

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

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**A meeting of this Council was held at the Sports Pavilion, Caldecote On  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

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**Present:** Cllr Fiona Whelan (FW), Cllr Polly Field (PF), Cllr Helen Cartwright (HC), Cllr Jamie Powell (JP), Cllr and District Cllr Tumi Hawkins (TH) and Cllr Gregor Jossaume (GJ)

**In Attendance:** Katy Reeves (KR), Deputy Clerk and County Cllr Lina Joseph. There were 5 members of the public present

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr Jack Lang (JL), Cllr Phil Claridge (PC) and Cllr John Barker (JB). In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, it was agreed that Cllr F Whelan would Chair the meeting. Proposed JL, seconded TH.
2. **Chairman's Announcements** – Cllr F Whelan reported that Cllr J Lang has informed councillors that he wishes to step down as Chairman of the Parish Council and that the election of a new Chairman will take place at the January meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Whelan also reported news of the recent loss of Mr Barry Hobbs. She extended condolences to his family from the Parish Council.
3. **District Councillor's Report** – District Cllr T Hawkins delivered a monthly report (see attached). The report included the following points:
  - The council has made steps towards achieving their target of providing 200 extra affordable council houses in the next 2-3 years by purchasing several houses in villages around the district.
  - The consultation for the Bourn Airfield planning application has ended; however, late comments will still be received.
  - A workshop for the Supplementary Planning Document was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November. Cllr Hawkins attended and has notes to share with those interested.
  - The County Council are running a consultation on proposed increases to parking charges.
  - Consultation on the Greenways project ends on 17<sup>th</sup> December.
  - The County Council have announced that they may no longer be providing funding for the Bikeability scheme.
4. **County Councillor's Report** – County Cllr L Joseph delivered a monthly report (see attached). The report included the following points:
  - Cllr Joseph has met with officers working on the Greenways project. They are seeking to identify the best routes and the needs of residents before funding is allocated. Cllr Joseph has raised the requests of parishes, including Caldecote, to be included in the scheme. It is likely that this will

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not be considered until the initial tranche of money has been allocated. She noted that residents and the Parish Council should be aware that the presence of a cycleway to from Comberton might argue against the need for a school bus; however, she will be making the case that both should be kept.

- The council are currently considering budgets and look to be in a good financial position, despite cuts to funding from central government.

Cllr T Hawkins asked for clarification on proposed cuts to Bikeability funding. Cllr Joseph noted that, as this is not a statutory obligation, the Council may be forced to stop the funding in order to ensure a balanced budget; however, they are working hard to secure alternative funders.

5. **Members Declarations of Interests or Requests for Dispensations** – There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.
6. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** – The minutes of the Council meeting held on 1st November 2018 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by Cllr F Whelan.
7. **Outstanding Actions and Matters to be Reported from these Minutes** – Councillors considered the list of outstanding action items.

Cllr T Hawkins noted that she has drafted a response to the Greenways cycleway consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. It is requested that Councillors send any amendments in the next few days and that the Deputy Clerk provides the Parish Council letterhead and sends the letter.

**Action: Cllr Hawkins and Deputy Clerk**

8. **To receive Councillor's updated Register of Financial Interests form** – An updated Register of Financial Interests form was received from Cllr G Jossaume.
9. **Open Forum for Public Participation**  
Representatives of Caldecote Village Institute spoke to address some of the concerns raised by the Parish Council with regard to the proposed extension to the Village Hall. They noted that the inclusion of the recreation ground parking in the initial plans was an error and they will be seeking permission to add an additional 30 parking spaces within the site itself. They also noted the Council's concerns about visibility at the entrance to the Hall and commented that the entrance was constructed according to Highways regulations. Cllr F Whelan responded to thank the Village Institute for the clarifications and proposed that strategies to improve communication between the Parish Council and the Village Institute be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting.

