Draft until signed Minutes of Dry Drayton Parish Council (DDPC) Meeting Tuesday 28th July 2020, via virtual Zoom meeting online

Present: S Lander (SL) (Chair), E Pyle (EP) (Councillor), T Houlihane (TSH) (Councillor), K Cullen (KC)

(Councillor), F Peck (Councillor)

Attending: S Etherington-Meech (SEM) (Clerk/RFO), Cllr L Harford (LH) (County Councillor), Cllr D Delacey

(DDL) (District Councillor), Cllr T Bygott (TB) (District Councillor), 2 members of the public

1. To Accept Apologies for Absence

Cllr Dolan sent an apology due to another engagement

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

FP declared a pecuniary interest in Item 7.a) i) & iii) – Planning Applications for consideration - Springhill Stables (FP owns this business) & The Irwin Centre (this is a business interest of FP spouse). SL also advised that FP would have a pecuniary interest in Item 8. f. & h as 'The Pathfinder' long distance walk is in relation to land owned by her spouse and HGV's relate to her spouse's business.

3. To Agree to hold a Public Forum

A member of the public highlighted that DDPC are on their way to getting a safer cycle link from Dry Drayton to the NMU track beside the A1307 into Cambridge and have also shown an interest in a cycle link from the village to the A428. A further link was highlighted, a cycle track from Oakington to Dry Drayton/Oakington A14 bridge and the A1307 NMU track (1.2km) which is in the parish of Oakington and not Dry Drayton. It was explained that when the track from Dry Drayton to the A14 was first mooted it is believed that Oakington were interested in a similar track on their side of the A14 although it appears no recent discussions have occurred in relation to this recently. It was asked if DDPC could encourage and support Oakington Parish Council with this and make them aware of DDPC's current success and future plans of their cycle tracks and also consider raising this in the latest Northstowe consultation.

It is believed by the public that the Oakington track would offer and excellent link between the South West of Northstowe, Bar Hill, Dry Drayton, West Cambridge and the A428 with access to Cambourne etc and for Dry Drayton and villages connecting to the A428, it would provide safer cycling to Oakington, Girton, Histon, North Cambridge, Northstowe and St Ives etc on the county and national cycle networks passing through Oakington.

SL agreed with public opinion. **Action** – SL to contact the chair at Oakington and to encourage and support them in their endeavours.

4. To Approve the Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd June 2020

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate copy of the meeting, to be signed when possible.

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

- **a.** SL advised that there is still a vacancy for one councillor and urged councillors to consider approaching anyone who maybe suitable for the role.
- **b.** Ongoing item– deadline for applications is 30th September 2020 so no update yet.
- c. Ongoing item.
- **d.** Ongoing item as there has not been a committee meeting due to the current crisis.
- **e.** SL advised that JD was due to attend new councillor training on 4th July although he is unsure if this took place, SL encouraged FP and KC to attend upcoming training courses.
- f. See Item 8. d)
- **g.** Ongoing item due to current crisis, SL will arrange the forms for changes to the Cambridge Building Society account and for JD to sign the online access form for Lloyds Bank for EP.
- h. SL advised that there are currently only three volunteers in the speed watch team and DDPC must encourage volunteers to take part in the scheme. He highlighted that on Friday 17th July 2020 at Scotland Farm the current speed watch team logged 160 vehicles in an hour with 25% of vehicles travelling over 35mph and one travelling at 47mph. Action SL to discuss with JD publicising in the parish for volunteers.
- i. SL thanked TSH for dealing with this item. TSH advised that after speaking with the resident they are reluctant to do more, therefore, TSH did his best to tidy up and put grass seed down RESOLVED

