

Kingston Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held at 8.00pm on 8 May 2018

James Clear, Chair (JCI)
Julie Conder (JCo)
Miki Ellar (ME)
Sue Dalglish (SD)
Peter Stokes, Clerk
Lina Joseph (CCC)
Tumi Hawkins (SCDC)

1. Apologies

1.1. Katherine Reid

2. Minutes of last meeting

2.1. Accepted

3. Co-option of Parish Councillors

3.1. It was agreed that Sue Dalglish and Katherine Reid would be co-opted onto the parish council to fill the remaining vacancies.

4. Matters Arising

4.1. **4.2 Possible planning infringement at Kingston Barns:** the Clerk has contacted SCDC Planning Dept who have made a site visit and concluded that, since planting does not constitute development, there was no issue. However on further discussion it was realised that the correspondence had not made clear that the concern centred on the 'agricultural land' status of the area, also there has been further hard landscaping in the area. Clerk to contact the Planning Department again to clarify and add to KPC concerns. **Action: Clerk.**

4.2. **10.6 moving litter bin at playground:** this has been moved to a less vulnerable spot where it will hopefully be less exposed to damage from reversing vehicles.

4.3. **Updating sign at playground:** not yet done. **Action Clerk.**

5. Correspondence

5.1. None

6. County Councillor's report

6.1. No report

7. County Councillor's Liaison Meeting report

7.1. No meeting, no report

8. District Councillor's report

8.1. See Appendix A

9. Open Spaces report

9.1. No report

10. Faster Broadband for Kingston report

10.1. All Kingston residents within the village are now believed to be able to access fibre broadband.

11. Clerk's report

11.1. **Bi-monthly report:** previously circulated, see Appendix B.

11.2. Invoices for payment:

- 11.2.1. CCC, footpath lighting energy £194.34 – agreed for payment
- 11.2.2. Buchan's Landscapes, grass cutting March, £471.48 – agreed for payment
- 11.2.3. Buchan's Landscapes, grass cutting April £471.48 – agreed for payment
- 11.2.4. CAPALC, GDPR Workshop, £35.00 – agreed for payment
- 11.2.5. CAPALC, membership renewal, £147.46 – agreed for payment
- 11.2.6. SCDC, Lease of allotments £30.00 – agreed for payment
- 11.2.7. Peter Stokes, Clerk's expenses for Sep 17 – Mar 18, £45.27 – agreed for payment
- 11.2.8. PWLB, loan repayment instalment, £643.79 (Direct Debit)

11.3. General Data Protection Regulations – update

- 11.3.1. The Clerk attended a workshop on the new regulations run by CAPALC at Cambourne on 16 March.
 - 11.3.2. The Clerk has conducted an audit of personal data held by KPC and after deleting data which does not need to be kept, has found that personal data is limited to contact details of a number of residents. He has contacted all individuals whose data is held to ask them to confirm that they consent to their data being held. The data of any person who does not respond by 25 March (the date the new regulations become effective) or requests that their details are not held, will be deleted.
 - 11.3.3. Whilst there is still a lack of clarity concerning whether or not a Parish Clerk can hold the office of Data Protection Officer, CAPALC has advised that it is offering a county-wide DPO service which smaller parish councils can join at £25.00 pa. Agreed to join this scheme. **Action: Clerk.**
- 11.4. **The Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on 17 May. The Clerk has invited the usual participants. Some reports have been received. Wine will be served at the beginning as for previous meetings.

12. Planning

- 12.1. **S/0995/18/FL installation of underground gas tank** at Town Farm barns, Tinker's Lane. (Note that in recent planning applications these barns have been referred to as 'Kingston Barns', risking confusion with the barns of the same name in Bourn Road.) The Clerk has already responded 'support' using delegated powers. This decision was confirmed.

13. Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting 17 May, Parish Council meeting 10 July.

Meeting ended at 21:00

Signed.....

Date.....

South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caldecote Ward Councillor's Monthly Report – May 2018

Caldecote Ward comprises the Parishes of Caldecote, Childerley, Kingston, Bourn,
Longstowe & Little Gransden

This report is for all the Ward, so please be aware that some of the content may not be relevant to
your particular Parish.

1. Election Update

I am back as District Councillor for the enlarged Caldecote Ward. Turn out was 45.49% which is considered good for a local election.