Q. Will more copies of Caldecote Journal be printed as the number of houses increases with recent developments?

A. The Parish Council will find out how much the additional copies will cost and this will be considered at a future meeting.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

10. **Drainage Matters** – There were no drainage matters to report

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11. **Village Design Statement (VDS)** – Meetings of residents in the working group have been held and the District Council Planning Committee have been given a tour of the village. The draft version of the VDS has been read at the District Council and was well received. Cllr F Whelan thanked Phil and Mary-Anne Claridge for all their work on the VDS.

12. **Emergency Planning** – To be added to the agenda for the February Parish Council meeting

13. **Planning Applications and Decisions:**

**13.1 Proposal: Change of Use of part of detached garage into dog grooming area, for Dog grooming business**

**Application Ref:** [S/3848/18/FL](#)

**Location:** 7, Dorral Dean, Highfields Caldecote CB23 7ZW

**Applicant:** Peter Beecroft

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application owing to concerns about parking, increased traffic and potential noise nuisance. Proposed HC, seconded JP. Cllr T Hawkins abstained from the vote.

**13.2 Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new dwelling. Temporary site accommodation ( Retrospective )**

**Application Ref:** [S/4046/18/FL](#)

**Location:** 13, West Drive, Highfields Caldecote CB23 7NY

**Applicant:** Ms Rosie Denton-Cowell

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application. Proposed JP, seconded HC. Cllr T Hawkins abstained from the vote.

**13.3 Proposal: Erection of 2 no. Semi Detached Dwellings**

**Application Ref:** [S/4117/18/FL](#)

**Location:** Land at 28, Highfields Road, Highfields Caldecote CB23 7NX

**Applicant:** Mr Neil Farnsworth

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the grounds that its proximity to the school entrance is likely to present a safety risk to road users and pedestrians and to ask that, if the application is approved, it should be referred to the planning committee. Proposed PF, seconded HC. Cllr T Hawkins abstained from the vote.

**13.4 Proposal: Trees**

**Eucalyptus (T1) - fell because of excessive height and risk to adjacent high voltage power distribution lines.**

**Holly Oak (T2) - fell because of excessive shading and low amenity value.**

**Field Maple (T3, T4, T5, T6) - fell because of excessive shading, growing into telephone wires and low amenity value.**

**Application Ref:** [S/4346/18/TC-TPO](#)

**Location:** College Farm, Main Street, Caldecote CB23 7NU

**Applicant:** Neale Whyatt

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application. Proposed HC, seconded JP. Cllr T Hawkins abstained from the vote.

**13.5 Proposal: Erection of Three 4 bedroom dwellings with associated car parking, landscaping and access arrangements**

Application Ref: [S/4394/18/FL](#)

Location: Land at Casa D Foseta, St Neots Road, Caldecote, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 8AY

Applicant: Ms Fossett

It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on the application. Proposed HC, seconded GJ. Cllr T Hawkins abstained from the vote.

**13.6 Proposal: Erection of a detached dwelling and garaging.**

Application Ref: [S/4450/18/FL](#)

Location: Gellys Wick, 38, East Drive, Highfields Caldecote, Caldecote, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 7NZ

Applicant: Mr Brown

It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on the application. Proposed JP, seconded HC. Cllr T Hawkins abstained from the vote.

**Applications Withdrawn:**

**13.7 Proposal: Non-illuminated stack sign**

Location: Land east of Highfields Road, Highfields Caldecote CB23 7NX

Applicant: AHannah Short, Linden Homes Eastern

**13.8 Proposal: Single storey rear extension**

Location: Village Hall Furlong Way Highfields Caldecote CB23 7ZH

Applicant: The Trustees of Caldecote Village Insititute Ltd

**Application Update:**

**13.9 Bourn Airfield Public Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018** – Attendance at the public meeting was disappointing. Cllrs H Cartwright and F Whelan reported that they intend to draft a template response letter capturing the points raised at the meeting for residents to use if they wish.

