

CALDECOTE PARISH COUNCIL
(South Cambridgeshire District)

MINUTES

**A meeting of this Council was held at the Sports Pavilion, Caldecote
On Thursday 4th July 2019.**

Members of the public are reminded that copies of reports and supporting documentation for agenda items can be obtained from the Parish Council website, <http://caldecote.gov.uk> or upon request to the Parish Clerk.

Present: Cllr Polly Field (PF), Cllr Helen Cartwright (HC), Cllr John Barker (JB), Cllr Jack Lang (JL), Cllr and District Cllr Tumi Hawkins (TH) and Cllr Lucy Jobson (LJ).

In Attendance: Alan Melton, Parish Clerk, Katy Reeves, Deputy Clerk, County Cllr Lina Nieto. There were 5 members of the public present

1. **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman** – Following the resignation of the current Chairman, there were two nominations for the office of Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr T Hawkins was proposed by Cllr P Field and seconded by Cllr T Hawkins. Cllr H Cartwright was proposed by Cllr P Field and seconded by Cllr L Jobson. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr H Cartwright be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the remainder of the municipal year. It was further **RESOLVED** that Cllr L Jobson be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the remainder of the municipal year (proposed PF, seconded HC).
2. **Public open forum** –There were no questions from members of the public.
3. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr J Powell.
4. **Members declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests** – There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.
5. **Chairman’s Announcements** –The Clerk reported that Cllr P Claridge has written to the Clerk and Cllrs to inform them of his resignation from the Council. The Clerk will write to Cllr Claridge to thank him for his service.
6. **Minutes of the last Meeting** –The minutes of the Council meetings held on 6th June 2019 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by Cllr H. Cartwright.
7. **Actions and matters from the Minutes** – The list of outstanding action items was presented. The following updates were provided:
 - **Noticeboards:** The Clerk has researched various options that are available. It was agreed that a meeting with the L&A working group will be convened to discuss these options and an order will be placed by the Clerk. **Action: Clerk and L&A group**
 - **Grayway Close children’s play area:** The Clerk has placed an order for the equipment, at a total cost of £11,052 + VAT. Cllr P Field has met with the contractor to determine the site at which the equipment will be placed. The Clerk will provide a map of drainage of the play area to assist in planning the work. **Action: Clerk**
 - **Fence adjacent 70, Highfields Rd:** The Clerk reported that a contractor has been asked to remove the damaged fence, at cost of £125 + VAT. One quote for a replacement fence has been received and two additional quotes have been requested. It was agreed that the L&A working group are to be delegated responsibility to select the most appropriate quote when these are received. Cllr P Field reported that some of the heavy branches overhanging the fence will need to

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be removed. The Clerk will obtain a quote for this work. **Action: Clerk and L&A group**

- **Street lighting:** The Clerk has received further correspondence from the County Council on the reorganisation of the provision of street lighting energy.
- **Application for grant, Mr Simon Gautrey, Caldecote Church:** Mr Gautrey was invited to address the council. Mr Gautrey noted that the application submitted represents the total estimated costs of churchyard maintenance and that the Church would be grateful for any support towards these costs. It was **RESOLVED** to provide Caldecote Parish Church a grant of £500 towards the works, with the funds to be released as soon as possible (proposed PF, seconded LJ).

8. Report from the District Councillor – District Cllr T Hawkins provided a monthly report (see attached). The report included the following points:

- **Tree Wardens:** The Parish Council is encouraged to consider appointing a Tree Warden. Events have been held for existing tree wardens and the slides are available.
- **Draft Bourn Airfield SPD:** The consultation ends of 29th July 2019 and it is recommended that the Parish Council respond by this date. A public meeting to discuss the SPD is being held at Hardwick School on 18th July 2019 at 7.00pm.
- **Planning Service:** The reorganization of the service is ongoing and some roles remain to be filled.
- **Statement of Community Involvement:** Responses to the consultation, particularly from parish Councils, were disappointingly few.
- **Business Information:** It is recommended that local businesses consult the SCDC business news and events website (<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/latest-business-news-and-events/>) for information on tendering for work for the council and other news.
- **Transport consultations:** Public consultation on the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbett improvements is running until 29th July 2019 and there is an exhibition in Cambourne on 15th July 2019. The Combined Authority Local Transport Plan is also undergoing a public consultation, ending 27th September 2019, and several local events are planned.
- **Linden Homes:** A revised planning application has been received.

