

A meeting of Croydon Parish Council was due to be held on Wednesday 21st October 2020 in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.

Apologies: Due to Government advice on social contact and distancing, it was decided to postpone open Council meetings until further notice, and the required meetings will be held remotely.

Apologies: Mr Brown - away.

Present: Mrs Slator, Mr Barnes, Mr Wheeler, Mr Sole, Ms Newland, Mr Wenman, Cllr Kindersley (later), one member of the public and the Clerk.

Declarations of Interest: None received.

Matters Arising:

Implementation Group Report: The Co-chairs of the Group and the PC representative have been discussing the future of the Group. Because of the pandemic there has been a lengthy break in the Group's activity, everything is on hold and there have been no meetings. This has given the members a chance to think about where the Group is going. The village report is now over 5 years old and the views of the parishioners that the report highlighted have, where possible, mostly been achieved. The village communications are now much better, the village clean-ups have been well attended. It is time that the Group transformed into something else, possibly separate from the Parish Council. All members, past and present will be asked if they would look at becoming a Community Group. The Implementation Group will come to a natural end and the newly formed Group will take a different direction.

Zero carbon grant: The Group looked at this and after discussion, decided it would look at other parishes to see how they have used the grant before applying for one themselves. Swaffham Prior has a zero carbon heating scheme, and other villages have created Green Cycleways, which are long enough to use an electric bike on.

Housing Needs: No further action as no replies have been received from the landowners.

Website Update: Councillors and the Clerk have looked at the preliminary design for the website and sent their comments to the Chair. The trial website is currently not suitable for mobile phones.

Speedwatch: As Cllr Williams was not at the meeting, the Clerk was asked to contact her and see if there was any progress on arranging an area Speedwatch meeting.

Clopton Sign: The Clerk is currently storing the sign until it is discovered who owns the land the sign was previously on. Once this is known, a letter will be sent asking for permission to reinstate the sign.

Defibrillator: A Mailchimp was circulated asking for volunteers to be involved in monitoring the proposed defibrillator. Unfortunately, only three people expressed an interest in being involved. Council did not feel that this is enough, so the Clerk was asked to send a Whatsapp request out to see if more volunteers would come forward. The number of volunteers may influence the Council's decision regarding the purchase of this expensive piece of equipment. Council intends to make a final decision at the November meeting. Council received an offer of a heavily reduced price defibrillator from another supplier, but when explored, discovered that the process of the reduction in price is by a "lottery" of all the defibrillators requested in a certain time period, and decided to stay with the original recommended supplier.

War Memorial Insurance: When sifting through the old paperwork that the Clerk inherited, an invoice was discovered from Ivett and Reed, local Stonemasons, regarding repairs to the war memorial. The Clerk contacted them, sending photographs of the memorial, and asking for an indication of the price for which it should be insured. They were very helpful and offered to come in the spring and undertake a full assessment, which would cost £1,000. Their reply also suggested that the memorial should be insured for around £60,000. The Clerk was instructed to contact Council's insurers BHIB and ask for the insured cost on the policy to be increased to this figure. All in favour.

Arrington Parking: The parking in Church Lane, Church End and Clifden Close in Arrington was so bad last Sunday, that two parishioners contacted Council about it. Extract below:-

"...the parking around Arrington corner was the worst I have seen, very bad and all the way round the bend. Even by the church all spaces were taken and four wheel drive truck on grass. One van was

parked on the A1198 just before the turn to Croydon - a designated Clearway surely? A problem caused by the NT and their new track - which itself is a good development to encourage exercise etc. Not fair of the NT to dump the problem on Arrington. "

The Chair asked for an update from Arrington Parish Council and received the following information:-

"At the moment Highways are awaiting funding from National Trust, which is agreed, to commence formal consultation. Bottom line is that we are likely to have double yellows on bends and most of north side of Church End (village garden side) and part single where possible on left side going up to Church. Clifden Close has some No Waiting cones."

Unfortunately, the Police do not enforce parking on yellow lines, and SCDC is not a Parking Authority. Cllr Williams is asking them to become a Parking Authority and take on the enforcement of inconsiderate and in some cases, dangerous parking. Although the parking at Wimpole Hall is now free, the footpath on which people want to walk cannot be accessed without paying to get into the grounds at the car park entrance. This is why there is so much parking in Arrington, as the footpath is freely accessible through the entrance by the gates on the A1198.