**Action: Cllr F Whelan and Cllr H Cartwright**

**13.10 To consider signing the coalition of local Parish Councils joint letter to SCDC concerning site access to Bourn Airfield** – To be discussed at a future meeting.

**14. Finance Matters:**

**14.1 To receive a report on the Current Financial Position** – The Deputy Clerk provided a report on current budget vs. expenditure. Received.

**14.2 To receive staff timesheets** – Staff timesheets were received and approved. Cllr H Cartwright will meet with staff members to discuss the best way to complete the timesheets. Proposed FW, seconded JP.

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**Action: Cllr H Cartwright**

**14.3 To receive the schedule of payments and approve the payment of Bills** – The schedule of payments was received, and payment of bills was approved, with the exception of the renewal of the subscription to LCPAS. It was requested that the mobile phone contracts be researched to determine whether a better deal could be found. Proposed HC, seconded JP.

**14.5 To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation** – The bank reconciliation dated 30th November 2018 was received and approved. Proposed HC, seconded JP.

**15. Leisure and Amenities Matters:**

**15.1 To receive a report from the Leisure and Amenities Working Groups**  
It was reported that the new fence has now been installed at the recreation ground.

**15.2 To consider quotations for locksmiths** – Two quotes were considered. It was agreed that this item will be discussed at the January meeting, following efforts to locate the card with the codes for the original lock.  
**Action Cllr H Cartwright and Cllr P Field**

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

**15.4 To receive the minutes of the Youth Bus AGM and consider future charges** – This item will be considered at a later meeting. Cllrs P Field, G Jossaume and J Powell will seek the view of young people in the village about the provision that they require.  
**Action: Cllr P Field, Cllr J Powell and Cllr G Jossaume**

**15.5 To consider designs for new bus shelters** – Cllrs discussed a request from Linden Homes to consult on proposed designs for a new bus shelter to be provided at the stop on the south side of St Neots Rd. It was agreed that this will be considered at the January meeting, after more research has been carried out.  
**Action: All Councillors**

It was agreed that a representative of Linden Homes be invited to the meeting for this discussion.  
**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**15.6 To consider and sign grounds maintenance service contract** – It was noted that the current version of the contract contains the wrong version of the schedule of works required. Cllrs H Cartwright and Cllr P Field will liaise with the contractors to resolve the issue and this will be considered at a future meeting of the Parish Council. **Action: Cllr H Cartwright and Cllr P Field**

**15.7 To consider quotations for Sports Pavilion roof repairs** – It was agreed that the quote from S Murray Roofing for £320.00, including VAT, would be accepted, and the work scheduled. Proposed TH, seconded JP.  
**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**15.8 To consider quotations for urgent repairs to Furlong Way playground**  
– It was agreed that the quote for urgent repairs to the playground from Mr A. Peters for a total of £534.00 would be accepted, and the work scheduled. Proposed PF, seconded TH.  
**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**15.9 To consider vertidrainning the Sports Pitches** – It was agreed that the quote from CGM for £973.75 + VAT would be accepted, and the work scheduled. Proposed PF, seconded TH  
**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**16. Correspondence**

Further correspondence from a resident in Grafton Drive concerning the maintenance of a Willow Tree was received and considered. It was agreed that three quotes will be sought for the work required **Action: Cllr H Cartwright**  
Correspondence concerning the Furlong Way playground was received and considered. Cllr P Field will contact the resident to discuss the issues raised.  
**Action: Cllr P Field**

Correspondence from the Headteacher of Caldecote Primary School concerning the installation of yellow parking zig zags outside the school was received and considered. It was noted that there have been previous discussions about this possibility with the Highways department that concluded that this was not possible. The Parish Council are unwilling to re-open this discussion. Cllr T Hawkins will write to the school to explain the Council's position.  
**Action: Cllr T Hawkins**

Correspondence from SCDC concerning a possible workshop on the benefits of risk within play was received and considered. It was agreed that this was not something that the Parish Council would be interested in attending.

