

Kingston Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held at 8.00pm on 12 November 2019

James Clear, Chair (JCI)
Katherine Reid (KR)
Sue Dalglish (SD)
Peter Stokes, Clerk
Lina Nieto (CCC)
Tumi Hawkins (SCDC)

1. Apologies

1.1. Miki Ellar

2. Minutes of last meetings

2.1. Parish Council meeting 10 September 2019: minutes accepted.

2.2. Extraordinary meeting 22 October 2019: minutes accepted.

3. County Councillor's report

3.1. A letter has been received from a resident who has a mobility scooter, and has complained that the state of the road surface in Crane's Lane makes it difficult to use there. She requested that the road be resurfaced. Lina Nieto undertook to bring the matter to the attention of the Highways Department, adding that it would probably be too late for the current financial year, but that she would press for the work to be included in next year's budget. Clerk to forward copy of correspondence.

3.2. See Appendix A for full report.

Lina Nieto then left the meeting.

4. District Councillor's report

4.1. Grants are available of up to £1,000 from the Community Chest fund for projects which benefit the community. Closing date is in March 2020. Agreed that the Clerk would inform the Village Hall Committee, in case they wish to consider applying for a grant to fund the proposed changes to the furnishings of the small hall (see minute 8.4.2).

4.2. See Appendix B for full report.

5. Matters Arising

5.1. 3.11 Emergency Plan: response from SCDC still awaited.

5.2. 4.1 Speeding vehicles – The Resident who has been offered the loan of the speed measuring device has indicated willingness to borrow and use it. Arrangements to be made for brief training and hand-over.

5.3. 6.1 Zero Carbon Communities Grant: applications closed on 31 October 2019. No further action.

6. Correspondence

6.1. Letter from SCDC re parish precepts for 2020/21. Budget and precept will be set as usual at the January meeting.

6.2. A resident has emailed expressing unhappiness with the surface treatment applied to Porter's Way. Agreed that the Rights of Way Team at CCC would be approached to find out more information. *[Note: since the meeting, the Clerk has found an email from*

the ROW Team in February 2019 about this surface treatment, which largely explains their modus operandii, and has replied to the resident.]

- 6.3. Email from Cambridge Climate Emergency: agreed that Kingston is too small to support climate change activity, but a reply would be sent indicating interest and asking to be kept informed.
- 6.4. Email re support for Woodland Trust tree-planting initiative: it was agreed to put an item in the December magazine encouraging residents to support this initiative. It was agreed that Peter Reynolds would be approached for some material to include on 'how to plant a tree', using naturally-found saplings or cuttings.
- 6.5. Email from resident re condition of Crane's Lane: the resident uses a mobility scooter and finds the potholes etc in Crane's Lane hazardous to navigate. Lina Nieto agreed to approach the Highways Department to request that Crane's Lane is re-surfaced in view of its multiple potholes and patches. Action: Lina Nieto.
- 6.6. Email re Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership: this organisation has launched an on-line 'training course' to raise awareness of the scourge of scams, which often target elderly people who are lonely, isolated, vulnerable etc and more easily entrapped. Their campaign is particularly aimed at relatives, friends and neighbours of potential victims, highlighting the signs to look out for which might indicate that a vulnerable person is being targeted. Agreed to put an article in the magazine.
- 6.7. Email from CCC regarding Operation London Bridge: no action.
- 6.8. Email from police re speeding survey: no action
- 6.9. Email from SCDC re upgrade of footway lights to LED: noted.

