

**CALDECOTE PARISH COUNCIL**  
(South Cambridgeshire District)

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**A meeting of this Council was held at the Sports Pavilion, Caldecote On  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

*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:** Chairman Cllr Jack Lang (JL), Vice-Chairman Cllr Phil Claridge (PC), Cllr Polly Field (PF), Cllr Helen Cartwright (HC), Cllr Fiona Whelan (FW), Cllr Gregor Jossaume (GJ) and Cllr and District Cllr Tumi Hawkins (TH).

**In Attendance:** Frances Laville (FL), Parish Clerk, Katy Reeves (KR), Deputy Clerk.  
There was one member of the public present.

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr John Barker and Cllr Jamie Powell.
2. **Chairman's Announcements** - The Chairman proposed that agenda items 12 and 13 should be taken immediately to allow District and County Councillors to leave early if required. In future these items will be moved closer to the start of the agenda.
3. **Members Declarations of Interests or Requests for Dispensations** – There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.
4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** –The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. **Outstanding Actions and Matters to be Reported from these Minutes** – Councillors considered the list of outstanding action items. Cllr P Claridge requested that the list be converted to a google document and merged/ combined with the maintenance lists being created on the Google Drive.

**Action: Clerks**

Cllr F Whelan requested that for future meetings, councillors should receive all meeting paperwork in one set. Following discussion, councillors agreed that a draft agenda should be circulated by the Clerk on the Wednesday before the meeting and that the morning of the Friday before the meeting would be the cut off point for the addition of extra items to the agenda, to allow the agenda to be posted within the legal timeframes. All councillors except Cllr P Field agreed that they no longer require delivery of hard copies of meeting paperwork. In addition, it was agreed that all meeting paperwork would be placed within the 'Agendas' folder of the shared Councillor Google Drive.

6. **Clerk's Report** – The Clerk provided a written report on work undertaken by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk in the month of September.

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7. **To receive a new Councillor's Register of Financial Interests form** Cllr G. Jossaume provided the Clerk with a completed Register of Financial Interests form.
8. **Open Forum for Public Participation** – There were no questions from members of the public.
9. **Drainage Matters** – Cllr P Claridge reported that the repairs being undertaken by Anglian Water at the pumping station appear to be ongoing and will enquire about progress with this work. Cllr P Field reported that part of the road surface towards the north end of Highfields Road has collapsed and there are concerns that a drain has been damaged. It was agreed that this will be reported to the County Council. **Action: Clerk**
10. **Village Design Statement (VDS)** – Cllr P Claridge reported that 12 people have signed up to form the steering committee for the VDS and that several events have been lined up to initiate the process.
11. **Emergency Planning** – Cllr F Whelan reported that work on the Emergency Plan is ongoing. She will provide an update next month. **Action: Cllr. Whelan**
12. **District Councillor's Report** – District Cllr T Hawkins delivered a monthly report (see attached). The report included the following points:
  - The Local Plan has now been adopted at a full council meeting.
  - Work has begun on the Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) for the Bourn Airfield development. Although Countryside Properties have now submitted an application this cannot be passed until the SPD is in place.
  - There are plans for an exhibition on the Bourn Airfield development to take place in Caldecote and Bourn within the next two weeks.
  - The Mayor has asked the Greater Cambridge Partnership to recommence work on the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge busway.
  - Linden homes now own the site formerly owned by Gladman's.
  - From April 2019 residents will be required to pay an annual £35 fee for collection of a second green bin, in line with current arrangements in Cambridge City.
  - A £400,000 grant scheme has been launched to assist community groups (Parish Councils are not eligible). Applications for the first tranche of this money should be made by 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
  - The council is creating a Loneliness toolkit.
  - The council has backed a motion to support the proposal for a second referendum on the terms of the 'Brexit' deal and are pressing local MPs to support this proposal.
13. **County Councillor's Report** – County Cllr L Joseph provided a monthly report (see attached).
14. **Planning Applications and Decisions:**