History was made as the LibDem group now have control of South Cambridgeshire District Council for the first time in the history of the Council created in 1973. It has been run by the Conservatives since 1992. The two thirds majority of the last year was overturned by a two thirds LibDem majority this year, having won 30 of the 45 seats (reduced from 57). Independents have 2 and Labour have 2 councillors.

The handover will be formalised at the next Full council meeting on Wednesday 23rd May 2018.

A big thank you to all who took the time to vote, and for giving us a chance to make the change that residents of this district so emphatically indicated they want to see. #WindsofChange. We will be #PuttingtheHeartbackintoPolitics in this region.

Check out this FB blog post <http://bit.ly/Election2018Result>

2. Planning

Draft Local Development Plan Update

Or the lack thereof, as the case may be. The Council received 950 responses for its recently concluded consultation on the Main Modifications, and registered them all. These can be viewed at www.scambsgov.uk/mainmods. There's also a summary of the representations (but read them for yourself-I don't trust summaries).

The responses have been submitted to the Inspectors carrying out the examination, to consider the comments received, and take a view on if further hearings are needed. I have asked that the modifications for Bourn Airfield be heard publicly so we can elaborate on our concerns. So, once again we wait and wait ... as we have been for going on 4 years now!!!

Bourn Airfield and Countryside Exhibitions

I attended the exhibition at the Airfield itself on Saturday 10th March. I did not succumb to the sweet treats on offer!

In all, nothing new, I started off with one staff person talking me through their plans, and within 10 mins, got 4 of them round that map on the table explaining various bits and trying to answer my questions. I took them to task about the section right at the top of Highfields Caldecote where they plan to put a hotel, houses and a wetland park, reminding them it is not part of the allocation in the local plan. Yes they admit it is not, but they kept saying its up the council, it's what they would be applying for etc.

Good to see lots of folks from surrounding villages, giving them a good grilling too.

Designation

The Council is still at risk of losing our status as a planning authority because we are judged to be so poor at making correct planning decisions. We are one of 14 authorities in this position. It is now up to government whether they decide to remove our status and take over our planning role. If this happens then the council also loses the revenue from planning applications even though they still have to do all the work.

Referrals to Planning Committee

Many parish councils and councillors have been frustrated in the past 2 years by regular refusals of requests for planning applications to be decided by the planning committee at South Cambs. We have now learned that there is no log of local member requests and so only anecdotal evidence that local members' requests are routinely denied. I know mine have. We are interested in how many requests from parish councils have been denied.

The Council are now saying to us that once a 5 year housing land supply is secured that there will be more opportunities for applications other than the large unplanned speculative ones to be heard by the committee. We wait in hope. In the meantime, some irreparable damage has been done!!

We are also told that there will be a review of the scheme of delegation for the new combined planning service after April when the councils will look again at the types of applications which can be decided by officer delegated powers. Parish Councils will be involved in this review (allegedly).

3. NPPF Consultation

The Government's Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government launched a consultation on 5th March 2018 on its revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the reform of developer contributions.

The [Revised National Planning Policy Framework](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-revised-national-planning-policy-framework) implements around 80 reforms previously announced. The government is now asking us to give our views on the wording of those reforms. Not that I expect they will take heed, but we still ought to provide our views. The link is at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-revised-national-planning-policy-framework>

The government is also asking our views on a series of reforms to the existing system of [developer contributions](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/supporting-housing-delivery-through-developer-contributions). See the link at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/supporting-housing-delivery-through-developer-contributions>

The **Consultation Deadline** for comments on both consultations is **11.45pm on 10 May 2018**.

4. Best Rural Places to live in 2018

Halifax has revealed it's the results of its latest annual survey of the UK places with best rural quality of life. South Cambridgeshire has in the past been in top 20 (usually top 10), but we seem to have dropped in rankings. Yes, we are now No 21. Oh dear.

The winning formula for quality of life in the countryside seems to consistently include high employment levels and top scores on wellbeing, along with low school class sizes and high average spend per pupil – more than twice the national average.

The Times index however did put Bourn and Chesterton-Cambridge as the third and fifth "places" to live in the East of UK. So, some consolation there.

5. Broadband Services

It's perhaps no surprise that a report by Rural England and Scotland's Rural College concluded recently that slow broadband and a lack of digital skills are preventing billions of pounds being added to the economy in rural areas.

I continue to act as Broadband champion for the communities that I serve, and will continue to assist in getting everyone who wants to, connected to the superfast broadband highway.