7. Open Spaces report

- 7.1. No report

8. Clerk's report

- 8.1. Bi-monthly report (previously circulated). See Appendix C.
- 8.2. Invoices for payment:
 - 8.2.1. None
- 8.3. Footway Lighting energy changeover: we have now completed the changeover and our new supplier is Opus Energy. Changeover date is 1 November 2019.
- 8.4. S106 Funds:
 - 8.4.1. KPC still has £945 of S106 money in respect of the developments at Tinker's Lane and Kingston Wood. The time limit for spending this money is 10 years, so the majority of it must be spent on a suitable 'Community Facility' project by 24 September 2024.
 - 8.4.2. The Village Hall committee is in the early stages of considering a project to furnish the small hall with a carpet, easy chairs, low tables and a lowered false ceiling, to give it a different and more comfortable ambiance to the large hall.
 - 8.4.3. It was agreed that in principle KPC was willing to pay a grant to the village hall management committee of the remaining S106 funds to be spent on a suitable village hall improvement project such as this.
- 8.5. Playground area of uncut grass: the area grass which has been left uncut at the playground has become very overgrown and dense, making it difficult if not impossible for children to play in it. Following an earlier inspection by councillors and discussion at the meeting, it was agreed to cut a winding path through the area, with a small clearing or 'den'. Work to be carried out by James Clear and Peter Stokes in early 2020.

9. Planning

- 9.1. S/2782/19/FL Storage building and carport at Greenacres, Old Wimpole Road: this has been granted by SCDC.
- 9.2. S3691/19/TP Walnut Cottage, Church Lane: an application has been made to carry out work on a Walnut tree. KPC has no objections.
- 9.3. S/3512/19/TC Southcote, Church Lane: an application has been made to carry out work on 5 Leylandii trees. KPC has no objections.
- 9.4. S/3250/19/TC The Barn, Paynes Farm, Field Road: an application has been made to carry out work on 3 Norway Spruce trees. KPC has no objections.
- 9.5. S/3207/19/PN Prior Notification for an agricultural building at Armshold Farm, Tinkers Lane: SCDC has determined that planning permission is not required.

10. Date of next meeting: 14 January 2020

Meeting ended at 21:20

Signed.....

Date.....



Lina Nieto
Cambridgeshire County Councillor
Hardwick Division

November Report 2019

Dear all,

This last month I have been going out with the parliamentary conservative candidate for South Cambridge, Anthony Browne and have been introducing him to residents across my division. I really love going out and talking to people. Making sure their community is what they want it to be. I took the opportunity to report any road maintenance issues when walking around your villages. We are very lucky to have a very efficient local highways officer, Simeon. Footpaths in disrepair or potholes by the road are not acceptable and I make sure they get done as quickly as possible.

In the past few months I have been asking all my parishes to provide me with a list of footpaths and roads that they believe should be done. I want to make sure that parish councils have a stronger voice at County and that they can guide officers on what they think is a priority. I just wanted to update you and Josh has confirmed that next year's works list will be looked at next year. I will put pressure on officers to incorporate your options and make sure they get done.

Planning, although, not a county responsibility per se, has kept me busy this last month. Unfortunately, we are starting to see developers applying to build on the Green Belt. They are also saying that officers in South Cambridgeshire District Council are advising them to apply. This is very disappointing. It is my view that we must do everything we can do avoid losing our precious green belt. This is about the environment, health, air pollution and quality of life. Farm land should be lost to build forests not houses. Our district has one of the lowest number of trees in the country.

Comberton Parish Council rejected one application on the green belt. Residents were up in arms. Let's just hope that the district will listen. I voiced my concerns at the meeting and fully supported the Parish Council.

In Hardwick developers want to change the land use of the green belt in order to build 400 houses. Over 50 residents attended a parish meeting and showed their concerns and disagreement with this. I made sure that the developers knew that I was going to do everything I could to protect the Green Belt and since then have been working with local residents.

Residents have also started a Climate Change action group. I was honoured to be able to join them and will be working very closely with them to see what action their community can take to help tackle Climate Change and improve the environment.

I have also been campaigning with local residents regarding the latest GCP proposal for Hardwick regarding the Cambourne to Cambridge bus way. There was media about it and more initiatives on the pipeline. I believe officers must be more creative and challenge the: we have always done it this way. Losing 30 year old trees is completely unacceptable and they should try to keep as many of them as possible. I will continue to work closely with the local community and lobby on their behalf.

Grantchester has seen their traffic measures put in place. There was a delay because of change of contractors. I have been working closely with the parish and officers to make sure no further delay happened. I hope residents and the community feel more secure due to these measures.