**14.1 Proposal:** [S/3440/18/OL](#) Outline planning permission for a new mixed use village comprising residential development of approximately 3,500 dwellings; mixed uses comprising employment, retail, hotel, leisure, residential institutions; education, community facilities, open space including parks, ecological areas and woodlands, landscaping; engineering for foul and sustainable urban drainage systems; footpaths, cycle ways, public transport infrastructure; highways including a principal eastern access from the roundabout on St Neots Road and western access with Broadway including first section of strategic public transport route; associated infrastructure, groundworks and demolition; with all matters reserved except for the principal highway junctions from the St Neots Road roundabout and onto Broadway with some matters reserved except for access. This application is subject to an Environmental impact assessment.

**Location:** Bourn Airfield, St Neots Road, Bourn, CB23 2TQ

**Applicant:** Countryside Properties (UK) Limited and The Taylor Family

It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds of insufficient separation from the village of Caldecote and to write to the council asking for additional consultation over any proposed access via footpaths to the development from Caldecote. Proposed JL, seconded PC. Cllr T Hawkins abstained from the vote.

It was agreed that any proposals put forward by the Parish Council to the District Council with regard to this development should be preceded by consultation with village residents. Proposed FW, seconded HC. Cllr T Hawkins abstained from the vote.

**14.2** [S/3261/18/FL](#) Proposed replacement dwelling with covered parking/store

**Location:** Clare Cottage, Main Street, Caldecote, CB23 7NU

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Jacklin

It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that the proposed development is inappropriate for the site. Proposed JL, seconded PC. Cllrs T Hawkins and F. Whelan abstained from the vote.

**14.3** [S/1259/18/OL](#) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78

**Site Address:** 20 A, East Drive, Caldecote, Cambridge, CB23 7NZ

**Description of development:** Outline Planning Permission for Erection of four detached dwellings. **Applicant:** Craig Coghill

[APP/W0530/W/18/3208167](#) 06 September 2018

It was **RESOLVED** to object on the same grounds as those given for the original application. Proposed JL, seconded PC. Cllr T Hawkins abstained from the vote.

**For Information Only:**

**14.4** [S/3208/18/DC](#) Discharge of Condition 6b (Flue Details) of Planning Permission [S/3710/17/LB](#)

**Location:** The Old Rectory, Main Street, Caldecote CB23 7NU **Application Ref:**

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**Applicant: Mr John Barker**

**14.5** [S/3348/18/NM](#) Non Material Amendment of Planning Permission  
[S/2047/16/FL](#)

**Location: Land to rear of 18-28, Highfields Road, Caldecote**

**Applicant: Mr Neil Farnsworth**

**14.6** [S/3086/18/DC](#) Discharge of conditions 10 (Ecological enhancement) of  
planning permission [S/2047/16/FL](#)

**Location: Land to the Rear of 18 - 28, Highfields Road, Caldecote, CB23**

**7NX Applicant: Mr Neil Farnsworth**

**Applications Withdrawn:**

**14.7 Erection of dwelling**

**Location: Rear of 75, Highfields Road, Highfields Caldecote CB23 7NX**

**Applicant: Mr Johnson, A&P Construction**

**Other Planning Items:**

**14.8 Agreement to arrange a meeting with Linden homes to exchange concerns prior to full planning application** – It was agreed that a meeting

with representatives of Linden Homes would be requested, to be chaired by Cllr J Lang.

**Action: Clerk**

**14.9 Discuss any actions possible/ needed to limit the number/size/ placement of developer's signs in village** – It was agreed that the County Council will be contacted to find out if it is possible to limit the number of small signs appearing on lampposts around the village.

**Action: Clerk**

## **15. Finance Matters:**

**15.1 To receive a report on the Current Financial Position** - The Parish Clerk provided a report on current budget vs. expenditure. Received. Cllrs queried figures for cost codes 18 and 37 as these see higher than expected. The Clerk will review the accounts and clarify. **Action: Clerk**

**15.2 To receive staff timesheets** – Staff timesheets were received and approved. It was agreed that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk should not exceed agreed working hours, especially at weekends, without approval of the council.