Correspondence from the Cricket Club request support for an application for funding to provide new picnic benches at the Pavilion was received and considered. It was agreed that the Council would be happy to support this application.

Correspondence from Cambridgeshire County Council requesting a financial contribution towards funding the Bikeability scheme was received and considered. It was agreed that the Parish Council do not have the budget to find this scheme and it was proposed that the possibility of volunteers teaching children cycle safety be investigated.

**17. Councillors Reports**

There were no reports

**18. Staffing matters (closed to the Public)**

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It was agreed that a Locum Clerk will be sought to start work on the 7<sup>th</sup> January, for an initial period of 3 months. A contract for a maximum of 60 hours/ month will be sought. Proposed HC, seconded PF

**Action: Cllr H Cartwright**

It was agreed that recruitment of a new permanent Clerk will be considered at the January meeting.

**19. Dates of the Next Meetings**

L&A Working Group 20<sup>th</sup> December (TBC)

F&P Committee 20<sup>th</sup> December (TBC)

Full Council Meeting **10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**The Meeting Closed at 10 pm**

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

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



November Report 2018

Dear all,

I hope you find this information useful.

### **Cambridge North Station**

I attended this month a stakeholder briefing organised by the Greater Cambridge Partnership. The partners involved in this apart from the GCP are: the Combined Authority, Network Rail, Mott MacDonald and Astra Zeneca. They are looking at all the options at the moment. The project still in a very embryonic stage. They have obtained the next tranche of the money £9.6 million. They believe the last phase of the project will happen in 2021. They are looking at innovative ways to bring third party funding for this project. Some of the ideas in the air are to apply the “Beneficiary pays” principle, instead of taxing everyone. Focus on incremental passenger revenue, capturing land value uplift and wider contributions.

One of the items that they will be considering regarding finance will be a “congestion charge/parking levy/ or similar name”. In my opinion, this will affect directly residents in South Cambridge more than any other district. One question I raised is that if they are looking at charging people to drive into the city, they must offer a sustainable transport alternative.

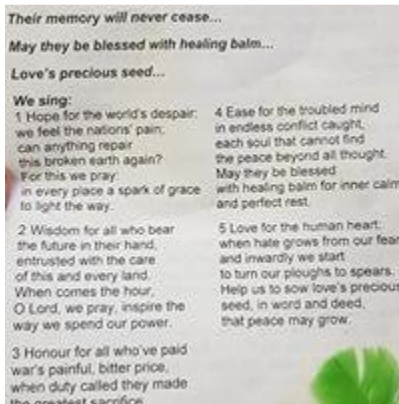
### **Greenways**



I met with the officers leading on the Greenways. I raised the concerns I have been receiving from the different parishes in my division. The consultation is now closed and once they analyse the information, they will take into consideration all the points raised. It is of their position that public’s perception and ideas do count and they are taking a very good approach and listening to the public.

Once of the issues that keeps coming up is, if we have a safe route that links the school to the village, will we lose the school bus? At the moment the policy says that you would do. I believe that we should have both. I am having meetings with officers in the different departments and will keep you posted.

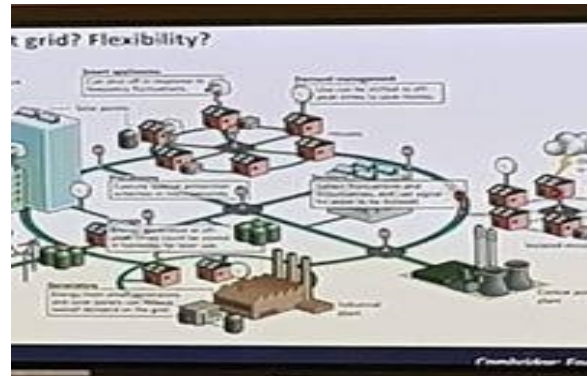




**Remembrance** As much as possible I join the different communities across my 12 parishes. On Sunday, I went to Caldecote. The service was lovely, it was completely packed and everyone was very friendly. It is extremely important to support these type of events, we must not forget what other men and women did in the past for us to enjoy what we have today. Thank you to all the residents and councillors for being so welcoming.