Loose Livestock: This has been reported to Trading Standards and the incidents of sheep recently roaming in the village seems to have stopped. This is considered a civil matter and the landowner would only be advised to keep the livestock better fenced in.

Remembrance Sunday: At the moment, there will be one service in the Benefice at Orwell, which will be livestreamed. Attendance will be by invitation only, and this will probably be limited to one civil and one church representative from each parish in the Benefice, along with representatives of the Royal British Legion and the uniformed organisations. The Parish Council is hoping to arrange for a wreath to be laid at the village memorial, but only the Councillor laying the wreath (and anyone in the family "bubble") can be in attendance.

Tree Warden: A parishioner has expressed an interest in this post and the Chair will discuss this with them.

Correspondence:

Electoral Register: Alterations received will be shared with Councillors at an open meeting.

ACRE Conference 23rd October: The Chair intends to join certain parts of the day long Zoom conference. This was a quite interesting conference last year to attend in person, but unfortunately this year's has to take place over Zoom.

Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan: If you have any comments to make, they need to be sent in before 30th October, the closing date.

Greater Cambridge Local Plan: The first call for sites has resulted in more than enough offers of land. Croydon had one site proposed, the glebe land above the Rectory. Nothing has been confirmed yet and further details will be sent in due course.

Greater Cambridge Planning - computer glitch: Unfortunately the new planning system recently implemented has a fault, see below:-

There is an issue with our software, which means that notifying Parish Councils individually of specific items on planning committee meetings in SCDC results in the online planning pages being updated wrongly. We have explored whether this process can be re-designed within the current system capabilities and have been advised that this is not possible.

Because of this, Council will continue to receive emailed information regarding planning applications in the parish, although comments may still be made online. The new system has generally been well received and is easy to navigate, so it is a shame this glitch was not discovered earlier, and corrected.

Community Gritting Volunteers: No interest.

East-West Rail: The Chair attended a recent meeting, at which East-West Rail categorically stated that there will definitely not be a northern route into Cambridge, as it is hoped to extend the line to Felixstowe eventually. They then announced that there will be a consultation about the route up to 2021, but it did look as though they have already made up their minds.

Their rough timetable is:-

- Route discussions and public consultation up to 2021

- Choosing the preferred route 2022
- Securing consent up to 2024
- Construction beginning 2025

The idea is that the first trains on the railway will be diesel, eventually phasing out for electric (battery) trains. The Chair has circulated a link to the recording of the meeting, which is available to access until 31st October.

Cllr Kindersley reported that it is possible to follow the work of Cambridge Approaches, and there is a facility to sign up for news updates etc. via their website. <https://cambridgeapproaches.org/>
If you would like to see what CamBed Rail Road has achieved and continues to work towards, their website is <http://www.cambedrailroad.org/>

Subsequent receipts:

No 75 Bus Timetable: Council was contacted by a gentleman from Haslingfield, asking if Council was consulted about the alterations to the Number 75 bus route. He states:-

The departure times from Cambridge are now clearer and easier to understand. Less welcome is the designation of the two afternoon services from Cambridge now being 'request' only beyond Barton.

This means that the bus on these two journeys will only travel to Harlton and Haslingfield, as well as Barrington, Orwell, Wimpole, Arrington, Croydon and Wrestlingworth if asked to by a passenger, and will not necessarily follow the regular route.

On the face of it this is sensible to reduce unnecessary fuel use. However it does mean that villages on the route beyond Barton lose their inter-village afternoon service. Although the bus might visit one or more of the villages after Barton, it is not guaranteed, as the bus will take the shortest route. So a journey, say from Haslingfield to Orwell after 14.24, or Barrington to Croydon after 14.31 is now not possible.

The bus company has posted new timetables at some stops. The 'R' designation of the 'request only' stops does not make it clear that the bus possibly/probably won't pass that way. Also the timetable available at the moment on the Traveline website has no indication of the new restriction, and misses off the inbound 12.15 departure from Orwell.

Councillor Kindersley said that he was unaware of the changes and felt that this is because the timetable has not been changed, but the way the buses operate on that timetable has changed. Villages through which the bus passes do not seem to have been consulted on this. Further information is available on:-

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/buses/bus-timetables>

If you would like to make an objection to these proposals, please email passenger.transport@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

London Luton Airport - flightpath changes: Council received the following information:

The arrival flightpaths into London Luton Airport need to change, and you can help shape how.

