

Kingston Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held at 8.00pm on 13 March 2018

James Clear, Chair (JCI)

Julie Conder (JCo)

Trish Dunlop (TD)

Keith Tan (KT)

Miki Ellar (ME)

Peter Stokes, Clerk

Members of the public: Gwen Owen Robinson, Hartmut Kuhlmann

1. Apologies

1.1. Tumi Hawkins

2. Minutes of last meeting

2.1. Accepted

3. Matters Arising

3.1. 3.1 Kissing gate near Toft: now repaired

3.2. 3.4 Update to bank signatories: completed

3.3. 9.1 Allotment plot no 1: previous tenant has been given notice to quit due to long-term failure to cultivate the plot. The new tenant is James Cole.

4. Correspondence

4.1. Email re renewal of registration as data controller. Agreed to pay by direct debit in future.

4.2. Email from Peter Reynolds enquiring if the owner of Kingston Barns has applied for or received change of use planning permission to establish a garden at Kingston Barns on agricultural land. The Clerk advised that there is no record of a planning application. Agreed to contact SCDC Planning Dept to enquire if planning permission is necessary for this.

4.3. Email from Maj-Lis Atiyah re cutting of hedges on grass track leading to allotments. The Clerk advised that he has agreement from the contractor that these hedges will be cut with other hedges in the contract. Specification has been amended to reflect this.

5. County Councillor's report

5.1. No report

6. County Councillor Liaison Meeting report

6.1. No report

7. District Councillor's report

7.1. See Appendix A attached

8. Open Spaces report

8.1. No report

9. Faster broadband for Kingston report

9.1. JCo advised that there is progress in availability of fibre broadband to the last few residents.

10. Clerk's report

- 10.1. Bi-monthly report: attached, see Appendix B
- 10.2. Invoices for payment: none
- 10.3. Grass-cutting contract: agreement confirmed to renew contract with Buchan's Landscapes for the 2018 season at £2357.40
- 10.4. Parish Council elections: reminder that nomination forms need to be delivered by hand to SCDC offices in Cambourne by 4.00pm on Friday 6 April.
- 10.5. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) update
 - 10.5.1. The Clerk is booked as agreed onto a CAPALC training course on 15 March
 - 10.5.2. It is still not clear whether or not a parish clerk can fill the post of Data Protection Officer.
 - 10.5.3. The Clerk has established a spreadsheet showing what types of data are held by the parish council and for whom it is held. It is anticipated that, due to the small size and absence of complexity in KPC's affairs, data protection activity will be mainly limited to establishing and maintaining a database of data held, and issuing and managing consents and privacy notices.
- 10.6. The litter bin outside the playground is frequently being knocked over by goods vehicles reversing into it as they turn at the top of Crane's Lane. It was agreed that the bin should be re-sited nearer to the hedge so that it is less prone to being damaged. **JCI to action.**
- 10.7. Emergency contacts notice on gate of playground: needs updating. **Clerk to action.**

11. Planning

- 11.1. S/3833/17/LB single story extension and basement at Thatches, Rectory Lane
- 11.2. S/3832/17/FL new studio to replace redundant garage at Thatches, Rectory Lane
- 11.3. S/0810/18/TC tree work at Thatches, Rectory Lane
- 11.4.

12. Date of next meeting: 8 May 2018

Meeting ended at 21:05

Signed.....

Date.....

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

Caldecote Ward comprises the Parishes of Caldecote, Childerley, Kingston and Toft **until May 2018**
From May 2018, the Ward will comprise 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. Planning

Draft Local Development Plan Update

The consultation on the proposed modifications ended on 16th February 2018. I submitted my response and you can find the full text of my submission at <http://tumihawkins.org.uk/south-cambs-main-modifications-submission/>

Bourn Airfield and Countryside Proposed Exhibitions

I received a letter from Countryside Properties the Proposer of BAD, on 27th February 2018 inviting me to the public exhibitions they propose to hold on their “masterplan proposals for the development of a new village at Bourn Airfield”. The letter then went on to extol their virtues as house builders, and to say they have been “refining the masterplan for the village in discussion with officers from the District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council”. It ended by saying they would contact me to arrange a 1-2-1 meeting to discuss the proposals in more details. I mean, which bit of my very public and clearly documented objections to date do they not understand??!!

Exhibition dates are as follows:

Friday 9th March: Cambridge Belfry Hotel Car Park, 12pm to 6pm

Saturday 10th March: Bourn Airfield, access of Broadway, 10am to 2pm.

