

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

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**A meeting of this Council was held at the Sports Pavilion, Caldecote  
On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 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 Phil Claridge (PC), Cllr Polly Field (PF), Cllr Helen Cartwright (HC), Cllr John Barker (JB), Cllr Jamie Powell (JP) and Cllr and District Cllr Tumi Hawkins (TH).

**Absent:** Cllr Gregor Jossaume (GJ)

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

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr Jack Lang (JL).
2. **Chairman's Announcements** – The Chairman reported that a new Parish Clerk has been appointed and thanked all the candidates that attended interviews.
3. **District Councillor's Report** – District Cllr T Hawkins provided a monthly report (see attached).
4. **County Councillor's Report** – County Cllr L Joseph provided a monthly report (see attached). She noted that she would like to promote more dialogue with Parish Councils, perhaps including regular telephone conversations with Chairmen, and is pushing for Parish Councils to have more say at County Council level.
5. **Members Declarations of Interests or Requests for Dispensations** – Cllr H Cartwright declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 12.3, owing to a friendship with the applicant.
6. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** –The minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th February 2019 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by Cllr P. Claridge. Proposed HC, seconded PF.
7. **Outstanding Actions and Matters to be Reported from these Minutes** – Councillors considered the list of outstanding action items.
8. **Councillor Vacancy** – The Deputy Parish Clerk reported that, as no by-election was requested in respect of the casual vacancy following Cllr Whelan's resignation, the council are obliged to fill the vacancy by co-option. It was agreed that the co-option should take place at the meeting of the full Council on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and that the deadline for applications be set as 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
9. **Open Forum for Public Participation**  
A member of the public requested that, when considering agenda item 12.10, the Parish Council take account of potential problems with the access point to the development, particularly safety concerns related to the entry and exit of large vehicles from the driveway opposite.

A member of the public stated that the application in agenda item 12.1 is not in keeping with the rest of the properties on East Drive and also noted that the property would cast shadow onto the garden of the neighbouring house.

10. **Drainage Matters** – There were no drainage matters to report.
11. **Village Design Statement (VDS)** – There will be a public meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> in the Village Hall at which residents can provide feedback on the VDS.
12. **Planning**  
**Applications:**  
**12.1 Proposal: Erection of two detached dwellings**  
**Application Ref:** [S/0360/19/FL](#)  
**Location:** 20 A, East Drive, Caldecote, Cambridge, CB23 7NZ  
**Applicant:** Mr Craig Coghill

It was proposed (JB, seconded PF) that the Parish Council object to the application on the grounds that it is out of keeping with houses on East Drive and is overdevelopment given the area land. Not agreed. No further proposals were made.

- 12.2 Proposal: One new dwelling to the rear of 79 Highfields Road**  
**Application Ref:** [S/0479/19/FL](#)  
**Location:** 79, Highfields Road, Highfields Caldecote, Caldecote, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 7NX  
**Applicant:** Paul & Linda Cornwell

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application. Proposed JP, seconded PC.

- 12.3 AMENDED Proposal: Proposed replacement dwelling with covered parking/store**  
**Application Ref:** [S/3261/18/FL](#)  
**Location:** Clare Cottage, Main Street, Caldecote, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 7NU  
**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Jacklin

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the same grounds as the original proposal: that the development is inappropriate for the site, out of scale and proportion for the site and not in keeping with the surrounding area of old Caldecote. Proposed PC, seconded JB.

- 12.4 Proposal: Single storey rear extension**  
**Application Ref:** [S/0564/19/FL](#)  
**Location:** Community Hall, Furlong Way, Highfields Caldecote, Caldecote  
**Applicant:** Mr Simon Gautrey

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application. Proposed JP, seconded PC.

- 12.5 Proposal: Modification of planning obligations contained in a Section 106 dated 14 September 2017 pursuant to planning permission S/2047/16/FL**  
**Application Ref:** [S/0571/19/PO](#)  
**Location:** Plots 1-8, 9-15, 18, 21-26, 42-43, 49-50 and 70-71 Highfields Road, Highfields Caldecote, Caldecote, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 7NX  
**Applicant:** The Cambridge Housing Society Limited

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

**12.6 AMENDED Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 (Materials), 7 (Traffic Management Plan) condition 13 (Carbon emissions) pursuant to planning permission S/3680/18/FL**

**Application Ref: [S/0347/19/DC](#)**

**Location: 75, Highfields Road, Highfields Caldecote, Caldecote, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 7NX**

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

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application. Proposed PC, seconded JB.

