

Kingston Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held at 8.00pm on 10 September 2019

James Clear, Chair (JCI)
Miki Ellar (ME)
Katherine Reid (KR)
Sue Dalglish (SD)
Peter Stokes, Clerk
Tumi Hawkins (SCDC)

1. Apologies

1.1. Julie Conder, Lina Joseph

2. Minutes of last meeting

2.1. Accepted

3. Matters Arising

3.1. 3.1 Emergency Plan

3.1.1. Response to Kingston's draft still awaited from SCDC.

3.1.2. With possible relevance to the Emergency Plan, the Clerk mentioned a global location system called What3Words, which divides the surface of the world into 10m squares, each allocated a unique group of three words such as '*vans, bottled, character*' (the village hall). It is already used by several large organisations such as United Nations, The Red Cross, Ford and Mercedes Benz. A wide number of police, ambulance and fire services are already using it (including Cambridgeshire). A smartphone app is available called *what3words*.

3.2. 7.2 Hedge at playground: no further action.

4. Correspondence

4.1. Letter from a resident regarding vehicle speeds through the village. Agreed to offer to lend the speed measuring device so that the resident can make their own measurements to validate perceived vehicle speeds. Clerk to respond.

5. County Councillor's report

5.1. See Appendix A attached.

6. District Councillor's report

6.1. The Zero Carbon Communities grant will be launched on Monday 5 August and will offer grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 for local groups and parish councils to spend on activities that reduce carbon emissions, reliance on fossil fuels and also engage communities. Applications for the 1st round of the scheme will need to be submitted by 31 October. Details including guidance, scheme criteria and the application form will be online from Monday. To be discussed at next meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

6.2. See Appendix B attached for full report.

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. Cambridgeshire County Council, contribution to LHI scheme (speed bumps) £556.25: agreed for payment.
- 8.2.2. Cambridgeshire County Council, contribution to LHI scheme (junction sign and 'slow' in road in Tinker's Lane) £29.17: agreed for payment.
- 8.2.3. Buchan's Landscapes, grasscutting in July, £485.15: agreed for payment
- 8.2.4. Buchan's Landscapes, grasscutting in August, £485.15: agreed for payment
- 8.2.5. One.com, website hosting, £81.40: agreed for payment
- 8.2.6. Kingston Village Hall, meetings in 2018, £155.00: agreed for payment

9. Planning

Kingston Parish Council does not always respond to planning applications where this would require an additional meeting of the Council, and the application appears to be non-contentious and likely to be approved.

More details of the planning applications below, and all planning applications, can be found on the SCDC website: <https://www.scams.gov.uk/planning/view-or-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

- 9.1. S/2440/19/PA Prior approval for change of use of agricultural buildings to 5 dwelling houses at Kingston Pastures, Old Wimpole Road. This application has been refused.
- 9.2. S3033/18/FL Conversion of existing barns from agricultural use to two dwelling houses. Kingston Parish Council has responded to support this application.
- 9.3. S/2782/19/FL Demolish existing and erection of new storage building and additional car port at Greenacres, Old Wimpole Road. KPC has not responded.
- 9.4. Open sided veranda to rear of garage at Tranquil, Rectory Lane. KPC has not responded.

10. Date of next meeting: 12 November 2019

Meeting ended at 22:00

Signed.....

Date.....

South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caldecote Ward

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

Councillor's Monthly Report – September 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.

Now that summer is over, it is back to business as usual. I hope that you all had a good break, be it going on holiday in the UK or abroad, or even at staying at home which I know lots of people did, including yours truly. Life does truly go on!

1 Planning

1.1 Greater Cambridge Planning Service (GCPS)

Some may have read the Cambridge News article headlined “House planning applications to be outsourced”. It certainly got attention but was not accurate – the article was more truthful than the headline. Recognising that the service was struggling with its workload, the operational decision was made to buy in additional capacity from a planning company. The contract is for an initial 4-month period and will be monitored and reviewed to ensure it delivers good quality outcomes, so we can improve on our performance and customer focus. We already buy in capacity through individual contract planners anyway, but this time we are getting it from a company.

This capacity will be used to deal with smaller householder applications which is the bulk of the types of applications we receive. A lot of these are simpler projects, like small extensions, room/garage conversions, additions of dormers etc. The additional help will be used for the early stages – application registration, conforming with planning policy, site visits, recommendation report etc. The final decision on granting permission or not still rests with our officers.

The decision was discussed at the August Scrutiny Committee, and there was majority support for the decision. Hopefully that helps to quell the mischief intended by going to press.

The final stage of the reconfiguration of the service will become effective from Monday 9th of September. This is when the planning staff officially move into their new positions in the GCPS. We have been trying to recruit more permanent staff and you can find out more on this website at <https://greatercambridgesharedplanning.com/all-roles/>. If you know anyone who might be interested, please send this to them.

