

Kingston Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30pm on 12 September 2023

Present:

Sue Dagleish (SD) (Chair)
Julie Conder (JC)
Miki Ellar (ME)
Mark Nicholls (MN)
Paul Wheeler (PW)
Peter Stokes (PS) (outgoing Clerk)
Rachel Marsh (RM) (Clerk designate)

1. Apologies

None

2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

- 2.1. Meeting on 11 July 2023: approved
- 2.2. Extraordinary meeting on 30 August 2023: approved

3. County Councillor's report

See Appendix A

4. District Councillor's report

See Appendix B

5. Matters ongoing

5.1. East West Rail - SD will attend a (Zoom) update meeting on 27 September.

5.2. Phone box and post box

5.2.1. PW advised that the replacement signs to be fitted around the top of the phone box have been ordered. **Action: PW**

5.2.2. The phone box light is inoperative, due either to the bulb having failed or to a problem with the power supply to the bulb. It was noted that BT, when handing over the phone box, agreed to continue to supply power for the internal light. Since it is desirable to maintain a working light, it was agreed to check the contract and contact BT. It was also noted that a special key is required to access the light bulb. KPC will need access for bulb changes, so this will also be taken up with BT. **Action: PW/SD.**

5.2.3. PS has been contacted by a resident whose 5-year old son has proposed a children's section for the phone box library. Before replying he wishes to know the views of KPC. It was noted that Katherine Stalham is the unofficial organiser of the phone box library, so it was agreed that PS would contact Katherine, copied to SD. **Action: PS.**

5.2.4. Post box – time of final collection each day has been updated on village post box.

5.3. No 18 bus service: JC reported that she had received reports that the no 18 bus frequently does not arrive, or sometimes drives past the bus stop without stopping even though people are waiting. She has complained to Whippet, with specific instances, and is awaiting a response.

5.4. Financial regulations and standing orders: the internal auditor has advised KPC that its financial regulations and standing orders are not sufficiently comprehensive. JC is working on revising them, with the aid of a NALC template, which is far too comprehensive but is useful as a starting point. **ACTION JC/SD**

6. Matters arising

6.1. Clerk recruitment and pensions auto-enrolment legislation

6.1.1. It was agreed that Rachel Marsh is appointed as the Clerk to KPC with effect from 1 October 2023. RM signed the necessary documents. PS's employment as Clerk will terminate on 30 September 2023.

6.1.2. JC advised that KPC was bound by legislation which requires it, subject to certain defined exceptions, to provide the opportunity for new employees, within 6 weeks of their starting employment, to join a pension scheme. Such a scheme would not, in the case of KPC, require any employer contributions to be added to employee contributions. JC recommends that if there is a need to set up a pension scheme, KPC uses NEST – a workplace pension scheme set up by the government. JC requested that KPC authorise her to deal with this matter on behalf of KPC, using NEST if the need arises. It was agreed that JC is authorised as requested.

6.2. Invoices for payment

Company	Service	Date Paid	Amount	Paid by
Unity Bank	Service charge	30 Jun 23	£18.00	D/D
Opus Energy	Street lighting	17 Jul 23	£12.06	D/D
Buchan's Landscapes	Jun 23 grasscutting	26 Jul 23	£560.93	B/P
P Stokes	Clerk salary	31 Jul 23	£18.66	B/P
HMRC	Clerk income tax	31 Jul 23	£4.60	B/P
One.com	KPC website hosting	7 Aug 23	£164.10	B/P
Buchan's Landscapes	Jul 23 grasscutting	9 Aug 23	£560.93	B/P
Opus Energy	Street lighting	15 Aug 23	£12.45	B/P
Buchan's Landscapes	Play park weed spraying	24 Aug 23	£78.00	B/P
P Stokes	Clerk salary	31 Aug 23	£18.66	B/P
HMRC	Clerk income tax	31 Aug 23	£4.60	B/P

All agreed for payment.