**15.3 To receive the schedule of payments and approve the payment of Bills** – The schedule of payments was received, and payment of bills was approved. Proposed JL, seconded HC. Agreed.

**15.4 To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation** - The bank reconciliation dated 2nd October 2018 was received and approved.

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**15.5 To receive and approve an electricity quotation from E-On** –It was agreed to move the cabin electricity supply to a new fixed rate charge of 27p/day + 23.39 kWh unit **Action: Clerk**

**16. Leisure and Amenities Matters:**

**16.1 To receive a report from the Leisure and Amenities Working Groups**  
A report was provided by the Pavilion and Sports Working Group (PSWG). A Pavilion maintenance schedule has been drafted and all Cllrs are invited to comment and add other items as needed.

Cllr. Claridge was thanked for all his hard work with getting the shared Cllrs' Google Drive working properly, and for his help with collecting and archiving old documents.

He was asked to look at the current position on the S106 monies expenditure and to arrange a meeting of the Document Archiving Working Group.  
Proposed TH, seconded FW.

**Action: Cllr P Claridge**

It was reported that the recreation ground ditch clearance will begin in the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> October, after which the fencing replacement can be given the go-ahead.

It was agreed to arrange for an electrician to repair the lighting on the Pavilion veranda and in the Pavilion changing rooms as a matter of urgency.

**Action: Clerk**

A large quantity of paperwork has been retrieved from the cabins and will be handed to the Document Archiving Working Group. It was agreed that new plastic storage boxes will be purchased for all retained paperwork. Proposed FW, seconded TH.

**Action: Cllr P. Claridge**

**16.2 To consider quotations for grounds works** – Quotes for one-off maintenance work are no longer required.

**16.3 To consider and award the Grounds Maintenance Contract** – Version 9 of the Grass Cutting Contract was approved pending final amendments and new quotes will be sought from the three interested companies. It was agreed that the new contract will begin on 1st March 2019. **Action: Cllr H Cartwright**

**16.4 To consider quotations for replacing two Noticeboards** – This will be considered at a later meeting.

**16.5 To consider storage container relocation request by the Cricket Club**  
– It was agreed that the Parish Council will contribute up to £200 towards the storage container relocation. Proposed FW, seconded PF.

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**16.6 To consider future charges for the Cricket Club** – This item will be considered at a later meeting.

**16.7 To consider template for overgrown hedges** – A template letter to send to residents with overgrown hedges was approved and will be sent by the Clerk as needed. **Action Clerk**

**16.8 To received and consider Pavilion Hire forms** – It was agreed that the hire forms, with amendments proposed by the PSWG, should be approved.

**16.9 To receive and consider quotations for locksmiths** – It was agreed that a quote for a locksmith to access the locked double door metal cabinet in the cabin would be sought and that additional keys for the internal doors in the Pavilion will be purchased as well as two replacement combination padlocks for the gate and security door. **Action: Clerk**

Further research into the possibility of an electronic lock for the front door of the Pavilion is required.

**16.10 To review need for additional maintenance tenders** – It was agreed that the PSWG will prepare and approve a schedule of work for the external and internal painting of the Pavilion and for the required repairs to the Fascia and will provide a list of known contractors. The Clerk will then seek quotes for the work. **Action: PSWG and Clerk**

**16.11 To authorise quotes for shutter service** – It was agreed that a quote for servicing the shutters in spring 2019 would be sought. As this is specialist work, one quote only will be sought, from the company that installed the shutters. **Action: Clerk**

**16.12 Update on status of handyman and clarify authorisation process, delegated powers (if any) to Pavilion WG** – The Clerk reported that quotes for day/ half day rates have been received from 3 handymen. It was agreed that the PSWG will be given delegated powers to spend up to £1000, assigning the most urgent repair work to a selected handyman. The L&A Group will prepare a schedule of quotes and generate a work schedule. **Action: PSWG**

**17. Correspondence** – Correspondence from a resident in Goose Cross concerning the maintenance of overgrown hedgerows was received and considered. It was agreed that the Clerk will respond to let the resident know that hedge trimming will be in October or November. **Action: Clerk**

Correspondence from a resident concerning the maintenance of overgrown hedgerows on Blyth Way was received and considered. It was agreed that the Clerk will respond to let the resident know that hedges will not be topped until next year. **Action: Clerk**

Correspondence from a resident concerning damage to Bee Orchids by verge trimming on Highfields Road was received and considered. It was agreed that the new contractor will be asked to take care when cutting this area.

