

A meeting of Croydon Parish Council was held on Wednesday 17th March 2021 via Zoom at 7.30pm.

Due to Government advice on social contact and distancing, open Council meetings are suspended until further notice and the required meetings will be held remotely.

Minutes/Notes: The February minutes were approved with one amendment and will be endorsed when open meetings resume, hopefully later this year.

Apologies: Mr Brown - unavailable, Mr Wenman - stuck in traffic.

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

Declarations of Interest: None received.

County Cllr Kindersley gave a report to the meeting:-

Council Tax: There is an increase in Council tax for both Cambs County Council and the Fire Service.

Fire Service: The Government is considering combining the Fire Service into the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Fire Authority is working very well as it is, and has already fought this proposal on three occasions. If it goes into legislation, there is nothing that can be done - Cllr Kindersley feels this should not happen.

Elections: This May will see elections for the posts of Police and Crime Commissioner and the Combined Authority Mayor. There are other by-elections that have been postponed due to the pandemic that are also taking place.

Census: Please return your form, if you have not already done so.

Fen Biosphere: The County Council met to discuss the designation of the Fen Biosphere - the meeting was not harmonious. For information, see the link to the site - <https://www.fensbiosphere.org.uk/>

Manor Farm, Girton: Manor Farm, Girton has been let by the Cambridgeshire County Council farms estate to a member of the Council. It is now being investigated by the audit committee and has resulted in a 400 page document, only 13 pages of which have been made public. The person in question has since resigned from the Council and left the county. There will be a review of the way that tenancies are allocated. Cllr Kindersley said that this was "not County Council's finest hour" and this issue is likely to be ongoing.

Parking and Flooding in Arrington: Cllr Kindersley is meeting with Highways on 18th March re: the yellow lines proposed for Arrington. There was only one objection to the proposal, from a member of the National Trust who does not live locally. The flooding is being dealt with, and involves an extensive modification of the drainage system in that area.

Thakeham: Cllr Kindersley reported that the Government stated that there are no plans for another new town in South Cambridgeshire. He will be attending the meeting with Anthony Browne tonight and will report at the next Council meeting.

The Chair thanked Cllr Kindersley for attending, and he left the meeting.

Written report from County Councillor Kindersley

The Gamlingay Division comprises the Parishes of Abington Pigotts, Arrington, Barrington, Croydon, Gamlingay, Guilden Morden, Litlington, Hatley, Orwell, Shingay-cum-Wendy, Steeple Morden, Tadlow and 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!

County Council Budget: This year's budgetary process has been overshadowed, inevitably, by the Covid pandemic which has required much flexibility from council employees, with extra costs, only partially offset by extra grants from central government. In terms of the council tax increase, this will be 1.99% for general expenditure and 1% for Adult Social care.

There has been some social media comment welcoming the addition of £4m into the County Council budget for footway improvements. Regrettably this is rather misplaced optimism as it comes at more or less the same time that the Government has announced its allocation of highways maintenance cash for the forthcoming year. This is almost £7.5million less than last year. So this more than balances out the £4 million. Also rather idiotically the County is considering reclassifying the A1123 from an A to a B road as a result of local Councillor pressure which could lead to Cambridgeshire losing another £250k a year for road maintenance, as the pot is based on length of roads of various classifications. Of the £30m allocated in the County Council budget £7M will be spent on the B1050 Earith to Willingham. A little less than £3M is for flood attenuation and improving our biodiversity. The remaining £20M was all for footways, over five years, half of it to be borrowed, and now hit by the £7.5M government cut for the coming year alone which wipes out a huge chunk of it. Poor show.

Fire Authority: The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority agreed to raise its share of the Council tax by 1.99% which will see the fire service's share of the Council Tax rise by £1.44 for the average Band D equivalent making £72.09 pa. The entire budget is just over £30m.

South Cambridgeshire District Council Tax: The District Council has set its budget for the coming year and has agreed to increase council tax for a band D equivalent by £5. The budget provides extra funding for the Council's homelessness team to support them advising residents facing economic hardship, and more funding to help deal with recent heavy rainfall. The Budget meeting heard how the Council, despite the pandemic, has an ambitious 4-year plan to transform service quality, ensure financial resources are fully aligned to business plan priorities and improve customer service.