It would seem nobody is prepared to hire out to them an indoor venue!

2. District Councillor engagement with Parish Councils - Reminder

The new ward boundaries will take effect from 3rd May 2018, resulting in fewer district councillors and larger wards! The Council is trying to make this change go as smoothly as possible and as part of that wish, is consulting with parishes to find out what PCs expect from their ward councillors, and how best to communicate with the ward councillors. Consultation started on 31 January 2018 and ends on 9th March 2018. Please can I urge all parish councils in the ward to respond in writing to Kathrin John, at kathrin.john@scambs.gov.uk

3. Finance & Budget

The Council no longer gets any grant funding from central government so now has to generate its own funding in full. Most of this funding will be coming from its operation of Ermine Street as a private landlord business, New Homes Bonuses, income from other sources such as planning, building control etc.

For the year 2018-19 Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, for collection.

Table 1	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
County Council	833.22	972.09	1,110.96	1,249.83	1,527.57	1,805.31	2,083.05	2,499.66
Police & Crime Commissioner	132.48	154.56	176.64	198.72	242.88	287.04	331.20	397.44
District Council	93.54	109.13	124.72	140.31	171.49	202.67	233.85	280.62
Fire Authority	45.84	53.48	61.12	68.76	84.04	99.32	114.60	137.52
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

If you want to compare these figures with those of last year, the table below shows the figures for the reference property, which is usually Band D.

		£	Change from previous year
District Council	General Expenses	140.31	+3.70%
	Special Expenses for Parish Precepts (average)	87.89	+5.11%
County Council		1,249.83	+4.99%
Police & Crime Commissioner		198.72	+6.40%
Fire Authority		68.76	+2.96%
Combined Authority		0.00	0.00%
Total		1745.51	+4.97%

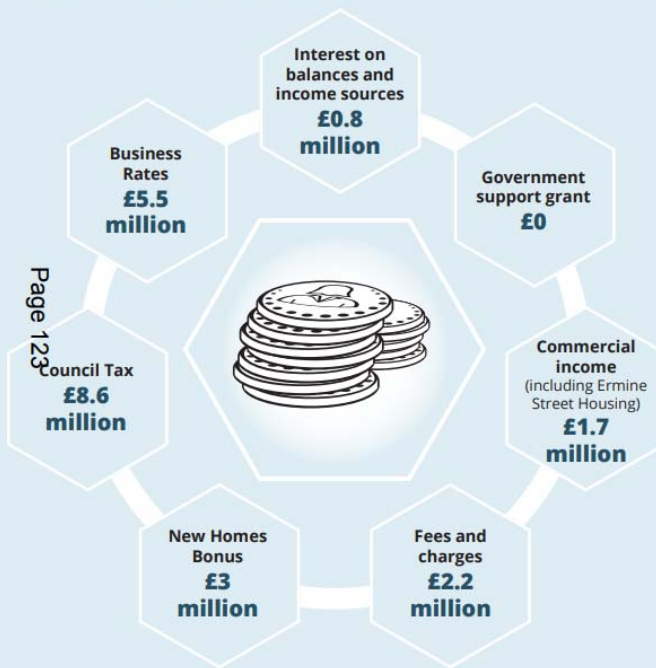
The precepts for the villages in Caldecote Ward are:

	Valuation bands															
	A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H	
	£	p	£	p	£	p	£	p	£	p	£	p	£	p	£	p
Caldecote	66.66		77.77		88.88		99.99		122.21		144.43		166.65		199.98	
Childerley	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Kingston	51.36		59.92		68.48		77.04		94.16		111.28		128.40		154.08	
Toft	39.84		46.48		53.12		59.76		73.04		86.32		99.60		119.52	

The table below shows where the council income comes from, and how it is spent!

