

Kingston Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held at 8.00pm on 8 January 2019

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

Member of the public: Rachel Hooper

1. Apologies

1.1. Katherine Reid

2. Minutes of last meetings

2.1. Parish Council meeting 13 November 2018 - accepted

2.2. Extraordinary meeting 27 November 2018 - accepted

3. District Councillor's report

3.1. See Appendix A.

3.2. Cllr Hawkins then left the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

4.1. Parish Council meeting 13 Sep 2018

4.1.1. 3.1.4 Emergency Plan: SD circulated copies of the latest draft, and noted various suggested changes and additions for the final draft.

4.1.2. 7.1 Litterpick: agreed to hold this on 23 March. Notices to be put in February and March magazine.

4.1.3. 8.3.8 Painting of slide at playground: a quote is still awaited. Agreed the Clerk will send reminder to the contractor and also seek another contractor in case of continued non-response.

4.1.4. 8.4 Replacement goal nets: ongoing

4.1.5. 8.6 Defibrillator for Kingston: Clerk has made an application to British Heart Foundation for a subsidised defibrillator. Clerk to find out cost of cabinet and estimated cost of installation. Final decision to be taken when these details available.

4.2. Extraordinary meeting 27 Sep 2018

4.2.1. Kingston's LHI bid for 2018, speeding in village: agreed to check with SCDC if they would accept data collected by KPC as evidence of speeding in the village for a future LHI bid. If so, Clerk to purchase Roadside Technologies hand-held radar gun at a cost of £230.40.

5. Correspondence

5.1. Letter from Kingston PCC re grants

5.1.1. Agreed to pay magazine grant at actual net costs or the budget amount of £504, whichever is the lower figure.

5.1.2. Agreed to pay a churchyard maintenance grant at the requested figure of £960 as a new contractor is now being used. Future increases are expected to be with RPI inflation.

5.2. Letter from Rachel Hooper:

5.2.1. Rachel believes that the large ash tree between her fence and The Green was previously in her garden, but the fence (which was erected by the Woolleys, her predecessors, when they demolished a garage close to the tree) has been positioned so that the tree is outside the fence. Although the various maps, deeds and other documents she has consulted do not show clearly where the true boundary lies, she believes it lies outside the tree.

5.2.2. With the Parish Council's permission, she would like to reposition her boundary fence to include the tree. She has had tree surgeons assess the condition of the tree and they have pronounced that attention is required. Rachel is willing to take responsibility for the maintenance of the tree providing it is in her garden.

5.2.3. An inspection of the boundary line, presumed to be approximately straight at that point, seems to confirm that the ash tree is in fact on her property. It was agreed therefore that the Parish Council has no objection to Rachel's proposal and is grateful to her for taking responsibility for the maintenance of the tree.

6. County Councillor's report

6.1. See Appendix B

7. Open Spaces report

7.1. No report

8. Clerk's report

8.1. Bi-monthly report – see Appendix C

8.2. Invoices for payment:

8.2.1. SLCC subscription £63.00 (already paid): agreed for payment.

8.3. 2018/19 Budget and Precept: the budget for the next financial year was agreed – see Appendix D. The precept for the year was set at £10,089.

9. Planning

9.1. S/3662/18/PA Prior approval for proposed change of use from office use (Class B1(a)) to a dwellinghouse (Class C3) at 2, Kingston Barns, Bourn Road: this has been granted by SCDC.

9.2. It was noted that a 'Beauty' business has opened at Kingston Barns, although there has been no notice to KPC of a change of use application from 'business' to 'shop'. Agreed that the Clerk will enquire as a general question if planning permission is required for such a change.

10. Date of next meeting: 12 March 2019

Meeting ended at 21:55.

Signed.....

Date.....

South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caldecote Ward

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

Councillor's Monthly Report – January 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 Housing

South Cambs and Cambridge City recently published our draft new Greater Cambridge Housing strategy, setting out how both authorities aim to meet the housing challenges in our area over the next five years 2019 – 2023.