- **j.** SL advised that the Drift clearance has not yet been carried out as the grass was cut and the area appeared much better. However, SL and JD received emails from parishioners offering help so they will arrange a working party.
- k. Ongoing issue SL to deal with
- **I.** FP advised that the community support group is under control and for residents still shielding there is a wonderful system of volunteers who assist by collecting shopping, prescriptions etc
- m. Agenda Item 8. b.
- **n.** TSH advised that he has not yet managed to arrange a date with Highways. LH advised that she has spoken with James Broder, but he wants to wait until our work ordered is completed before further discussions occur and LH assured DDPC that this item will remain on her list.
- **o.** RESOLVED clerk confirmed that she submitted the planning comments.
- **p.** This item is still outstanding as the landowner needs to be contacted.
- q. JD did contact the responsible parties and they will not be cycling this route in the future.
- r. SL advised that he did not draft a response but will be vigilant to any planning in relation to Northstowe.

6. To Accept a Report from County and District Councillors

LH - see Appendix 3

DDL – see Appendix 4 – Further to his report DDL highlighted to DDPC that the consultation on the Milton site is now open for comment and that he hopes DDPC will review, comment, and respond. He also highlighted 3 significant motions that occurred at the councils July meeting, firstly an increase of activity and monitoring to ensure people of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups are fully supported both in the council and district, secondly that the council can do all they can to preserve green belt in the local plan and thirdly to write to all officers to thank them for all they have done during the current crisis, almost all officers have had to learn new skills and carry out new jobs.

TB – see Appendix 5

7. To Discuss Planning Matters

Remote decisions on planning applications were made via email and voting records retained.

- a. Applications received for consideration
 - i. 20/02789/FUL Springhill Stables, Oakington Rd Retention of 2 stable blocks and extension of existing manage

FP left the meeting. SL explained this is a retrospective application, therefore, DDPC should allow the planning officers to deal and comment accordingly. All councillors agreed that no comment was to be made for this application RESOLVED.

iii. This item was brough forward by the chairman as FP had a declaration of interest for this item also. 20/03023/FUL – Irwin Centre, Scotland Rd CB23 8AU- Extension to provide extended and additional office units and the provision of an onsite cafe and new car parking area on former agricultural land

SL advised DDPC that this application is for additional offices, associated car parking and an on-site café. There is already considerable car parking and DDPC must consider whether the village needs the amenity and additional traffic. It was highlighted that the proposals shows a significant increase in the number of car parking spaces at a time where there is pressure to try to remove cars from the road with initiatives such as the Cambourne to Cambridge bus link and the Mayors plans for greater transport and it must be considered whether DDPC consider this proposal is an overdevelopment of the site. All councillors objected to this proposal for reasons of unrequired amenity for the parish and overdevelopment of the site RESOLVED. **Action** – Clerk to submit objection and comments.

A planning application for Scotland Farm came in after the agenda was produced, it was agreed that an extraordinary meeting would be required and was proposed by SL and agreed by all councillors for Monday 3rd August 2020 at 7pm.

ii. 20/02618/FUL – 46 Pettitts Lane, CB23 8BT - Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with new Passivahaus bungalow, adjacent double garage with covered link and installation of new residential annex accommodation – extension for comments granted] FP returned to the meeting. SL highlighted that the only property directly affected by the proposal is Honey Hill Cottage, however, they are already affected by the existing property and the proposed roofline will be lower for the new property, therefore, an anticipated improvement. SL also believes the building looks more aesthetically pleasing in the proposal, however, one potential issue raised by TSH was restricted access. DDPC unanimously agreed no objections to this proposal although a comment is to be added raising concern over restricted access — RESOLVED. **Action** — Clerk to submit objection and comment.

b. Decisions received from South Cambs District Council

i. 20/01669/HFUL – Keepers End, Scotland Road - Refurbishment, external insulation and render cladding with zinc roof. Front ground floor and minor first floor extension. Rear ground floor extension. Minor side storey ground floor extension. Replacement windows throughout. Associated refurbishments throughout and upgrading thermal performance of house to bring it up to the Enerphit standard of low energy refurbishment – Permission granted

c. 3 Pettitts Lane - enquiry with enforcement re: demolition of garage and replacement

SL contacted planning enforcement regarding this issue, and they advised him that they are currently short staffed and that it may take some time to get out to the property, however, they did look at the plans and felt works were likely within permitted development. TSH advised that he had also been contacted by a resident who had advised him of the disruption caused by works at the property, TSH advised the resident that unfortunately this is not controlled and DDPC would be unable to take any action.