9. Report from the County Councillor– County Cllr L Nieto provided a monthly report (see attached) and also noted the following points:

- Cllr Nieto is happy to help the Parish Council with any queries about street lighting.
- Cllr Nieto has been working on improving connectivity in the area and has been in discussion with Vodafone, who report good coverage in Caldecote.
- Parish Councils have been asked to provide a list of the top 3 roads/ footpaths that require maintenance work by August.
- The Community and Partnerships committee is developing a new model that will change the way that public service is delivered.
- Caldecote is invited to consider making a Neighbourhood Plan, which may have weight in planning decisions.
- The Innovate and Culture fund has recently awarded Sawston Parish Council funding to set up a Timebank.

10. Planning Applications

S/4619/18/RM: Approval of matters reserved for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following the outline planning permission **S/2510/15/OL** for phase 1 (66 dwellings) of the residential development with associated infrastructure. At: land east of Highfields Road, Highfields Caldecote, CB23 7NX

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application and request that that it is sent to the Planning Committee, on the following grounds:

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- This resubmitted proposal is largely unchanged from the original proposal. Thus, almost all points of the original objection still stand.
- Drainage is still inadequate. There is a swale to take overtopping from the Award Ditch, but as this swale is supposed to also mitigate all the water from within the northern two thirds of the site, and entering from the north, it is not clear that this will mitigate village flooding issues. Note – Drainage Officer finds the plan unacceptable.
- The Design Code only covers the phase 1 area of the site. It excludes the southern half, so is inadequate. The plan does not define the handling of the southern half of the site. Apart from the removal of the roadway, this proposal is largely unchanged from the earlier version, so the layout still constrains the later development, leaving no space to make changes to the layout indicated in the original proposal.
- Some of the internal roads appear not to be built to adoptable standards (see statements by Highways dept - “From the information contained within the Design and Access Statement the Local Highway Authority will not seek to adopt in its present format the proposed Secondary Streets and Tertiary Lanes due to the proposed dimensions as shown on page 32 point 5.0”)
- There is no road access to the new pumping station – how is this to be accessed for construction/maintenance?
- Design Code p10 indicates there is a medical practice in the village, in West Drive. This is incorrect.
- Design Code includes Ecology Corridors – the southern corridor needs to connect to the wider ecological environment
- Removal of hedgerow along Highfields Road (Design & Access Statement P 21, and “Trees retained along Highfields Road to screen site and undergrowth removed along central open space to open up to surrounding area” P 26) . This is out of character for the village, as compared with the public open space south of the shop (Village Green), where existing hedging to the road was left in place. Opening up the hedgerow will significantly change the character of the entrance to the village, and goes against all the comments by villagers in producing the VDS, where hedges were highly valued. Leaving the existing hedging was a condition on the outline development.
- Building height - 2.5 storey houses, 3 storey apartment buildings (Design & Access Statement P 24). In particular, on looking in the entrance road, the view will lead directly to a 3 storey building (Design Code P 24). This is out of keeping with the character of the village and goes against all the comments by villagers in producing the VDS.
- Allotments & community orchard has been replaced by ‘edible planters’ which are sited in the ‘private’ areas at the rear of the apartment blocks. These are not likely to be available to wider community
- Badgers relocated to artificial sett, immediately adjacent to existing housing (Design & Access Statement P 25).
- All affordable housing in 2 large clusters of housing (Design & Access Statement P 29 & Design Code p28). These clusters are very large, especially compared to the rest of the village. It is not clear how the remaining affordable housing will fit in the southern half of the site.
- Note error in transport statements throughout documentation (Design & Access Statement P 51 “The nearest bus stop to the site is 400m north on St Neots Road”) It is almost exactly 800m away, at the extreme limit of accepted normal walkable distance (this was discussed extensively at the Public Inquiry).
Also used in response to sustainability questionnaire: P 56: “Does the scheme have good access to public transport to help reduce car dependency? - Existing bus stop 400m north on St Neots Road with services to Cambridge and Cambourne. “
- The Public inquiry established that the local cycle network is inadequate. However Design & Access Statement (P 51) plans for cycling as part of the transport planning, stating: “In order to encourage cycling as an alternative mode of transport to journeys by car, these proposals are well integrated with the pedestrian and cycle movement network in the surrounding area which will provide safe and convenient access by cycle to local facilities.”