Our resources

How we're funded



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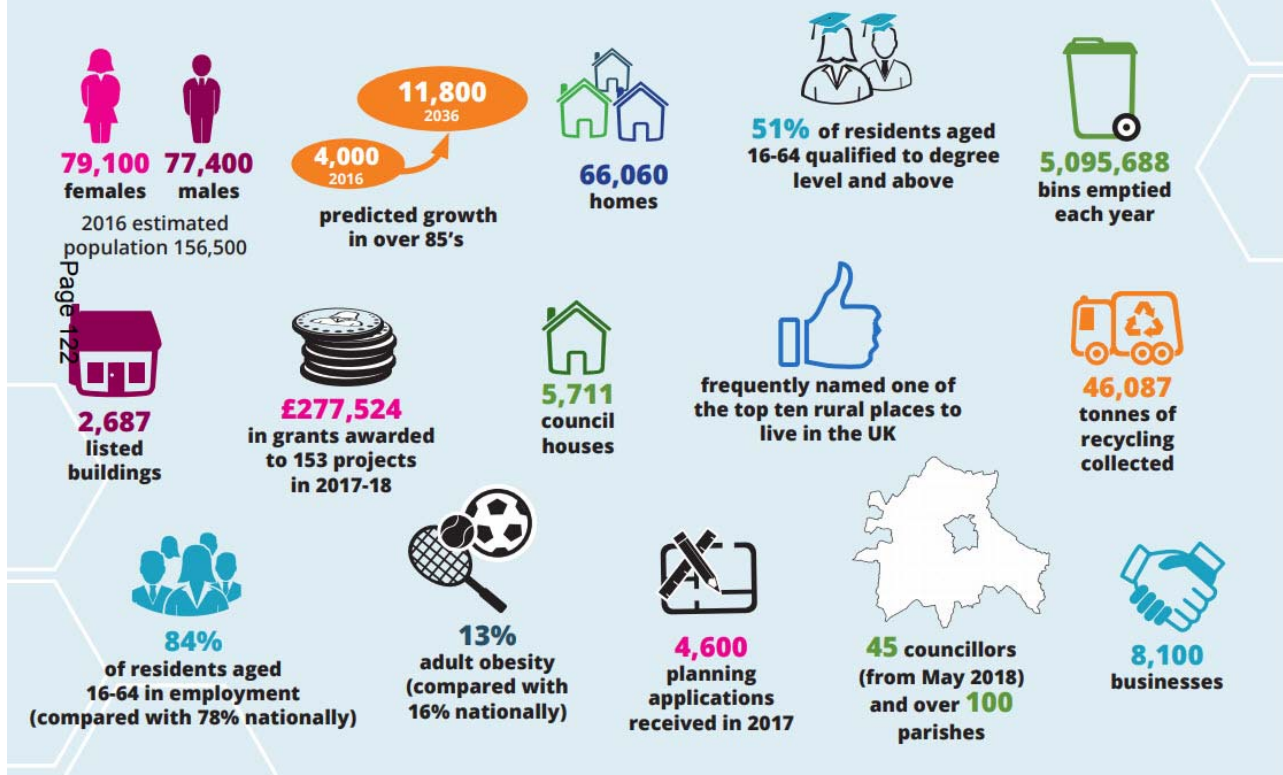
Where the money goes



We also collect £28 million in Council house rent, which covers the cost of providing and maintaining around 5,700 Council owned properties

This is a view of South Cambs area and what the District Council does

A snapshot of South Cambridgeshire



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Our Plan

We recently ran our 'Let's Talk' listening exercise with residents, businesses, parish councils and partners.

You told us about some key areas you wanted us to focus on over the coming years which we have used to put our plan together.

These included the need to make sure we maintain the look and feel of the district with its green spaces, ensure that transport links and facilities are in place to support new high quality homes, and communities continue to be thriving and vibrant places to live, work and study.



4. Bin Collection – Service Announcements

A bulletin was sent out for this cold snap we are having. Please check the council website regularly at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/bin-collection-service-announcements> for updates on the situation.

Please report missed bins immediately or at least by 3.30pm the day after the scheduled collection, so that the Council can arrange to re-collect it. Go to the council website at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/recycling> to make the report.

5. Community Chest grants

These grants for up to £1000 are still available for voluntary, community groups and parish councils to apply for. For more information or to make an application, contact Liz Davy on 01954 713111 or on elizabeth.davy@scams.gov.uk. If you do apply, please let me know so that I can support the application.

6. Green Energy Loan Fund

Cabinet agreed to create a Green Energy Loan fund, with funds of up to £200,000, with the aim of launching it by July 2018. The fund will be open to small businesses and individuals to borrow between £1,000 and £10,000, to install green energy schemes on business premises and homes. The payback will be over 3 years, which is relatively short, but the council wants this time frame so it can turn over the funds more quickly.

Householders and community groups will be charged a rate of 0%, whilst small businesses will be charged 6%

It is expected that this will generate income for the Council, which it can retain and use for providing other services in the district.