8. Matters for discussion/correspondence received

a. To discuss email received from Cllr Bygott in relation to proposed improvements for Girton Interchange

SL advised that prior to the meeting he circulated an email to all councillors in relation to this item. TB shared a map of the proposal on the screen for all participants to view. TB explained that the map was originally developed by Highways England in 2015 during the period when parish councils were talking to Highways regarding the A14 upgrade. TB advised that Girton Parish Council had many discussions at that time, and this was a suggestion made by Highways in response to these discussions, however, this proposal was not included in the A14 upgrade.

The proposal includes adding three slip roads. The first one that comes off from the A428 would allow vehicles to turn left at the new roundabout on A1307 in order to access places such as Oakington or Northstowe or to come off onto the A14, then there is the slip road for Oakington/Northstowe in order to get onto the M11 and finally the slip road from the M11 to the A428. TB highlighted that from Dry Drayton's perspective one of the slip roads may reduce traffic from people going from the A428 to the A14, however, SL raised concern that there is no path in the opposite direction. TB advised that it could be expensive to add functionally in the other direction, TB asked DDPC for ideas for a more affordable option that highways might consider funding. TSH highlighted the track that crosses over the new flyover road and whether it would be possible to make the first link road two way and erect a bridge over at that point, TB advised that this could be suggested to Highways.

SL requested suggestions for additional measures that may discourage traffic through the parish. LH advised that she was hoping to deter vehicles through the parish with a proposal she has put forward to "active travel funding". The proposal was submitted on the assumption of the Park & Ride being created at Scotland Farm and would look to join the currently non-existent NMU with Scotland Road and LH advised that she cannot see a reason why something cannot be done in the meantime. LH is hoping relocation of road space with a cycle path will make it less attractive for vehicles to cut through the village, LH advised that she would be happy to discuss anything else with Highways or to arrange for DDPC to meet a Highways engineer.

TB advised that his first action with the proposal is to ask parish councils if they are in support of the proposal. SL stated that clearly some changes are needed at the interchange although the environmental impact and loss of land is a significant concern for the parish and a better solution other than more concrete would be to encourage better behaviours and habits. SL asked DDPC if they were in support of this outline proposal. Firstly, SL advised he would be in support but with the reasoning he outlined, EP stated that despite a loss of land Cambridge is meant to be an area of growth and the Girton Interchange is critical for this, KC and FP supported the proposal but highlighted their concerns over further loss of land and TSH advised that he believes it will reduce pressure on some local roads making it easier for cycling. TB advised DDPC that the land to be used is not actually within Dry Drayton.

b. To discuss email received from Pam Hobson in relation to the A14 legacy fund works and completion of works before school commences

SL liaised with Pam Hobson and advised her that DDPC are very keen to get the legacy fund works carried out before school commences, Pam Hobson insisted that it is a relatively minor job and should be possible, however, no start date or final plan have yet been advised leaving SL struggling to believe works will be completed before September. **Action** – SL to continue to chase Pam Hobson

- c. Chairman to provide update in order to discuss and approve document from UK Power Networks in relation to schedule of works for electricity supply change at the allotments
 - SL advised that he has now had a full response from UK Power Networks (UKPN) and is satisfied, he proposed approving the works and signing the documentation and all councillors agreed. **Action** SL to advise UKPN to proceed and sign the relevant paperwork.
- d. To discuss the grass cutting list received from Dennis Vacher

SL advised that we have now received the cutting list so are able to see who is responsible for cutting grass in different areas of the parish. **Action** – SL to tidy up the area at the fence where the planning application is on Pettitts Lane.

