

# Kingston Parish Council (KPC)

## Minutes of Meeting held at 8.00pm on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

James Clear, Chair (JCI)  
Miki Ellar (ME)  
Katherine Reid (KR)  
Sue Dalglish (SD)  
Mimi Wheeler, Clerk (MW)

Tumi Hawkins, District Councillor  
Michael Atkins, County Councillor

### 1. Apologies

1.1. Julie Conder

### 2. Minutes of last meeting

- 2.1. Minutes of Parish Council meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 accepted
- 2.2. Minutes of Parish Council Extraordinary meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 accepted

### 3. Matters arising

3.1. 3.1 East West Rail: Current Consultation has closed. A number of villagers did fill out the survey and some wrote letters outlining the detrimental impact to Kingston and it's surrounding area of the southern approach and the rail line as a whole. There was a response to the Parish Council's letter to the CEO of EWR which was very general and didn't address specifics that were raised. There has been no response to the letters send to Grant Shapps MP and Department of Transport Chris Heaton-Harris MP and nothing other than a response from Anthony Browne MP's Alison Melton Chief of Staff (Constituency), sharing a letter that Anthony Browne MP has sent to EWR, in response to KPC's very detailed questions and statements.

February 2022 is a possible date for the next consultation, however the date is unknown at this time.

Tumi Hawkins letter focused on routes 1&9 and the impact they would have on Bourn Airfield planning permission already granted but yet to commence and Caldecote houses currently being built, there was very little focus on the impact that the therefore alternate routes would have on other villages like Kingston which was a disappointment for the village. Update given by SD.

- 3.2. Change of charitable status of Kingston Village Hall Committee: MW to determine if the records needed are held in the County Records Office in Ely and whether it is possible to gain access to send to the solicitor to progress the change of ownership.
- 3.3. Emergency Plan: has been updated and submitted to be reviewed again July 2022 (SD)
- 3.4. Kingston phone box: needs to be progressed with some urgency (MW)
- 3.5. Parish Meeting and Orchard Tea Party: The Parish Meeting has be postponed. The date for the Orchard Tea Party was determined to be 11<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm (KR)
- 3.6. Joan Reynolds stepping down as Trustee for Kingston Poor's Land Charity, appointing of a new trustee required, ME and Peter Reynolds have been approached. Consulting Donal suitable candidates. JCI to follow up.

- 3.7. Blocked drains on The Green has been reported as well as there being a problem on Cranes Lane.

MW to send details of the blocked drains to Michael Atkins.

#### **4. Correspondence**

- 4.1. Email from Maj-Lis Atiyah concerning the street light outside Ainola, Cranes Lane is partially obscured by vegetation. Her tree surgeon is going to clear this as soon as possible in the near future.
- 4.2. Email from Mr Jackson requesting a further update on the possible planning application for change of use at Kingston Barns, was responded to confirming that an official application with specific details would have to be made for the Parish Council to review, as per the standard process.

Michael Atkins entered the meeting

#### **5. County Councillor's report (see appendix A)**

- 5.1. Michael Atkins introduction, representing 11 villages in total. Looking to the residents and Parish Councils to share concerns and issues. He has been working on families in need with supermarket vouchers and holiday schemes. The 2 infrastructure projects of EWR and Cambourne to Cambridge Busway, as well as cycling routes. Gave an update on the county COVID status. Please review his reports May and June attached in appendix.

Michael left the meeting

#### **6. District Councillor's report (see appendix B for further details)**

- 6.1. Tumi shared details of the Zero Carbon Grant Scheme.
- 6.2. District is running programmes for teenagers to help with the effects of lockdown.
- 6.3. Local Plan, with preferred options will be published September/October timeframe.
- 6.4. Planning concerns about government proposals to create 3 zones which will take away local input from planning decisions.

June and July Reports in full in Appendix

Tumi left the meeting

#### **7. Open Spaces Report**

- 7.1. Work party met to tidy up The Orchard
- 7.2. Work party to be organised for 13<sup>th</sup> November for The Orchard for a full cut back. Request Peter Hollies puts the date in the magazine.
- 7.3. Look to put a team together for a tidy up in February for the Play Area.