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

**Application Ref: [S/0650/19/FL](#)**

**Location: 28, Highfields Road, Highfields Caldecote, Caldecote, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 7NX**

**Applicant: Mr Neil Farnsworth, CALA Homes (NHC) Ltd**

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the same grounds as the original proposal: the proximity of the entrance to the site to the entrance to the school, which presents a safety risk for pedestrians and vehicles, and the design, which is not in keeping with that of surrounding houses (drawing attention to the VDS recommendations with regard to design). Proposed PC, seconded PF.

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**12.8 Appeal Ref: APP/W0530/W/19/3221129**

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

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

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

**Applicant: Mr Neil Farnsworth**

**12.9 Decision notices**

<b>Application Ref</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>S/4777/18/FL and S/4778/18/AD</b>	<b>Existing BP totem sign removed and replaced with new totem in different location</b>	<b>Childerley Gate Filling Station, St Neots Road, Caldecote, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB23 8AY</b>	<b>Permission granted</b>

**12.10 Consultation Amendment**

**Proposal: Discharge conditions 17 (electric vehicle charging infrastructure strategy and implementation plan), 21 (renewable energy), 24 (archaeological investigation) , 25 (construction method statement) of appeal decision APP/W/0530/W/16/3149854 for Outline planning permission for up to 140 residential dwellings, (including up to 40% affordable housing), removal of existing temporary agricultural structures and debris, introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area, community orchard and allotments, surface water flood mitigation and attenuation, vehicular access points from Highfields Road and associated ancillary works. All matters to be reserved with the exception of the main site access.**

**Application Ref: [S/4836/18/DC](#)**

**Location: Land east of Highfields Road Highfields CaldecoteCambridgeshire**

*Deputy Parish Clerk: Katy Reeves, 34 Strympole Way, Highfields Caldecote, Cambs CB23 7ZJ*

*Email: [parishclerk@caldecote.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@caldecote.gov.uk)*

**Applicant: Miss Hannah Short, Linden (Highfields Caldecote) LLP**  
**Amendment: Conditions 5,6,8,15 and 28 have been withdrawn from this application pending further discussion**

**Other**

**12.11 To consider resolving upon an indemnity execution in respect of planning application [S/1263/09/F](#) – it was RESOLVED that the indemnity execution be approved and duly signed.**

**13. Finance Matters:**

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

**13.2 To receive staff timesheets –** Staff timesheets were received and approved. Proposed JP, seconded HC.

**13.3 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 payments of £14064.00 and £1008.00 to MD Landscapes, which were been deferred until clarification of some of the items on the invoice has been received. Proposed PC, seconded HC. It was agreed that the contractor (MD Landscapes) be invited to a meeting with members of the Parish Council and Clerk to discuss their concerns.

**13.4 To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation –** The bank reconciliation dated 25th February 2019 was received and approved. Proposed HC, seconded PC.

**13.5 To receive a summary review of S106 monies and to consider the formation of an S106 Working Group and the appointment of members –** It was agreed that an informal meeting will be set up to discuss S106 monies. **Action: Cllr P Claridge**

**14. Leisure and Amenities Matters:**

**14.1 To receive a report from the Leisure and Amenities Working Groups**  
There was nothing to report

**14.2 To consider quotations for locksmiths –** To be considered at a future meeting.

**14.3 To consider obtaining a licence to show films at summer ‘cinema’–** it was agreed to apply for an MPLC Umbrella licence at a cost of £164.80 + VAT per year. Proposed PF, seconded JP. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

**14.4 To consider summer grass cutting for the cricket pitch –** it was agreed that the Deputy Clerk will contact the contractor (CGM) to confirm that the outfield cutting will be going ahead and seek more information on the agreed schedule and cost. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

**14.5 To consider quotes for Pavilion plumbing repairs –** To be considered at a future meeting.

**15. Policies**

**15.1 To review and adopt the revised Standing Orders –** It was **RESOLVED** that the revised Standing Orders be adopted. Proposed PC, seconded JP