e. To discuss access to the bottom of Long Lane and purchase from Madingley Mulch for materials

SL advised that last year at the bottom of footpath 8 from Pettitts Lane to Oakington Rd 20% was heavily flooded and became very muddy, DDPC require chippings to solve this issue. **Action** - FP to measure the area and request a quotation for chippings.

f. To discuss website enquiry re: 'Pathfinder' Long Distance Walk concerning hedging and signage

FP left the meeting. SL advised that he received a website enquiry in relation to Rectory Farm which included concerns over lack of signage, footpath signs being in ditches, threatening signage relating to firearms and a hawthorn hedge near Rectory Farm that has grown making it difficult to walk down the path. DDPC are aware of a footpath sign on Scotland Road being in a ditch all winter, at Rectory Farm towards Lolworth a footpath sign has been shredded by farm machinery and a natural marker has been removed and filled in by a crater all the way up to Childerley. **Action** - SL to draft and circulate to DDPC a formal letter to the landowner raising all concerns

h. (This item was brought forward by the chairman) - To discuss resident email sent to Cllr Lander re: HGVs through the village

SL advised that a resident has raised concern as to the size and speed of vehicles thundering through the village and not adhering to speed limits. While a local landowner was harvesting 30 vehicle movements in an afternoon were observed. The resident emailed the farm directly and although a response was received there was no reference to the speeding vehicles. LH responded to the residents also to explain why the situation cannot particularly change. SL advised that unfortunately as a parish council we have no power and there is no conclusion we can come to other than to write to the landowner and request that he discusses this with employees.

g. To discuss an application for Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme Round 2 opened on 1st July – deadline 30th September 2020

FP re-entered the meeting. This grant relates to cycling, community buildings and tree planting and other nature-based solutions, SL advised that he will inform the Townlands Trust and also the school of the scheme as they are trying to create a forest school.

i. For info – email from Heidi Allen re: Snap service for residents commuting to London A member of the public agreed to distribute this item in the parish.

9. Consultations - None received

10. Finance and Policy

a. To accept account review to date and bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation (see Appendix 2) and finance spreadsheet were circulated to all councillors before the meeting, they were approved and accepted by all councillors - RESOLVED.

b. To advise of payments received

i. CCC - Grass Cutting Reimbursement - £555.26

c. Payments to hand -

Agreed via email between 23rd June 2020 & 23rd July 2020

- i. S Etherington-Meech Period 1, 2 & 3 expenses £27.00 All councillors agreed payment RESOLVED. Payment approved online by SL and JD. Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, s.112
- ii. Cambridge Water Business 7th Jan 2nd July 2020 £103.93 All councillors agreed payment RESOLVED. Payment approved online by SL and JD. Small Holdings Allotment Act 1908 ss. 23 & 25

Additional payments agreed at the meeting that were received after the agenda was produced

- iii. Brookfield £360.00 should be cut 4 not 5 error on invoice All councillors agreed payment RESOLVED. Payment to be approved online. *Public Health Act 1875, s.164; Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10; Commons Act 1899*
- iv. ICO Data protection fee £35.00 All councillors agreed payment and direct debit option to reduced annual membership to £35.00 from £40.00 – RESOLVED. Direct debit mandate to be completed by SL and JD.
- v. Cambs ACRE Annual membership £57.00 All councillors agreed payment RESOLVED. Payment to be approved online. *LGA 1972, s.143.*
- vi. Clerks overtime and expenses £49.53 All councillors agreed payment RESOLVED. Payment to be approved online. LGA 1972, s.112.

d. To discuss the purchase of a scanner/printer

SEM explained that when she leaves Madingley Parish Council in October 2020 she will not have a printer, therefore DDPC require their own scanner/printer. SL asked the clerk if she would require the printer at her home as the school printer is for community use however clerk's location to the parish would not make this an option. **Action –** Clerk to produce a report of suitable printer/scanners.

e. Approval of internal control and risk assessment documents

The clerk circulated the documents before the meeting, just one typing error was noted 'many' instead of 'May all councillors approved documents – RESOLVED.