#### **8. Clerk's report**

- 8.1. Bi-monthly report (Appendix C)
- 8.2. Invoices:
  - 8.2.1. Opus Energy footway lighting energy May 2021 £26.72 (already paid, direct debit) Agreed for payment.

- 8.2.2. Opus Energy footway lighting energy June 2021 £26.21 (already paid, direct debit). Agreed for payment.
  - 8.2.3. Buchan's Landscapes grasscutting in April 2021 (inv 2545) £494.78 (already paid). Agreed for payment.
  - 8.2.4. Buchan's Landscapes grasscutting in May 2021 (inv 2582) £494.78. Agreed for payment.
  - 8.2.5. Buchan's Landscapes grasscutting in June 2021 (inv 2620) £524.78. Agreed for payment.
  - 8.2.6. Parish Clerk's salary May 2021 £135.58 (already paid). Agreed for payment.
  - 8.2.7. Parish Clerk's salary June 2021 £135.58. Agreed for payment.
  - 8.2.8. Parish Clerk's salary July 2021 £135.58. Agreed for payment.
  - 8.2.9. PS Assistant Parish Clerk's salary May 2021 £108.38 (already paid). Agreed for payment.
  - 8.2.10. PS Assistant Parish Clerk's HMRC PAYE May 2021 £27.20 (already paid). Agreed for payment.
  - 8.2.11. Unity Trust Bank Charges Annual fee £18.00 (already paid, direct debit). Agreed for payment.
- 8.3. Play area equipment small repairs to be made: wooden edging and bark replacement, finger trap concerns in the wooden climbing frame, repair required to the tunnel. Agreed to instruct groundworkers to fix the edging, quotes to be gathered MW. Charlie Wheeler to try and remedy the tunnel. It was determined that the wooden posts are in good working order, the wood has naturally split and cannot be filled but the danger posed is minimal and no further action will be taken.

**9. Planning**

- 9.1. Old Farm House, Tinkers Lane proposed alterations including 3 new windows, new bathrooms, stairs, and road access:  
<https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/21/02337/HFUL>

An Extraordinary Meeting to be called to review the road access point of the proposed new driveway in person in daylight.

**10. Items for next meeting**

- 10.1. Constituency Boundary proposals

**11. Date of next meeting:**

- 11.1. Parish Council meeting: 14th September

Meeting ended at 22:05

Minutes reference: 20210713KPC

Signed.....

Date.....

# County Councillor Report – Kingston Cllr Michael Atkins, Hardwick Division 28th May 2021

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## Summary

- Election results and new administration at the County level
- Covid cases reach a new low in S. Cambridgeshire and across the County
- Everyone aged 30 and now eligible for a vaccine – take up should be strongly encouraged
- EWR consultation closes 9<sup>th</sup> June
- C2C Independent Audit Report published today
- Contact details

## Results of the election 6<sup>th</sup> May

Can I start by expressing my sincere thanks to the villages for electing me as your County Councillor until 2025. It is truly a privilege to represent this beautiful part of Cambridgeshire and I hope I will repay your trust in me over the coming years.

At the overall County level a number of seats changed hands, and there is now a new Joint Administration with a majority on the council, comprising 20 Liberal Democrat (including myself), 9 Labour and 4 Independent Councillors. There is therefore scope for much to change in the County Council's priorities and delivery of services in this new term.

The election for Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough was won by Nik Johnson (Lab.), and the Police and Crime Commissioner is now Darryl Preston (Con.).

## Covid-19

The news across the County is broadly positive, with overall cases falling to just 4 per 100,000 residents, and a total of 4 new cases in South Cambridgeshire, both well below the average for England. Hospital admissions remain low in the County and there have been no deaths recorded since the end of April.

Nevertheless, we are reminded that case numbers can increase very fast, particularly of new variants, and therefore it's important that residents continue to abide by the restrictions in place and exercise care and good sense (particularly with indoor interactions).

Adults aged 30 and over (as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021) are now eligible for a Covid-19 vaccine and should take up this opportunity as soon as possible. Many residents will also be due to have their second dose in the coming month – it is important to remember that both doses are necessary for the best possible protection.