7. Briefings/Meetings

I attended a number of meetings during the past month, notably the Scrutiny & Overview Committee, Business & Customer Services Portfolio Holder meeting and the Full Council meeting on 22nd February, as as the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) workshop on the on-road options for the Cambourne to Cambridge busway.

I got a written response to my previous question at Full Council meeting in January (the one that was filibustered out), and it was a load of administrative speak needed deciphering!! Good thing I have a Ph.D and the investigative training that went with it. So I picked up on the fact that the Portfolio holder said the Inspectors were aware of the additional 5000+ houses the Council gave permission to because it did not have a 5-year housing land supply.

I asked when and how the Council informed the inspectors, as stated in the question, item 10(e) page vi on the meeting agenda at <http://bit.ly/THQuestionFeb18>.

This time, got an answer at the meeting – and some dates. I have asked Cllr Turner to give me the answer he read out from his prepared script but don't have it yet.

As a supplementary, I asked “In your opinion, would you say that the 3,500 houses planned for Bourn Airfield in the draft Local Plan are now surplus to requirement?” I will give you one guess as to his reply ... “It is up to the Planning Inspectors!” There you have it. As long as the Conservatives have their way to compound their original mistakes with even more, they don't care what it does to our communities!

Cambourne to Cambridge Busway Workshops

A bit like London buses, you wait a long time then two arrive together. Two GCP workshops in one week, first one on 27-Feb-2018 to give our view on the On-road Option, the second on 01-Mar-2018 on the Off-road option. Bearing in mind we attended another workshop on 25-Jan-2018 giving views on the three options A, B & C, I feel rather “workshopped out”. No one at the February meeting could confirm if the outcome of the workshop discussions in January had been taken into account in the proposals we were looking at in February.

In fact, the whole exercise seemed to be one of tick boxing – yet again – as I found myself, as did some other attendees, saying the same things we have said before. We do not like the options, the buses don't stop where they should, the destination is unknown (for the off-road option), it does not show any linkup with the proposed Western Orbital, the roads around Adams/Grange road not suitable for loads of buses trundling through it.

Even Stagecoach's Mr Campbell who attended the March workshop pulled them up saying it was not right to ask for opinions on the off-road option when the destination route of the buses from there is still unknown!! But the consultants brushed his comments off. The consultants and officers seemed to want us to give them what we think is the best of the bad options.

The GCP seem to want to just carry on with their plans for our corridor, ignoring our concerns and even the Mayor seems to have jumped on the bandwagon now with his ideas. Who really is in charge of transport now?

8. Superfast Broadband - Reminder

Caldecote: For those that use non-BT service provider and being told superfast broadband is not available, I suggest that first you use the BT checker to see if BT Retail can see your phone number as available to order. The URL is below.

https://www.productsandservices.bt.com/broadband/availability?s_cid=con_ppc_maxus_vidZ60_T1&vendorid=Z60&gclid=EAIAIqobChMIuem1wo_s2AIVKLftCh02TApkEAAYASABEgK3vPD_BwE

You can then let the other provider know that the infrastructure is already in place and can give them the result of the checker. They would then have to work at their end to get the service for you and not blame BT or Openreach, as seems to be the norm.

Kingston, I am happy to report that the outstanding issues from last month have been resolved, but I am on watch for one of those, as it is due to be completed in March. If you are having issues making your order, please continue to let your village champion Julie Conder know, and she will pass on to me, or you can email me directly.

9. 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 have now stopped the drop-in surgery for the rest of the municipal year (that is January to April). However, you can still reach me in the normal way if you need my assistance at any time. My contact details are still the same as below.

Tumi

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1-March-2018

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Appendix B

Financial report 21 Mar 2018

N.B. All figures exclude VAT

Item	Budget 2016-17 £	Expenditure YTD £	Budget minus expenditure YTD £	
Grass and Hedge cutting	2053	2036	17	
Insurance	421	422	-1	
Clerk's salary	1166	1088	78	
Grants (section 137)	682	593	89	
Village Hall upgrade	4788	4624	164	
Audit fees	144	44	100	
Village asset maintenance	600	404	196	
Subscriptions	297	320	-22	
Parish Magazine	485	485	0	
Footpath lighting	165	0	165	
Miscellaneous and expenses	1292	192	1100	
Income other than precept	-130	122	-252	
Total	11963	10329		

Bank balances	Current account:	914
	Deposit account:	19019
S106 money (included in above)	'Open space'	5721
	'Community facility'	945