To discuss a review of insurance policy in preparation for renewal on 1st October 2020

It was agreed for the clerk to circulate the document to SL for review.

- 11. To accept notices and matter for the next agenda
- **12.** Date and time of next meeting Extraordinary meeting for planning matters Monday 3rd August 2020 at 7pm via Zoom & Thursday 8th September 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Meeting closed at 8.57pm

Action Report/Ongoing Issues

a.	Councillor Vacancy (ongoing)	DDPC
b.	2021/22 LHI Application for Oak Crescent (ongoing)	SL/LH
C.	Park Lane Verges/Cycle path upgrade/line painting/drainage (ongoing)	LH/SL
d.	Village Hall Management Committee new members update/KC handyman duties/EP	JD/EP/KC
	attendance at meetings (ongoing)	
e.	Arrangement of new councillor training for JD, FP & KC (ongoing)	JD/KC/FP
f.	Rod Scammell resignation – quotation from Brookfield/exact location & frequency and	SL/SEM/LH
	grass cutting reimbursement query for CC (SL)/"listed to cut" info (SEM) (ongoing)	
g.	CBS Account – Change of signatories/address etc (ongoing)/online banking access for	SL/SEM
	Lloyds for EP (ongoing)	
h.	Recruitment of volunteers for village Speed watch team (Ongoing)	SL/JD
i.	Discussion with resident re: boundary/fencing at Cotton Fields (ongoing)	TSH
j.	Drift clearance date arranged	JD
k.	Old Rectory Windows concerns (ongoing)	SL
l.	Covid-19 Community Support Group – update report	FP
m.	2020/21 LHI and Legacy Fund Application/Works progress update	SL/LH
n.	LH arrange for TSH to meet with a Local Highways Officer re: potholes, drainage etc	LH/TSH
0.	Submission of objection and comments for Cambridge City Crematorium	SEM
p.	JD sent photos and landowner contact re: allotment fencing	JD/SL/SEM
q.	KC contact resident re: vehicles for sale on green	JD/KC
r.	SL to draft a response and circulate for Northstowe traffic concerns	SL
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DRY DRAYTON PARISH COUNCILMay 20 - June 20 Bank Reconciliation

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Lloyds TSB current account on 29 th May 2020	£19,410.10
Less payments presented from 29 th May 2020 to 29 th June 2020 3 online payments, 1 direct debit and 1 standing orders	£1,043.35
	£0.00
Plus, receipts presented from 29 th May 2020 to	
29 th June 2020	
No payments received	
Closing bank account on 29 th June 2020	£18,366.75
Less outstanding payments not yet subtracted	
	£130.93
Balance carried forward at 29 th June 2020 £ 18	,235.82

Plus, NS&I Investment Account as at 1st April 2020	£5,174.03
CBS S106 Account as of 1 st April 2020	£7,060.61
	£30,470.46

Notes:

Sarah Etherington-Meech

RFO

14th July 2020

Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report Dry Drayton Parish Council - 28 July 2020 meeting

Highways & Transport

At the July meeting of Highways & Transport [H&T] committee members approved the updated Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Road Safety Partnership Strategy. I am very supportive of its approach and ambition. Entitled 'Vision Zero Partnership Strategy' it endorses the view that the only number of fatalities that is acceptable is zero. It also builds on the County Council's 'Think Communities' strategy which seeks to empower local communities to be an active partner in local issues. Whilst the previous strategy saw in its early years a notable decline in casualties, the rate of this decline seems to have reached a plateau indicating that something needs to change. More details of this and the other agenda items at: https://bit.ly/3gWPRA8.

An item on a new policy for verge maintenance was withdrawn prior to the meeting as members felt that it was not sufficiently ambitious and officers have been asked to do further work on it. I mention this as I think that all parish councillors may recently have received a copy of an open letter from Extinction Rebellion on this subject.