**18. Councillors Reports**

Cllr P Claridge offered to provide training on how to use the new google documents/ drive tools to any Cllrs that need help with this.

Cllr F Whelan requested that a day is arranged to complete the clearance of the cabins and remove any extra paperwork. Cllr Whelan also reminded Cllrs that there will be a village walkaround for the L&A groups on 13<sup>th</sup> October between 10am-12pm.

**19. Dates of the Next Meetings**

1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 – Full Council  
Meetings for the L&A Working groups TBA

**The Meeting Closed at 9.45 pm**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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September-October Report 2018

Dear all,

I hope you find this information useful. As always I am here to serve you, so please get in touch.

**Large planning application: Bourn Airfield**

As you all know the Local Plan under the new administration in South Cambridge has been approved- so for those who expected a radical and different outcome after much criticizing the plan, the Liberal Democrats approved the plan- didn't rebelled as many expected them to. This application due to its size will come to County, particularly to the Economy and the Environment Committee, for consideration. Local members have asked the committee to extend the time for local residents to make any comments on the plan. I would like to encourage you to take part and raise any concerns you have with this planning application.

Details are as follow: 3,500 dwellings, mixed uses comprising employment, retail, hotel, leisure, residential institutions, education, community facilities, open space including parks, ecological areas and woodlands, landscaping; etc.

If you would like further information please do let me know.

**Communities & Partnerships committee:**

I believe this committee is forward thinking and I can see other Councils following if they are not already. It is my opinion that as a local authority we must listen to what residents want, they should shape the services they want us to provide and for us to support them along the way.

Officers are working on a draft single shared approach to community resilience called 'Think Communities'. It has been developed collaboratively between eight partners - Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council, Cambridge City Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire Police. Further information [here](#).

The proposed priorities based on People, Places and System include:

- Taking a shared approach to work in areas of high risk and vulnerability
- Understanding and removing barriers for community led activity
- Building capacity for communities to work together for the benefit of all our services
- New Communities and growth areas and hidden communities are priorities for all of us and could benefit from a shared approach
- Introducing system changes, taking a broader view to recognise the complexities and allow multi agency conversations with communities

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- Supporting communities to develop and deliver their own priorities which will address our needs to reduce, delay or prevent the need for costly public service involvement and which may include and go beyond public sector plans

## Transport

Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough James Palmer has stepped in to prevent the loss of two 'vital' town centre bus routes serving St Neots.

Bus operator Whippet was preparing to pull out of the town's 61 and 63 services because they were making a loss. After hearing the services were under threat, Mayor Palmer agreed to provide funding to keep the routes going until March 2019.

The routes are seen as important for people getting to and around the town, for its economy and its attractiveness as a place to live and work. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority in June this year approved [£4.1 million of funding for the St Neots Masterplan](#), a comprehensive and wide-ranging blueprint for the future growth of the county's biggest and fastest growing market towns. The Mayor's intervention will keep the routes going while the Combined Authority awaits the results of a review of bus services for the whole of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The report and its recommendations are expected to be finalised in November.

## Combined Authority

Latest meeting took place yesterday which main subject was Housing. Across the Combined Authority there is a target to build at least 100,000 new homes, including 40,000 affordable new homes and to accelerate their delivery by 2037.

