been visiting some of the small businesses in Dry Drayton to let them know of the help available from the District Council and discovered that they did not know how to access the business support information. This work will continue** and I will aim to visit all the small businesses.

I know of the businesses in the Scotland Farm area. Let me know of any small to medium businesses elsewhere in the village that would benefit from a visit.

#### **SCDC Growth Grants**

This is a reminder that businesses based in our area who are looking for help to scale and grow can apply for financial support from the South Cambridgeshire Growth Fund, funded by the Government's Additional Restrictions Grant. The scheme is open to micro and SME applicants from any sector. They could be pandemic start-ups or established businesses looking to expand. A one-off grant of between £1,000 to a maximum of £50,000 will be awarded to successful applicants. Applicants must be South Cambridgeshire based start-ups looking to scale and grow quickly or be established South Cambridgeshire companies who can clearly demonstrate ambitious growth plans within our District.

So far (to the end of August) SCDC has allocated £641,110 to local businesses through this scheme.

#### **A new website for South Cambridgeshire**

SCDC's Business Support team is working on a new website to promote everything there is to see and do in South Cambridgeshire. This is to support the local economy by encouraging tourists to visit the area and for local people to spend more time in the district.

The site will be launched in the autumn and SCDC and the team is inviting local businesses and event organisers to secure a free listing by submitting information and photos online via a short questionnaire. Please pass this information to businesses in the village. [www.VisitSouthCambs.co.uk](http://www.VisitSouthCambs.co.uk) to create a free listing or email [visit@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:visit@scambs.gov.uk) for further information.

Corinne Garvie - District Councillor for Girton, Dry Drayton and Madingley

## Appendix 5

### Dry Drayton County report September 2021

#### Pettitt's Lane – remediation of road and footpath damage

A senior County officer responded to our request and visited the site personally. They thought the whole of the carriageway and footway appeared to be in the same condition ie poor. As a result the officer has submitted both as requiring assessment for appropriate resurfacing solutions. The officer points out that there is also an argument that roads should be constructed to take the loads of traffic and therefore it is for the developer to pay. There may be an issue as to who pays but the first step is to get options for how to improve the surfaces of the damaged road and footpath. The officer has promised to get back to us when they have had feedback.

The way the contracting regime has been set up allows only one way for agreement that work has not been done correctly. There is a joint inspection prior to the commencement of the work and then a joint inspection afterwards. The latter inspection is the only contractual way to agree that the activity has caused any damage. The County has to be approached for this as they do not officially know when developments start. None of this is an ideal contracting environment and obviously needs to change in future.

#### Community Flood Action Programme

As part of the County Council's Community Flood Action Programme, they are updating their riparian guidance document to make it more useful for those living next to a watercourse. This document will be aimed at residents and landowners, so the County wishes to seek their views and get a better understanding of their awareness of riparian issues. There is a survey (5 questions) which has been reviewed and approved by the County's Surveying Analyst Team. A link to the survey is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/5HQbNqGtba>. Deadline for response is 30 September 2021.

Note the Council welcomes any photos of watercourses if you wish them to be included in the guidance document. If anyone would like to submit photos, please email them to [CFAP@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:CFAP@cambridgeshire.gov.uk), and include the name to be credited.

#### Dry Drayton Active Travel Scheme proposal (<https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/cats>)

The scheme out for consultation in Dry Drayton is:

(Option A) Madingley Road and Dry Drayton Road are to be made one-way for cars, with cycles in both directions, from Park Lane Dry Drayton to High Street Madingley, and/or (Option B) Cambridge Road is to be made one-way for cars, with cycles in both directions, from High Street Madingley to the A1303 Madingley Road.

It is not well described and the rationale for which has not been provided by officers. The report which kicked this all off in September last year is [here](#) which puts a few words together but not very persuasively. The description is: *'Cambridge Road made one way north westwards from the A1303, with water filled barriers or similar segregating a bi-directional running lane for cyclists. Reduce speed limit to 40mph. Consider same approach on Dry Drayton Road'*. The rationale given is: *'In South Cambridgeshire, without any large towns, proposals are focussed on villages where modal filters or reallocated road space will lead to increased walking and cycling.'*

The situation is being reviewed, as the lack of information, never mind inadequate consultation, is wholly unacceptable and needs to change. Not least because the guidance provided requires 'next level' consultation and a structured approach to decision making including extensive data for decision support, none of which has yet been available for Councillors for this and other similar schemes in the County.

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