I am very pleased that Dry Drayton Parish Council has applied again this year to the Local Highways Improvement scheme and congratulate you on getting it in before the originally set deadline. As we have seen subsequently the deadline was extended and this was something that members questioned at the last H&T meeting. The officer response was that applications will be closed in the near future. There will also be some delay in arranging panel meetings to consider the current year's applications, due to the added challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic has given rise to. Members were assured that details of adjusted timescales for both the deadline and panels will be advised to parishes in the near future.

I have now checked the recently published criteria for the second tranche of the government's active travel funding. The new guidance is very prescriptive and it would seem that the criteria are very much more favourable to urban rather than rural locations. I have though written to officers since their publication suggesting that there may still be a proposal for Dry Drayton that would qualify.

Meanwhile the ultimate solution for restricting the volume of traffic through Dry Drayton is I believe progressing. Following initial discussions with government colleagues, our MP, Anthony Browne has now written making the case for an upgrade to the Girton Interchange to be discussed further.

Over the last month, concerns about the requirement for the mandatory wearing of face coverings on public transport have been raised with me. One resident complained that passengers on a Citi 5 service were not challenged for not wearing a face covering and was disappointed when Stagecoach responded that drivers advise passengers they should be wearing a mask but don't enforce this requirement. He was also told that they only refuse travel to frequent abusers of the rule. Another passenger complained that he was questioned about not wearing a mask and was disappointed that his sunflower lanyard was not automatically recognised as proof of his exemption. Although the government has said that the wearing of face coverings is mandatory, the only people with the authority to enforce it are the police. I'm sure we're all aware that bus drivers are often subject to abuse without the additional challenge of this new rule. Stagecoach has a duty of care to its drivers and so, quite rightly, will not insist that they attempt to enforce it in any way. Someone not wearing a face covering may have a valid exemption and other passengers won't necessarily know that this has been shown to the driver. The list of exemptions set by the government is very specific and a public health officer is now checking it against those covered by the universal sunflower lanyard and is asking bus operators to ensure their drivers are aware of the lanyard. The same officer is also meeting with the police and operators to establish what police resource can be diverted to do spot checks. All organisations involved will also review their communications to ensure that they are sufficiently clear on the subject of face coverings.

Since 24 July 2020 it has also become mandatory to wear a face covering in shops, etc. On a recent essential trip to the Grand Arcade in Cambridge I observed everyone wearing a face covering or visor. I have to say though that I found it extremely hot to wear a face covering for so long [about an hour] and was glad to get back into my car, take it off, switch the air con on and go home. Like so many people I have got used to shopping almost exclusively on line and, sadly for retailers, I think that many of us will continue to do so, despite the reopening of shops. The experience also reminded me of those who have no choice but to wear masks for long periods whilst at work, particularly in health and care and to whom we owe an enormous debt of gratitude.

Education

Schools are being invited to join a safety improvement scheme to boost walking and cycling. This new initiative is aimed at creating a safe space outside the school gates that will help to encourage pupils to engage in active forms of travel. The County Council has written to all schools in the county inviting them to take part in the "Schools' Streets" scheme.

Closure of a road outside the entrance enables it to become a pedestrian/cycle/scoot zone at school opening and closing times. The Council would support such schemes through a temporary traffic regulation order for up to 18 months. Once a school street is in place, cones and signs will be placed across the road to prevent vehicles accessing the area during drop-off and pick-up periods. The closure will need to be put up and taken down on a daily basis and will not apply at weekends or during school holidays. Access will be maintained for emergency vehicles. Schools will need to find volunteers to run the scheme and the Council will provide full training and the necessary resources, free of charge. The idea is that the scheme will be owned and operated by the school community with support from the Council.