Anyone having challenges getting connected should email me directly. I have a rolling list that I continue to add to and liaise directly with Openreach, the network provider in our area, to get resolutions. But first, if you are using a third party supplier other than BT, and being told superfast broadband is not available in the village, please check first with BT's checker – if BT can supply you, then your address is showing on the network, and it's available. It's just your supplier that is behind the times! Show them the checker result, and ask them to buy the service from BT!!

Caldecote Pavilion

The list also includes the Caldecote Pavilion. Openreach now confirms that the Pavilion is connected on the network and BT is showing that it can provide the service. The Parish council can now decide which service package will be suitable for the variety of potential users of the Pavilion, and place the order. Watch this space

6. Environmental Services – New Service Fees for 2018/19

The council provides quite a number of services under this umbrella, including licensing street traders, to food establishments, private hire vehicles & hackney carriage, local land searches, bulk trade waste disposal etc. etc. It has recently reviewed and in some cases increased those charges. A full list can be found on the council website at <http://bit.ly/EnvHealthFees>

7. Shared Services

A number of services that the Council provides are now shared with neighbouring local authorities. The stated aim being to make the services robust, save money and generate more income. One authority will be the lead responsible for delivery of service and the staff.

Waste Service – Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire (SCDC)

ICT – Cambridge City, Huntingdonshire, SCDC

Building Control – Cambridge City, Huntingdonshire, SCDC

Legal Services - Cambridge City, Huntingdonshire, SCDC

Internal Audit - Cambridge City, SCDC

Planning - Cambridge City, SCDC

All have gone live, with Planning being the last one on 1st April 2018. Some have noticed service changes, not always positive. For example the Shared Waste service had serious problems which over time have been largely resolved.

Residents should report to the Council if they encounter difficulties with any of these services that are provided direct to the public, e.g building control and planning. The latest report for the Planning Shared service is at <http://bit.ly/3CS-Planning> and makes interesting reading.

8. Community Chest grants

These grants for up to £1000 are still available for voluntary, community groups and parish councils to apply for. I recently received notification from a local group of their application, which I am pleased to support.

For more information or to make an application, contact Liz Davy on 01954 713111 or on elizabeth.davy@scambs.gov.uk. If you do apply, please let me know so that I can support the application.

9. Fraud Alert

We continue to receive reports of incidents where fraudsters are phoning people pretending to be police officers, Microsoft, the telephone preference service or bank staff. They will try to convince their victim to give their bank details or withdraw large amounts of cash. This is a scam!

The police, banks and building societies will never ask you to do this. If you ever have doubts about someone phoning you, please hang up, wait at least 5 minutes to ensure the line has been terminated and call the company back on an official number (check your bank card or a statement), never call the number the fraudster gives you. Further advice can be found at www.actionfraud.police.uk. To report fraud - call 999 if it is happening now, or 101 if it's already happened.

10. Dog Bins for Toft

Progress has been made on this one!! I have facilitated a meeting between the responsible South Cambs officer and the Toft parish councillor-in-charge, to discuss the requirements and what can be done/achieved. This matter has been resolved satisfactorily.

11. Casework/Councillor Drop-in surgery

Please do feel free to contact me with comments, questions, problems, reports, suggestions or complaints to do with SCDC services. If you are having any issues with housing, housing repairs, planning, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health etc, don't fight it on your own, I am available to help you to get the best outcome possible for your situation.

I hope to resume drop-in surgeries once the new municipal year settles down. In the meantime, my contact details are still the same as below.

Tumi

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7-May-2018

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Appendix B

Financial report 06 May 2018

N.B. All figures exclude VAT

Item	Budget 2018/19 £	Expenditure YTD £	Budget minus expenditure YTD £	
Grass and Hedge cutting	2115	-60	2175	
Insurance	438	0	438	
Clerk's salary	1212	101	1111	
Grants (section 137)	682	0	682	
Village Hall upgrade	7010	644	6366	
Audit fees	44	0	44	
Village asset maintenance	600	0	600	
Subscriptions	346	0	346	
Parish Magazine	504	0	504	
Footpath lighting	171	0	171	
Miscellaneous and expenses	1342	35	1307	
Income other than precept	-130	0	-130	
Total	11963	720		

Bank balances	Current account:	4844
	Deposit account:	19028
S106 money (included in above)	'Open space'	5721
	'Community facility'	945