We are writing today to notify your council that we have launched a public consultation as part of a proposal to change the arrival routes into London Luton Airport. This proposal is jointly sponsored by London Luton Airport and NATS (Air Traffic Control).

Our stakeholder mapping indicates that your area may be affected by this proposal.

This consultation started today and will run until 5th February 2021. The formal consultation website can be accessed [here](#).

Further information can be found within our Virtual Exhibition, which can be accessed through a web browser or mobile device. In the virtual exhibition there are videos, banners, downloadable materials and a postcode look up tool. Individuals can also sign up to live webinars through the virtual exhibition.

Throughout the consultation we will be sharing information on both NATS and London Luton Airport social media channels, please feel free to share and re-tweet these to your organisational page, to help the consultation reach more people.

We encourage you to submit a response to the consultation, as it is really important that we hear your views. All responses must be submitted via the [CAA's airspace change portal](#). We cannot accept emailed consultation responses to AD6@ltn.aero.

[Email for questions: AD6@ltn.aero](mailto:AD6@ltn.aero)

[Explore the consultation website and submit your response](#)

Preliminary investigations suggest that the proposed new flightpaths will be directly in the area above the village. Please look at the website and respond personally if you can. The Clerk was asked to circulate this information to the village via Mailchimp.

SCDC Grants for PPE: Grants for sanitiser and other PPE are being offered by SCDC. The Clerk was asked to apply for the grant for £100-00, which can be used by village organisations.

Planning:

Dolbys: Permission has been granted for this application.

Land at Brickyard Farm Lower Road Croydon SG8 0HA

Erection of a dwelling and associated development.

<https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/20/02614/FUL>

Verbal Report from CC Kindersley (Gamlingay division):-

County Council discussed the following items:-

1. £28m gap in Special Needs education
2. Anti-Semitism
3. Funding for schools
4. The extreme cost and time overrun of the Dutch roundabout

The Government has agreed to give £1.6m to the County Council for repairs to schools. As a roof costs in the region of £400,00 this grant will not go very far.

Apparently the utility companies have no idea where their cables, pipes, sewers etc are in the ground, and unexpected discovery of these whilst trying to build the Dutch roundabout is the reason that it took so long to complete.

Cllr Kindersley reported that all firefighters have been given a £50 bonus as a thank you for their work in the pandemic. More on-call firefighters are needed for Gamlingay station - which is danger of closing if there are not enough firefighters available for call outs. The Fire Service has stated that it would prefer it if there are no fireworks or bonfires this autumn.

A concrete spill was reported on Croydon Hill and this was quickly cleared up by Highways. An invoice for the clear-up has been sent to the culprit.

The proposals for Luton Airport are very complex, and Cllr Kindersley encourages everyone to look at the website. If the proposals are agreed then there will be a noticeable adverse noise effect on the parish. Cllr Kindersley and two other Councillors intended to send a letter to the parishes, highlighting this consultation.

As there were no questions for Cllr Kindersley, he was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

Written Report from CC Kindersley (Gamlingay division) October 2020:-

The Gamlingay Division comprises the Parishes of Abington Pigotts, Arrington, Barrington, Croydon, Gamlingay, Guilden Morden, Litlington, Hatley, Orwell, Shingay-cum-Wendy, Steeple Morden, Tadlow & Wimpole. This report is for all Division Parish Councils but please be aware that it will include items that may have little or no relevance to your particular Parish. Apologies in advance!

Planning: South Cambridgeshire is maintaining a 5 year housing land supply when about a third of District Councils cannot. Obviously Covid is not helping the situation but building is continuing here and at the time of writing stands at 5.4 years. Regrettably a PINs Planning Inspector recently made a mistake when reviewing a planning appeal and wrote that we did not have a 5 year supply. Thanks to very quick action by council officers this was withdrawn within a matter of hours.

You may recall some years ago over 4,000 homes were given permission in villages where they had not been planned because housing delivery was not meeting the government set targets. We do not want that to happen again.

Covid 19: Incidences of Covid-19 are increasing in South Cambs and in nearby places such as Bedford and Peterborough. We know that people are finding it difficult to get tests and that tests are taking a long time to come back so we are very cautious about the figures we have as they are likely to be an underestimate. Admissions to hospitals across the county are increasing even though numbers are low but the sad fact is that some of those people who go into hospital will not recover.