**15.2 To review and adopt the revised Financial Regulations –** One amendment was proposed: to change ‘October’ to ‘April’ in clause 4.4. It was **RESOLVED** that the revised Financial Regulations, as amended, be adopted. Proposed PF, seconded JP

**15.3 To review and adopt the revised Asset Register** – It was agreed that this will be reviewed by the L&A Working Group for accuracy before adoption. **Action: L&A group**

**15.4 To review and adopt the Pavilion Fire Risk Assessment** – It was **RESOLVED** that the Pavilion Fire Risk Assessment be adopted and be reviewed again in 6 months time. Proposed PC, seconded HC

**15.5 To review and adopt the revised Risk Assessment** – It was **RESOLVED** that the revised Risk Assessment be adopted but noted that efforts must be made to ensure that all the measures listed are undertaken. Proposed PC, seconded HC

**16. To consider commenting on an application for street trading consent** – It was **RESOLVED** that the application be supported. Proposed HC, seconded PF.

**17. Caldecote Journal – to consider items for inclusion in the Parish Council report (deadline March 14th)** – Items to be included: new maintenance contract, new Clerk, Councillor co-option. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

**18. Annual Parish Meeting** – it was agreed that all organisations seeking Parish Council Grants would be asked to present at the meeting.

**19. Correspondence**

Correspondence from a resident concerned about visibility when exiting Strympole Way via the mini-roundabout was considered. It was agreed that this should be reported to the Highways Department of the County Council.

**20. Councillors Reports**

Cllr P Claridge proposed that a meeting be set up with the contractors that are beginning work on the new Grounds Maintenance contract.

Cllr P Field reported that there will be a ‘Village Clean up’ taking place after Easter (date to be confirmed).

Cllr P Field also noted that permission will be sought from the Parish Council to plant saplings and dig beds in the peace garden. It was recommended that detailed plans of the tanks located beneath the village green be sought before this work is approved.

Cllr P Field reported that most of the money required for the village defibrillator has been raised and that permission has been obtained from the owner of the Village shop to install the defibrillator on the wall. It was agreed that the possible purchase of the defibrillator by the Parish Council will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**Action: Cllr Field/ Deputy Clerk**

**21. Dates of the Next Meetings**

L&A Working Group    21st March 2019  
Full Council            4th April 2019  
Annual Parish Meeting 18th April 2019

**The Meeting Closed at 10 pm**

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

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

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

**Councillor's Monthly Report – March 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.

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## **Planning**

There are a number of consultations taking place now and here they are:

### **North East Cambridge Area Action Plan (AAP)**

This is the site that used to be called Cambridge Northern Fringe, opposite the Science Park. It currently houses the Anglian Water Recycling Plant, various businesses and Cambridge North Station.

The ability to develop it very much depends on being able to move the AW waste recycling plant, We are expecting to hear whether the bid to the Home Improvement Fund (HIF) for £200m to relocate it is successful. If it is not, then this site will remain undeveloped for now. The consultation is in anticipation of success. The planning service wants to explore how this area, together with the Science Park, can become an exemplar community that is designed for low carbon living, with energy efficient homes, cycling and walking central to its development.

Visit <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/necaap> for more information and how to respond.

### **Call for Sites**

SCDC and Cambridge City will be creating a new joint local plan, and we would like to find out where potential sites might be. It is also a government requirement that we carry out this Call for sites as part of what is known as the “Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment”. Effectively asking local landowners who might have land to put forward to do so, and we then assess the suitability of the land based on the spatial strategy that we wish to adopt. There are a number of criteria that will be used to test each site submitted, to whittle them down to what may be useful/suitable. The land should be suitable for housing (of all types) and businesses, general industrial and distribution.

Landowners are asked to submit only sites and broad locations that are capable of delivering 5 or more dwellings or economic development on sites of 0.25 hectares (or 500 square metres of floor space) and above

If you are a land owner interested in this then respond **by 5pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**. Find out how at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/media/12984/shelaa-response-form.pdf>

## **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**

The Greater Cambridge Planning Service is preparing a joint SCI setting out how the two councils, SCDC and Cambridge City will engage with residents in the planning process. The last one was for SCDC was adopted in 2010 and is long overdue for updating.