The overall aim is to bring forward homes that are affordable for people to live in, energy efficient and close to where jobs are (ideally). This falls in line with our overall aim of reducing carbon footprint to zero by 2050. The strategy outlines key priorities such as homes for essential local workers, those on low to median incomes, older people, specialist accommodation for young people or those at risk, accelerating number of homes built per year, types of building companies involved in the delivery, high standard of design, promoting health and wellbeing through housing and working with key partners to deliver homes for our residents etc.

The public consultation was launched is ongoing and runs up to 25 January 2019, giving residents an opportunity to contribute and influence the strategy before it is finalised later this year. Read more and comment at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/housing/housing-strategy-consultation/>.

2 Planning

2.1 Wellcome Genome Campus expansion – S/4329/18/OL

The world-renowned South Cambridgeshire Wellcome Genome campus have submitted a planning application to provide extra research space and up to 1,500 homes for staff working on the campus in Hinxton. The proposal includes plans for up to 150,000 sqm of employment space, creating around 4,300 jobs (currently 2500 approx work on the site), up to 1500 homes and a nursery for up to 150 children, community hall, health centre, shops and food outlets, school (if needed), transport improvement (cycling, walking, new roundabout on the A1301).

Wellcome Trust have indicated that the campus will be open to the public allowing neighbouring communities to use some of the open space and community facilities. It is the first of its kind in the district, and will no doubt be of interest both inside and outside the district.

Public consultation is now underway and runs till Friday 25 January 2019. Please have a look and comment on these plans. and opens up p

2.2 Cambridge Northern Fringe

The Greater Cambridge shared planning service has published a joint plan for how a new district could be created on the land between the A14, new Cambridge North Railway Station and Cambridge Science Park.

This is the last brownfield site of its type in the area, and one that could be developed into a low carbon community with thousands of new homes, jobs and community facilities

Anglian Water's water treatment facility will need to be relocated for comprehensive regeneration of the area to take place.

In the past the cost of relocating the facility has meant this has not been an option the Councils could consider. However, a bid to Government under their Housing Infrastructure Fund – which was set up to help sites like Cambridge Northern Fringe get off the ground – has recently been submitted to move the water treatment facility. The bid successfully passed the first round of Government assessment and the final outcome is expected in the spring.

This is a unique opportunity for regeneration of a significant brownfield area right on the edge of the city, to provide an environmentally friendly way of living. Its location close to the Science Park, Cambridge North Station, the guided busway and the A14 means that it is well located in transport terms. The emphasis can then be placed on designing low-carbon development where the use of alternative modes of transport is giving precedence over the motor car. This should help its residents reduce their cost of living, running their homes etc.

Both SCDC and Cambridge City propose to carry out a public consultation early this year to give residents an opportunity to get involved and give suggestions on how to develop a plan for the area.

3 Transport

3.1 Cambourne to Cambridge Busway – Phase 2

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is holding a Consultation Briefing on Phase 2 of the Cambourne to Cambridge busway route this month. The briefing is taking place at the Cambourne Hub toward the end of January and councillors representing villages along the route are being invited to attend.

The reason for the briefing is that GCP is hoping to open the consultation covering the section from Cambourne to Madingley Mulch roundabout in February 2019.

The GCP has also issued an report giving update on the progress of the C2C Busway project. You can read and download it from this link <http://bit.ly/C2CDec2018Update>. It focuses on Phase 1 of the busway project, and shows the preferred route alignment as being the one the GCP consultants have been pushing from the start, the off road option that cuts through Coton, West Cambridge and ends at Grange Road! How the buses get routed to the city after that is still very unclear.

4 Business and Finance

Central government announced in the October 2018 budget, changes to Business rates. It proposed the introduction of a new business rates relief for retail premises that are occupied and have a Rateable Value (RV) of less than £51,000. It also announced an extension of the current relief scheme for newspapers.