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- There is no Travel Plan as required by the planning inspector (Outline planning travel plan allowed for just 7 journeys from the 140 houses)
 - It is noted that a management company will be created. This approach has not worked well for residents in other parts of the village.
 - Drainage for the whole site needs to be considered at this stage, not just the drainage for the Phase I development.
 - The removal of the hedges by the play area may be a safety hazard.
- Proposed HC, seconded PF. Cllr T Hawkins abstained from the vote.

S/1996/19/PA Prior approval for a proposed larger home extension for a single storey rear extension at: 71, Highfields Road, Highfields Caldecote, Cambridge, CB23 7NX

It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on the application.

S/2025/19/FL: Erection of 1no. Detached Dwelling at: 28 Highfields Road, Highfields Caldecote, Cambridge, CB23 7NX

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application the grounds that the colour of the proposed building materials is out of keeping with the character of neighbouring houses. Proposed HC, seconded PF.

S/2068/19/DC: Discharge of conditions 8 (surface water drainage) and 10 (boundary treatment) of planning permission S/0424/18/FL AT: 32a West Drive, Highfields Caldecote, Cambridge, CB25 7NY

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the grounds that The Parish Council are not satisfied that all the conditions have been complied with.

S/1636/19/LD: Certificate of lawful development for a single storey extension at: 6, Bosserts Way, Highfields Caldecote, Caldecote, Cambridge CB23 7PA.

This application was considered at a previous meeting.

S/2177/19/FL: Garage Conversion with two storey rear extension, first floor front dormer extension and new 3 bay garage and home office. At: 2, Westside, St, Neats Road, Caldecote, CB23 8AY

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application. Proposed PF, seconded JL.

- 11. Financial Report** – A report on the on current budget vs. expenditure and the bank reconciliation dated 25th June 2019 were received and approved.

It was resolved that the banking mandate for the Cambridge Building Society savings account will be changed to add the Clerk and Cllr Cartwright as signatories and remove former Cllr P Claridge as a signatory.

Cllr P Field requested the release of £450 to pay for planned Summer activities for local children. It was **RESOLVED** that the payment should be made. Proposed HC, seconded LJ.

- 12. Staff timesheets** – The Deputy Clerk's June timesheet was received and approved. The circulation of timesheets will be discussed before the September meeting of the Council.

- 13. Accounts for Payment** – The schedule of payments (attached) was received. It was **RESOLVED** that the payment of bills be approved.

14. **Annual Accounting Statement** – It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Accounting Statement be approved, subject to internal audit. The Chairman and RFO are granted delegated responsibility to sign the Annual Accounting Statement once the internal audit is complete. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Cartwright**
15. **Noticeboards** – This item was discussed under item 7.
16. **Leisure and Amenities report** – A meeting was held on 20th June. The following items are reported:
- Several Pavilion repairs are needed. The Clerk advised that he and the Deputy Clerk will conduct a full audit of paperwork related to the Pavilion and work required.
 - It is requested that previous discussions of the provision of Outdoor Gym Equipment be resurrected and discussed at the next L&A working group meeting. **Action Clerk and L&A group**
 - The L&A working group intend to prepare an advert for Pavilion hire.
 - Clarity was sought on who to contact about emergency repairs over the summer. The Clerk advises that he or the Deputy Clerk should be contacted and, in their absence, the Chairman.
 - Litter pickers require guidance on how to empty the bin in the park and have requested the provision of thicker bin bags. The Clerk to arrange a meeting with the litter pickers. **Action Clerk**
 - A cheque has been received from CALA homes towards the community/ defibrillator fund. As the defibrillator has now been paid for, it was proposed that the funds be used towards the purchase of door screens, window blinds and a projector for the showing of films at the Pavilion in the summer. It was **RESOLVED** that this request be approved. Proposed PF, seconded HC. The Clerk will seek quotes for the equipment. **Action Clerk**
 - The L&A group has been approached regarding the lack of a sign as traffic enters Old Caldecote from Highfields Caldecote to advise that the road is not suitable for HGVs. The Clerk will contact the Highways department of the County Council for information. **Action Clerk**
 - A meeting has been held to discuss the Sustainability event planned for September 2020. The SCDC Communities team is very interested and a grant can be applied for by the end of September 2019. The County Council recycling department and Cambridge Carbon Footprint will also be contacted. The next meeting on this project will be held in August.
 - The Clerk advised that he has information on options for the provision of benches in the bus shelters.
17. **Fence adjacent 70 Highfields Road** – This item was discussed under item 7.
18. **Cricket Ground Fees** – A meeting has been held with the Cricket Club. It was noted that expenditure on the maintenance of the sports fields greatly outweighs income received and the L&A group are therefore considering proposals for changes to the annual contribution from the cricket club, to be put in place for subsequent cricket seasons. Information has been provided on various fees that are outstanding and invoices for these will be prepared and sent as soon as possible. **Action: Clerk**
19. **Report of meeting with CGM** –The Clerk reported that another meeting was held with CGM's Operations Manager to discuss concerns was held; however the agreed work has still not been completed. The Clerk will contract CGM to request another meeting. **Action: Clerk**