## Produce and sell energy

Our energy unit is looking at the possibility to be energy self-sufficient and be able to sell the electricity we generate. This is very exciting because as you may already know the grid is at capacity and if we want to continue growing and be more sustainable we need to be disruptive and think out of the box. This is very exciting and I will keep you posted!



## News

Residents of Cambridgeshire village Swaffham Prior are one step closer to achieving a low carbon community heat scheme after Councillors gave approval for the project to move to the next stage. The decision by members of Cambridgeshire County Council's [Commercial & Investment Committee](#) means the scheme can now progress to the development of a detailed business case.

The Swaffham Prior Community Land Trust (SPCLT) first approached the County Council in 2017 to collaborate and support them with a community heat scheme, which will enable the village to stop relying on oil and move to a renewable heat source for heating and hot water needs. After exploring numerous low carbon heating options, a detailed feasibility study suggested that a district heat network with an energy centre, which has a combination of heat being extracted from groundwater and mains gas, would be the most viable option.

The proposed project still has a lot of work and analysis before any implementation can take place, but aligns with the vision of the councils Corporate Energy Strategy and councillors were in high praise of the innovative project.

Cllr Josh Schumann, Chair of the Commercial & Investment Committee said: "The Committee approved development of the important next stages of this project, which could support the village in moving away from relying on oil and onto a renewable energy through heat extracted from ground water. What excites me is the knowledge that by 2021 the village could own its own heating system

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and not be vulnerable to fluctuating global prices of oil that the residents are currently tied to. “Boreholes to test the ground water could be drilled as early as next year, which is a vital next step for the project. We will also need access to homes to identify what is needed in the home to connect to the community heat network. “The project has identified Cambridgeshire County Council land in Swaffham Prior as a location for the energy centre and we are very keen to discuss how this helps the village realise its low carbon ambitions and manage their future energy costs.”

The proposed project will be retrofitted, one of the first of its kind in the country, and as such will act as a pilot project for both the government and similar villages looking to convert to sustainable heat systems.

The [project team](#) are working alongside the government department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS), who have provided valuable advice and grant funding, as well as a letter of support for the progression of the project. This project exemplifies the principles articulated in the government’s Clean Growth Strategy. The decarbonisation of properties dependent on oil is seen as an important step towards meeting our commitments under the Climate Change Act.

Colleagues at the Cambridgeshire Peterborough Combined Authority are also excited about the prospects of the proposed scheme. James Palmer, Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, approved initial match funding on the understanding that the work can be replicated to benefit other communities within Cambridgeshire keen to take on this new energy journey.

The next step of developing a business case for the project will look at detailed financing options, scheme design and procurement strategy. Engagement and support of the Swaffham Prior community will be key to ensuring the project’s success, and the project team have already begun engagement work including a presentation evening with table discussions, as well as a legal focus group with residents in the community. Further community outreach will follow.

“The project is important for the village but it is also of strategic importance to communities that are off the gas grid and are looking for ways to move from oil based heating to a more sustainable, low carbon options that are also therefore less susceptible to price fluctuations and fuel security issues.” Further details about the scheme, in the form of a Frequently Asked Questions document, can be found on the Swaffham Prior Parish Council CLT webpage here:

<http://www.swaffhamprior.org.uk/pc/CLT.html>.

### **South Cambridge District Council**

This week conservatives at South Cambridge have call for the £50.000 that the Liberal Democrats have decided to spend on management consultants to be re-allocated to delivery of front-line services. This money is meant to help the new administration decide “how the council could best focus on delivering its priorities”. Senior management being paid almost double that amount are not being used to this purpose.



## Combined Authority



to commence work.

Loan agreed to bring 88 empty homes in Ely back into use. At Wednesday's meeting the Board also agreed a repayable commercial loan up to a maximum of £24.4 million to bring 88 empty homes in Ely back into use.

