

A meeting of Croydon Parish Council was held on Wednesday 15th June 2022 in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.

Apologies: Mr Sole - Covid, Cllr Kindersley - cold (not Covid),

Present: Mr Barnes, Mr Wenman, Mr Wheeler, Ms Newland, Mrs Sole, the Clerk and 5 members of public.

Minutes: Minutes of the May meeting, previously circulated were agreed and signed.

Councillors: Co-option. A parishioner interested in becoming a councillor attended the meeting. He is well known in the village for his interest and involvement in community matters. It was resolved by a unanimous vote that Keith Buchanan be co-opted onto Croydon Parish Council. He was welcomed to Council and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Copies of any completed Members' Interest forms were returned to Councillors.

Declarations of Interest: None received.

Matters Arising:

London Luton Flight Paths: The Chairman welcomed the speaker currently co-ordinating the response to the London Luton Airport flight paths. He has prepared flyers for the Public Meeting to be held on 5th July, and this will also be publicised around the parish through the usual channels. Now that the new system is in operation, there is one year from 1st June 2022 to make written complaints if you are disturbed by the flight paths.

The original consultation was very badly done; it was held over the pandemic, poorly organised and almost incomprehensible to anyone without an aviation background. Consequently the impact from the new flight paths is much bigger than expected. Flights are creating much more noise and disturbance, and are nowhere near the projected number when Luton airport's full capacity is reached. This is without the proposed second runway. Responses from the virtual events were handled badly. One excellent response was either overlooked or ignored. Data is currently being collected from each plane's transponder - this data cannot be refuted.

Complaints regarding the planes should be made to your Parish Council, District Council, County Council, and the local MP. Complain to Luton airport and then NATS has to look at it. For instance, from April 5th to June 15th 3,333 planes flew directly over Croydon. This is only a fraction of the pre-Covid level that were flying on the previous flight path. Apparently the change in the flight path is not about safety but about increasing air traffic. The ambient noise level in Croydon is in the region of 30 decibels. This has risen to 60 decibels with the planes overhead. Croydon's height zone is supposed to be 9,000 - 10,00 feet. At the moment, planes are passing overhead at 6,000 - 7,000 feet. There are better alternative places for the stack, like the A1 corridor.

A Government Policy is in place stating that flight paths should be over rural areas. This raises the serious concern of health and well-being, and enjoyment of the countryside. The best chance of revising the flight paths is a community effort from all the affected villages working together. It is hoped to rent (or purchase if possible) high end monitoring equipment. This would cost £400 + VAT and insurance per week just to hire. Many affected villages have already pledged financial support for purchasing this equipment. Data cannot be argued with! Apart from the noise disturbance, the amount of pollution from 5 May - 10 June was 3830 tonnes of carbon emissions. An offer of help with data was made by a parishioner attending the meeting, and gratefully accepted.

A parishioner living on the outskirts of the village is experiencing much disturbance and wholeheartedly supports the redesign of the flight paths. To date, the Clerk has only received two written complaints about the new flight paths. Please let the Parish Council know if you are being disturbed by them. The speaker and friends were thanked for attending and informed that Council would be discussing financial support later in the meeting.

Further useful links may be found in Councillor Kindersley's written report to the meeting.

Community Groups: Report from Malcolm Ralph

Speedwatch: Complaints about speeding traffic continue to surface from time to time concerning the three primary roads in the Parish - High Street, Lower Road, Larkins including Croydon Hill. Through the

former CLP Implementation Group, in 2018/19 volunteers were sought to form a Croydon Speedwatch Team. There was no flood of volunteers, but a few people did express an interest, though no-one volunteered to take on the role of local coordinator. A training session was planned, then, unfortunately, Covid struck. As things stand today, I understand that Councillor Williams has already initiated an area Speedwatch awareness event, but in Croydon I am not aware of any Speedwatch activity having re-started. With such a long passage of time, the previous shortlist, such as it was, I think is no longer valid (e.g. left the village, no longer able to commit). A renewed call for volunteers would seem to be the sensible first step, which could easily be done through the WhatsApp Community Group and e-News. There appears to be strong support for some kind of roadside digital warning system, and with Speedwatch being a prerequisite, this ought to encourage take-up.