Can we please encourage you to download the Government Covid-19 App <https://covid19.nhs.uk/>? It can be used to login into to more and more venues using the QR codes that are being displayed at front doors. No personal information is gathered. Annoyingly, a great number of older phone models cannot use it but it is nonetheless an important tool.

It is now the law that masks are worn in shops, cafes, bars and restaurants and can only be taken off when eating or drinking. Obviously some people are exempt from wearing them on medical grounds. We are also now restricted to groups of 6 or less indoors be it in public places or in our homes.

It is difficult to enforce mask wearing and the Rule of 6 and as a council our job is primarily to Engage, Encourage & Explain. Enforcement is a last resort and we are awaiting instruction from government on how they want us to do this for people and places that refuse to abide by the rules. Some premises have put up signs saying 'No Mask, No Entry'. It is difficult to argue with that. Less impressive has been people's behaviour on trains where people like carers, the vulnerable and the elderly are put at risk by others who just don't seem to care.

South Cambridgeshire is one of the safer places at the moment and keeping it that way is absolutely in our gift. If we do not abide by the rules : Wear a Mask, Wash your Hands, Keep your Distance, then it is a matter of a couple of weeks before we have the same restrictions as the North of England and all the misery and mayhem that will go along with that.

Testing: There is a shortage of testing capacity and new guidance now applies. Please only book a coronavirus test if you have any of the key symptoms; and booking is essential - there are no walk-in options available nor at A&E. If you can't get an appointment straight away, please try again in a few hours. New appointments go live throughout the day. By calling 119, members of the public, who don't have online access, can book a coronavirus swab test and ask any questions relating to having a test and getting results. This includes about drive through test sites, mobile test units and home tests.

Self Isolation Payments: All the information you need to apply for a government grant should you officially be required to self isolate and as a consequence experience a loss of income is on the South Cambridgeshire District Council website. There are a number of eligibility checks such as what benefits you are in receipt of but once you have made your application the process should be quick and you should receive your payment within 3 days. More than one person per household may apply and you can apply again if you are required to self isolate again. <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus/self-isolation-payment/>

South Cambridgeshire Hall: Having just re-opened South Cambs Hall it has now been closed again as part of our efforts to do all we can to minimise the spread of Coronavirus locally. We feel this is the right and responsible thing to do following the latest Government announcements. Residents and businesses have been able to carry out the vast majority of transactions without visiting and for the small number of tasks that have required people to visit in-person, such as pension verification, we have made arrangements to continue delivering them in a safe way. Please check the website for further details.

Business Support: We continue to regularly update the information on our website for businesses – please sign up for the excellent newsletter which contains all the latest information. We now have a great team of 4 officers focused entirely on business support and recovery. If you are struggling, as many businesses are, please make contact with them - their job is to help you.

Before Covid-19, it would often give great pleasure to visit businesses in South Cambs to learn about what they are doing and what their plans for the future are. Obviously this had to stop but it was lovely to be invited to Cambridgeshire Lakes in Gamlingay recently. As they are essentially an outdoor business it was safe to do so and a real pleasure to learn more about this new company which is doing an excellent job of adapting to Covid-19 and at the same time making a really positive contribution to our village economy.

The Economy: We know that the economy is taking a huge hit throughout the country. That is the case for us too although we started off in a good position in South Cambs with low unemployment and lots of jobs of all types. 25% (19,900) of employees in the district have been furloughed though some are now returning to work. Unfortunately, others are losing their jobs. 3.5 % (3,370) of our workforce is claiming universal credit which is an increase this year of 2.6%. So it could be much worse but we are aware that

some of the jobs that have been lost, especially in retail, hospitality and leisure are unlikely to come back quickly.

Greensand Cycleway: A long time ago we reported the Greensand Country project was planning to extend the Greensand Cycleway from its current terminus in Sandy via Potton to a gateway feature at the Eco Hub at Gamlingay. Additionally a more direct Potton to Gamlingay route may become available in the future. The route will be signed once permission is obtained from County Council Officers.

Public Health Intelligence team: Covid-19 updates: The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Public Health Intelligence team produces frequent detailed updates on Covid-19 cases and settings. You can find these the reports here:

https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/coronavirus_cambridgeshire/cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-public-health-covid-19-reports/

A concerning rise in cases among young adults in the 18-30 age group has been logged in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, and while hospital admissions and deaths have been low, there is concern about transmission to the wider population.