## East-West Rail Consultation

East-West Rail are currently running a non-statutory consultation on their proposed route alignments, including the section of new railway from Camborne to Cambridge. This is the most significant piece of new infrastructure development in our area for many decades and could have an enormous impact on our villages. The consultation runs until the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. Please encourage as many residents as possible to complete the consultation.

## **C2C independent audit report**

Several months ago, work on the Camborne to Cambridge busway was suspended so that an independent audit of the decisions and assumptions made so far could be carried out. This audit recently concluded and a report was made available today (Friday 28<sup>th</sup>), ahead of a discussion at the Greater Cambridge Partnership Assembly on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. The report broadly recommends that the scheme should proceed to the next decision point; however, concerns are raised about how the scheme will work in the city centre, and there are significant changes in circumstances surrounding the scheme, particularly the future of the CAM scheme, East-West Rail, and the UK government's new bus strategy. I share these concerns and will be working with my colleagues at District and County level to ensure that all the issues raised in the report are considered at the Joint Assembly and Board.

### **Contact Details**

Councillors and residents are welcome to contact me on any issue which is concerning them:

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# County Councillor Report

## Cllr Michael Atkins, Hardwick Division

### June 2021

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#### Summary

- Covid-19: significant rise in cases, pop-up vaccination clinics now operating
- EWR: consultation has closed, Highways & Transport debate available to watch
- Cycling and walking consultation: please respond
- Free school meal vouchers to be offered throughout the summer holidays
- LHIs approved, next round opened
- Innovate & cultivate fund applications invited
- Contact details

#### Covid-19

There has been a significant jump in the number of local Covid cases; there are also cases in many schools across the County. Clearly there are sporting excitements that might tempt us into pubs and social gatherings but please take care of yourselves and others.

“Walk-in” or “pop-up” vaccinations are available for those needing a first dose, and second doses for those who had their first at least 8 week ago. Details are available at: <https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/covid-19-national-vaccination-programme/information-regarding-walk-in-clinics/>

Vaccination rates are comparably low in Cambridge city and the surrounding areas, so please encourage your friends and family to take up these opportunities.

#### East-West Rail

The East-West Rail consultation has now closed – thank you very much to those of you who contributed.

The project was discussed in some detail at the first meeting of the Highways & Transport Committee of the County Council. I addressed the committee to pass on the views raised by residents, alongside Cllr Kindersley, and Dr Harrold of Cambridge Approaches. A video of my speech should be available on my Facebook page shortly; you can watch the whole debate at this link: <https://youtu.be/p181vHuGe94?t=3964>

Following our speeches, the committee agreed to strengthen the Council’s response to EWR, particularly on the northern route, which should be published soon on the Council’s website.

#### Cycling & Walking Consultation

The Council is consulting on a new Cycling and Walking infrastructure plan. The purpose of the plan is to complete outline work and prioritisation for potential cycling and walking routes, which can then be ‘shovel ready’ and eligible for further funding from the Westminster Government or organisations like Sustrans.

You can contribute by following this link:

<https://consultcambis.uk.engagementhq.com/ccc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021> and then either filling in the survey, or commenting on an interactive map.

There are two new or improved routes proposed for this division: one along St Neots Rd, and one connecting the south of Hardwick with Highfields and Cambourne. These routes were drawn up using data on commuting patterns, so there may be other journey types

which are overlooked at present e.g. routes to schools. Please respond to the consultation, and/or let me know your views directly.

### **Free school meal vouchers**

The Council has agreed to provide supermarket vouchers over the summer holidays for families entitled to free school meals, and to top up the offer from the National government by £0.5m to ensure all families have their needs met. I was delighted to support this initiative when it came before the Children & Young Peoples committee. Eligible parents should be contacted directly, but if anyone has any issues accessing this or the Holiday Activity & Food programme, please let me know.

### **Local Highways Initiatives**

The Highways & Transport Committee has now approved the prioritised Local Highway Improvement bids for this year. In our area these are:

- Barton: road safety features across the village, particularly on 4 main approaches
- Grantchester: Grantchester Rd, reductions in speed, gateway and road markings
- Hardwick: St Neots Rd, central island and path widening on village entry

The new application window for Local Highway Improvement schemes to be delivered in 2022/23 have now opened and will close on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at midday.