The latest budget highlights commitments to helping communities to recover from the pandemic; continuing to do everything possible to support businesses via a fully operational new Business Support and Development Team and a transformation programme with a key aim being to improve customer service for all residents. The Council's cost of dealing with the pandemic so far has been approximately £2.35 million. Due to the continuing financial pressure on the Council, the proposals include around £5.1million worth of savings during the next four years, with £2.2million in savings and income already identified.

Around half of the Council's annual budget of around £20 million comes from Council Tax. The increase will see the average band D home charge for South Cambridgeshire District Council increase to £155.31 per year. This is a rise of around 10p per week. Despite the rise, the Council retains its position in the lowest 25% of taxing District Councils in the country.

Gamlingay Gym: Discussions continue between the CAM Academy Trust and the District Council at the moment with everyone working hard to find an acceptable solution.

Elections: In May this year we have elections for County Council, Combined Authority Mayor and the Police & Crime Commissioner. The government has now confirmed that elections will go ahead and it is now down to the District Council to ensure that polling stations are covid safe. The safest way to vote though is undoubtedly to have a postal vote. It is a very simple process to apply on line for this but if you can't access the internet then contact us and the Council will get a form sent to you. If you still intend to vote in person and are then unable to you can apply to give a (trusted!) friend a proxy vote.

OxCam Arc: Government has finally published its plan for the OxCam Arc covering Cambs, Bucks, Beds, Northants and Oxfordshire describing it as 'a unique economic and environmental opportunity'. The Environment Working Group, chaired by Bridget, has been very productive. This group consist of 30 environmental bodies and has established a set of highly ambitious environmental principles for the Arc. These cover biodiversity, natural assets, water, energy, housing standards, sustainable transport, air quality, agriculture, waste and of course Zero Carbon. The group's work has influenced the Arc to such an extent that it is now referred to as The Green Arc.

So that's the good news but there are many questions that need answering - in particular how much influence local authorities will have through the Growth Body responsible for delivering the Arc. What is an 'opportunity area'; how will they deliver up to 1.1 million new jobs fairly across the region and how will they meet the housing need for all these new people close to where they work? How will they deliver zero carbon when E-W rail is going to be diesel? How will a water management scheme deal effectively with water shortages and flooding?

The OxCam Arc will affect us all and it is our job in local government to ensure that those affects are positive and not negative. I encourage you to read the government's plan and the RSPB response to it.

Climate Change and Doubling Nature: South Cambs District Council has just adopted its Doubling Nature Strategy. This really ambitious document means that the council will be doing all it can with

communities, developers and other bodies to greatly improve our natural assets by planting more trees, improving biodiversity, create more well managed green spaces for our residents to enjoy. The next stage is to turn this into an action plan and we would love to hear from you about how you can help us do this - making improvements to gardens to attract more birds, bats and hedgehogs or it may be through enhancements to village parks and public spaces.

East-West Rail: Cambridge Approaches and CamBedRailRoad (chaired by Sebastian) met with the Rail Minister last week to press the case for an equal assessment of the Northern Approach into Cambridge alongside any route EastWest Rail might have in mind. He was both receptive and positive and asked EastWest Rail to answer our outstanding issues and questions within two weeks. Many thanks go to our MP who organized this.

Rather remarkably, EastWest Rail intends to deliver trains that will run on diesel. It's almost as if the Climate Emergency has totally passed them by. We have done some back of the envelope calculations to show how much greener EastWest Rail would be with a route from Cambourne to a new station at Northstowe and then into Cambridge North (already built and open). CO2 emissions from cars are 158g/mile and CO2 emissions from rail (per passenger) are 14g/mile. So there's a net 144g/mile saving. Let's assume Northstowe to Cambridge 8 miles each way; Cambourne to Cambridge 12 miles each way with an average 20 miles per day per person and add 20,000 houses between Northstowe and Cambourne with 1.5 rail users per house (including school children, commuters, students, tourists) that's more than 30,000 passengers per day with 220 working days per year which amounts to 19,000 tonnes of CO2 per year saved.

With an average carbon footprint per head of 12.7 tonnes that's about a 5% saving in CO2 emissions for these people just from their commute to work/school/Uni. If they find that they don't need a car and use the railway for longer trips so much the better for CO2 emissions - and of course the environmental costs of the car production are saved too. And of course, it doesn't include freight (yet).

South West Cambridgeshire Action Group: Sebastian writes - "Concerns continue that the development company Thakeham is openly seeking an exceptional national development channel that would bypass the South Cambs District Council planning process - the standard process that everyone must follow and which is transparent and embedded in public consultation.