1.2 Draft Bourn Airfield SPD (Supplementary Planning Document)

The results of the consultation have now all been registered and compiled. Thank you to all residents and organisations that took time to read the document and send in their comments. I submitted a range of comments in my role as your Ward Member. I have no involvement as Cabinet Member for Planning due to Countryside Properties stated objections to my participation supported by threats of legal action,

The planning policy officers have been working on the final SPD and compiled a report. The Scrutiny committee will be discussing the report at its meeting next week 10th September. You can read and or download the scrutiny papers from the South Cambs website at <https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s112818/Bourn%20Airfield%20SPD%20-%20SOC%20report.pdf>. It makes for interesting reading. I will be attending the meeting to speak as Ward Member for my communities.

Recommendations from that meeting will hopefully be incorporated into the final document which will be taken to Cabinet in October and later to full council for formal adoption. I strongly recommend parish council representatives (especially Bourn and Caldecote) to attend the scrutiny meeting.

2 Business and Finance

2.1 Community Chest Grant

The South Cambs District Council's Community Chest fund is open and Community and voluntary groups can currently bid for funds for use on local projects. Find out more and how to apply at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-development/grants/community-chest-grants/>

2.2 Zero Carbon Community Grant

The Zero Carbon Communities grant will be launched on Monday 5 August and will offer grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 for local groups and parish councils to spend on activities that reduce carbon emissions, reliance on fossil fuels and also engage communities. Applications for the 1st round of the scheme will need to be submitted by 31 October. Details including guidance, scheme criteria and the application form will be online from Monday at: www.scambs.gov.uk/zerocarbongrant

2.3 "My South Cambs" Customer Portal

Please remember the new web based SCDC customer portal is now live. It will enable the Council to provide information to residents in more efficient slimlined way. You can access the new portal either from the South Cambs Council homepage or on <https://mysouthcambs.scambs.gov.uk>. Create your own account using e-mail, facebook, Google etc., then use it to report issues, ask questions, obtain information on all council services and also to track progress of enquiries, We are still working on it so we would welcome your feedback and ideas.

3 Environmental Services

3.1 Recycling Centres

Cambridgeshire County Council set to introduce an e-permit scheme for vans and trailers at Household Recycling Centres to better regulate the use of vans and trailers making sure only household waste is delivered to sites.

The scheme will start in October, free and available to get online. All commercial-type vehicles and cars towing trailers in excess of 1.5 m (5 ft.) (excluding towing mechanism) and 570 litres capacity will require an e-permit to enter any of Cambridgeshire's HRCs, some restrictions will still apply. More information about how to apply is available on www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/HRC-permits/

3.2 Fly Tipping Campaign

SCRAP Fly Tipping campaign launched at end of august. See it online here <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/fly-tipping-footage-released-as-council-launches-campaign-to-tackle-the-problem/>

Always use a registered waste carrier to provide a skip and / or to collect your rubbish. [**Check the register of waste carriers on the Environment Agency website.**](#)

Follow the SCRAP code, read more about this on [**RECAP's website.**](#)

4 Transport / Highways

Whilst transport/highways is not the responsibility of the District Council but of The Combined Authority (CPCA) and Cambridgeshire County Council respectively, I try to provide updates where it affects the ward.

4.1 A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbett Upgrade

Highways England have informed the Council that they have started a programme of important ground investigations and surveys. The majority of work will take place on private property such as farmland and industrial sites. Any work in public areas will look very similar to normal road works, with barriers around a small section of a pavement or road, with a diversion around it for traffic or pedestrians. Highways England will keep local residents and landowners informed about where they are working. HE produced a leaflet to explain the works. You can download it from <http://assets.highwaysengland.co.uk/roads/road-projects/A428+Black+Cat+to+Caxton+Gibbet/A428+Ground+investigations+leaflet.pdf>

4.2 Combined Authority Local Transport Plan (LTP)

The consultation for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's draft Local Transport Plan is **ending on 27 September 2019**. You can read about it on the Combined Authority website at <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/news/events-announced-across-cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-for-public-to-have-say-on-areas-transport-future/>

There is still one exhibition event for those interested, being held on Sat 14 Sep, Cambridge Central Library, Grand Arcade, 10am to 3pm

Considering the significant amount of housing that will be built along the A428 corridor, I strongly encourage all Parish Councils in the Ward to send in a response.

5 Ward Issues

Some of these may already have been covered in the district wide section above (e.g Bourn Airfield), but here are others including events/fetes etc.