### **Innovate & Cultivate Fund**

The next deadline to apply to Cambridgeshire County Council's Innovate & Cultivate Fund is Sunday 1 August. The fund supports projects that strengthen communities and reduce pressure on County Council services. The fund is open to voluntary and community organisations and social enterprises in and outside Cambridgeshire, and public sector organisations in Cambridgeshire. This round is for applications for 'Cultivate' projects (£2,000-£15,000) which build community support networks for vulnerable people. 'Innovate' grants (£15,000- £50,000) are currently suspended. The Council has advice for seven different off-the-peg project ideas to help people remain independent and active in their community, encourage volunteering, and complement more costly Council services. You can find guidance on how to apply for a start-up grant for each of these projects at <https://data.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/dataset/cultivate-project-ideas>

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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 – June 2021

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

#### General

Please contact me with comments, questions, problems, reports, suggestions or complaints to do with SCDC services. These are housing need, housing repairs for council tenants, planning, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health issues etc. Don't fight 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>. What I post on there is my view and not LibDem or South Cambs official policy unless I state that it is.

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

These are items in my previous reports that require action due to time limitations or important.

##### 1. East West Rail Consultation

Please submit your feedback to the consultation by **Wednesday 9 June**. You can do this in a number of ways:

- a. submit it online at [https://communityhub.eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation/feedback/survey\\_tools/feedback](https://communityhub.eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation/feedback/survey_tools/feedback)
- b. download and print a copy of the feedback form here <https://eastwestrail-production.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/public/Feedback-Form.pdf> and send to Freepost EAST WEST RAIL
- c. Scan completed feedback form and sent to [consultation@eastwestrail.co.uk](mailto:consultation@eastwestrail.co.uk)
- d. Or just send an email with your comments to [consultation@eastwestrail.co.uk](mailto:consultation@eastwestrail.co.uk)

2. **Zero Carbon Grant Scheme**– Community groups can bid for grants between £1000 and £15000 for projects to tackle climate change. For those interested, the Council is running a webinar on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 titled “How to make a successful grant application”. Go to <https://www.scams.gov.uk/applications-open-for-cash-for-climate-change-projects/> to read more about the grant, how to apply and how to register for the webinar. Closing date for applications is **5pm on Friday 30 July 2021**

##### 3. Wild Minds Programme for Teenagers

**Wild Minds** is our free programme of wellbeing activities to support the mental wellbeing of 14-17 year olds with things like anxiety and low mood, or to build self-esteem and confidence. The course has been developed by South Cambridgeshire District Council together with Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust and is supported by a Clinical Psychologist. The next 8-week courses begins on Sunday 6 June and can still read about it and register free at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/wildminds> Also check out this ITV video



<https://www.itv.com/news/anglia/2021-05-12/using-nature-to-nurture-well-being-how-being-in-green-spaces-can-ease-lockdown-anxiety>

#### 4. Restart Grants Open for Local Businesses

Businesses that are predominantly reliant on delivering in-person services affected by the post Christmas national lockdown can now apply via our website for the Government's Restart Grants of up to £6000. Go to <https://www.scams.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/financial-support-for-business/restart-grants/> to make your application before closing date of **30th June 2021**.

#### Governance

The District Council held four (4) by-elections in May 2021. We retained the 3 seats we initially had and gained the fourth which was previously held by an Independent councillor. The make up of the council is now 31 Liberal Democrats, 11 Conservatives, 2 Labour and 1 Independent.

For the County Council elections, the LibDems made five gains from the Conservatives and as a result we now have a new LibDem County Councillor in Michael Atkins. I am pleased to welcome Michael onboard and look forward to working with him to provide you with the high level of service that your LibDem councillors are known for.

SCDC held its first Full Council of the new municipal year at The Imperial War Museum as it was the venue that could accommodate all 45 councillors and officers whilst keeping to Covid19 guidelines. Unfortunately, as I previously reported, Government did not extend the legislation that would have enabled us to continue to meet virtually. Added cost to taxpayer we could do without.