To support this, last year the Combined Authority received a commitment from central government for the receipt of £170m to bring forward 2,500 homes by March 2022. To deliver this there are effectively two sub programmes running. £70m is allocated to Cambridge City Council to deliver 500 additional affordable homes, the balance of £100m is allocated to the rest of the Combined Authority area to deliver an additional 2,000 homes. We will work with partners to deliver on this ambition.

For further information please click [here](#).

## Budget:

Increased demand for services this year has seen Cambridgeshire County Council's current budget gap leap to £5.2 million – with a predicted additional £20.7m to find in 2019/20, Members of the council's General Purposes Committee will hear next week (Sept 20). Work is also continuing to increase and boost the income the council makes from its commercial activities, which will see £4million returned to the council this year, £10 million next, and more in future years.



The Council has already raised its historical underfunding issues with all Cambridgeshire MPs, through a national consultation on the government's funding formula and direct with Ministers at the MHCLG and through its Fairdeal4Cambs campaign, highlighting:

- Government funding (RSG) to Cambridgeshire County Council has fallen by £50m in the past four years, from £53m a year in 2014/5 to just £3m this year
- This sum is set to go negative next year – meaning Cambridgeshire will have to send £7m of Cambridgeshire tax payers money back to government to spend elsewhere in the UK
- Cambridgeshire was the only Combined Authority area last year not to be given a business rate retention pilot project – costing the council an estimated £8m  
During the autumn Cambridgeshire County Council plans to continue:
- Raising its situation at the highest levels of government, with Cambridgeshire MPs
- Working with the County Council's Network to continue campaigning on the general underfunding of County Councils across the UK
- Developing a business rates retention pilot bid with the Combined Authority and districts
- Looking at all planned spending, and considering further reductions or postponements
- Considering all external contracts due to come up for renegotiation to look for further savings
- Freezing all non-essential vacancies

**News** Cambridgeshire County Council has secured a silver award in the Ministry of Defence's employer **recognition scheme for showing support to the armed forces** and their families.

Launched in 2014 by the Prime Minister, the prestigious initiative was created to recognise and reward UK employers for their support and commitment to Defence.

The Council has been recognised for demonstrating its support for the Armed Forces community, this includes helping Reserves, Service leavers, Armed Forces veterans, the wounded, injured and sick, Cadets, military spouses or partners and their families.



The award scheme involves bronze, silver and gold awards for employers that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support to Defence and the Armed Forces Community.

By winning the Silver award the Council has demonstrate their support by employing at least one person from the armed forces community and actively communicating and projecting a positive image of defence to their employees. They also support Reservists by giving them the flexibility needed to plan and fulfil their annual training and mobilisation commitments.

Cambridgeshire County Council employs a number of staff who have connections to the Armed Forces. The authority is also a lead signatory to the Cambridgeshire Armed Forces Community Covenant, which ensures that those who serve or have served, and their families, are treated fairly within the community.

Cambridgeshire County Council's Vice-Chairman and Armed Forces Champion, Councillor Mac McGuire: "I am delighted that we have received this prestigious award, it shows all the hard work that has been put in by many people.

"I'm proud to be part of an organisation like Cambridgeshire County Council which is so passionate and dedicated towards our armed forces communities and has the policies and practices in place to ensure that we as an employer can create a supportive environment for ex- service personnel, serving families and reservist. We will continue to work closely with the military community to support them."

Commenting on the announcement of the 2018 Employer Recognition Scheme Silver awards, Minister for Defence Personnel and Veterans, the Rt. Hon. Tobias Ellwood MP said: "I am delighted to congratulate the recipients of this year's Employer Recognition Scheme Silver awards. A Silver award recognises the fantastic efforts of employers throughout the UK who have both elevated their commitments under the Armed Forces Covenant and provided actual benefit to the Armed Forces Community.

The winners should all be proud of the life-changing impact and fresh opportunities they are providing to our Reservists, veterans, wounded injured and sick and their families. We've seen a record number of winners this year, which shows that the Armed Forces family talent pool is also providing tangible business benefit."

### **Funding portal**

Please do share this link with community groups that wish to find funding pots.