6.3. Correspondence/Meetings/Training: SD circulated copies of a programme of training courses offered by CAPALC. SD will meet with our new parish clerk Rachel Marsh in October to discuss training plans. Currently CAPALC have not published a date for

their new clerk training course during the remainder of 2023 so we will continue to monitor the situation. ACTION - SD

6.4. Playpark safety report/repairs

6.4.1. Playdale has provided a quotation of £6008.02 (5006.68 excl VAT) to repair the tunnel and climbing frame. Financial assistance may be available in the form of a grant from Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund. The Fund is intended to support local communities to upgrade and improve community buildings and assets so this project could be eligible. Agreed that SD would contact Tumi Hawkins to find out if any other funding is available. Agreed that PW would submit the parish council application for grant support - any additional input to be provided by parish councillors to PW by 15th September 23. **Action: All, SD, PW.**

6.4.2. If grant funding is not available, it may be considered too expensive to replace the tunnel, as this would involve digging it out of the grassy mound, and then restoring the mound. Other alternatives may be considered: replacing the existing tunnel with a surface tunnel, or abolishing it entirely. It was agreed that before any decision was taken village opinion would be sought by publishing items in the parish magazine as it is acknowledged that the tunnel is popular and seen by many to be suitable for younger children as it is at ground level which can be re-assuring. **Action: SD**

6.4.3. SD has established that KPC insurance policy requires weekly inspections of the playpark. SD will set up a rota of volunteers who, using the existing checklist, will carry out weekly inspections, with records kept of inspections. **Action: SD.**

6.5. Village grass cutting and weed maintenance

6.5.1. Buchan's has sprayed the weeds under the climbing frame at the playpark at a net cost of £65.00 (78.00 gross).

6.5.2. Buchan's has provided two quotations to spray weeds around the village hall (see minute 3.1 of the KPC meeting on 30 Aug 2023): £215 as a 'one-off', or £155 per visit on a regular 3-times/year programme. Buchan's has proposed that the visits would be in Feb/Mar, May, and Jul/Aug.

6.5.3. Following the request from the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) there was a discussion as to whether KPC would pay for this, or the work would be offered to the VHMC on a cost-sharing basis. It was noted that the paths in front of the bus shelter, and the car park, were not the responsibility of the VHMC as these are public areas.

6.5.4. It was agreed that an offer would be made to the VHMC for KPC to arrange for three visits in 2024 as per Buchan's offer on an equal cost-sharing basis. At the end of this trial period the results would be reviewed to decide whether or not to continue and on what financial basis. The VHMC to be contacted with this information. **Action: PS/SD**

6.5.5. SD and MN are continuing their review and revision of the grass and hedge cutting contract. As a priority they will modify or replace the maps to clarify which grass areas are to be cut 3 times/year, and which areas 13 times/year. **Action: SD, MN.**

6.6. Open Spaces report

6.6.1. MN reported that some potholes have been repaired in Crane's Lane.

6.6.2. ME noted that the repairs appear to be temporary and some are already showing signs of deterioration.

6.6.3. It was agreed that residents should be encouraged to report potholes to the Highways Department of CCC using their online reporting tool. This can also be used for other highway problems such as missing or faded white lines. Article to be placed in parish magazine to remind villagers of web site address to report issues. **Action:SD**

6.6.4. It was noted that the 'Wimpole Way' sign at the southern end of Crane's Lane is still not repaired. MN continues to work to have this repaired - currently we have been told it has been scheduled for the current financial year by South Cambs.

6.6.5. MN reported that the stile at the western end of the Swards has become rotten, and should be removed to avoid potential injury. MN will either do this himself, or revert to KPC to arrange for a contractor to remove it. There is no need for a stile at this point unless livestock is to be kept on the Swards. Walkers sometimes enter the Swards at this point to reach the footpath at the eastern end. **Action: MN.**

7. Bi-monthly report

See Appendix C. JC noted that the VAT reclaims for 2021/22 and 2022/23 have now been received.

8. Items for next meeting

None

9. Any Other Business

9.1. PW reported that 'expressions of interest' are now invited by CCC Highways for the 2024/25 round of bids for Local Highways Improvement funding.

9.2. ME suggested that KPC could bid for funding to extend roadside kerbing on Bourn Road.

9.3. PW suggested interactive traffic speed indicating signs in the village.

10. Date of next meeting: 14 November 2023.

Meeting finished at 9.40pm.