5.1 Caldecote

Linden Homes revised application for reserved matters is now scheduled to go to planning committee in October. I will be recommending it for refusal as the proposal still has a number of issues that are not in character with the village

5.2 Little Gransden

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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5 September 2019

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County Councillor's Report September 2019

Adult Social Care

Budget Position

Adults Committee is facing an in year financial pressure, due to increasing costs of care home beds and rising demography. The underlying pressure is £5.6m (against a service budget of c.£150m), which has been offset by the application of grant funding from central Government, leaving a residual pressure of £1.1m.

We welcome the strong messages coming from central Government about the importance of adult social care funding and dealing with the structural problems of the current system. It should be noted that CCC is very reliant on funding from central Government that is temporary or has an uncertain future - £34.8m is, as it stands, due to end in March 2020. This is the case generally for County Councils which are more reliant than other upper tier authorities on temporary funding, and a report analysing this has been published by the County Councils Network ahead of the Comprehensive Spending Review (<https://www.countycouncilsnetwork.org.uk/watch-coverage-of-ccns-social-care-analysis-across-national-and-regional-news/>). This is due, in large part to the fact that County Councils are unfairly funded per head of population compared with other upper tier authorities.

CCC has the lowest spend per head of population on adult social care of all our statistical neighbours, whilst still delivering good outcomes. This is against a backdrop of some of the highest cost care home beds, which basically means that the adult social care back office in Cambridgeshire is running incredibly efficiently.

This further strengthens the case for our ongoing fight for fairer funding – it is worth remembering that if CCC had the same per head of population funding as the average London Borough, we would have £65m extra (against a net service budget of around £300m).

Education

Schools Funding

On the 30th August, the Prime Minister announced a multi-year funding agreement for Education which will equate to a £14 billion in primary and secondary education between now and 2022/23 taking the schools budget to £52.2bn in 22/23. This delivers on the Prime Minister's pledge when entering Downing Street to increase school funding by £4.6bn above inflation, levelling up education funding and giving all young people the same opportunities to succeed – regardless of where they grow up or go to school.

Key features of this settlement were -

- every secondary school will receive a minimum of £5,000 per pupil next year, with every primary school getting a minimum of £4,000 from 2021/22.
- £700 million extra for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in 2020/21, so every pupil can access the education that is right for them, and none are held back from reaching their potential.
- The multi-year settlement will be the first agreement in Education for nearly 10 years.
- Ensure that per-pupil funding for all schools can rise at least in line with inflation
- Progress the implementation of our National Funding Formula, delivering promised gains in full for areas which have been historically under-funded.
- £1.5 billion will be made available each year to continue to fund additional pension costs for teachers.

Of significance to Cambridgeshire, was a statement that 'those historically underfunded receiving the greatest increase'.

Within the headlines of a positive statement, there were concerns however with some of the cost pressures. It is not an additional £14bn per year for schools – it totals £7.1bn per year by 2022-23. The Department for Education said this uplift had to cover the following -

- A growth in pupil numbers (around £1bn)
- A real-terms protection of per-pupil funding (around £3bn)
- Additional funding for pupils with high needs (£700m in 2020-21 only, with further years to be decided)
- The cost of increases to teachers pay, including raising starting salaries for all new teachers to £30,000

The funding for high needs is welcomed but after allowing for inflation on the £700m, meaning that it would be worth around £580m in real terms by the end of 2022-23, this is around £600m short of what the education select committee says is needed to plug the deficit in high needs. Normally Cambridgeshire receives around 1% of any national funding settlement so this is likely to be around £7m – which roughly aligns to the financial pressures we are facing on an annual basis. No confirmation has been received on how this funding will be distributed.

Results

On the 22nd August, GCSE results were published at a school level. Over the past two years, the Department for Education has been rolling out the new GCSE syllabus. Exams are now graded from 9 (top) to 1 (bottom) with a grade 4 accepted as a standard pass (equivalent to the middle of a former grade C) and a grade 5 a good pass.

Headlines from the Cambridgeshire results are –

- In maths 74.6% of students achieved a grade from 4-9 (at least a standard pass) an increase of 0.6% on 2018 and 55% achieved at least a grade 5 (up 1%).
- 79% achieved at least a grade 4 in English, the same level as last year, with 64.3% achieving a strong pass (at least a grade 5) an improvement of 0.3%.
- The proportion of students achieving a grade 4 or above in both English and mathematics in Cambridgeshire was 69%, 1% higher than last year, with 48.4% achieving a grade 5 or better (up 0.8%).

National outcomes are not yet available as a comparison. Results are currently provisional as they don't take account of remarking or changes for pupils who are new to the country.

The results continue the trend for improvement in our secondary school results over an extended period. Four years ago, less than 50% of our schools were graded as good or better by Ofsted. This figure today sits at 93.5% of schools, 16th out of 150 local authorities nationally.

National

Children in care numbers and cost

The summer period is often a challenging time for managing children in care services. Many fostering families go away during the school holidays, meaning that foster placement availability is even tighter than normal since carers with a vacancy often do not want to add an unknown child into the family just prior to a holiday. Many agency foster carers have respite in the summer, which is provided by other carers, in turn meaning that spaces that would otherwise be available are blocked.