As one of our three main priorities is to support economic growth in the district, and this involves supporting small and medium businesses too, the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance has agreed revisions to the existing Council rates relief policy to reflect the changes that government announced.

So if you are small business, you can find out more about the available relief by clicking on this link <http://bit.ly/NDR-Relief2019> or contact the Business Rates team at the Council for more information or to find out if you qualify.

5 Climate and Environment

Following on from my report last month, the decision by South Cambs councillors to raise the bar by aiming to be carbon neutral by 2050 has been making headlines. ITV News carried an interview with a resident of Histon and the District Councillor – which you can read about here.

<https://www.itv.com/news/anglia/2019-01-03/aiming-to-be-britains-first-carbon-neutral-council/>

It is encouraging to see that some residents are taking the carbon reduction challenge seriously.

6 Combined Authority (CA)

The Mayor's antics have not gone unnoticed by no less than the Private Eye magazine December edition. One of its top stories was about the combined authority and the Mayor making what it called "an expensive pig's ear of running what was meant to be a lean and mean operations". I got a copy of the article which you can find here <http://bit.ly/RottenBoroughCPA>

7 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.

Meanwhile I wish everyone a **Happy New Year 2019**.

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3 January 2019

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Report 2019

Dear all,

I very much hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and wishing you a great start of a new year. As you may know my family is scattered around the globe and I spent a few days in Germany with one of my sisters and mother. It was a very nice break.

Children's Centres

More than 9 out of 10 of people responding to a survey say they like the way we've reshaped our Child and Family Centres.

In our recent Child and Family Centre survey 93% of the 330 people who shared their views online and at activity sessions agreed that provision was helpful.

The survey ran from September to November 2018 to give families the opportunity to feedback on the new service, which aimed to bring services closer to more vulnerable groups; and invited citizens to tell us how they felt the transition period felt.

The results showed:

- more than a third (36.67%) said they have attended a session in an outreach venue
- Facebook was the most popular choice for people finding out about activities (68.6%) , but people also praised the new look 'What's On' guide
- 6 out of 10 (62%) said they had only started using the service since April

https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/new-look-child-and-family-centres-get-seal-of-approval/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Greenways

I have been receiving much correspondence about this project. I have been raising the concerns with officers and will keep a close eye to how the new proposals develop after the analysis of the consultation. It is imperative that officers listen to residents and include their local knowledge about the area before taking any decisions.

Cambourne to Cambridge

As you know the Greater Cambridge Partnership is looking at analysing two alternative routes to the currently proposed. In the next few months we will have further detail of how this is developing. However, I am concerned that the current route will be maintained. The consultant from Arup is a leading figure in these types of transport schemes and the Mayor as well as officers have been listening to her conclusions about the most cost/effective route.

Human Trafficking

The Home Office has launched its consultation into the role of "First Responders" to modern slavery. These are organisations that can refer suspected victims of people trafficking and modern slavery to the proper authorities, which includes councils. The review is focusing on which organisations should be First Responders and how staff at these organisations are trained to perform this role.



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If you have any experience with being a First Responder please do get involved. The consultation is in the form of two online surveys (one for [First Responders](#) and one for [“non-First Responders”](#)) and will run until late January 2019.

Future Places

Future Place is a new programme aiming to unlock place-making potential at local level through quality in design, future thinking, and knowledge sharing.

For the first phase, local authorities are invited to put in writing their overarching vision (emerging or finalised) for an area and how they are currently working across their programmes to deliver the wider ambitions of the local authority by creating great places.

Joint submissions from adjoining local authorities are welcomed. The deadline for the first phase is 22 January 2019 – more information can be found [here](#).

Housing

The House of Commons Library has published a [briefing paper on housing delivery in England](#), which contains best practice examples of the innovative work councils are doing to deliver homes in their areas.

The House of Commons Library regularly publishes briefing papers that are topic for those working in local government, so it may be useful to [sign up](#) to receive these briefings online.