Thakeham now promise to submit a bid in the South Cambridgeshire Call for Sites by Easter, following pressure from the Leader of the Council. It will be a very late submission but the Council is legally obliged to accept it for consideration. Ultimately, District Council planning decisions are subject to appeal, with rulings made by an independent Planning Inspector (appointed by Government).

The exceptional national channel in the form of what's called a 'development corporation' remains a major concern. We submitted a Freedom of Information (FOI) Request to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, in order to understand any relationship between the 'Cambridge development corporation' included in Rishi Sunak's budget last year, with the Thakeham proposal. The FOI was turned down on the basis that it would be a 'distraction' and 'not in the public interest' to release the information. This is being appealed.

The FOI response and everything else that's been learned so far is posted at <http://www.swcag.org.uk/news-and-events>

Laptops for Children - Digital Drive Campaign: Have you got old laptops or other equipment lying around (in my case in boxes in the garage, somewhere) that you don't need anymore? Please consider donating them to this very worthwhile scheme to ensure to ensure that every child and young person in Cambridgeshire has both the equipment and access to broadband that they need to maintain continuity of their learning and education in their homes. The Cambs Youth Panel specialise in the recycling/reformatting of old laptops which are now beginning to be distributed to schools. You can get in touch via www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/laptopsforchildren

In addition South Cambridgeshire District Council awarded Cambridge Online a £5,000 grant to help digitally excluded children to get online. To apply or ask questions please email help@cambridgeonline.org.uk or phone 01223 300407.

Call for Social Workers: Cambridgeshire County Council is recruiting workers to join a range of teams in Children's Services including assessment, family safeguarding, disability, fostering and children in care. Social workers do all they can to make the lives of children and families better and enjoy the challenge that every day brings.

Adult social workers are needed in the adult and autism team, the care home support team, learning and disabilities, adult mental health, the older people's team, physical disabilities, reablement and the transfer of care. As part of the Adults Service you'll have the opportunity to empower vulnerable

residents to lead safe, healthy and fulfilling lives. You will strive to support independence amongst our service users and will in turn be supported in using your own ideas and making your own decisions in doing so.

Candidates must be qualified social workers with current SWE registration. On offer are relocation packages, generous annual leave entitlement, local government pension scheme, agile working, a supportive management team and excellent training and career progression.

Anyone interested in children's social care work should call Jess on 01223 729028, or for adults' social care work Hannah on 01223 699263. Further information on either is available by emailing: welovesocialworkers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or on our website.

Manor Farm Girton: As a result of an investigation into the tenancy awarded in 2017 and investment of £185k of funds from the County into Manor Farm, the Deputy Leader of the County Council Roger Hickford has resigned from the Council, given up the tenancy and moved away. The Leader of the Council said: "On Tuesday February 23rd I received a long and complex report which was the culmination of the Manor Farm Audit. The subject of the report largely concerns the Deputy Leader Cllr Roger Hickford's occupancy of Manor Farm, Girton as a tenant of Cambridgeshire County Council's Farms Estate. The contents of the report are confidential at present, for legal reasons in order for the Audit and Accounts committee to fully consider and discuss the matter. But having read the report I had two meetings with Cllr. Hickford to consider implications for the Council, outside of the remit of the committee.

Subsequent to those meetings Cllr Hickford has asked me to accept his resignation as my Deputy leader and as a member of the Council with immediate effect. I have accepted his resignation and confirmed this to Chief Executive Gillian Beasley. I have also thanked Cllr Hickford for his years of service in his role as a Councillor and the support he has given me over the years as my deputy leader."

A report into the granting of the tenancy and subsequent actions was reviewed at the March 5th Audit & Accounts Committee which agreed 31 recommendations from an independent auditor. Large parts of the 400 page report remain confidential.

Winter Support: Direct Award Scheme: Small one-off payments to help South Cambridgeshire individuals and families in acute need can now be made by officers and partner organisations such as Citizens Advice and Age UK. These will be in the form of direct payments under the Winter Support Family Fund. Payments can go towards food and fuel for those who need financial assistance as a direct result of Coronavirus. This is a payment of up to £25 for an individual, and up to £50 for a couple or family. The payments will be made as a one-off grant.

The resident will then either receive an email with a food retail voucher or a unique code to credit their fuel account at a pay-point. The second option is a text/email code to take to a pay-point to cash out the money from their text code to purchase what they need.