The loan will enable the purchase of the Ministry of Defence-owned homes site at Princess of Wales hospital in Ely, where the properties currently sit vacant and are in need of a programme of refurbishment. The loan agreement will be with East Cambs Trading Company (ECTC), the wholly owned trading arm of East Cambridgeshire District Council. The intention is that the District Council will acquire the site and immediately transfer it to the ECTC

The site will be redeveloped to provide 92 homes, by dividing four units to eight, then sold back to the market within two years, at which point the loan will be repaid.

The scheme will also develop 15 affordable homes to link in with an existing community land trust (CLT). The CLT, governed by members of the local community, will oversee the affordable homes, ensuring they are made available for people who live and work in the area as affordable rent properties. The scheme will therefore create additional affordable homes without the need for any grant funding by the Combined Authority.

## Local issues

### Hardwick:

I attended this month also an extraordinary meeting regarding the greenways project. I raised the concerns with officers. The officers pointed out that if the cycle lane connects the north too, they could potentially lose the school bus. This is something I am investigating.

### Madingley:

It is that time of the year again. LHI bids deadline is in the horizon. Officer dealing with a project from Madingley met with them this week. The Parish Council is looking to close the avenue in order to avoid getting through traffic. My understanding is that the County Council is supportive of this project.

### Kingston:

I attended this week an extraordinary meeting as the Parish Council wanted to discuss officer comments and suggestions. They were concerned with speeding through the village and were thinking on installing a mini roundabout. Mini roundabouts require a lot of lightening and they are not currently a preferred option for safety reasons. Officer suggested to first gather data to know if speeding is a real issue.

### The Eversdens:

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This month at their Parish Council they wanted to share with parishes in the proximity that they are paying for the Connection Bus to come to the village for the benefit of young people. Please do share with your residents. The staff do an incredible job and are a great asset for young people in rural communities like ours.

They are also in the process of kicking off the ground the construction of a new village hall. Watch the space.

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### **Local Natural Partnership Board**

As you may already know I represent the Council in this outside body. You have over 10 organisations represented and it's always active, trying to push the natural agenda forward and upwards.

Recently we have been able to launch a new website, please take a look at it. This is a very exciting milestone. [www.naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk](http://www.naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk)

### **Events**

Please take a moment to review the diary and contact me if you have any questions in regards to any of the events listed or if you are aware of any other events that are taking place that are not listed. All events can also be found on our webpage at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travelroads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/highway-events/>

### **Funding portal**

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

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

### **Highways**

A reminder that you can report road maintenance issues here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-andpathways/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/roads-andpathways/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)

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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](#).

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

**Councillor's Monthly Report – December 2018**

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 Housing**

South Cambs recently agreed to enter into a Heads of Terms agreement to buy 12 affordable homes at Grace Crescent, Hardwick. The site 98 homes site is being developed by Hill and the homes being purchased now is part of the 39 affordable earmarked for the site and is for shared ownership homes. The remaining 27 will be for affordable rented homes.

A further 4 affordable homes at Burton End, West Wickham are also being purchased on a site being developed by AFP Homes.

The council has also given the go ahead for the demolition of two houses on Pembroke Way, Teversham and redevelop the site to provide 5 new council houses.

We are proactively taking steps to ensure we meet our target of building or acquiring 200 new council houses in the coming years.

## **2 Planning**

**2.1 Bourn Airfield New Village – Outline Application Consultation Extension** The consultation period for the outline application [S/3440/18/OL](#) was extended to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The planning application is for the principle of the development with all details on layout etc to be determined as reserved matters, whilst this application is to determine the principle of access to the site, using the Childerley Roundabout and Broadway-North. Details on the council website is at <http://bit.ly/S-3440-18-OL>. Please send comments to [planning@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:planning@scambs.gov.uk)

### **2.2 Bourn Airfield New Village – Supplementary Planning Document**

South Cambs council held a workshop on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at Caldecote Village Hall to discuss the preparation of the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). It was attended by parish council representatives from Bourn, Cambourne and Caldecote.