The SCI sets out how everyone, from individuals to interest groups and businesses can get involved in creating planning policy, as well as in the planning application process. We need to understand what residents want in terms of engagement and how they wish to get and send information from/to the Councils.

*District Councillor Tumi Hawkins*

We want the planning process to work for our residents, so this is the opportunity for all who have an interest in the district to have a say in how they wish to be involved in guiding the future development in their communities in particular and the district in general.

You can find more information here at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/sci>. The consultation **closes 5pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**. Please have your say – we really would like to hear from you.

## **Neighbourhood Plans (NP)**

### **Great Abington Former LSA Estate NP**

We are pleased to announce that SCDC adopted the first Neighbourhood plan in the district on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February. This was for Great Abington Former LSA Estate, and you can find more information about it at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/greatabingtonformerlsaestatemp>.

This neighbourhood plan sets out a range of policies that cover this historic well defined area that is currently outside the development framework of the village. It has now become part of the SCDC Local Plan, with equal legal weight, and will be used when the planning service is determining any future applications that come up within this area.

### **Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan**

The draft Cottenham NP seems to be the next one in line to be made. The Cottenham parish council submitted the draft NP in January 2019, and it now has to go to public consultation. After that, it will be considered by an independent planning examiner, and if successful, then a referendum will take place in the village asking local residents to endorse it. If that passes, the council will then adopt it.

In the meantime, we are asking your views on that plan and you can find more information about it at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/cottenhamnp>. Consultation **closes at 5pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**.

SCDC is encouraging communities who want development to prepare neighbourhood plans defining policies that will suit their requirements whilst conserving village character but providing housing, improving amenities etc., but complying with national planning policy standards.

## Transport

There are still consultations ongoing – and once again, I encourage everyone to find time to respond and contribute your views to help shape what we end up getting

### Cambourne to Cambridge Busway – Phase 2

Further to my report last month, the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Consultation on Phase 2 of the Cambourne to Cambridge busway will **close at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**.

This is looking at the link from Madingley Mulch, through Bourn Airfield to Cambourne. You will find more details on the Greater Cambridge Partnership website at <http://bit.ly/C2CPhase2> where you can also download the consultation booklet and the response form.

The GCP has held some public exhibitions to help us to understand the proposals but there are still two more coming at Hardwick and Caldecote

Date	Venue	Time
12-Mar-19	Hardwick Primary School	5pm to 7.30pm
13-Mar-19	Caldecote Primary School	5pm to 7.30pm

### East-West Rail Link (Varsity Line)

This is a government initiated project, seeking to re-incarnate the old Oxford to Cambridge railway line. The consultation started on 28th January and closes on 11th March 2019.

The section of railway from Bedford to Cambridge will go through South Cambridgeshire, as two broad routes are suggested.

1. A northerly route via Cambourne
2. A southerly route between Bassingbourn and Arrington – an additional station could be located on the site of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) Bassingbourn Barracks if it is developed

Information about the options being considered can be found on the EW Rail website at <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/haveyoursay>.

SCDC is concerned about the potential impact of this new railway line on our communities, even though we welcome the opportunity to provide transport choice for residents who live west of the district and especially along the A428 corridor. However, we also realise that the government is expecting further development of houses to take place along this corridor to pay for the line. The question is how many?

We are also concerned about the impact on the environment, especially of the southern route which does not link any existing communities. We have not seen any environmental impact assessment, nor a business case for that matter, and it is still questionable whether it will be viable.

We recognise also that rather than work on this piecemeal, it should be looked at in the context of the proposed CAM metro, so that the final route selection will be optimal, not just for long



journeys, but for our residents who need to commute around the area into Cambridge and work in the various employment locations in the region.

I am particularly concerned because if it comes through Cambourne, then the villages in Caldecote ward will be seriously affected, especially Bourn, Caldecote and Kingston. If it goes the southern route, then likely Little Gransden will be affected. Either way, Caldecote Ward has a stake in this project!!