#### COVID19 UPDATE

Step 3 of lockdown easing started on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021. It means that social contact is now possible for maximum of 30 people outdoors, and the Rule of 6 people or two households can meet indoors. Businesses that provide indoor hospitality, entertainment and attractions can open, as well as organised indoor adult sport. Domestic overnight stays and international travel is permitted but you must check the destination country rules of admission and what you need to do when you get back to UK. Government is considering if Step 4 scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> June will happen as planned.

The Delta (Indian) variant is now the most prevalent in the country. Bedford next door to us has one of the highest infection rates in the country and the new variant spreads more easily from person to person. Government is encouraging people to [get tested](#) twice a week, work from home if possible, and get vaccinated when offered.

Infection rates continue to be low in South Cambs but we cannot be complacent. Please do be careful out there. **Hands-Face-Space** is still very much the rule not exception.

[Regular rapid testing](#) is a key way that we can all keep ourselves, as well as our friends and family, safe as restrictions continue to ease. Anyone who does not have symptoms can now get regular rapid lateral flow tests to check for COVID-19. You can get the test or collect home kits at The Hub in Cambourne or order online <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Find the full details of easing lockdown at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>

## **Health and Wellbeing**

There is an opportunity to do something positive to help with our wellbeing each day. Action for Happiness is an organisation that brings together like-minded people from all walks of life and helps them take practical action, drawing on the latest scientific research. It has no religious, political or commercial affiliations and has a simple remit: to try to create more happiness in the world! It has created daily prompts for the month of June to help people find joy, even when things are difficult. Why not try the Joyful June calendar

<https://www.actionforhappiness.org/joyful-june> and do share with friends and family.

We have also organised a series of **free webinars for local businesses** to help owners and employees deal with the stress of keeping their businesses going during the pandemic. The next one is on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and you can find out more and register at

<https://www.cambridgenetwork.co.uk/news/council-offers-free-mental-health-webinars-businesses>

## **Business Grants**

The District Council has as of 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 paid out £12,050,994 since November 2020 grants opened (LRSG and ARG/hardship). £4,576,979 out of our £4,594,88 Additional Restrictions (discretionary - hardship), that is 99.6% of fund paid to 1,653 businesses. For Restart grants, we have paid out £4,270,018 out of our allocation of £5,814,090 to 453 businesses (73%). We continue to proactively make contact with those who haven't yet applied. Thanks to the new Business Support Team who have worked extremely hard over the past year. We've now paid out well over £40m in business grants over the past 15 months but without it, the local economic consequences could have been quite dire!

## **Welcome Back Fund – Parish Survey**

SCDC is offering support to help businesses reopen as restrictions begin to lift. We are asking parishes to help us by completing an online survey so we can determine how best to help. The survey is at <http://bit.ly/SCWelcomeBackSurvey> and should only take a few minutes. Contact email for the Reopening High Street Safely team is [reopening@scams.gov.uk](mailto:reopening@scams.gov.uk).

## **PLANNING**

### **Neighbourhood Planning**

Neighbourhood Plans (NP) are an important planning tool for communities to use in shaping how their local area is developed. It is a proactive way of thinking of development. Neighbourhood plans once adopted become part of our adopted local plan and carry statutory planning weight when it comes to decision making on applications that come forward in the Neighbourhood plan area. At the Full Council in May, South Cambs “made” (adopted) two more NPs for Cottenham, and Histon & Impington, making a total of 3 with Great Abingdon previously adopted. There are 16 more areas designated as NP areas and working on their NPs.

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plans-adopted-following-strong-community-support/>

### **Greater Cambridge Local Plan**

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSPS) is continuing to work on the new local plan. We hope to have a preferred option strategy ready to go out for discussion with communities in the Autumn.

In the meantime, the Government is proposing changes to how local plans are created which may significantly impact communities as it will grant permission when a plan is adopted! This limits

the ability of communities then to influence those plans further down the line. I will update as and when more information is available on the proposals. I was interviewed on 12<sup>th</sup> May on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire on the Planning Bill in the Queen's Speech and you can listen here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09fs715> (at 1hr 10 mins)

## **Planning Awards**

The Planning Service recently won the RTPI Planning Excellence award 2021 for Excellence in Planning to Deliver Homes (50 or more dwellings) for the Clay Farm (Great Kneighton) development. The level of affordable housing in the development was particularly commended.