In Coton, the fight continues to get a segregated bus route but on the road. I have been liaising with officers, Ian Bates- chairman for the Economy and Environment committee, Anthony Browne, James



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Palmer and local residents. I continue to work behind the scenes to avoid getting the green belt trashed by tarmac. I know that Anthony is supportive of this too. The GCP are utterly a fiasco and should cease as an organisation.

Caldecote has seen another planning application being approved. An application outside the local plan and that residents didn't want. I understand that we need houses, however, it should not be at any cost and even less when there is not the right infrastructure in place. There is no GP, no supermarket, school is packed. This is very frustrating for residents.

I continue to investigate and discuss with developers the adoption of a road in Caldecote. I am having a meeting this month to see how we move this forward.

Madingley has been applying to close their Avenue. One of the roads that links to the A14. There had been many reports regarding HGVs, rat running and unwelcomed traffic. I have been supportive of this initiative from the beginning. However, after an initial assessment more work needs to be done in order to proceed with the closure. I will be keeping a close eye on officers work.

I know that rat running and HGVs is an issue for all my parishes and I know that James Palmer has been in discussions with GPS providers. Once I have an update I will share it with you.

Weight restrictions can be applied to roads. If this is something of your interest, please do let me know and I can work with you and officers to understand how this measure can be implemented in your village.

Toft brought to my attention the latest article re: guidelines for cutting grass verges. This is part of the remit of the Highway committee. I had a discussion with the Chairman and he reassured me that our policy will be align to the national recommendation. Not only we are looking at how we cut the grass but also the type of chemicals we use.

You might already know that we are in a water stressed area. I have been raising the issue of smart meters with Cambridge Water and Anglian Water. It is imperative that water companies invest in technology. They are a bit behind the energy sector and must catch up as quickly as they can. They told me that they are trialling smart meters in some areas and hopefully roll out as from next year.

As I invited James Palmer to have a small session with all my parishes a few months ago. I intend to do the same with Jason Ablewhite, the Police and Crime Commissioner so that you can raise any concerns you might have or simply to learn more about current projects and schemes. Once I have a date confirmed I will share it with you.

Just to mention that community groups ask me for letters of support when they are applying for grants and sponsorship. I did one for a Hardwick resident last week and another letter I am working on this week is for the Countryside Restoration Trust. I am happy to support local community groups that are trying to get projects of the ground. Please do pass on my details.

Finally, a part from supporting each parish council in my division, I get contacted by residents. For example, if they are moving to the area and their child requires a school placement or if they are going through challenging times because of death, illness or any other circumstance. I support them as well and as best as I can. If you know of someone that is struggling or could do with extra help please do share my details with them too.



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Please share and considering fostering: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/fostering-and-adoption/>

Local Natural Partnership Board

As you may already know I represent the Council in this outside body. You have over 10 organisations represented and it's always active, trying to push the natural agenda forward and upwards. Recently we have been able to launch a new website, please take a look at it. This is a very exciting milestone. www.naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk

Events

All events can also be found on our webpage at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/highway-events/>

Funding portal

Please do share this link with community groups that wish to find funding pots.
<http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/supportcamb>

Highways

A reminder that you can report road maintenance issues here:
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

Hedges

If you have an issue with hedges then they would be advised to log their complaint on our website
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

Roadworks

I had calls from residents regarding roadworks. If you would like to know what is happening in your area you can check in this website. www.roadworks.org

Just to remind you that the public is very welcome to attend committee meetings and Full Council. You can find all the details [here](#).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Lina

Representing the villages of: Harlton, Barton, Great and Little Eversden, Caldecote, Kingston, Madingley, Hardwick, Coton, Grantchester and Comberton.

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South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caldecote Ward

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

Councillor's Monthly Report – November 2019

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 General Election

What a difference a month makes. As I write this, we are about to enter a 5-week pre-election period. Who would have thought we'd be facing a general election at this time of the year. If you have recently moved house or new to the area, or just turned 18 and wish to vote, then you can still get on the electoral register. Go to the South Cambs website at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/elections/register-to-vote/>.

If you may be travelling at the time or not in your usual place of residence, you can apply for a postal vote here <https://www.scams.gov.uk/elections/voting-by-post-or-proxy/>.