Dog Bins & Litter Pickers: There is still work to do to finally place the bins in all of the agreed locations and the Focus Group is planning to commence this shortly. This will require only local labour and hand tools to carry out a small amount of ground levelling in some places, plus filling the bin bases with gravel. The design of the limited amount of signage and graphics is being finalised, and the PC has already been advised (and we think in principle approved) a provisional sum £150 for this.

Separately, there has been correspondence with the Clerk about the acquisition of a few long-reach litter pickers for clearing rubbish from ditches as the amount of extended reaching and scrambling down is felt to be at times painful (brambles) and risky (slipping). Equipment and pricing is being investigated but thus far nothing totally suitable has been found.

Jubilee Picnic on the Green - Gazebos: This event was felt by all who attended to be a great success, despite the very uncertain weather forecasts. Gazebos were strung along two-thirds of the length of Clopton Close Green and, all were full and overflowing with neighbours of all ages mingling and enjoying this memorable occasion. Thanks must go to all who helped in any way with decorations, music, bunting, food, gazebos and tables & chairs.

A topic for this meeting which arose was that of the possible acquisition of community gazebos. There is always a scramble for gazebos for all community events and this makes organising these events more difficult than it might be. In the village shed, currently, there is a muddled pile of more difficult to assemble gazebos, some of which are beyond their useful lives. The proposition is that a thorough sort out of these is needed followed by a well thought through plan for any remaining ones to be supplemented by the acquisition of two or three carefully selected 4m or 6m, easy to assemble and store, concertina style gazebos. Once such a proposal has been carefully worked through, the thinking is to bring it to this Council for consideration for funding through the Solar Fund.

Croydon Classic Vehicle Show - Sunday 11th September: Back after a two-year Covid break. Planning meetings are going well with the key need now being to gather names of all helpers to be added to the Team Sheet. For all the new arrivals to Croydon this will be a first, and all would be most welcome to join in. All, please help to spread the word! For both the Church and the Reading Room, funds raised help to keep both buildings open and a bonus for Croydon is that the bulk of the money raised from this event is contributed from outside our community.

Classic Tractor Run Finally - Saturday 17th September: Notice that for the first time there is to be Five Churches Tractor Run. The Croydon show field will be the assembly point for all of the Tractors and it is expected that breakfasts will be served and some PA commentary given before the Tractors depart ahead of a big finish on Barrington Green. Funds to go to the five churches covered by the run.

Stop Press – Croydon Cafe Wednesday 29th June 2.30 to 4.30: Great News!

Dog/Litter Bins: See Community Groups report.

Litter Pick signs: See Community Group report. Update - the company that supplies the chosen signs from stock appears to have ceased trading, as emails have gone unanswered and the phone number listed on their website is unobtainable. The Clerk has located alternative suppliers for cones and signs, and suggests that Council considers purchasing these and the cheapest cone sign available from stock. A self-adhesive vinyl sign with the correct wording could then be custom made and purchased, and attached to the cone sign. Mr Buchanan may have a contact and will make further enquiries regarding the signs.

Clopton Sign: Nothing further regarding the Clopton site sign.

Croydon Sign: Our Highways contact suggests applying for funding through the Local Highways Improvement funding. This is because there was never a Croydon sign at the site suggested, between Hatley and Croydon.

SpeedWatch Update: See Community Group report. The bottom line is that, until data is collected to prove there is a need for a flashing speed sign, Council is unable to provide one.

Minutes Publication: The Clerk received a request for the minutes to be put on the website in a more timely fashion. The Clerk does publish the minutes in line with the Transparency Code:-

"Smaller authorities should publish the draft minutes from all formal meetings (i.e. full council or board, committee and sub-committee meetings) not later than one month after the meeting has taken place. These minutes should be signed either at the meeting they were taken or at the next meeting." It was agreed that perhaps time sensitive information could be put onto the website before the minutes are posted, so that parishioners unable to attend are aware of any surveys, consultations or issues.

Gmail addresses: The retiring Chair suggested that all Councillors should have a gmail address for Parish Council correspondence. This would allow an easy search in Parish Council correspondence in the case of a Freedom of Information request. Councillors are considering this, and a possible format for addresses. The matter will be decided at the July meeting.

County Cllr Kindersley sent a written report to the meeting:-

Gamlingay Division Councillors Report – South Cambridgeshire District Council & Cambridgeshire County Council – June 2022

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!