This is a countywide scheme which will close at the end of March 2021. Anyone wishing to apply can do so by emailing duty.communities@scamb.gov.uk. One of the team will be in touch with the resident to understand their situation, offer further advice, and make the award if needed.

What does my Council Tax buy?: Potholes. As referred to above there is not enough money to mend all the potholes all the time so they will be with us always - to a greater or lesser degree. The County Council, as Highways Authority, has a road hierarchy based on the importance, location and actual usage of each road, **not** its classification as an A, B, C or unclassified road - with greater priority for the roads that have the most traffic and where there is a greater chance of a defect causing a problem.

When a pothole is reported, CCC will first inspect to risk assess it. At inspection, it will be marked with paint - yellow paint indicates it will be fixed within 21 days and white paint indicates it will be fixed within 13 weeks. Incidentally, once a pothole has been assessed the County has no liability to pay out compensation for a shredded wheel - it's down to you to avoid it!

Potholes get priority if it is a danger to the public. This could be due to the pothole's position on the road or the possibility that it may create a hazard. If the pothole is large but not deemed to be a significant risk to the public, a repair will be at later date. When CCC repairs a pothole it might sometimes be made safe with a temporary fix so it can be permanently repaired as part of other programmed works.

Residents often asks why neighbouring smaller potholes were not repaired given the team was on site. The answer is that if it doesn't meet the grounds for intervention it will not be done as funding is so scarce that it needs to be conserved for the big, potentially dangerous ones.

Flooding in Arrington: It is with some relief that I can report some updates with regard to the flooding on the A1198 at Arrington. Firstly the operators of the solar farm have undertaken to create a swale to

hold back 'pluvial' flooding on their land until it can discharge at normal rates. At the same time Highways have agreed a scheme of works to be undertaken on the road itself and the drainage system including mending all the breakages of which most are in the footway with only one in the carriageway. From the Hardwicke Arms to just beyond Church Lane new pipe will be laid to take all the gullies on this side of the A1198 and will run in the footway across Newell Close. An old access just north of Newell Close, which is an area of ponding, will be removed.

There will be new gullies at the entrance to Wimpole Estate for extra capacity – connected to a new pipe to run in the footway and from the Old School House two new gullies will be connected into the existing system on the West side and further down this run the breakages by Cambridge Water will be fixed. Works scheduled for later in 2021.

Please do feel free to contact me with comments, questions, problems or complaints. I hope I can help but if I can't I am likely to know someone who can!

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District Councillor Williams gave a report to the meeting

Cllr Williams apologised for missing the February meeting, but had suffered a technological nightmare. **Speedwatch Meeting:** This will be arranged as soon as the post of Police and Crime Commissioner has been filled in May.

Thankeham: There is not mainstream way of over-riding the local planning procedure. There are no plans for a new town in South Cambs, and this has been confirmed by the Government.

Budget: There is some help available for the early prevention of homelessness. This is not just those on the streets already, but also for those who are sofa surfing, or in emergency accommodation.

Cllr Williams felt that too much borrowing is involved in the budget - a 95% increase over a 4 year period. If it continues at this rate it will reach the cap of £5.1 million. Cllr Williams voted against this.

Elections: There are several taking place this year, run by the District Council. Cllr Williams suggested taking your own pencil, mask and to make sure to have a coat, in case you have to wait outside the Polling Station. If you want to know more about the elections, please contact the Elections Officer at SCDC.

Roma and Travellers Workshop: The Chair and Clerk will attend this on behalf of the Parish Council. An on-line training will need to be completed before attending the meeting on 23rd March.

The Chair thanked Cllr Williams for attending and she left the meeting

District Cllr William's written report to the meeting.

Thakeham Housing proposal update: There has not, at the time of writing this report, been any official submission by Thakeham to the District Council. Thakeham have claimed a delay in their submission time due to covid but that they will be submitting proposals in the call for sites for the next Local Plan. Many people such as myself have been looking at to what methods the developers have to pursue this project. My research has shown that Thakeham have no option but to go through the normal local planning process, I have made it clear also that this proposal should receive no special treatment. This has been supported by South Cambs Director of planning who has also stated that he is unaware of any mainstream mechanism, other than the local plan process, that would enable the delivery of these proposals.

Chris Pincher, Minister for Housing, has confirmed in a response to a written question in parliament about Thakeham that "Should an application for planning permission come forward it will be dealt with in the usual way".