As of 00:00 hrs on Wednesday 6th November, local and central government enter a period called "purdah". It finishes on election day 12th December. During this time, there are restrictions on how councils and in particular councillors communicate. Some meetings have therefore been postponed till after the elections. See more here <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/purdah>

1.1 Greater Cambridge Planning Service (GCPS)

Some good news. The service is now up to date with registering planning applications. This means now all applications coming forward can be registered quickly.

The ongoing recruitment drive is yielding fruit and we are continuing to fill the vacancies. It is especially important for the more senior positions as the service settles down after the re-organisation.

The Conservatives are continuing their game of politicising every issue imagined or real, as articles in the local press show. It is fair to say they had several years in charge in which they did nothing. The pressure that had been building has now been released and the service is on its way back up.

The co-housing scheme at Marmalade Lane in Orchard Park got another mention, this time in the local government press <https://www.localgov.co.uk/Cambridges-pioneering-cohousing-scheme/48281>. We are now receiving requests from resident groups wanting to build something similar. We have added this as one of the housing strategies in the new joint Housing Strategy with Cambridge City, and is likely to feature in options for the new local plan too.

1.2 Greater Cambridge Local Plan – Issues and Options

Cabinet considered the draft Issues and Options document this week and has given approval for it to be finalised for public consultation. This consultation is now expected to take place from 13th January 2020 to 24th February 2020.

The consultation papers will be available in print but also excitingly in electronic format on a dedicated website. This will make it easy for residents to access the consultation and navigate to sections they are interested in quickly without having to read through tons of words!

Watch out for more information and share this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9p3BZ8oS3M&t=161s>

1.3 Housing Trajectory and 5-Year land supply

The consultation for this closed mid October. Thank you to all who sent in a response. Of the total of 205, 5 were in support, 117 objecting, and 83 were comments. I leave it to readers to guess the category of the 57% objections.

Officers have worked through all of the responses and responded as appropriate. You can find the details at <https://scambsjdi-consult.net/localplan/readdoc.php?docid=264>

The Housing trajectory is “backward looking”, assessing the number of houses actually built against the number projected for the period up to October 2019.

The 5-year land supply is “forward looking” in that it requires all local planning authorities to identify sufficient deliverable sites to deliver a minimum of five years worth of housing against their housing requirement, as set out in their Local Plans. The council’s calculation shows that jointly, Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire have 5.3 years worth of housing land supply.

1.4 Wellcome Genome Campus expansion

The planning committee at an extra-ordinary meeting on 24 October granted permission for Wellcome Genome to expand its Hinxton campus with additional 500sqm of office/research space, up to 1500 homes for those working on the site, improvements to roads, provision of transport and other facilities for education and leisure.

It got approval by a majority vote (8 to 1). This will make the Hinxton site the largest such biotech base in the UK. Understandably, the scheme had its opponents, but the committee was convinced that the benefits far outweighed the harm that it would cause. There are also S106 monies agreed for the local parishes, road improvements and monitoring.

The permission was granted as an exception to the current local plan.

2 Housing –

2.1 More council housing stock

The Council continues to add to its housing stock when it entered into agreement with Hill developers to build Sixty-three affordable homes in Sawston. It I part of a 158-home development in Sawston.

The development will comprise one and two-bedroom apartments and three and four-bedroom houses.

Almost 70 percent of the new homes (44) will be reserved as Affordable Rent, which is kept at below market rates, with a further 19 available through a Shared Ownership scheme. Applications for 31 of the properties will be assessed in relation to people’s ‘local connection’ to the area, with priority given to those people who are from the area and have grown up locally.

2.2 Rough Sleeping Estimate – 21/22 November 2019

Every year, the council asks residents to help with identifying people sleeping rough in the district (not Cambridge city itself). This information is required for the evening of 21 November overnight into 22nd November.

If you see or know of any rough sleeper, please send information to susan.carter@scamb.gov.uk, stating their location, gender, age bracket (if known) and nationality (if known).