Meeting minutes ref:

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Report: County Councillor (Hardwick div.) District Councillor (Harston & Comberton) Cllr Michael Atkins September 2023

Highlights

- Contact information

News from the County

RAAC (concrete) in schools

A Government order to schools to immediately shut buildings made with aerated RAAC concrete until safety work can be undertaken has been prominent in the news as term starts. RAAC is a lightweight, bubbly form of concrete usually found in roofs and occasionally in walls and floors. It looks like standard concrete but is weaker, less durable, deteriorates over time, and is also prone to collapse when wet.

Fortunately as of the start of this month all but three of Cambridgeshire's schools have been surveyed and no RAAC has been found. The Council has no concerns about the remaining schools but at the time of writing each requires a survey to rule out RAAC. Following assessments and surveys, the County Council has also been able to confirm that none of its public buildings have been found to contain RAAC.

School uniforms

Towards the end of last term I became aware of the significant issues around school uniform, particularly where school policies are over-prescriptive and require lots of branded items. As a result of a motion I brought to the council, we are now gathering data on how this is affecting families across the County, and will be briefing school governors to remind them of the new statutory guidance to reduce the cost of uniforms. I would welcome any further insight or examples from residents.

Special free schools

The Government has given the go-ahead for Cambridgeshire County Council to establish two new special free schools in the county. One is a 210-place, multiple needs school in March and the other a 60-place school in Gamlingay for children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs.

Cambridgeshire has already invested £60m in creating 150 new special school places at new or existing schools, but more are needed. The Gamlingay school, which will be on the site previously occupied by the former Gamlingay First School, is due to open in September 2025 and will admit 60 pupils with SEMH.

LHI applications

I was delighted to see that both Grantchester and The Eversdens LHI applications, for improved signage and MVAS scheme respectively, were successful, and I look forward to these “non-complex” schemes being implemented quickly. A 20 mph scheme has also recently been installed in Toft.

Priorities capital fund

A reminder that this fund is open until 24 September, for bids of up to £40,000 for capital projects to improve or upgrade community buildings and assets.

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/cambridgeshirepriorities-capital-fund

Weeds

I’m aware of complaints about weeds in various parts of the district and across the county. The County Council’s current Highways Operational Standards state that the Council will apply weed killer using a targeted approach at agreed locations identified on the basis of risk, rather than cyclically as before. This policy affects about 30 per cent of the highway network in Cambridgeshire, as only kerbed urban areas were previously cyclically treated for weeds. The County Council’s policy remains to remove hazardous weeds, or weeds causing safety issues or nuisance. Where the use of chemical weed killer is part of wider maintenance activity it is still carried out—for example weeds should be cleared before slurry sealing footways or surface treating carriageways.

Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?

I recently attended the Children in Care Awards Ceremony at Burgess Hall, St Ives and met so many of our bright, fun-loving children and young people in care. I also met and had the opportunity to thank some of the wonderful foster carers who support and love these children and offer them a stable home, for a while or long-term, so they can grow in confidence and follow their dreams. You can find details about the different type of fostering here:

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

News from GCP & Combined Authority

Sustainable Travel Zone

Following last autumn’s public consultation on the GCP’s proposals for a Sustainable Travel Zone in Cambridge including a congestion charge, GCP officers have drawn up revisions to the proposals.

These include:

- A reduction in the hours of operation to morning and evening peaks only
- No charge for motorcycles
- A discount for local small and medium size businesses
- A discount for those on low incomes
- Fifty ‘free days’ per household

Your councillors are currently considering if these revised proposals go far enough to allay the concerns of local residents, and I expect to share further updates later in the autumn.

News from the District

Changes to bin collections

From 18th September many residents will have a change in either their bin day and/or sequence of collections. Bins may also be collected earlier in the day than previously as teams will be working from 6am. Letters will be sent to all addresses where there is a change. These changes will spread the work between teams more evenly following various new developments in the district, and better accommodate our electric vehicle fleet. It will also concentrate collections over four days as part of the ongoing trial, with an additional benefit that rotas will be much less impacted by future bank holidays.