News



More than 20 organisations are signing up to a new partnership to intensify the fight against scams and to make Cambridgeshire and Peterborough a scam-free county.

Led by Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridgeshire Police, the Against Scams Partnership unites more than 20 organisations, including Peterborough City Council, Trading Standards, Age UK, Neighbourhood Watch and NatWest Bank, who will work together to raise awareness of scams and to support victims of scams.

According to Action Fraud, 53% of people aged 65 or over have been targeted by scams and criminals. Being a victim of this crime can have devastating impact. These crimes are often targeted at people in our communities that are vulnerable for a variety of reasons, including poverty, isolation, frailty, disability, cognitive impairment, and by the very nature of them being specifically targeted.

Anyone can be a scam victim, regardless of age, gender, education or economic background; partners are committed to act on the Against Scams Partnership four key aims:

1. Improve awareness of scams
2. Increase protection for everyone, and especially vulnerable people, against scams



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3. Implement consistent recording of scams and improve referral processes
4. Improve support for potential victims of scams

Cllr Steve Criswell, chair of Cambridgeshire County Council's Communities and Partnership committee said: "The impact of scams on a victim can be devastating, in some cases people lose their hard earned life savings and are left emotionally and financially unable to continue to live independently. We need to increase the awareness of how to spot a scam and share that knowledge with friends and neighbours."

Jason Ablewhite, Police and Crime Commissioner said: "Each year fraud costs the UK economy between £5 and 10bn and it's believed that only 5% of victims actually report the crime. It's vital that we stand together to tackle this issue head on. We all need to work together to achieve the same goal, which is a scam-free county."

Join us in our Friends Against Scams campaign by taking part here :
<https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/Cambridgeshire>

If you think you or a relative, friend or neighbour have been the victim of a scam or fraud or you are concerned about a possible scam or fraud, please report it to the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06 or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

South Cambridge District Council

Tackling loneliness. It is great to see this administration continuing with the work that Conservatives started before them. Cllr. Sue Ellington, who was the portfolio holder for Well-Being then, put a lot of hours into tackling loneliness and was spearheading this project. The idea is for a new toolkit that can give practical help to communities to tackle loneliness and social isolation – which can be as bad for you as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

According to the Campaign to End Loneliness, there are nine million lonely people in the UK and four million of them are older people. Furthermore, according to Age UK, half a million older people go at least five or six days a week without seeing or speaking to anyone.

Now, South Cambridgeshire District Council has published an online reference guide containing tangible advice on how local groups can set up projects like community cafes, mobile warden schemes and mental health and wellbeing groups.

Crucially, it sets-out how communities can access funding from a variety of sources to get their ideas off the ground. This could include applying to the Council's Community Chest scheme, which provides funding for grass-roots projects, especially those that work to reach people who are lonely or socially isolated. It gives pointers for staying on the right side of health and safety rules, advice on publicity to spread the word about a new project and outlines how groups can measure whether their efforts are working and making a difference.



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Combined Authority



The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority have shown their support for a collaborative approach to deliver new homes for disabled adults in Cambridgeshire.

Work has officially kicked off at the site of a former agricultural garage in Chatteris to build fifteen new apartments and three bungalows at the site on Huntingdon Road. The £4m scheme, called Barber Gardens after two young brothers from the town who perished in World War 1, is expected to be completed in summer 2020.

It is being delivered by specialist supported living developer HBV who collaborated with Chatteris Town Council, Fenland District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council to get the scheme started.

Mayor of Chatteris, Councillor Bill Haggata and Roger Thompson of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority officially opened works at the site in a special ground-breaking ceremony which included parents of prospective residents.

Councillor Haggata, said: "I'm delighted to start work at this site in the heart of our community. We need to ensure that the most vulnerable in our society are well cared for and looked after in suitable accommodation. This development will put a lot of smiles on a lot of people's faces when it is completed next year. I'm looking forward to visiting the site when it is completed and meeting the new residents."