The point of the workshop was for the local representatives to explain to the officers and the consultants (Arup) putting together the SPD, what the issues of concern were, and to give ideas on how the new village should be built out.

The consultants came with a huge floor map of the airfield, and the local representatives then had a field day putting the ideas/concerns/suggestions on post it notes and sticking them on the relevant sections of the map!

I have put together a list of the issues that were stuck on that map, and attach it to this report. The topics were wide ranging – separation from existing communities, surface water drainage, direct

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access to/from site to/from A428 dual carriageway, pedestrian/cycle links with neighbouring villages, busway, shopping facilities to be subservient to Cambourne, traffic calming for Bourn and Caldecote and many more. If you have any further concerns not shown in the list, please let me know and I will add to the list for the follow-on workshop which we hope will be early 2019 after ARUP have had a chance to put a draft together based on the outcomes of the first workshop.

*District Councillor Tumi Hawkins*

## 2.3 Little Gransden Gliding Club Planning Application

This application was discussed at length at the November planning committee meeting and it was plain to see how contentious it was. The main objections from residents were to do with noise annoyance to residents who live nearby or under the tow/flight paths and the lack of responsiveness of the club owners to complaints. The club owners stated that they responded to all complaints received whilst officers declared that there were no records of complaints about the club. Herein lay the impasse.

The application was finally approved providing for no more than 60 aerotows (including self-launching sailplane launches) a day. However, the limit is increased to 75 aerotows on no more than 14 days between 1 April and 30 September each year for competitions or other exceptional circumstances.

Also the Gliding Club must

- (i) notify the Planning Departments of both Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire District Councils no later than 30 days before any proposed event which may exceed the total of 60 aerotows and self-launching sailplanes a day and
- (ii) notify the Parish clerk of the Parishes which are members of the Cambridge Gliding Club Ltd Consultative Council for reference by 30 April advising them of any predictable major competitions, or other such events, for the season ahead

I recommend to residents and Parishes to **keep a log and take photographs (where possible) of any violations or noise nuisance/annoyance incidents**, and report this by email to the parish clerk, the South Cambs enforcement team ([enforcement@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:enforcement@scambs.gov.uk)) and ofcourse the club itself ([chairman@camgliding.uk](mailto:chairman@camgliding.uk)).

## 3 Transport

**3.1 City Parking Charges Consultation** Cambridge City Council is consulting on their proposals to change City Council's car parking charges next year. Details of the proposed changes are attached. Some increases have already gone into trial and the City claims that their Peak Time congestion tariff adding 50p per hour will take 75,000 vehicles of their streets during busy peak times. Of 8am to 10am. Additionally, the evening tariffs now start earlier at 6pm, and they estimate reduction of 20,000 cars in the year.

As many residents go into Cambridge for work, leisure or shopping or all of these, no doubt City council would like to hear your views. If you wish to comment on any part of these proposals please write to Mr James Elms, The Head of Commercial Services at PO Box 700, Cambridge, CB1 0JH or email [carparkconsultations@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:carparkconsultations@cambridge.gov.uk) to reach him by the **consultation deadline date of 21 December 2018**

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### 3.2 Comberton Cycleway Consultation by Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP)

Reminder from my report last month- the consultation for the Comberton Greenways is still open until 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Cycling routes between our villages are few and far between and this plan to create greenway from the City to Comberton is a good start. It comes out from West Cambridge, through Coton and then down Long Road into Comberton. A second route splits off at Green End down that way, with a spur going to Hardwick.