- 20. **Broadband** – PF reported that she has investigated the possibility of running a computer club in the Pavilion; however, it has not been possible to find anyone willing to run it.
- 21. **Lights and Energy** — This item was discussed under item 7.
- 22. **Correspondence** – The Clerk reported that he has received several complaints about the maintenance work carried out by CGM.
- 23. **Clerk’s report** – The Clerk reported that he has conducted several meetings (with the cricket club, CGM, Chairman and Deputy Clerk) and has visited the village a total of 6 times in the past month. In addition, he has written an article for the Caldecote Journal, prepared the agenda for the Council meeting and been involved in administrative work related to the accounts. He has purchased a lock for the internal door of the Pavilion.

24. Councillor Reports

Cllr J Barker requested that the contacts list in the Caldecote Journal be updated in the next edition. **Action Clerk**

Cllr J Barker noted that the Clerk and Deputy Clerks’ mobile phones are rarely answered and the answering machine messages are out of date. The Clerk’s apologised but noted difficulties in receiving a signal in the village. It was noted that it is intended that these phones will be changed as soon as the contract ends.

Cllr T Hawkins asked what the Parish Council intends to do about responding to the Bourn Airfield SPD and noted that the Parish Council should engage with the process. It was agreed that all Cllrs should read the draft SPD and send comments to the Clerk, who will compile and submit the consultation response. **Action All Cllrs and Clerk**

- 25. **Notice of Vacancies**– The Clerk reported that there are now two vacancies for Councillor. He will liaise with the District Council and the formal notice of the vacancies will be posted at an appropriate time. **Action Clerk**

- 26. **Dates and times of the next meeting** – Thursday 5th September 2019 at 8pm in The Pavilion

The Meeting Closed at 9.50 pm

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

CALDECOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting 04/07/19

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS: to consider and approve the schedule of payments. * = cost incurred as a result of vandalism.

Key to Frequency (Freq) codes:

O = ‘one-off’ or intermittent regular payment with no set frequency.

T = Termly (usually associated with youth club payments which get invoiced on a termly basis) **A** = Annually. **M** = Monthly. **Q** = Quarterly. ½ = Half-Yearly.

Payment Date	Vo #	Amount	To	For	Budget code	Freq
Payments made since last meeting that require Council approval						
26/6/19	48	60.00	CGM	Cricket outfield mowing 16 th and 25 th April	53	O
26/6/19	44	1769.24	CGM	1/8 Grounds maintenance	54	O
Salaries						
26/6/19	49	589.51	HMRC	PAYE June 19	31	M
26/6/19	47	207.52	County Council	Pensions contributions – June 19	30	M
26/6/19	43,43,45,46	2188.27	Staff salaries	June 19 salaries	25,26,27	M
Direct Debits						
06/06/19	34	81.14	HG3	Mobile phones	9	M
10/06/19	35	101.76	BT	Pavilion phonelines and broadband	37	M
21/06/19	41	63.82	British Gas	Pavilion electricity	35	M
01/07/19	X	45.72	Cambridge Water	Pavilion water	36	1/2
03/07/19	X	23.54	E-On	Cabin electricity	44	M
New payments yet to be made requiring Council approval						
		19.50	Katy Reeves	Expenses – June 2019	5	M
		399.76	Alan Melton	Expenses – June 2019	5	M
		90.00	CGM	Cricket outfield mowing 29 th April, 7 th and 20 th May	53	O
		1769.24	CGM	1/8 Grounds maintenance	54	O
		441.43	Anglian Water	Pavilion sewerage (Oct 2017-June 2019)	36	O
		434.00	LGS services	Journal printing (June-Aug 2019)	3	Q
		642.00	Cardiac Science	Defibrillator	?	O
		1934.40	Cardiac Science	Defibrillator	?	O