Updated bus timetables

Stagecoach have given us notice that the following routes are now running to new timetables:

- Citi 2, Milton-Cambridge
- Citi 5, Longstanton-Bar Hill-Cambridge
- Route 8a, Orchard Park-Cambridge
- Route 25, Trumpington P&R-Babraham P&R
- Busway A, St Ives-Cambridge

Contact Details

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

<p>Cllr Michael I. Atkins matkinslibdem@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/cllrmichaelatkins 07968 264637</p>

South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caldecote Ward

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

Councillor's Monthly Report – September 2023

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.

Check out articles on my facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi> and 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.

Reminders

Luton Airport Flight Path and Airspace Deployment (AD6) change

This is the last 3 weeks of the Post Implementation Review (PIR) period which ends 23:59 on 22nd September 2023. I urge those affected to keep reporting to Luton at using noise@ltn.aero or noise.enquiries@ltn.aero.

Planning Updates

Cambridge 2040 and building 250,000 homes in “Cambridge”

The Housing Secretary Michael Gove announced end of July the Government intention to turn Cambridge into the Silicon Valley of the UK. The plan includes building millions of square feet of lab space and 250,000 more new homes to be supported by new rail line (we think EWR) and other infrastructure projects. The government claimed it would send in a “super squad” team of planners to unblock the bottlenecks in the planning system to enable this “super-charging” of the proposed plans.

The full Gove speech is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/long-term-plan-for-housing-secretary-of-states-speech> and scroll down to the section titled “**Supercharging Europe's science capital**”

The initial discussions have taken place between our Councils and Peter Freeman who Gove appointed to lead the work, to explain just what is going on in Greater Cambridge in real life. He needs to know this before Gove's plans can begin to be considered.

Housing

Funding for New Council Homes

The Council has been awarded significant funding to provide 13 additional homes from phase 2 of the Local Authority Housing Fund for refugees. This is in addition to the funding for 40 homes that we received for in phase 1. In total the council has been granted just over £2.4m. The latest award, together with Council borrowing, will be used to provide 10 homes for refugee families from Afghanistan, plus 3 additional properties which we can use for temporary accommodation to reduce the use of bed and breakfast type accommodation. Under the terms of the funding when the properties are no longer needed for either refugee or temporary housing they will be treated as normal council stock. The longer-term legacy for this project will be an increase in social housing

within the District. The housing team will work with the Strategic Migration Partnership (linked to EELGA) to understand the housing needs of refugees. This is a testament to the trust the government have in the council’s ability to deliver.