SCDC cabinet discussed the project at its meeting on 6-March-2019. The report is at <http://bit.ly/CabinetRptEWR>, the draft consultation response is at <http://bit.ly/SCDC-2-EWR> and a recent news release at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/council-east-west-rail-must-benefit-environment-residents-and-economy/>

I strongly encourage everyone to respond and have their say. **Closing date is 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

### **A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements**

Finally, on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Highways England announced its preferred route for the much discussed and long-awaited link from Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet. The “Orange route” as it is called, will go south of St Neots, link to the existing A428 just east of the B1428 roundabout, cross over north of the existing A428 and then join up at the current B1040 Eltisely junction with junction improvements there and then on to Caxton Gibbet with upgraded junction to join the existing A428 dual carriageway.

If all that does not make sense – have a look at page 13 of the booklet explaining the works at <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a428-black-cat-to-caxtongibbet/results/a428blackcattocaxtongibbetwebpra.pdf>. The booklet explains in detail the junction improvements to be made, and reasoning for the selection.

We look forward to this road being built quickly – it is long overdue and is expected to cost around £800million. Construction is now expected to start in 2021. When completed, it will help ease congestion, improve journey times and access to St Neots train station, but more importantly the health and wellbeing of commuters who drive that route every day.

### **Business and Finance**

It has been a busy period for issues to do with finance and council business generally

#### **Business Plan 2019-2024**

The business plan for the new LibDem administration was tabled and debated at the full council meeting in February. Consultation responses were in support of the ideas we presented. Key elements for us focussed on four priority areas:

- **Growing local businesses and economies** – We will support businesses of all sizes, including rural enterprise and farming, to help create new jobs and opportunities near to where people live.

- **Housing that is affordable for everyone to live in** – We will build vibrant communities in locations where people have good access to facilities and transport links, so they can genuinely afford to lead a happy and healthy life.
- **Being green to our core** – We will create a cleaner, greener and zero-carbon future for our communities.
- **A modern and caring Council** – We will provide our customers with high-quality services, strive to reduce costs, build on what we are good at to generate our own income and make decisions in a transparent, open and inclusive way.

You can read more about it here at <http://bit.ly/BizPlan2019-24> which goes into more specific details on how we hope to achieve these objectives. We are excited about it and look forward to delivering these objectives together with all our residents.

## Budget Report

The budget for operation of the council is set annually and this is the first that the new administration has brought forward. The council no longer receives any funding whatsoever from central government, so it has to raise its own funding to provide services. Full details can be found at: <http://bit.ly/SCDCBudget2019>

In summary, the total service expenditure for 2019-20 is projected to be £20.2 million, of which £9.1 million will be raised from council tax (average Band D is £145.31). The rest will come from a combination of sources including but not limited to Retained Business rates, New Homes bonus, Rural Services grant, interest on balances, Income from other sources including Ermine Street.

The Council is also looking at a wide range of investments in order to help deliver the income needed so we can reduce the “savings” that need to be made. A key priority area is to support small/local businesses to grow, for small businesses in the district to become suppliers to each other to keep money flowing within the district and aid business growth which in turn should lead to more jobs being created.

## Localised Council Tax Support (LCTS) scheme

Council adopted its LCTS scheme at full council in February. The scheme provides help for people on low incomes, pensioners and those in receipt of certain benefits with their council tax bill.

Details are at

<http://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s110341/Local%20Council%20Tax%20Support%20Scheme.pdf>

The council informs those already in receipt of support about the scheme, but those who think they may be eligible to contact [revenues@scams.gov.uk](mailto:revenues@scams.gov.uk) or call 03450 450 064

## Council Tax on Empty Dwellings

Empty homes have until now had a surcharge of 50% on the council tax levied if empty for two years or more. However, some have been empty for longer than that, so SCDC is taking advantage of new legislative changes to try and get owners to bring those properties back into use. There are 180 known properties in this category,

Council agreed that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, it will levy 100% premium on properties empty for 2 years or more, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 200% on properties empty for 5 years or more, and from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 will levy 300% on properties empty for 10 years or more. In the meantime, the council will continue to encourage owners to bring them back into use

### **Grants for Mobile Warden schemes**

The Grants committee has awarded a total of £23,410 to 14 Mobile Wardens schemes in the district. This is an increase of £3,300 on previous year. The funding will help the groups to tackle isolation by supporting elderly residents to stay in their own homes and communities. Three new schemes got funding in addition to 11 that had previously been supported.