SCDC Budget: At our last full council meeting the budget was agreed for 2021-2022. There were elements that I welcome for example the resources towards homelessness prevention and supporting businesses and communities through the Covid recovery. However, on balance, there were too many elements that I was uncomfortable with and therefore voted against the budget. Below are some of the reasons as to why I voted against:

- The accumulative borrowing figure on the four year forecast is nearly £420m - this is a 95% increase in the Council's debt over the four year forecast, a rate that I personally believe is unsustainable given the limit the council has set itself is £511m (though this can be

exceeded in the short term).

- The main reason given for the borrowing is the Council's continued £340m investment strategy. Along with the £140m due to be invested in two development limited liability partnership, one with Hill Group, and one with Balfour Beatty.
- There is a budget gap of nearly £6m with over £4m intended to be filled with growth.
- The Budget pressure figures forecast were significantly lower than the actual figures that we were comparing it to, so am concerned this is not overly realistic.

Localised Council Tax Support Scheme: I was pleased to support this as it provides support for those suffering financial difficulties at this time. If you are aware of anyone struggling please do encourage them to get in touch with either myself or the Council.

Roma and Travellers Workshop: Cllr Williams is keen for all parishes to have a representative at the workshops. An on-line training will need to be completed before attending the meeting - further details available from Cllr Williams or SCDC.

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Matters Arising:

Community Group: The March CG Meeting was held via Zoom on 2nd March with a good attendance. There was an interesting presentation from one of the Churchwardens, who is currently involved in the investigations to the crypt, located under the chancel floor. There was a lot of interest from the village and DNA and science may be used to identify the remains found there. Several new links have come to light - Princeton and New York, as well as those to No 10 and Downing College. If you missed the talk about the church and would like to see it, please contact the churchwarden in question.

The April 6th meeting will be a discussion around a village sign, with the May meeting now being the Zero Carbon initiative. Two members of the Community Group attended the Zoom meeting about Greener Systems for Older Homes. There were some interesting suggestions and many resources from the meeting.

Litter Pick: If the Government restrictions in force at the time allow it, there is a litter pick proposed for either Saturday 17th or 24th April. This will be covered by the Council's insurance. There is no need for people to join an organised pick, as litter can be collected at any time - thanks to those who have already been doing this. The road from Croydon Hill through Hatley to Gamlingay is very badly littered. It is hoped that a joint three-Parish Initiative can be organised to clear this area.

Housing Needs: No further information, but apparently still ongoing.

Website Update: The website will be circulated for comments and several useful comments have been received. The Chair is keen to launch the site on 14th April. Any further amendments or additions can be made as required.

Arrington Parking: The publication of the proposed yellow lines has closed - one objection has been received.. See Cllr Kindersly's report to the meeting for more details.

Defibrillator: The path to the kiosk has been slabbed and is now a safe access, and the overhanging shrubbery has been trimmed back. Following a proposal by the Chair and seconded by Mr Sole, Council has accepted a quotation from Power2U and the Clerk will contact the company to get this underway. Once the installation work is completed a Councillor has volunteered to clean the kiosk, and then the new stickers can be applied. Volunteers will be briefed, a chart will be prepared to record the results, and checks will begin as soon as necessary.

Correspondence:

Electoral Register: One alteration received and the current Electoral Register has been updated to reflect this.

CAPALC membership: CAPALC has at last discovered that Croydon Parish Council has not paid its subscription for several years, but has been receiving their emails. An Affiliation Pack has been received, the cost for one year's membership is £170-25, with an optional further £50-00 for Data Protection Officer registration. The Clerk reported that she felt the SLCC £67-00 subscription Council currently pays for her membership is much better value for money, and help from other Clerks is always

available when needed. After discussion, Council decided against membership of CAPALC this year. Clerk will inform CAPALC of this.

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Meeting: The Chair attended this meeting, and learnt a lot about how enforcement works. There are very few occasions where a building is demolished, but it is sought to regularise the project, if possible. Quarterly meetings are planned and could be useful to attend.

SCDC Community Updates: Received regularly and circulated to Councillors. Items of parish interest are circulated via Mailchimp.

Anthony Browne - News: Circulated to Councillors.

CCC Microfibre programme: This is a road surfacing programme and not a fabric! The roads due for treatment are not local to Croydon, but usually good signage warning of this is suitably placed.