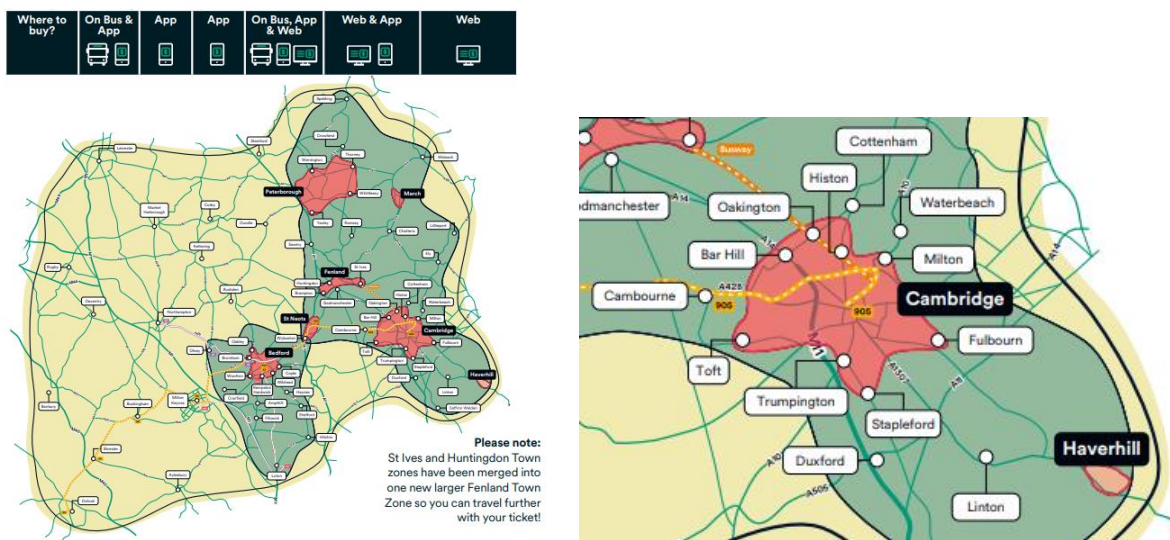
Transport

Stagecoach East Network Bus fare changes

The bus company has announced increases in fares from 17th September 2023. It claims the reasons are to cover the rising costs of providing service as well as making important investments to give a better experience when travelling on the bus network. Stagecoach claims the new ticket prices will add on average just 43p onto the cost of daily adult bus travel in the “Town zone” (Red). You can find details of new fares and zones (Green=Plus, Yellow = East) in the booklet at

<https://tiscon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Miscellaneous/East/CustomerFareGuideBooklet-SEP23.pdf>

For our ward, the Citi4 timetable is the same, and No.18 route is run by Whippet.



GCP – Making Connections

Again, I remind everyone of the original proposal for transport improvement which is to first improve bus services, then to improve active travel infrastructure (cycling and walking), funded initially by GCP, then introduction of the Sustainable Travel Zone with the charge to car users to be ringfenced to maintain the bus/active travel network & services.

The proposals

This consultation follows last year’s Making Connections consultation, when people living and travelling in the area shared their preferred ways to transform the bus network and reduce traffic in the city, while raising money to pay for transport improvements. We have used those views to develop a proposed package of measures to change how we travel in Greater Cambridge and the wider area. We want to hear your thoughts on the three parts of the proposal:

1 Transforming the bus network

From mid-2023, we are proposing to transform the bus network through new routes, additional services, cheaper fares and longer operating hours.

2 Investing in other sustainable travel schemes

Alongside the bus network, we are proposing to invest in new sustainable travel schemes, such as better walking and cycling links.

3 Creating a Sustainable Travel Zone

We are proposing the introduction of a Sustainable Travel Zone in the form of a road user charge. Vehicles would be charged for driving within the zone between 7am and 7pm on weekdays, and money raised would fund improvements to the bus network and other sustainable travel schemes. The Zone would be fully operational in 2027/28, with a gradual introduction starting in 2025, but only once the first bus improvements are introduced.

living and climate crises for a better, cleaner and safer future.

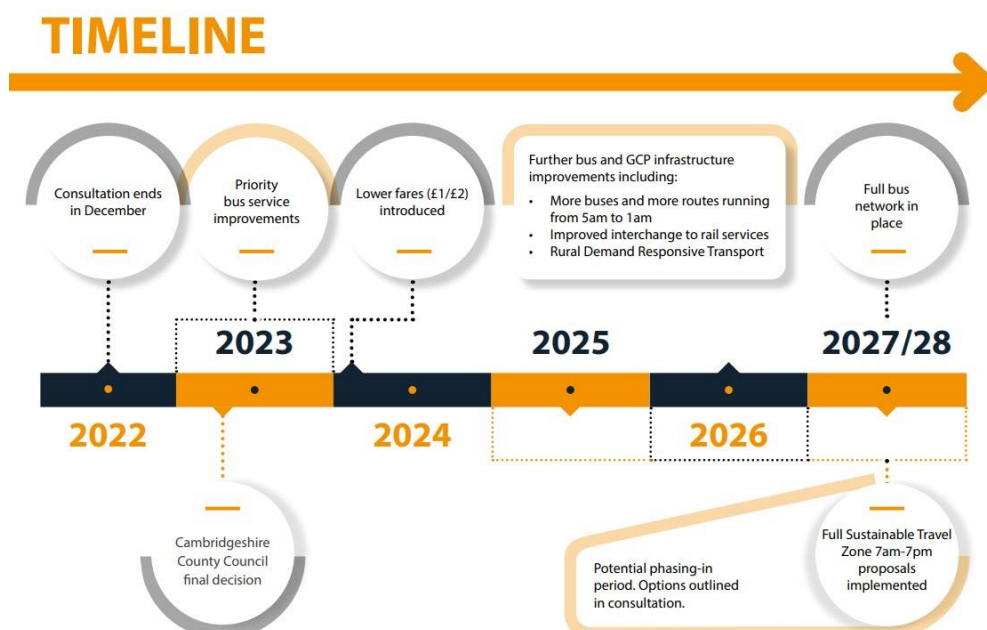
The proposals will see:

Double the hours of service and miles covered of the pre-Covid Greater Cambridge bus network

£1 flat fare for single journeys in the Cambridge bus zone, and £2 fares in the wider area

50% expected reduction of traffic in Cambridge

And the proposed timeline



The documentation is all at <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022>

The GCP used the feedback from the 2022 consultation to produce a **revised Making Connections proposal**. The main revisions are as follows:

1. Weekday peak hour charging 0700-1000 and 1500-1800
2. Charges £5 for cars, £10 for vans, £50 for HGCs and coaches. No charge for motorbikes
3. Low income discounts of 50%
4. 50 free days for account holders
5. Local SME/businesses discount 50%

These revised proposals are now being discussed by all the GCP partners – Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council. The Mayor of the Combined Authority who is the responsible Transport Authority and working on bus franchising is also taking part in the discussions on how to move forward. Will provide further updates when available.

Environmental Services

Bin Collections

From week beginning 18 September many residents will have a change to their bin collections. For some this will be changing to a different bin day, for others the sequence of their collections will change, so when the change is made they may have the same bins emptied two weeks in a row, before they alternate between green/blue and black again. All residents need to be aware that because new bin collection routes are being created from scratch the time that their bin is emptied may be different from now, so bins need to be ready for collection by 6am. You can check the new bin collection schedules at www.scams.gov.uk/binchanges and compare with the current schedule at [Find your household bin collection day - South Cambs District Council \(scams.gov.uk\)](http://www.scams.gov.uk) to see if your sequence is changing. Letters will be sent to all addresses which will have a change. But do check the timetable so you are aware. If there is a bigger gap inbetween collections due to the change, additional bag of side waste will be accepted for both blue and green bin collections, so please follow the normal guidance and put the extra in clear bags beside the bins.

For Caldecote, Kingston, Longstowe and Little Gransden the bin dates move from Wednesdays to Thursdays. For Bourn, it remains on Thursdays – lucky you.

The bin collection service has had another lorry fire caused by batteries. Please do not put batteries in any of the bins. Put them in transparent bag and tie to the handle of the blue bin. Or take to recycling centre.

Flood Action Conference – 21st September 2023

Community groups and residents are invited to a [Flood Action Conference](#) on Thursday 21st September 2023 at Burgess Hall in St Ives from 10:15 to 16:30. It is organised by the Community Flood Action Programme team (part of the Flood Risk team) and is open to any residents and community groups with an interest in learning more about flood resilience or establishing their own flood group. It includes talks and workshops by Cambridgeshire County Council, the Environment Agency, Anglian Water, Internal Drainage Boards and industry leading experts. There will also be the ‘Floodmobile’ at the event, a vehicle demonstrating over 50 examples of flood resilience measures that householders and businesses can install. Tickets can be booked here [Flood Action Conference 2023 Tickets, Thu 21 Sep 2023 at 10:15 | Eventbrite](#)

Community and Wellbeing

Action for Happiness

The Action for Happiness theme for July at <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/calendar> is **Self Care September**. This month’s focus is “*Self-care isn't selfish. It's essential*”

#FreeToFeedCP Breastfeeding Campaign celebrates first year

Last year August, South Cambs District Council worked with the NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Infant Feeding Team and ‘Best Start in Life’ partnership to introduce and support venues across the district to become more welcoming to families who breastfeed and/or pump in public. Businesses, organisations and community venues were encouraged to sign up and displaying the sticker and promotional material in their premises. The campaign has just celebrated a very successful first year in August 2023. You can read more about two mums who are happy to talk about their experiences of breast feeding and how much they love the #FreeToFeedCP at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/mums-welcome-freetofeedcp-anniversary-which-empowers-parents-to-breastfeed-and-pump-in-public/>

Since launching, more than 70 venues across the district have pledged their support and now, based on the learnings, Peterborough City and East Cambs District Councils are following the lead by rolling out the scheme in their areas.