There are four other projects that have been shortlisted for national planning awards taking place later including one for Stakeholder Engagement for our First Conversation in Jan/Feb 2020.

## **FINANCE & INVESTMENT**

The new South Cambridgeshire Investment Partnership (SCIP) has agreed to purchase land (£12.9m) in Cambourne to bring forward new homes. SCIP is a 50:50 partnership between SCDC and Hill Group. It will bring forward about 275 new homes with 40% affordable on land south of Cambourne Business Park.

At the same time, South Cambridgeshire District Council is also investing in the future of Cambourne Business Park. It is purchasing a currently empty plot of land at the Park for £1.4m together with additional land for the access road, which is identified for commercial activity, with a view to completing this part of the Business Park. This gives the Council wider control of, and the ability to develop the Business Park as part of a proactive approach to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/investment-partnership-and-local-council-agree-143-million-deals-to-build-new-homes-in-cambourne-along-with-cambourne-business-park-investment/>

## **TRANSPORT**

### **Cycling and Walking Consultation**

Cambridgeshire County Council has begun [a consultation](#) on the creation of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Cambridgeshire. It finishes on Tuesday 13 July 2021. Residents are invited to complete the survey and/or mark cycleways and footpaths they would like to see created or prioritised on the map. Read and respond here

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/ccc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021>

### **Cambourne to Cambridge Busway - GCP**

The GCP agreed to carry out an audit of the assumptions underlying the route selection for the C2C. Details at <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambourne-to-cambridge/cambourne-to-cambridge-independent-audit>. The audit has now been completed and will be reported to the GCP Assembly on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 then to the GCP Board in July. The papers are here <http://bit.ly/GCP-Assembly>

### **East West Rail – Bedford to Cambridge Railway.**

The second non-statutory public consultation by EWR started on 31 March 2021 and closes on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This is a National Infrastructure project, and completely in the hands of EWR

and Department of Transport to make the decision. EWR is an integral part of the Government's planned growth agenda for the Oxford to Cambridge Arc!

I want to pay tribute to the various community groups and volunteers who have worked hard over the past few weeks to go through the mountain of documents and distil the information for residents. Both Bourn and Caldecote held virtual village meetings which I was able to attend to discuss the consultation and hear from residents. You will find the reports and responses for Bourn, Caldecote and Kingston on the respective parish council/village websites.

Kingston: <https://kingstonvillage.org.uk/home-2/east-west-railway.html>

Caldecote: <https://caldecote.gov.uk/east-west-rail/>

Bourn: <https://www.bourn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/DRAFT-Outline-response-to-EWR-Consultation.pdf>

The Caldecote EWR Action Group got some column inches in the Cambridge Independent which you can find here <https://www.cambridgeindependent.co.uk/news/will-east-west-rail-demolish-homes-still-being-built-9199621/>. Well done team.

SCDC Cabinet considered its draft response to the consultation at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May and you will find that report at <https://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s122001/EWR%20-%20Final%20report%20to%20Cabinet.pdf>. It agreed to strengthen parts of the response.

I liaised with the developers at Bourn Airfield, Bourn Quarter and All Angels Park and it turns out EWR did not consult with them directly and so did not take account of the impact of their alleged preferred alignments on those developments.

The consultation website is at <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation> so please have your say. See the first part of this report on the many ways you can send in your comments.

I have put my comments in my blog article here <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/east-west-rail-ward-member-comments/>

## **Pride 2021**

This month is Pride 2021, celebrated both nationally and internationally. The Council supports Pride and would like to encourage everyone to check out the LGBTQ+ resources on our [webpages https://www.scams.gov.uk/LGBTQ-History-Month](https://www.scams.gov.uk/LGBTQ-History-Month) There are many events including talks, training, book and film recommendations and links to local Pride event organisers. The Council We also continues to support Encompass Network locally, and further information about their work and activities can be found on their website <http://encompassnetwork.org.uk/>

Some national events include [London Pride](#) - has been moved to September due to COVID restrictions. [UK Black Pride](#) Friday 2nd July - Sunday 4th July, [London Trans Pride](#) on 26th June and [Bi Pride \(BiFI Festival\)](#) on 20th June (virtual)

## **LOCAL ISSUES**

**Caldecote** – Linden Homes have submitted a new planning application for 74 homes. The previous planning permission for 140 homes on the whole site was granted at appeal when the Council did not have a 5-year land supply. The developers applied for Reserved Matters only for Phase 1 for 66 homes and allowed the permission to lapse for Phase 2. This application will now need to be considered on its own merit.