Libraries

The work to transform the library service continues as the Council works to build on innovation developed through the Covid-19 pandemic. As part of a phased approach to re-opening, nine libraries opened on 04 July 2020 offering a new 'Select & Collect' service - Bar Hill is one. This allows for books to be selected in advance and collected at a pre-booked time. To address digital exclusion libraries will begin to offer public access to IT services based on 45 minute pre-booked appointments. In line with government guidance on Covid safety, devices will be cleaned between each user session.

Regrettably mobile library services cannot yet recommence due to the problem of social distancing in such a confined space. Archives will start to reopen during July on an appointments only basis and with pre-booking of documents to ensure safety and minimise risk. A report considered by members of the Communities & Partnerships committee in July confirmed a massive additional take-up of digital library services since the start of lock down with resources issued more than tripling to 40,000 a month.

To support the shielded community a new website called 'Open New Doors' has been designed and delivered in partnership with Cambridgeshire Skills, Peterborough City College and a company called Civic with whom the Council has a pre-existing relationship. The website offers a variety of activities, experiences and learning opportunities. An expanded Libraries at Home service has also been delivering books to the doorsteps of the most vulnerable. The experience gained during the pandemic and the tremendous uptake of the on-line offer has encouraged the Library service to develop a business case for a bus-sized vehicle to take technology and assets into more isolated communities, giving them more access to services, support and opportunities that have hitherto only been available in library buildings.

You can register for the County Council's on line services at: https://bit.ly/2WmhWsR This includes the option to order a book through the Select & Collect [S&C] system. S&C access is also available by phone on: 0345 045 5225.

Health

The following is a summary of the Covid-19 data for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough [C&P] as of 23 July 2020 prepared by the C&P Public Health Intelligence Team:

Confirmed Covid-19 cases – overall and in care homes

- 67 new lab-confirmed Covid-19 cases were detected in Cambridgeshire (31) and Peterborough (36) in the latest reporting period, 13 19 July (as at 22 July).
- The cumulative rate of Covid-19 cases per 100,000 population in **Huntingdonshire (501.3)** and **Peterborough (690.9) are statistically significantly higher** than the national rate (455.6) (data at 22 July).
- One care home outbreak in South Cambridgeshire was reported in the last reporting period.
- The 7 day rolling average of confirmed cases for Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, and each of the Cambridgeshire districts, shows a declining trend overall in Covid-19 cases. However, confirmed cases have increased in East Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire in the last reporting week, giving an overall increase for Cambridgeshire.

Whilst the overall figures for South Cambridgeshire have been consistently lower than both those for the county and nationally, we should all still be observing the basics. This remains one of the most important things we can do:



I look forward to seeing you all at your meeting tomorrow when I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Take care. Stay safe.

Lynda

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Report from District Councillor Douglas de Lacey

This has been a very quiet month, though with a number of briefings on various developments from the Huawei planning application to the proposed plan for the site currently dominated by Cambridge Water's treatment plant in Milton. Huawei's application had to be assessed in accordance with the law irrespective of who put in the application, so it was deemed to be entirely acceptable. It will be a great consumer of water but we could not take that into account; however we are looking at ways of addressing water supply issues as the Local Plan progresses.

The Milton site was one issue addressed by Cabinet on 29 June. I noted my concerns last month in commenting on Scrutiny's assessment of the plans: that more attention needs to be given to electric bikes and scooters on the one hand and mobility scooters on the other. I tried to refine this for Cabinet by noting the very great difference between leisure cycling and commuting by bike, and the Leader agreed this needs more thought. When we get to the Local Plan I hope we can put down clear guidelines here.

As I have mentioned before, the Joint Development Control Committee is to be wound up because County has decided to leave. The City and ourselves will form a new Committee, and there was an extraordinary meeting of Civic Affairs to assess the new Terms of Reference. The initial idea was to form a new and slimmed-down 'Greater Cambridge Joint Planning Committee', with a membership of just 3 from each Authority. However, before our meeting both Councils had had a re-think, and it is now to be called the JDCC as before, and to have 6 members from each. For us this means 4 Liberal Democrats and 2 Tories. I have been very honoured in that the Liberal Democrats have actually asked me to take one of their seats, with the possibility if not the likelihood of being re-elected to the chair. It is hugely tempting, but my present domestic situation means I shall have to decline.