Grants for purchase of defibrillators

Organisations in England are being invited to bid for a share of £1 million of government funding to buy defibrillators for community spaces like town halls, local parks or post offices. The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is [inviting interested organisations to register expressions of interest for its Community Automated External Defibrillators \(AED\) Fund](#), aimed at increasing the number of AEDs in public places. An estimated 1,000 new defibrillators are to be provided by the fund. As part of the grant award, applicants will be asked to demonstrate that defibrillators will be placed in areas where they are most needed. Examples could include town halls, community centres, local shops, post offices and local parks, to ensure that defibrillators are evenly spread throughout communities.

If interested, [submit expression of interest form here](#).

Grant for EV chargers at community buildings

If so, then South Cambridgeshire District Council's Electric Vehicle Charge Point Grant may be of interest to you. Up to £5,000 per project is available, towards the capital costs of purchasing and installing public EV chargers at community buildings and village halls. Applications will be appraised for their deliverability and positive impact with funding allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. To be eligible for funding, EV chargers must be publicly accessible, and projects should demonstrate that there is likely demand for an EV charger at the chosen location.

More information, guidance, and the application form can be found on the [grant's webpage](#). If you have any questions, please email evcp.grant@scambs.gov.uk.

Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund

Is there an organisation looking to upgrade its community building? If so, the project could receive up to £40,000 from the Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund (CPCF), which has £1,000,000 earmarked to improve community buildings and assets to better suit their users. The fund is open to community/voluntary organisations, public sector bodies including parish councils and schools, and to businesses whose project would offer clear public benefit.

Funds could be awarded to:

- Improve a community building's carbon footprint, sustainability and accessibility by installing heat source pumps, solar panels etc.
- Amend, convert or upgrade a building to reach a new sector of the community. This could be in the form of a Men's Shed, Food bank, etc.
- Purchase equipment to engage additional members of the community. This capital equipment could make the building more accessible, buying much needed equipment for residents to use.
- Create a community allotment / garden to improve wellbeing and mental health of residents in an area that may lack green space / accessible parks.

Visit the [County Council's website](#) to find out more and submit an expression of interest. Submissions close 24 September 2023.

Casework

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 the current and past reports on my blog at <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports/monthly-reports/2022-23-monthly-reports/>. Feel free to read, share and/or download.

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Tumi Hawkins
3 September 2023

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Financial report 31 August 2023

N.B. All figures exclude VAT

Item	Budget 2023/24 £	Expenditure YTD £	Budget minus expenditure YTD £	Additional Information
Grass and Hedge cutting - Expenditure	2,876	1,870	1,006	4 of 6 payments made
Grass and Hedge cutting - Income	(306)	(276)	(30)	To come: £30 receipt from Fasnacloch Estates
Insurance	463	449	14	No further payments expected; (increase was less than budgeted)
Clerk's salary	2,419	951	1,468	Includes KV to 8 Aug, and 3 mths PS
Grants (section 137)	941		941	Churchyard maintenance
Village Hall upgrade	1,288	644	644	PWLB 1 of 2 tranches paid
Audit fees	72	75	(3)	No further payments expected; (increase was slightly more than budgeted)
Village asset maintenance	600	394	206	Paid for playground: annual inspection; extra bark; spraying
Subscriptions	456	374	82	Paid for ICO, CAPALC, One.com
Parish Magazine	830		830	
Footpath lighting	194	62	132	5 months paid
Miscellaneous and expenses	1,000	54	946	Clerk exps; allotments rent paid to SCDC; bank charges
Income other than precept	(248)	(86)	(162)	Deposit account interest recd
Total	10,585	4,511	6,074	

Bank balances	Current account:	4,285	<i>see below</i>
	Deposit account:	16,027	
At 31 August 2023		20,312	

Reconciliation of bank balances

Balances brought forward	Current account:	3,919	
	Deposit account:	14,711	
At 01 April 2023		18,630	
Net expenditure as above		(4,511)	
Other items:	Precept income	5,446	1 tranche received
	VAT refund received	729	For financial year 2021-22
	VAT refund received	501	For financial year 2022-23
	VAT incurred on net expenditure 2023-24	(483)	To be recovered
At 31 August 2023		20,312	<i>As above</i>