Poor broadband?: The Cambridgeshire County Council Connecting Cambridgeshire team has launched a top-up scheme for rural gigabit vouchers – topping up the voucher value for those on the slowest speeds. If you experience slow broadband speeds and live at the edge of the village have a look at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk

Groups of rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 100Mbps can apply to the national Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme and pool vouchers worth up to £1,500 for homes and £3,500 for small to medium enterprises (SMEs) towards the cost of installing a new full fibre connection.

In addition, eligible rural properties getting less than 30Mbps will automatically receive a ‘top up’ to the voucher – offering an extra £1,500 per household or business towards the installation cost of gigabit-capable broadband. This means premises in group projects with the slowest speeds will get vouchers worth up to £3,000 per residential premise and up to £5,000 per business.

Road tax or vehicle tax?: It’s worth noting that ‘Road Tax’ was replaced by ‘Vehicle Tax’ in 1937. Vehicle tax is now based on emissions and revenue goes to the Treasury, not local councils - so this is not directly available for repairing roads. A seismic shift in government funding down to local authorities for road maintenance is needed but isn’t on the horizon, and we are literally stuck between a rock and a hard place. Nevertheless, relentless reporting is continuing, for which thanks to everyone who is taking the trouble to do so - and hopefully some genuine improvements to roads in dire need will come.

A reminder of the reporting link for highways faults - please do use it!

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

‘Call for Sites’ & the new Local Plan: The “Call for Sites” is the first stage in the statutory process of creating a Local Plan – a responsibility of South Cambridgeshire District Council. The process must be transparent and needs to identify as many potential opportunities as possible. Around 600 sites of varying sizes have been submitted by landowners across South Cambridgeshire in response to the Call for Sites. These have not yet been assessed or filtered in any way, and therefore have no planning status. It is a list of potential sites that may be used in the plan-making process, after the council has decided on what spatial strategy to use. This is the same process followed in making the current Local Plan.

Following on from feedback received from the public during the Issues & Options First Conversation, there will now be a process of working out which of the spatial strategies will be selected for providing jobs and homes that are affordable for people in the district, whilst meeting our zero carbon and sustainable living objectives. Just as in the previous plan, where only a small number of submitted sites were selected – less than 10% – the district council envisages that only a very small number of sites on this list will be used in the plan.

There will be further consultations with the public later in the process, to present and discuss the preferred spatial options. Until then, none of these sites has any planning status. Lots of background and information here:

<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greater-cambridge-local-plan/first-conversation-consultation-and-call-for-sites/>

Difficulties with Water bills?: Are you or do you know someone struggling to pay their water bills because of COVID-19? Contact Cambridge Water via the website, by Facebook or Twitter or give call 0800 587 7701. More information can be found online at <https://www.cambridge-water.co.uk/covid-help>. They can offer tailored support including the Assure social tariff (for customers whose household income

is less than £16,380 a year); the Assure Covid-19 tariff, which is available for a 12-week period for customers whose household income has been impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak and is temporarily less than £16,380 a year as well as a number of other plans.

EastWest Rail: You may be aware of the rail route proposed and campaigned for by CamBedRailRoad. This is along the A428, and now seems to be the preferred route for the East-West Rail from Bedford to Cambourne. There are differences of opinion regarding the best entry point into Cambridge. A new pressure group, Cambridge Approaches, has some ideas regarding the railway's approach to Cambridge. Although the route of the new East West railway line is not going to affect Gamingay Division Parishes as directly as it could have done, anyone travelling into Cambridge will be affected as it seems that whichever route is eventually chosen it will be placed to the south of the City and not to the north, as CBRR is still campaigning for.

If you wish to follow the work of Cambridge Approaches, there is a facility to sign up for news updates etc. via their website. <https://cambridgeapproaches.org/>

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Plans for North East Cambridge: The joint planning services of City and South Cambs Councils have consulted on their proposal for a new high-density urban centre in the north east of the city, which would accommodate 5,000 new homes, 5,000 new jobs and 3 new primary schools as well as some green space. To enable this new urban centre to be built, the Cambridge Sewage works will need to be relocated and the government is providing £227m to pay for this. Anglian Water is proposing three possible locations, all of which are in green belt countryside to the north of the A14.

St Denis Church East Hatley: Very good news! The Friends of Friendless Churches has been awarded a grant of £58,200 from the Government's Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage for repairs to the chancel of St Denis' church: plain-glazing the windows in the north and south walls (to match those in the nave) and repairs to the chancel walls - consolidating tiles and plasterwork. Appropriately, the news came through on St Denis's day, 9 October.