It doesn't happen often, but I recently received an anonymous complaint. May I remind you that I can pay no attention to anonymous correspondence. I shall of course preserve privacy but I must have contact details before I can act.

District Councillor's Report - Cllr Tom Bygott - 28th Jul 2020

Girton Interchange

I have been working with our MP, Anthony Browne, on bringing forward a project to add additional slip roads at the Girton Interchange in order to reduce traffic through the village. The map below is one produced by Highways England in 2015 showing some additional proposed slip roads. This would enable cars from the A428 to turn north onto the A14 without driving through either Dry Drayton or Madingley. It would also allow cars from Oakington to turn south onto the M11, and may reduce through traffic along Oakington Rd and Scotland Rd.

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme

Development Consent Order Application Response to the First Written Questions (Report 5, Design and Engineering Standards)

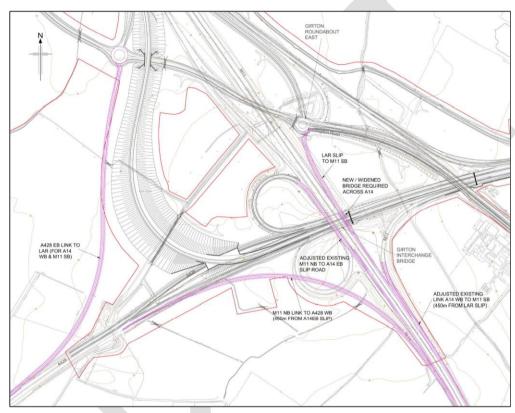


Figure 1.3: Possible future layout at Girton Interchange to provide additional vehicular movements (future works required indicated in pink)

Would Dry Drayton Parish Council be happy to support the changes outlined in this map?

Natural Cambridgeshire Survey

Natural Cambridgeshire is running a survey to find out the role of nature in supporting people through lockdown and how people's attitudes to nature and green open space have been affected by lockdown.

The survey can be found at: https://naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk/news/valuing-nature-and-open-space-survey/

One of the questions in the survey is how easy it is to access the countryside and natural areas from each house. Hopefully most people in the village should find access easy, but I am always happy to hear ideas on how things can be improved.

Coronavirus update

More than four months have now passed since the UK was put into lockdown on March 23rd. Sadly there have been, up to July 8th, 43 deaths in South Cambridgeshire – a rate of 270 per million inhabitants. Although less than half of the UK average, if South Cambs District were an independent country, it would have the nineteenth highest death rate, at nearly four times the world average. Despite this, the virus is only 8.8% of the way through what would have been its natural progression in the UK had there not been a lockdown. So, it is worth remembering that until there is a vaccine, we are still vulnerable to further waves of infection.

Our economic recovery will come from finding technological solutions to resuming operations with fewer staff or customers in a given physical space, rather than waiting for a resumption of the way things used to be. As one of the world's great technology centres, it is local people who should be thinking of what these technologies should be.

Swavesey Memorial Garden

A Memorial Garden to serve as a tranquil hub for the community to meet and remember its wartime fallen has been created in Swavesey, thanks to the support of the Parish and District Councils and other partners.

The £8,500 project has transformed a neglected piece of land next to the Memorial Hall into a public retreat featuring a refurbished BT phone box as a central information hub. Equipped with solar-powered lighting and a leaflet dispenser it houses details of the many clubs, societies and events that take place in the hall and wider community – and will reopen after lockdown.

Central to the garden are two specially-designed memorial benches donated by Swavesey Parish Council and the Royal British Legion's Swavesey Branch, one depicting soldiers going over the top and the other doves carrying olive branches as symbols of peace. Both are adorned with striking red poppies and sit next to paying in the shape of the cross of St George.

More information can be found at: www.swavesey.org.uk/swavesey-memorial-garden/

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