**Little Gransden** – On 25<sup>th</sup> May I was pleased to be able to support John Jefferies on part of

his 57km in a day walk to raise money for Leukemia UK. I joined him and Chris at Kingston and walked to Coton where I stopped. You will find John's fundraising page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-jefferies4> so please do give generously.

### **Casework**

Irrespective of the current Covid19 lockdown, please do feel free to contact me with comments, questions, problems, reports, suggestions or complaints to do with SCDC services. I will help as best I can.

You will find my past reports at <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/2020-21-monthly-reports/>. Feel free to read, share and/or download.

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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 – July 2021**

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

**General**

Please contact me with comments, questions, problems, reports, suggestions or complaints to do with SCDC services. These are housing need, housing repairs for council tenants, planning, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health issues etc. Don't fight 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>. What I post on there is my view and not LibDem or South Cambs official policy unless I state that it is.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

These are items in my previous reports that require action due to time limitations or important.

1. **Zero Carbon Grant Scheme**– Community groups can bid for grants between £1000 and £15000 for projects to tackle climate change. For those interested, the Council held a workshop on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 titled “How to make a successful grant application”. You can watch the recording here [https://www.scambs.gov.uk/nature-and-climate-change/zero-carbon communities/zero-carbon-communities-events/](https://www.scambs.gov.uk/nature-and-climate-change/zero-carbon-communities/zero-carbon-communities-events/)

Go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/applications-open-for-cash-for-climate-change-projects/> to read more about how to apply for the grant. Closing date for applications is **5pm on Friday 30 July 2021**

**2. Cycling and Walking Consultation**

Cambridgeshire County Council started [a consultation](#) on the creation of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Cambridgeshire. Residents are invited to complete the survey and/or mark cycleways and footpaths they would like to see created or prioritised on the map. Read and respond here <https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/cc-c-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021>. **Consultation closes on Tuesday 13 July 2021**

**COVID19 UPDATE**

Step 4 of easing lockdown has been postponed to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. It may or may not happen, depending on the effect of the Covid-Delta variant.

The Delta variant is now the most prevalent in the country. As of 23-June Covid-Delta cases in Cambridge city were increasing rapidly and the case rate was 98 per 100k. The vast majority of these are in the 18-24 age group which is largely unvaccinated. Cases had doubled in the week up to the 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the city. It is worth noting that Cambridge has been in the top 10 lowest



vaccinated areas in the UK as only 53% of the population have had a first dose and 32% a second dose of vaccine. Hopefully with many more in the age group 18+ now being vaccinated, this should change. The City Council put out a press release 23-June encouraging residents not to go into the city *unless they have to*. You can see it here <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/news/2021/06/23/keep-safe-have-fun-and-stay-socially-distanced-this-weekend>.

Infection rates continue to be low in South Cambs but increased slightly so we cannot be complacent. **Hands-Face-Space** is still very much the rule not exception.

Please do get regular rapid lateral flow tests to check for COVID-19. You can get the test or collect home kits at The Hub in Cambourne or order online <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Find the full details of easing lockdown at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>

### **Health and Wellbeing**

The Action for Happiness theme for this month is **Jump Back Up July**. The calendar is at <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/jump-back-up-july>. As always please share with friends and family.

### **Welcome Back Fund – Parish Survey**

SCDC is offering support to help businesses reopen as restrictions begin to lift. We are asking parishes to help us by completing an online survey so we can determine how best to help. The survey is at <http://bit.ly/SCWelcomeBackSurvey> and should only take a few minutes. Contact email for the Reopening High Street Safely team is [reopening@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:reopening@scambs.gov.uk).