<http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/supportcambs>



## Highways

A reminder that you can report road maintenance issues here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roadsandpathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

## Hedges

If you have an issue with hedges then they would be advised to log their complaint on our

website <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roadsandpathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

## Roadworks

I had calls from residents regarding roadworks. If you would like to know what is happening in your area you can check in this website.

[www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org)

## Local issues

### Barton:

I was contacted by a residents who raised concerns regarding the parking of the school buses. A lead officer attended the school and met with the Head Teacher, they discussed the concerns and on the day that she attended she thought the buses were parking in the right place. However, she will speak to the company and make sure this procedure is follow by all drivers.

**Highways:** Mailes Close and Allens Close in Barton are being surface treated next month as part of CCC's 'micro-asphalt program'.

### Hardwick:

I believe there was an abandoned highways "A" frame with a sandbag outside a resident's house in St Neots Road. The officer has been aware of the issue and flagged it up with our contractors. It has taken a bit longer than usual but I believe it has been picked up this week. Please do report any issues like this on our website and the highways officer will be on it!

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roadsandpathways/roadworks-and-faults/>

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I am glad to see how communication is flowing between the Parish Council and Anglian Water. Just to provide other parishes with a short briefing in case they encounter a similar situation. There was a breakdown in communication with Anglian Water, however, I made contact with the organisation and organised a meeting which allowed to restore communication and now councillors have a direct contact who they can approach when raising queries about their local area.

If you are experiencing a similar issue with a utility company or other organisation please let me know.

#### **Harlton and The Eversdens:**

There has been a change of officer in the Highways department, however, the new officer who is handling the junction A603 has made contact and is on it. In my understanding that officers are considering the possibility of including this issue as part of a larger scheme for the future. In the meantime, the road will be surface dressed next year and this will provide an opportunity to revise the lining which can make a difference and avoid the parish spending any money on it. I will continue to work with the Cllrs and officers in order to achieve the best result.

#### **Coton:**

In their last Parish Council meeting, the local plan was discussed and one of the Cllrs. raised a point about the local plan and the direct impact on an off-road route. I will continue to support the Parish Council as I have done in the past. However, now that the Local Plan has been approved and there is a bigger pressure of delivering a reliable transport strategy, I believe it limits the options. Having said this, I believe the best option is to have a *metro* and will continue to lobby on behalf of residents for this to be the case.

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Just to remind you that the public is very welcome to attend committee meetings and Full Council. You can find all the details [here](#).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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# South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caldecote Ward Councillor's Monthly Report – October 2018

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

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

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## 1. Planning

### Local Development Plan (LP)

Further to my report last month that the Planning Inspectors had reported that they found the plan sound (see <http://tumihawkins.org.uk/2014-local-plan-found-sound/>), South Cambs District Councillors on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018, voted to adopt the 2014 Local Plan as submitted and modified by the previous Conservative administration. The vote was carried by 40 for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

This brings to an end the 4.5-year debacle the district has had due to no valid adopted plan being in place and a lack of 5 Year Land Supply. The LP was found sound subject to the Main Modifications (MM) submitted and the delivery of the appropriate infrastructure such as transport, education, employment, retail/leisure etc. The Council can now move forward with delivering the homes, jobs, spaces etc. that we need, working in cooperation with the County and other organisations including the Combined Authority (CA), and of course in consultation with residents. Please read my blog article <http://tumihawkins.org.uk/local-plan-adopted-by-south-cambridgeshirecouncillors/> giving you more details and the [link to my full statement](#) in contribution to the debate.

You can find the inspectors final report at  
<http://www.scams.gov.uk/media/12102/southcambsreport-final.pdf>

The Adopted plan is at <http://www.scams.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhoodplanning/the-adopted-development-plan/south-cambridgeshire-local-plan-2018/>

### Bourn Airfield New Village

**The Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)** setting out the design guide is now being prepared and will determine how the new settlement will be built out. The SPD will set out the details of where the homes and other facilities will be located, the design of them, and much more. This document will also go out to consultation with residents of the district, so that everyone can comment. The final SPD will be informed by those comments.