South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caldecote Ward
(comprises the Parishes of Caldecote, Childerley, Kingston, Bourn, Longstowe & Little Gransden)

Councillor’s Monthly Report – July 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.

Planning

South Cambs Tree Wardens Network

The tree warden scheme was relaunched in October 2018, following the invitation sent out to all parishes by the South Cambs Tree Officer in the Planning Service who is the network coordinator. You can read about it on my blog at <https://tumihawkins.org.uk/south-cambs-tree-wardens-network/>

Since then, we have held events in March 2019 talking about pruning protected trees and in June 2019 talking about “hedges and hedgerows” by popular request. The events were well attended and we hope many more tree wardens will join the tree wardens network. For more information or to contact the south cambs network coordinators, email planning.trees@scambs.gov.uk. We will need many more as we move to enhancing the tree cover and biodiversity in the district over the coming years, in the move to becoming zero carbon by 2050.

Draft Bourn Airfield SPD (Supplementary Planning Document)

Further to my report in June, the draft Bourn Airfield SPD is now out for formal consultation, starting on Monday 17th June and ending on Monday 29th July 2019.

There will be three public exhibitions

- Thursday 27 June, Cambourne Village College, Sheepfold Lane, Cambourne, CB23 6FR. 3.30-8.00pm*
- **Wednesday 3 July, Caldecote Village Hall, Furlong Way, Highfields Caldecote, CB23 7ZH. 3.00-7.30pm**
- Wednesday 10 July, Sheltered Housing Communal Building, Hall Close, Bourn, CB23 2SN. 3.00-7.30pm

This is the Public Notice issued by the Planning Service

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/media/13432/final-ba-spd-public-notice.pdf>

The planning application submitted by Countryside Properties is being in abeyance until the SPD is consulted on and adopted, as the application can then be considered in relation to how it meets the requirements set out in the SPD.

Countryside Properties continue to try to gag me (informing the Council that they have taken advice from their very expensive Barristers) when they deem my actions/words to be a threat to them. I will not be gagged. I talk about the latest attempt in my blog at <https://tumiawkins.org.uk/countryside-properties-gag-attempts-on-bourn-airfield-development/>

Cambourne West

This is the 4th linked village that will make up Cambourne Town. It was given planning permission for up to 2,350 houses and the developers Bovis and Taylor Wimpey have been working with Planning Officers to develop the first 950 houses. The Design Code for the site was passed by the Planning Committee on 28th June – it's the 8th planning condition and means that that condition is

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now discharged. The plans that the developers submit to the council can now be judged against the design code

Greater Cambridge Planning Service

South Cambs and Cambridge City agreed to create a joint planning service in 2016 to create a resilient service. We are now in Phase 2 of the reorganisation and this step includes the trial of the new Council Anywhere program (so staff can work from anywhere in the district) and the launch of the new planning software later in autumn (to facilitate easier working, recording and tracking of applications).

The new structure is more robust but also requires some roles to be filled, which means we are recruiting more planning staff to fill those and vacancies that already exist. This is a challenge due to the shortage of planners nationwide.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

You might remember that in February/March 2019 we asked for your views and comments on the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out how the Greater Cambridge Planning Service of both Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council will engage meaningfully with the public in planning matters of policy and determining applications.

We received 12 responses mainly from the City, which when compared to the number of applications and comments, not to mention complaints we get is rather disappointing. We wanted to know if our way of communicating was good enough and if not how could we improve it. I had expected a lot more comments especially from Parish Councils. The only conclusion we can reach is that the process we have mapped out is acceptable. The document has been revised to take account of the comments that we received.