Roger Thompson, director of housing and development at Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority, said: "This development is a perfect example of collaboration between the private and public sector and is a tangible demonstration of real teamwork. Barber Gardens is set to be a fantastic example of what can be achieved through innovative partnership, working not only between statutory, not for profit and private sectors, but importantly between the NHS and Adult Social Care Teams. We're proud to support this scheme and the best bit is yet to come; welcoming the residents into their new home. We are looking forward to exploring further ways we can support such projects in the future."

Alastair Sheehan, Business Development Director at HBV, said: "We have had tremendous support from the planning team at Fenland District Council and the adult social care officers at Cambridgeshire County Council. Along with positive guidance from local ward councillors in Chatteris and engaging with the local community we are delighted that everyone recognises the need for specialist supported living accommodation for some of the local community's most vulnerable people."

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.



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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

Please take a moment to review the diary and contact me if you have any questions in regards to any of the events listed or if you are aware of any other events that are taking place that are not listed.

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/supportcambs>

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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Appendix C

Financial report 03 Jan 2019

N.B. All figures exclude VAT

Item	Budget 2018/19 £	Expenditure YTD £	Budget minus expenditure YTD £	
Grass and Hedge cutting	2115	2022	93	Includes receipts from Fasnacloich and CCC.
Insurance	438	390	48	
Clerk's salary	1212	908	304	
Grants (section 137)	682	0	682	
Village Hall upgrade	7010	1288	5722	
Audit fees	44	44	0	
Village asset maintenance	600	205	395	
Subscriptions	346	287	59	
Parish Magazine	504	0	504	
Footpath lighting	171	194	-23	
Miscellaneous and expenses	1342	422	920	
Income other than precept	-130	-55	-75	Interest + allotments
Total	14334	5706		

Bank balances	Current account:	4836
	Deposit account:	19600
S106 money (included in above)	'Open space'	5721
	'Community facility'	945

Appendix D

Budget and Precept for 2019/20

N.B. All figures exclude VAT

Item	Budget 2018/19 £	Expenditure YTD 2018/19 £	Budget minus expenditure YTD (negative = overspend) £	Expected spend for whole year 2018/19	Budget for 2019/20	
Grass and Hedge cutting	2115	2022	93	2022	2087	incr by RPI
Insurance	438	390	48	390	402	incr by RPI
Clerk's salary	1212	908	303	1212	1250	incr by RPI
Grants (section 137)	682	0	682	960	991	incr by RPI
Village Hall upgrade	7010	1288	5722	7010	1288	Fixed repayment of loan
Audit fees	44	44	0	44	44	Assume internal audit fee as last year, no external audit fee
Village asset maintenance	600	205	395	250	750	
Subscriptions	346	287	59	337	368	Expected One.com increase
Parish Magazine	504	0	504	504	521	incr by RPI
Footpath lighting	171	194	-23	194	201	incr by RPI
Miscellaneous and expenses	1342	422	921	500	1500	
Income other than precept	-130	-106	-24	-150	-150	Assume unchanged
Total	14334	5655		13274	9251	
Agreed precept					10089	
Surplus precept over budget					838	

RPI for 12 months ending Nov 2018 (latest available) 3.20% (source: ONS)

Precept 2018/19	£9,391
Council tax base 2017/18	122.70
Council tax base 2018/19	121.90
Council tax base 2019/20	126.90

% incr in tax base this year/last year	4.10%
Precept for no incr per household (option A)	£9,776
Precept for RPI incr per household (option B)	£10,089

Council tax* per band D house 2018/19	£77.04
Council tax* per Band D house 2018/19 (option A)	£77.04
Council tax* per Band D house 2018/19 (option B)	£79.50

* parish contribution

		03/01/2019	08/01/2018
Bank balances	Current	£4,051.00	£2,245
	Savings	£19,620.28	£19,019
S106 money (included in above)	'Open space'	£5,721	£5,721
	'Community facility'	£945	£945