CCC Highways Events: Advance notice of any road closures and large events in the area, all of which are available on the CCC website. The Boat Race is the nearest event to us, towards Ely.

SCDC Tree Wardens: The District Council was offering free resources, and how to set up a Young Tree Champions project, which appears to have been mainly aimed at schools.

SCDC - Letter Cllr Smith: *One year ago today, we had already learned the new phrase 'social distancing' and about washing our hands for long enough to sing 'Happy Birthday' twice. We were seeing people really worry about whether there would be enough food, which led to panic-buying and the knock on effect of shortages on the shelves. Local events were being cancelled. And at the Council we were beginning to work on pulling together our first Covid-19 Community Pack. District and Parish Councillors were already working to coordinate local efforts, linking up with existing community groups and new groups of volunteers who were mobilising to offer support in your communities. Although the situation was developing rapidly, we wanted to try to support groups as you supported residents.*

Cllr Smith goes on to speak about what everyone has missed during lockdown and how vital it is to observe the rules and social distancing, and to thank everyone for their efforts helping others during the pandemic and closes saying:-

Thank you all for everything you have done and continue to do to support your communities. Once it is safe to do so, I hope that we can properly meet you and thank you for all of your efforts.

Electronic correspondence: Has been circulated to Councillors, including subsequent receipts detailed below:-

Subsequent Receipts:

Way2Go: This is a schools initiative to encourage walking to school and not using vehicles, as below:-

The closure of streets to motor traffic around a school for a short time in the morning and afternoon on school days not only tackles congestion and improves air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school, but creates a more pleasant environment for everyone. School Streets remain open for walking and cycling at all times so make a valuable contribution to air quality in the local area. In Cambridgeshire the road closures are enforceable under a temporary traffic regulation order and will remain in place until Summer 2021 when they will be reviewed. Currently there are seven schools taking part, with more schools looking to join the scheme. It has been a success thanks to the dedication and hard work of the volunteers, the commitment of the schools, pupils and parents and the goodwill of local people.

Church Upkeep: The letter in Clerks and Councils Direct, citing information from a Borough Solicitor regarding Section 137 support for churches has proven to be inaccurate. It has been withdrawn with apologies - Councils cannot legally contribute to the upkeep of a church building.

Breakdown Initiative: Go Left is Highways England's 2021 Breakdown campaign which aims to improve road users' awareness and confidence around what to do in the event of a breakdown on a motorway, including those with no hard shoulder, helping people feel more capable and equipped should it happen to them. While breakdown advice can't be boiled down to a two or three-word phrase, LEFT is the golden thread that unites the most important campaign messaging. For more information, please visit: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/road-safety/breakdowns/>

Roma and Travellers Workshop: The Chair and Clerk will attend this on behalf of the Parish Council. An on-line training will need to be completed before attending the meeting on 23rd March.

Planning:

Reference: 20/04407/PR103Q - Croydon Hill Farm -Barn to residential dwelling. Prior approval was given.

Reference: 21/00406/CL2PD - 28 High Street - Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed detached outbuilding within the rear garden. A detailed drawing was supplied with this, but Council has been unable to comment as the Certificate of Lawfulness is for information only. The drawing is very different from the first submission on this site. If it is to be made into a dwelling, it is probable that planning permission will need to be obtained, when comments can be made.

Finance:

Bank Statement: The cheque for £48-00 for BT kiosk defibrillator stickers has been presented and cleared. The balance at the end of February is £5974 - 34.

Trees for the Parish: These have been obtained and planted in the village in Clopton Close. The Diocese would not permit planting of one of the trees in the churchyard, so both have gone into the grass area at Clopton Close. The trees cost a total of £106-46, for which the Clerk paid. The allowance the Council allocated to the Tree Wardens for this was £100-00, but the nett amount was £88-72, the VAT element of the invoice will be recouped when VAT is next reclaimed. The Clerk requested reimbursement of the invoice total. It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Ms Newland that a cheque for £106-46 be signed - all in favour. Clerk will obtain the signatures after the meeting.

Items for next agenda: None put forward. Clerk reminded Councillors that the next meeting is the Annual Meeting, where it is usual for reports will be presented. Clerk will invite those involved to send their reports.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 21st April 2021 - Annual Meeting via Zoom.
May 19th - Annual Parish Council meeting - probably on Zoom, but dependent on legislation.

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

As there was no further business, Councillors and public were thanked for attending and the meeting was declared closed at 8.27pm.

Signed Date