The mobile warden grant scheme is very much still in operation and will continue to be supported. It is effective in supporting older residents to remain in the communities where they have built up friends and a support network

### **“My South Cambs” Customer Portal**

The new web based SCDC customer portal went live on 21st January. I have registered! This facility is to enable residents to access council services easily and electronically. Ultimately, it will help us save money that would otherwise be spent on printing papers and postage but more importantly free up officer time that would otherwise be spent on dealing with issues that would otherwise be done electronically.

You can access the new portal either from the South Cambs Council homepage or on <https://mysouthcambs.scams.gov.uk>.

Users can create their own account using e-mail, facebook, Google etc. and can be used to report issues, ask questions, obtain information on all council services such as waste collection, benefits, planning etc and also to track progress of enquiries, We are still working on it so we would welcome your feedback and ideas.

### **Green Issues**

Being green to our core is a key priority objective and we are already delivering on that. SCDC is now installing solar panels on top of roof at the waste depot in Waterbeach and taking advantage of the Government’s feed-in tariff , which ends this March!.

This installation is expected to generate around a quarter of all the electricity the building uses. In hard figures, they will generate 19,121 kilowatt hours per year which, according to Ofgem figures, is the average amount of electricity used by around six homes every year. It will pay for itself within eight years but more importantly generate income for the Council for 20 years.

### **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.

*Tumi*

Tumi Hawkins  
7 March 2019

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Lina Nieto  
Cambridgeshire County Councillor  
Hardwick Division  
March Report 2019

Dear all,

I trust you are all well.

I would like to start by mentioning that if your parish or a resident has a particular concern or something they would like to discuss with me, please do not wait until your next parish council meeting. You can call me any time and I can come and see you any time too. A text works best for me but you can call me on my mobile, landline or email me. You can also reach me on Facebook and Twitter!

This month I attended one of the first road-shows of the second part of the Cambourne to Cambridge consultation. I must say that I am embarrassed by the way officers have been handling this. You would think that by now they would have got grip of how to run a consultation.

I still think that all the alternatives have not been flushed completely in-depth and now with the Rail project shadowing our area it brings more doubts about the project. All these transport projects should be aligned and although the route of the East-West rail has not been completely decided and there is an inclination for the south, they should be talking to GCP and making sure that projects align as much as possible. Otherwise what a waste of time and money.

I will continue to press officers and colleagues regarding all the issues raised by residents. We must get this right!

### **Children's Centres**

As you know we took the decision to transform this part of the services we provide to children and their families. I am currently liaising with officers as I want to know what exactly is happening in our district and how families are responding to the changes. Once I have more information about this I will come back to you but I wanted to let you know that I am on it!

### **South Cambridgeshire**

As a local resident it is very concerning the latest pay-off of South Cambridgeshire District Council CEO. The council has spent over £202 k towards her retirement. She is under 60 years old and what is concerning is the lack of transparency around this. It has been very difficult to find out any information of what really happened and councillors have been made to sign a confidentiality agreement and not disclose anything. I really do not understand why there is so much secrecy.

I believe this is a huge sum and residents should be enquiring about this. This is tax money that will not be used in providing services for you.

### **Combined Authority**

Government has committed £11.5 million of funding to support Adult Education in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The funding represents the first tranche of [Adult Education Budget](#) (AEB) funding that has been allocated to Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority for the 2019/20 financial year as a part of its Devolution Deal.

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By devolving funds to the local area, the Combined Authority can better ensure the delivery of quality adult education across the local area that targets local skills gaps and joins up the skills system. This includes delivering on Government's commitment to provide fully funded qualifications at Levels 2 and 3, English and Maths and the future Digital entitlements for learners.

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority has been awarded £11,513,052 for the 2019/20 financial year by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). There will be further funding for continuing learners from the ESFA in the Autumn once our share of a £32 million national pot is distributed.

The AEB Team at the Combined Authority are in the process of allocating the funding to local colleges, local authorities and training providers and anticipate finalising these allocations in the Spring.

To find out more about the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority's AEB Programme, click [here](#).