It is this Hardwick spur that we would like to see extended to Caldecote and maybe even on to Bourn. The greenway can also be extended from Comberton to Toft and Kingston

Consultation started on 29<sup>th</sup> October and **closes on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018**. The information and consultation page is at <http://bit.ly/CombertonGreenwayConsult>. The consultation leaflet showing the potential routes and costings is at <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/1575/documents/1769>

#### 4 Funding/Grants for Community Projects

South Cambs District Councillors voted unanimously at the last full council meeting to provide additional funding of up to £550,000 for the Cambridge Ice rink project on Newmarket road. It is to enable the project to be completed on the project which started over a year ago. Work had to stop after some munitions dating back from World War Two were found on the site. All 194 had to be removed and decommissioned, causing additional delay and costs.

The district council had already agreed in September 2016 to provide a £1.85 million loan to Cambridge Leisure and Ice Centre for the new venue, which is expected to bring up to 25 new jobs as well as providing a top class ice pad for leisure ice skating as well as for playing international standard ice hockey.

The council's cross-party Scrutiny and Overview Committee has gone through the proposal in great detail, and recommended its approval to full council. The loan will be drawn down in stages as the work is completed in phases.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Bourn Scout Group have been awarded a Community Chest grant of £1,000 toward the purchase of a container to be used for storage of their equipment. The grant is conditional on planning permission being granted for the siting of the container.

#### 5 Climate and Environment

One of our key objectives is putting the environment and climate at the heart of what we do. Being green to the core. To this end, last week the council voted unanimously backing a motion proposing that South Cambs will show responsible climate leadership by supporting the transition to zero carbon by 2050 in the next local plan. The government target is 80% carbon reduction by this date.

All the work we do jointly with Cambridge City for the next local plan will look at how we achieve this objective in the design of new homes, waste and recycling services, transport networks, supply of energy, use of renewable energy etc.



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## 6 Combined Authority (CA)

### 6.1 CFO dismissed

The saga of the governance of the Combined Peterborough & Cambridgeshire Authority (CPA) continues to rage with renewed calls for an independent review into its finances. This has come about because the Mayor decided to fire the Chief Finance Officer Mr Fenlon, because the latter refused to be a yes-man! This is the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) CFO that the CPA has had. Mr Fenlon had expressed the view to the CPA Scrutiny Committee that some of the Mayor's schemes might not be affordable within the budget. He stated that some stark choices might have to be made and to focus on the deliverable rather than the aspirational.

Mayor Palmer claimed Mr Fenlon misled the scrutiny committee and had spoken without the full facts. Mr Palmer did not consult with the other board members before taking that decision. His manner of running the CPA begs the question of whether it really is a combined authority – or just a platform for Mr Palmer to run what seems to be a campaign for the betterment of East Cambs and Fenland at the expense of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire

### 6.2 Loan to East Cambs

The Mayor has decided to give a two year loan of £24m from the 'affordable' housing fund to the East Cambs Council trading company to buy, do up and then sell 88 unoccupied MoD houses in Ely. Only 15 of these will be converted to affordable housing.

The main problem is that this is not the sort of scheme that the CPA housing funding is for, especially as the additional affordable housing from the scheme is so low. Even though it is a loan, the funds will be unavailable until those houses are sold – which depending on whether or not Brexit happens, may be longer than the projected 2 years. Moreover, this scheme is in East Cambs area – not in the area that is in dire need of affordable housing for which the government gave the authority £100m. It was always acknowledged that South Cambs and Cambridge City were the two authority areas in greatest need.

### 6.3 Mayor office running costs

The Mayor has admitted that he "underestimated" the cost of running his office as £850,000 per year as stated in his election leaflets. So far, the CA has cost taxpayers over £7.5 million and rising.

## 7 County Council – Bikeability Program

The County Council has decided that it will no longer provide funding for the very popular Bikeability program. This is a program run by [bikeability.org.uk](http://bikeability.org.uk), teaching practical skills and understanding of how to cycle on today's roads.

Looks like this is the latest cost cutting exercise of the county council in a bid to balance its books and is now looking to the District Council and Parish Councils to provide funding. Whatever next!

## 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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Meanwhile I wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2019.**



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