Community Covid-19 Grants: In the current phase of the pandemic it is expected that community groups could be required to support people at short notice especially if individuals and families are asked to self-isolate without warning. However, no national programme of groups needing to shield is in place at this time. In this phase there is also a need to ensure support is available, for items such as food or heat and light, for anyone who is in acute and urgent financial hardship. This one-off support would fill the gap while further support is put in place, such as a benefits application or self-isolation grant.

South Cambs is making a funding pot of £50,000 available for groups to ensure support is there when it is needed. Of the total pot, small upfront grants of between £100 and £400 (based on the number of homes in the community) are to be offered to each parish/local community group so money is readily available for those who need it for items such as sanitiser, printing and supporting those in acute need due to hardship and an immediate need to self-isolate.

Finance:

Bank Statement: The Chair did not have time to upload the statement for sharing. Council has received the final precept payment of £1200-00 from South Cambs District Council, and the total in the Council's current account is now £7821 - 56.

NS and I interest Rates: Council has received notification that the interest rate on its Investment Account has, in line with other financial institutions, plummeted to 0.01% gross/AER, applicable from 24 November 2020.

Zoom Continuation Timescale: At the moment, the registration with Zoom Pro is on a rolling monthly basis. It was decided that this will continue until the December meeting, when a decision will be made whether to continue with it will be made, which is dependent on the Covid-19 situation.

Reading Room: Since the start of the lockdown, Council's regular meetings have still been booked on the Reading Room website until the end of the financial year. Council discussed whether it would be better to pay for the booked meetings or to give a grant for the year. It was decided to pay for the year's rent as it would have been, had Council been able to use the Room. All in favour.

District Councillor Williams' report - The Mordens

Local plan update:

The call for sites has now been published. There are 31 sites that have been submitted in The Mordens ward and over 650 sites through the district. The sites, unlike in previous plans, have been published

without any analysis or commentary about their likely inclusion in the next local plan. This is a mistake in my view as many residents are understandably concerned and in most cases the anxiety created would have been avoidable as the sites are extremely unlikely to be included given that there has been enough land submitted for about 220,000 houses and it is advised that there will be a requirement of between 5,000 and 30,000. With the consultation not due to start until Summer/Autumn of 2021, residents will have a long wait to be able to comment. Given the upset that this is causing I will be pushing for the administration to bring forward the consultation to allow residents at least an outlet of which to formally raise their concerns.

District Council unlawfully withheld Parish Precepts

It has been confirmed by the South Cambs Administration that back in April, when the parish councils were contacted to be told that the district would need to delay some of the payments to the parishes, the District council had no legal powers to do so. The legislation states that 50% of a parishes precept must be paid to the parish within one month of the start of the financial year. Opposition District Councillors were informed after the parish councils had been contacted. I can confirm that myself and other councillors raised the legality of this but we never felt we had a satisfactory answer. This led to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance making a statement at September's Full Council meeting on the matter. This can be viewed on the council's website. While I appreciate we are all living through difficult times, if we as non-executive members of the council could see that what was happening was unlawful then there is in my view no reasonable excuse for cabinet members to not have been aware. Below is a link to The Local Authorities (Funds) (England) Regulations 1992 Act for more information about the payment requirements and interest on late payment of funds.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/1992/2428/contents/made>

Civil Parking Enforcement :

At September's full council meeting I seconded a motion for the District council to look into taking over parking enforcement. South Cambs is one of only 13 authorities in England that does not have Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE). With the level of serious crimes that our police force are dealing with, while they do their best it is understandable why they do not make much of an impact on parking problems. I believe that if the District council was able to enforce parking in the district we would have a real chance of tackling the parking problems we have, and improve the lives of those it impacts. I was really pleased that this had cross party support and I hope together we can really achieve something that reduces the parking misery that many of our residents face. Government is also consulting on extending CPE powers to include parking that obstructs the pavement, a link to respond to the consultation is below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-pavement-parking/pavement-parking-options-for-change>

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Items for next agenda: None put forward

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 18th November 2020 via Zoom.

If you wish to participate in the Zoom meetings, please contact the Clerk on croydonpc@bobburling.plus.com for details of access to the meeting.

As there was no further business, Councillors were thanked for attending and the meeting was declared closed at 8.33pm.

Signed

Date