At the same time, this is often the period when spontaneous arrivals of unaccompanied asylum seeking young people peak, and while fewer than last year, we have needed to find placements for around 16 of these young people over the last three months.

What is also different from the position in summer 2018, however, is that we now have our structure of specialist teams in children's social care in place. This means that we are more able to take positive action to help manage areas of demand and

have, for example, been reviewing all care packages for older young people in higher cost placements as well as support plans for adult asylum seeking former looked after children, who await decisions about their immigration status.

Please share and considering

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

We are always looking for new homes! And you can transform a child's life.

Investment

Cambridgeshire County Council has continued to develop a property investment portfolio with two further acquisitions. Over the summer, we completed purchases on a £51m investment in Cambridge, the Tesco's site on Newmarket Road, as well as an £11m investment in 10 acres of industrial land and units in Peterborough. This now means that the County has invested in four strong investments over the past 12 months, which will generate in excess of £5m per year. This money will be used to pay for the increasing demand in services and finance projects that support every resident of Cambridgeshire.

The total income generated could pay for in excess of 100 social workers a year, support over 150 people with dementia or pay for educational placements for more than 30 children with autism spectrum disorders. It also represents 1% of the Council's entire budget and, along with the other commercial work streams, we now generate just short of 3% of our total annual budget through commercial activity.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/every-little-helps-as-council-diversifies-its-commercial-portfolio-to-support-frontline-services/>

Health

County Council funds an additional falls prevention programme.

The county council supplies more funding for further development of the falls prevention programme. This will enable the council to help protect even more of our elderly residents to enable them to stay independent and in their own homes. The Falls Prevention Team offers 1:1 appointments for people who are over 65 and who have a fear of falling, or who have previously had a fall. They can help with advice to prevent falls and increase confidence, provide group activity sessions to help improve strength and balance and offer guidance and support for a healthier lifestyle.

County Council funded Health Checks

Free NHS health checks are being offered to residents aged 40-74 years to help detect early health issues before they do real damage. The 20-30 minutes checks, funded through the County Councils Public Health budget, will include monitoring blood pressure, weight, cholesterol and lifestyle factors that influence health. By booking a check our residents can find out how likely they are to get heart or kidney disease, diabetes or have a stroke in the future, and if the likelihood is high, advice on how to reduce this. Those aged over 65 are also told about the signs and symptoms of dementia. Between April 2017 and March 2018, over 20,500 Health Checks were completed across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, an increase of 14 per cent from the previous year.

This is a great opportunity to find out early if you are at risk of a stroke, diabetes, a heart attack, or many other life threatening conditions. By finding out early, before serious damage is done, you could potentially make lifestyle changes that would massively reduce, or in some cases,

eliminate your risk of dying early as a result of these conditions. If you're aged between 40-74 years and do not currently have a long-term health condition it is recommended that you should have a Health Check.

every five years. Call or visit the GP now to get a Free Health Check. More information can be found here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/be-well/resources-and-campaigns/nhs-health-checks-programme/>

Environment

I have been attending officer meetings for the Environment and Climate Change strategy. The work is underway and we hope to have recommendations in the next couple of months. There will be short term- medium and long term objectives as you can imagine the complexity of the subject. Officers are doing an internal audit but they also hope to achieve a wider county/external proposal/vision. There will be lots of partnership building!

I also sit in the planning and environment policy working group and it was really exciting to see that the Fens and even covering a bit of Grantchester and Coton, will be proposed to become a UNESCO biosphere site. I believe Cam Acre will be getting in touch with parishes and stakeholders in the coming months.

As many of you know I have been raising with officers and elected members my concerns around GCP proposals. It is completely unacceptable their project proposal ignoring completely environment and nature with little or non-mitigation alternative. I will continue to voice residents and parishes concerns and although it might seem slow and that some of them are not listening, I can assure they are and they will.

All Parish Councils please pencil down Annual Town & Parish conference – November 8th at Huntingdon Marriot

As always happy to support you all with different challenges and please do get in touch if I can help in any way.

Kind regards,

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Appendix C

Financial report 04 Sep 2019

N.B. All figures exclude VAT

Item	Budget 2019/20 £	Expenditure YTD £	Budget minus expenditure YTD £	
Grass and Hedge cutting	2087	1183	904	
Insurance	402	367	35	
Clerk's salary	1250	520	730	
Grants (section 137)	991	0	991	
Village Hall upgrade	1288	644	644	
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	53	1447	
Income other than precept	-150	-73	-77	
Total	9251	3702		

Bank balances	Current account:	2883
	Deposit account:	13323
S106 money (included in above)	'Open space'	0
	'Community facility'	945