**Planning Application** In the meantime, Countryside Properties submitted a planning application on 7<sup>th</sup> September, which is now being consulted on. The application reference number is S/3440/18/OL. This application is outline, and is focussed primarily on establishing the principle of access to the development. The Main access proposed is on the east side via the Childerley Roundabout for all transport vehicles. The Secondary access is on the west side onto the Broadway, turning northwards only in the direction of the old A428 St Neots Road. There is no turn south to or from Bourn village itself. It also gives access to the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge busway. All other matters will be dealt with by reserved matters at a later date, and only after the SPD has been finalised.

Please feel free to go on the South Cambs planning portal to look at it in detail. The Council is proposing to hold two exhibitions in Caldecote and Bourn so residents can discuss it with planners directly and give feedback. We value your feedback, so please take the time to do this.

The former TKA Tallent Site is now owned by a Pension fund, and is being developed separately as an employment site by Aitchison Developments. They are in pre-application discussions with the Council planning department and hoping to bring this part of the site forward quicker than the residential part, but developing it in three phases. I have had initial discussions with them as Ward Member and their intention is to build multi-purpose units for the high tech R&D type businesses. We discussed creating units for small businesses to, for startups or the 1-2 man band type businesses who can't find suitable accommodation in the area. Hopefully some of the ideas discussed will be reflected in their final submission.

### **Caldecote Village Design Statements**

As was reported in the Cambridge News on 27-Sep-2018, and in my previous report, Caldecote was one of 8 villages chosen for the pilot VDS project. The team now comprises 8 volunteer residents, led by Cllr Phil Claridge. The work is being supported by DK-CM Consultants together with a graphic design and community engagement companies, an architecture, planning and research practice based in East London and a council Special Projects Officer.

This is an exciting project and having this guidance prepared by communities will mean all sides have a clear understanding of what we expect to see built, right at the start of the planning process. I am really looking forward to seeing the final documents and rolling out the learnings to the wider district. Funding for that will be the next challenge, but one thing at a time!

Read about it on my blog at <http://tumihawkins.org.uk/villages-getting-more-influence-overdesignof-new-developments/>

## **2. Transport**

### **The Cambourne to Cambridge (C2C) Busway**

Following on from my previous reports on this subject, it looks like the Mayor (James Palmer) has now changed his mind about allowing an off-road busway to be built to link Cambourne with Cambridge City. The Combined Authority which he leads, is the Statutory authority for transport infrastructure provision in the county.

Until a few weeks ago he had been vehemently promising that no busway would go through or near to the village of Coton. He had also instructed the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) who are responsible for delivering it, to stop all work on the busway project for a few months because he had commissioned ARUP to study and report on the best way to solve the transport problems in the region and he didn't want any scheme to conflict with his plans.

Rather surprisingly just this week, he has now said to the GCP to get on with it and deliver the busway, provided it can be future proofed and converted to a metro. But wait, he has not released the report of the ARUP study so how can the GCP work on creating the busway to be future proof?

You can read more on my blog at <http://tumiawkins.org.uk/mayor-palmer-now-backsthecambourne-to-cambridge-busway/>

### 3. Housing

The former Gladman site in Highfields Caldecote that has planning permission seems to have now been bought by Linden Homes who will be building out the development of up to 140 houses. No planning application has yet been received, but as the advertisement board went up recently (and without the requisite planning permission), we expect that one will be submitted in due course.

### 4. Environmental Services – Recycling and Single Use plastics

Please check the council website regularly for updates at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/bincollectionservice-announcements>

**Bin Collection** Changes to some aspects of bin collections in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire are being proposed to streamline the service as it is now a shared service.

Most of the changes affect Cambridge City only but the one proposed change for South Cambs residents is the introduction of a charge for those who want more than one green bin, which Cambridge City residents already pay. The first green bin will remain free. 95% of Councils that offer a garden waste service already charge for additional green bins, including Cambridge City Council. It will be £35 per year but reduced to £20 for the first year. The scheme would officially begin in April 2019 with residents able to sign-up from early next year.