Cabinet have accepted the revised document for adoption. We would therefore hope that going forward, residents, parishes, agents etc. will work with us as we have set out in that SCI document.

Housing

Affordable/Council Housing

Building work has started on a new development of 14 affordable homes in Fulbourn. Accent Housing are the site owners, and the homes are being built by award winning Hill.

This development will deliver a selection of one-bedroom apartments and two- and three-bedroom houses. Of these, nine properties will be for affordable rent and five for shared ownership. We are on course to meet our target of 70 houses per year

The new homes are being built to high energy efficiency standards and include photovoltaic panels and thermal building fabrics which allow heat to be retained in the winter and kept out in the summer.

Council Housing Performance

The council housing stock is still at the top of the table for SAP ratings in the Housemark tables, a measure of the energy efficiency of council housing.

For rent collection, the council placed second in the league table. Excellent stuff and congratulations to all who make this happen.

Business and Finance

Council Tax & Business Rates collection

The recently published national tables showing Council Tax & Business Rates collection lists South Cambs as retaining its place as **3rd best in the country** at collecting Council Tax. Of the total £114.2m of Council Tax due, we had just £716k (0.63%) outstanding at the end of the financial year, a collection rate of 99.37%.

For Business Rates, we achieved a placement at 16th nationally, an improvement from 26th in the previous year. Business Rates collection rate was 99.5%, with just £404K outstanding at the end of the financial year from a total charge due of nearly £88.4m.

Well done to the entire Revenues team for their hard work.

Business Information and Newsletter

The District Council is offering workshops that will provide a chance for local businesses to:

- talk to our Procurement Officer and hear learn makes a good tender;
- understand how social value can add value; and
- work through our forms to help you to successfully quote for work in future.

The **next workshop is at 2pm on Friday 19 July 2019** at our offices in Cambourne. If you would like to attend please send email to openforbusiness@scambs.gov.uk.

For latest business news, events and workshops please check our website at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/latest-business-news-and-events/>.

You can sign up for the business newsletter at <http://bit.ly/SCDCBizNews>

Grant Funding for communities

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.scams.gov.uk/community-development/grants/community-chest-grants/>

“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.scams.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.

Governance

Leader's Blog

Remember to check out Cllr Bridget Smith, the South Cambs council leader's blog at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/the-council/leader-s-blog-cllr-bridget-smith/> to help you keep up to date with how the administration is doing.

There are articles of interest talking about her recent appointment as the lead member for the environment on the CaMkOx Arc Joint Advisory Group and her appearance on the Sunday Politics East TV program which featured a debate on plastic recycling.

Cabinet & Parish Councils Liaison Meeting

Another forum meeting took place on 25th June at Cambourne and it was good to see some familiar faces as well as new ones. This liaison meeting is the opportunity for parishes to meet with and hear from each Cabinet Member on the latest in their work areas, and to ask questions.

Blue Plaque Scheme

South Cambs Blue Plaque scheme was recently launched to honour the most famous people or events associated with the district. The Council agreed to set up the scheme last year, in conjunction with local charity Cambridge Past, Present and Future (CambridgePPF), which already runs the scheme in the city. has taken place at Girton College.

The first Blue Plaque was unveiled at Girton College on 30th June, to honour its two principal founders, Emily Davies and Barbara Bodichon, whose work led to establishment of the college as the first residential college for degree level instruction and examination of women in the UK

South Cambridgeshire residents are now being encouraged to nominate a person or event for commemoration. You can do so via www.scams.gov.uk/blueplaques

Transport / Highways

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

Stagecoach Bus review

Do you use buses to get about, then Stagecoach would like to hear from you. The company is conducting a review of its busway services and say responses to their consultation will help them improve the services. To take part go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cambridgeshirebusway>

A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbett Upgrade

Reminder that the public consultation on the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbett improvements is now running till 28 July 2019. You can read all the relevant information on the Highways England project page at <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/a428-black-cat-to-caxton-gibbet-home/>.

The future scheduled consultation events closest to our ward are:

Yelling Village Hall, High Street, St Neots, PE19 6SB Thursday 11 July, 1200 – 2000 hrs
Doubletree by Hilton, Cambourne Cambridge Belfry CB23 6BW Monday 15 July, 1200-2000 hrs

Please get involved and have your say in this new and important road upgrade. If nothing else, watch the fly through video on the Highways England website!