## **COMMUNITY ISSUES**

### **The Community Safety Partnership Toolkit**

The Community Safety Partnership is a partnership between SCDC and Cambridgeshire County council, the Police, Fire and rescue services, the Probation service, and the NHS. The Partnership has created a toolkit that provides guidance, training and other tools to support residents' activities, building on the work that volunteer groups did during the pandemic.

The issues covered in the toolkit include connecting people, tackling speeding, preventing antisocial behaviour and helping vulnerable neighbours to avoid scams. It is designed to help build a better sense of community and hopefully make your village feel safer.

Do check it out at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/CSP> and if you find anything missing that you feel would be useful, let us know

## **PLANNING**

### **Planning Awards**

The Greater Cambridge Planning Service won two more prestigious national planning awards in June 2021. They are:

(1) The Award for Promoting Economic Growth, for the Wellcome Genome Expansion scheme and (2) The Award for Best Housing Scheme (500 homes or more) went to Great Kneighton

This is in addition to the previous one, the RTPI Planning Excellence award 2021 for Excellence in Planning to Deliver Homes (50 or more dwellings) for the Clay Farm (Great Kneighton) development. <https://www.cambridgenetwork.co.uk/news/planners-triumph-national-awards>

It is worth noting that the Stakeholder Engagement for our First Conversation in Jan/Feb 2020 was shortlisted twice. But we can't win them all. These awards recognise the professional work the planners do. The Judges commended the Planning Service for the "exceptionally proactive work by planners in creating successful communities and beautiful places to live and work". Well done to all the Planning Officers in the teams that worked on these projects. A truly sterling effort.

### **Bourn Quarter**

Construction work has started on Bourn Quarter, the new employment business park on the old TKA Tallent site. The development Agents are Aitchison, and construction company is Readie Construction Ltd. Construction of Phase 1 has started and Readie will produce a monthly newsletter to keep neighbouring communities informed of what is going on.

The current work generating some noise that can be heard in Highfields is the breaking up of the existing concrete hardstanding / taxiways and some large underground concrete structures that were installed as part of the Gestamp/TKA Tallent manufacturing process that took place in the previous building. This has involved some heavy machinery using peckers to break the reinforced concrete. Apparently some of the holes that housed the machinery are up to 25ft deep and had concrete pillars 4ft wide on which the presses sat! That is a lot of concrete to break up. These operations will be completed by the end of July after which there should be no further abnormal noise generated.

### **FINANCE & GRANTS**

The Grants Advisory Committee recommended two Community Chest Grants totalling £1,787.39 and 22 Covid Recovery Grants totalling £37,797.82 to be approved by the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance. The grants were for a variety of organisations and projects. You can find out more and how to apply on the website at [https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-development/grants/community-chest-](https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-development/grants/community-chest-grants/)

[grants/](#) **TRANSPORT**

### **Cambourne to Cambridge Busway - GCP**

The GCP board will be meeting on 1st July to consider the audit report and make a decision on the way forward with this project. The GCP Joint Assembly met on 10 June to consider the report and has agreed to support an emerging recommendation that the GCP executive board should vote to choose a preferred route and subject it to a detailed environmental impact assessment. The papers are here <http://bit.ly/GCP-Assembly>

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

**Caldecote** – The next Caldecote Liaison Forum meeting to discuss issues arising from the Linden and Balfour Beatty development will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

### **Casework**



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## Appendix C

### Financial Report 13 Jul 2021

N.B. All figures exclude VAT				
Item	Budget 2021/22 £	Expenditure YTD £	Budget minus expenditure YTD £	
Grass and Hedge cutting	2193	990	1204	
Insurance	377	377	-1	
Clerk's salary	1642	647	994	
Grants (section 137)	676	0	676	
Village Hall upgrade	2233	644	1589	
Audit fees	70	60	10	
Village asset maintenance	605	0	605	
Subscriptions	323	0	323	
Parish Magazine	564	0	564	
Footpath lighting	150	108	42	
Miscellaneous and expenses	1000	290	710	
Income other than precept	-150		-150	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9683</b>	<b>3115</b>		
<b>Bank balances</b>	Current account:	2481		
	Deposit account:	17012		
<b>S106 money (included in above)</b>	'Open space'	0		
	'Community facility'	945		