#### Meeting local businesses:

This year I will be going around and visiting more local businesses. I believe we should buy local and support them. Otherwise, local businesses will close down and will be dearly missed. They play a very important role in our communities and it's a responsibility of all.

However, it is also about sustainability. Local businesses are much more sustainable than larger corporations. If you haven't heard about Cambridge Sustainable Food then please take a look at their website. I am involved with them indirectly and they are fantastic! <https://www.cambridgesustainablefood.org/directory/>

You might not know, but due to my experience in starting up a business, I get approached by residents who would like to start-up a business and would like a sounding board. This is something I do on a regular basis. However, I must say, it's not only for businesses but also for fundraising and community projects. As much as possible I try to connect local projects with local businesses. I believe in generating win-win situations. Starting any type of project is really exciting and I enjoy being at the start and seeing it develop and grow. So if you know of someone who might be thinking about starting up a business, social enterprise or a community project, do pass on my details. I would love to help!





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Cambridgeshire County Council is inviting residents to view and comment on plans for its new Headquarters in Alconbury Weald, prior to the submission of a formal planning application

Designs will be shared on the Council's website, and members of the public also invited to attend an Information Event in Alconbury Weald on Thursday, 28 February.

A decision taken by Full Council in May 2018 set the wheels in motion for the Council to move from its costly six acre Shire Hall site in central Cambridge, and move to a smaller, more flexible purpose built building in Alconbury Weald.

The new two-storey headquarters, which aims to be 'bright, efficient and flexible' will incorporate a private wing for staff housing around 350 desks, and a public reception area with informal meeting space.

Council and Committee meetings are set to be held in a multi-use 90 seater space, which can be split into 3 rooms, and offering potential for future community use.

Even after taking the cost of the new building into account, the move is set to save the Council in the region of £46.5m over the next 30 years, savings which will be reinvested back into public facing services.

Planning permission will be submitted in late spring, with construction set to begin towards the end of 2019, and completion due by December 2020.

"Throughout the last year we have carried out extensive engagement with officers, councillors and local community groups to shape the plans that we are sharing with the wider county residents today," said Cllr Joshua Schumann, Chair of the Council's Commercial and Investment Committee. "These conversations have been invaluable, and by working alongside special interest groups such as our Equality & Diversity Group, I believe we will be able to create an efficient, flexible and collaborative space that truly works for staff, councillors and the public alike.

"The County Council has a long-standing association with Shire Hall, but with running costs in the region of £900,000 per year just to maintain the site, we must face facts and look at ways of investing money back into essential services", he added.

"The building of the new and smaller HQ is part of a much wider plan to base ourselves closer to our communities, and make better use of our own assets and those of partners across Cambridgeshire," said Chris Malyon, Deputy CEX and Chief Finance officer. "The Council will always retain a presence in Cambridge city, but will now be more visible in other areas across the county too".

#### Find out more

- **A Public Engagement event** will be held between 4pm- 8pm on Thursday, 28 February, at The Club Building, Alconbury Weald, PE28 4XA. Representatives from the Council and the design and build team will be on hand to talk through the designs and answer any questions. This event is an opportunity to showcase some main principles of the new Hub but many of the detailed design elements are still being considered. We will continue to work with stakeholders in order to create a building which meets our present and future needs
- Following this, the designs will be on display in Shire Hall from 1 - 13 March.
- You can also view designs today via the County Council website (<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/public-invited-to-view-council-plans-for-new-hq/>) and comments can be submitted using the email address provided



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### **Local proposals/events:**

**Madingley:** Parish Council has applied to close permanently the Avenue off.

**Coton:** some councillors will join the GCP technical group to work on the proposals.

**Hardwick:** Highways officers have met with the Parish Council and visited the area where the footpath improvement will take place. Making sure the money is used where people want it to be!

Most of my parishes now have defibrillators. If you are in the process, I am sure one of your neighbouring parishes can help with information and advice on what has worked for them.

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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/travel-roads-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-and-pathways/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-and-pathways/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)

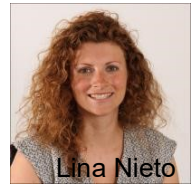
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Just to remind you that the public is very welcome to attend committee meetings and Full Council. You can find all the details [here](#).

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

Kind regards,

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