Combined Authority Local Transport Plan (LTP)

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's draft Local Transport Plan was approved by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board on 29th May. It sets out the ambition to create a "world class integrated public transport network" for the combined authority area.

It is currently undergoing a 15-week public consultation starting on 17 June 2019 and **ending on 27 September 2019**.

The CPCA priority schemes are the CAM Metro, the Strategic Bus Review (operating models, new travel hubs, optimising use of subsidies), Roads including A47 and A428 dualling, CaMkOx expressway, A10 Cambridge to Ely Study.

In amongst all of that, we have emphasised the need to take into account our requirements for low carbon living, cycling and walking networks, safe air quality, climate change, biodiversity and the need for integrating planning and local transport. Not a tall order at all!!

You can read about it on the Combined Authority website at <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/news/events-announced-across-cambridgeshire-andpeterborough-for-public-to-have-say-on-areas-transport-future/>

There are a series of public exhibitions taking place during the consultation period, including those at these locations closest to the Ward:

Cambourne, Sat 6 July, Cambourne Library, Sackville Way, 9am to 1pm
Cambridge, Thurs 11 July, Cambridge Central Library, Grand Arcade, 1pm to 6pm
Cottenham, Thurs 18 July, Cottenham Community Centre, High Street, 3pm to 7.30pm
Cambridge, Wed 24 July, Cambridge Central Library, Grand Arcade, 2pm to 7pm
Cambridge, Sat 14 Sep, Cambridge Central Library, Grand Arcade, 10am to 3pm

There are other locations which you can find on the Combined Authority website.

Please do have your say. We need the Mayor to hear directly from residents of South Cambs.

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.

Caldecote

Linden Homes revised application for reserved matters is now out for public consultation. The planning reference is S/4619/18/RM on the south cambs planning portal. There are a number of issues that are still of concern and it is expected that they will be discussed at the July Caldecote Parish Council meeting to enable the parish council consider its response.

Longstowe

It was a pleasure to attend for the first time the Longstowe Village Fete on 9th June. I met a number of new faces and some good chats. The cider was really good, and I did get myself a very lovely painting which brightens up my day each time I look at it. Thank you all for your warm welcome. The weather held too.

I am looking forward to attending summer events in the rest of the ward over the next two months.

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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Dear all,

I hope you are all well.

I usually write a long report. I thought this month I would just do a brief update so that you can include it in your magazines.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate.

Kind regards,

Lina Nieto

Cambridgeshire County Councillor

Hardwick Division

(Barton, Coton, Madingley, Grantchester, Comberton, Harlton, The Eversdens, Hardwick, Caldecote, Toft and Kingston)

Update

Marshall aerospace has announced recently that it will moving its business from Cambridge City to one of three sites, Duxford Wyton or Cranfield. The county Council is constructively working with Marshall Aerospace to evidence that either of the two Cambridgeshire sites would be preferable to the one out of County.

Last Full Council the Conservative motion submitted by Conservative Leader Cllr. Steve Count and Cllr Lina Nieto to protect the environment was passed. Not just a set of words but a full action plan across all contributing environmental areas of concern. Pollution, waste, climate change and biodiversity are all hugely important to the Conservatives which is why we have pushed forward this nationally leading example. This motion builds on the success of Conservative Cllr. Anna Bailey's earlier motion in the spring of 2019, which set out how the County Council would drastically reduce the use of single use plastics.

This was followed by another Conservative motion from Councillor Peter Hudson. Children's lungs are precious and the more recent building picture of the harm pollution does to them cannot be overlooked. This was why his motion prioritised action in this area of concern to be brought forward immediately.

Conservative County Council leader Steve Count was delighted when in his meeting with Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for health, confirmed Public Health will stay under the auspices of County Councils. Matt Hancock said the "Qualitative and quantitative evidence submitted by Local Government was overwhelming in its validation that Local Government had improved outcomes with a reduced budget since staking this function over."

Conservative deputy Leader Cllr. Roger Hickford was at the forefront in June of driving through change in health, alongside fellow Conservative Peterborough Leader Cllr. John Holdich by bringing together the two Health and Well-being boards. This streamlining and bureaucracy beating move will improve outcomes as both boards are plugged into the same Clinical Commissioning Group area.