**Recycling** is a topic that we continue to emphasise, as it is an income generator for the Council. Most people in South Cambridgeshire are recycling plastic, but many residents are still not sure about which plastics can be recycled, and how to prepare them for recycling. So, our new campaign aims to cut the confusion.

Find out more about the campaign, and get hints and tips on improving the quality of blue bin recycling, at [www.scams.gov.uk/bins/south-cambridgeshire-recycles-plastic/](http://www.scams.gov.uk/bins/south-cambridgeshire-recycles-plastic/)



We have also produced a video which explains why it is important that the plastics we all recycle is as clean as possible. It is available to view here: <https://youtu.be/kOgudu65gMk>.

So Keep Calm and Carry On Recycling – thank you.

### **Changing Street Lamps to LED**

The Council is currently responsible for the maintenance of around 1,800 street lights in villages across the district, with Parish Councils responsible for the electricity costs for lights that fall within their areas.

The majority of these street lights use a traditional type of sodium lamp which will be phased out by 2020, which means local authorities are generally changing lamps over to LEDs which have been shown to achieve at least 50% energy savings and improve lighting quality. Presently, where one of our street light needs replacing it is therefore being replaced with an LED lamp.

In preparation for an upgrade to all of our street lights, the street lights in the parishes of **Hardwick and Ickleton** have been changed to LEDs as demonstrations. The upgrades are achieving around 80% energy savings in both areas and have received a very positive response from the parishes.

Monitoring is ongoing and a survey of all our units are being commissioned as part of planning for the change. Parishes will be kept informed of progress

### **5. Funding/Grants for Community Projects**

Are you a local community group and need funding? South Cambridgeshire District Council has launched a new funding pot that you can access. The £402,000 fund offers three year funding agreements to eligible Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations for the delivery of community support and development services in South Cambridgeshire.

The community transport part of the scheme is also open to applications from parish councils.

The **CLOSING DATE** is Friday 16th November 2018. Go online to find more details and application form <http://www.scambs.gov.uk/community/grants/service-support-grants/>

### **6. Health and Wellbeing**

Loneliness is a huge problem for far too many people from all walks of life. Village life should ideally protect people from suffering from loneliness because we all know our neighbours but the reality is that it is all too frequent and contributes to poor physical and mental health.

We have put together a Loneliness Toolkit to help communities come up with ways of tackling this increasing problem which could affect any of us at any time be we young or old. The toolkit provides advice, guidance and signposting to local sources of help and funding as well as case

studies of a range of successful local projects. The toolkit is available online at [www.scams.gov.uk/community/community/](http://www.scams.gov.uk/community/community/)

## 7. Business and Brexit

Calls for a People's Vote on the terms of Britain leaving the EU have been backed by South Cambridgeshire District Councillors.

A motion tabled during the Full Council meeting yesterday (Thursday 27 September) stated that 'the Council believes that the interests of its residents would be best protected by a referendum on the terms of leaving the European Union with the possibility of rescinding article 50 and remaining in the EU.' The motion also called for the Council to write to our MP to back a Peoples Vote.

The motion was backed by 28 Councillors, with 11 voting against it and two abstaining. As a result, the motion passed. You can read more about it on the council website at <http://scams.moderngov.co.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=74837>

In the event, Heidi Allen on 29 September announced that she would be backing a People Vote in the event that there is no deal. Saying "we need to go back to the public to decide what they want us to do next"

**Business support:** The Council provides free business support to residents who have recently started a business, or are thinking of doing so. These sessions are provided by our partners at Nwes at South Cambs Hall in Cambourne.

Each session covers a different area, including:

- First steps to start-up
- Marketing strategy
- Bookkeeping and taxation
- Growing your business

These free sessions are running at various dates in October and at the start of November. For more information, and to book a place on a session, please visit [www.scams.gov.uk/nwessupport](http://www.scams.gov.uk/nwessupport) or call on 0845 6099 991

## 8. 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.

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