3 Business and Finance

3.1 Community Chest Grant

The South Cambs District Council's Community Chest fund is still open and funding increased to £49,070. Community and voluntary groups can currently bid for funds up to £1,000 for use on local projects. This second half of the fund is open for applications till March 2020 – or when the funds run out. Find out how to apply at

<https://www.scamb.gov.uk/community-development/grants/community-chest-grants/>

The scheme made 69 awards in the 2018/19 year totalling £55,626. An average of £806 per successful application. About £550,000 has been provided since the start of the scheme in 2011. Many parishes have still not benefited from the scheme and that includes all the parishes in Caldecote Ward. Some parishes have had 2 or more community chest grants. Come on, there's funding on offer – make the most of it. You can see details about the spending here

<https://scamb.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s113700/Community%20Chest%20spending%202018-2019%20extended.pdf>

The scheme has been extended to allow small parish councils to benefit from it.

3.2 Zero Carbon Community Grant

The Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme closed on 31 October. Thank you to all those who applied. Those applications are now being assessed with a view to announcing the successful applications in January 2020.

In the meantime, I encourage residents to have a look at the Zero Carbon Action Plan 2019-24 that sets out the actions that the council intends to take to reach its goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/climate-and-environment/action-on-climate-change/zero-carbon-action-plan-2019-24/>

3.3 Appointment of Business Champion

The Leader appointed Cllr Peter McDonald as the Council's Business Champion. The role is to promote and support local businesses and economic development in the district. This will enable the Council to have someone focused on helping to achieve the administration's goal of making it easy for people to do/create business in South Cambridgeshire

3.4 Business Booming in South Cambs

The district council estimated it would retain £5.47 million of the business rates it collects for the financial year 2018/19, but, instead has been able to retain £11.89 million. This means business is thriving in the district. We want to make sure that continues to happen.

4 Roads/Transport

Part of the A14 new road is to open a year early. This is the 12 mile bypass of Huntingdon. It is expected that journey times will be reduced by about 20 minutes for those going westwards. It should also help relieve the congestion that is the every day experience of users of that road.

5 Ward Issues

Some of these may already have been covered in the district wide section above.

5.1 Caldecote

Linden Homes planning application for reserved matters S/4919/18/RM was approved at the planning committee meeting of 9th October 2019. Members of the committee debated the application in quite some detail and asked for clarification on a number of points I raised when I spoke against it. I also asked for a deferral to enable us improve on the design. However this request failed, and the final vote was close at 5 for and 5 against. The chairman's casting vote saw it gain approval. My "impolite" reaction has been reported in the media and you can read it for yourself at <https://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/local-news/new-housing-development-coming-south-17064838>

Other comments can be found at <https://www.cambridgeindependent.co.uk/news/controversial-plan-for-66-homes-at-highfields-caldecote-approved-9086016/>

Next stage is to watch out for the Discharge of conditions application, especially for the surface water drainage issue. The committee agreed to my request to consult me and the Parish Council on this. Normally discharges of conditions do not go to public consultation, so an exception is being made in this case.

5.2 Bourn

The issue of noise from the gliders/towing-winch gear at the gliding club has reared its head again. Officers are working with the Gliding Club owners and community on this matter.

6 Casework

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.

If you have time to spare – check out articles on my blog <http://www.TumiHawkins.org.uk>. Whatever I post on there is my view and not LibDem or South Cambs official policy unless I state that it is.

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Tumi Hawkins
6 November 2019

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Appendix C

Financial report 18 Nov 2019

N.B. All figures exclude VAT

Item	Budget 2019/20 £	Expenditure YTD £	Budget minus expenditure YTD £	
Grass and Hedge cutting	2087	2120	-34	
Insurance	402	367	35	
Clerk's salary	1250	770	480	
Grants (section 137)	991	0	991	
Village Hall upgrade	1288	1288	0	
Audit fees	44	43	1	
Village asset maintenance	750	592	159	
Subscriptions	368	163	205	
Parish Magazine	521	0	521	
Footpath lighting	201	210	-10	
Miscellaneous and expenses	1500	889	611	
Income other than precept	-150	-73	-77	
Total	9251	6370		

Bank balances	Current account:	4729
	Deposit account:	13336
S106 money (included in above)	'Open space'	0
	'Community facility'	945