Elections: Elections to South Cambridgeshire District Council took place in May and congratulations to Bridget Smith who was re-elected to serve the people of Gamlingay and to Aidan van de Weyer who continues to represent Orwell, Barrington, Wimpole and the Eversdens. The District Council now stands at 37 Liberal Democrats and 8 Conservatives and Bridget continues as Leader of the Council. Huntingdonshire lost its Leader and went to No Overall Control and is now being run by a Joint Administration.

Cambridgeshire County Council: The Annual Meeting of the County Council took place on Tuesday 10 May. Cllr Stephen Ferguson (Ind) was re-elected as Chair and Sebastian continues as Vice Chair. A number of motions for debate were agreed, covering tracking of progress of previous council motions; school transport policies for special educational needs and disabilities; street planters and green bus stops and increasing recycling.

Senior leadership review: The Chief Executive has launched a period of internal consultation on his proposals for reorganisation of the council's senior staffing structure. He states that the proposals 'will provide the Council with a clear and sustainable leadership structure, teams that are aligned and sit well together and are positioned to tackle the challenges we face, as well as providing the compassionate and inclusive leadership that this the organisation both needs and deserves'.

Anti-racism charter: Cambridgeshire County Council is the first upper-tier local authority in the country to sign up to Unison's Anti-Racism Charter:

<https://eastern.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/sites/7/2022/02/Anti-racismcharter.pdf>

Combined Authority: An Extraordinary Meeting of the Combined Authority Board took place on Friday 20 May, having been requisitioned by some council leaders and the then Chair of the Business Board. The aim of the requisition was to force the resignation or suspension of the Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, following various allegations which are still under investigation. However, between the requisition and the meeting, council elections had resulted in a change of leader in Huntingdonshire, and the Chair of the Business Board had also resigned. The attempt to depose the Mayor before the ongoing investigation had been concluded was therefore unsuccessful. An amendment to the proposal was agreed, supporting the ongoing investigation, and consideration of any resulting recommendations by the Combined Authority and its Audit & Governance Committee.

Meanwhile, Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald of Peterborough has been replaced as Deputy Mayor of the Combined Authority by Cllr Lewis Herbert of Cambridge; and the Chief Executive is moving on after just ten months in post. Further to the disappointment of not receiving any money for its bus improvement bid, the Combined Authority has recently learned that it will receive only £635,000 from the Government's latest round of active travel funding—millions less than other Mayoral authorities.

The Combined Authority's Annual Meeting on Wednesday 8 June will consider the future role of the Combined Authority in relation to housing, now that the Government has decided there will be no more housing funds for Combined Authorities. It will also consider its business plan, deferred from the

previous regular meeting of the Board; and a number of business cases for spending on climate change projects.

Household support grant extended to help those most in need:

Support for people who are struggling to pay for essential items, food and utility bills will continue in Cambridgeshire thanks to an extension of the Household Support Fund. In March the Government announced the extension of the scheme, which initially ran between November and March, awarding Cambridgeshire an additional £3.58million to support children, families and pensioners.

Government guidance for this round is slightly different, so as a result, the County Council will be offering the following schemes using the funding:

- £1.96m for the provision of food vouchers with a value of £15 per child per week, for the 2022 May half term and summer holidays. Schools and childcare settings, including childminders, will be contacted directly and eligible parents will be notified.
- £1.2m to support households that include a person who has reached state pension age (66) by 30 September 2022 and are experiencing financial hardship in line with the requirements of the scheme.
- A boost for other services supporting those most in need

The County Council is partnering with Age UK to provide financial support for those of state pension age who are in financial need. People will also be offered wider support, such as access to benefits, support with securing the right energy tariff etc, to support them to manage their finances

independently longer term. <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund>

Zero Carbon Communities Grant: The Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme is open for its fourth year of applications. The deadline has been extended to 17 June. A pot of £120,000 is available for projects that help reduce carbon emissions or locking up carbon, or that promote community engagement on climate change. We have funded a wide range of projects in the area. Proposals can come from any community group, not just Parish Councils or formal charities.

If you have an idea for a project, do get in touch with Aidan or Bridget or directly with the Communities team at South Cambs (details on the website), who are keen to talk about projects in advance of applications.

Flies: We always get messages this time of year from householders experiencing significant infestation with flies of varying shapes and sizes. Regular inspections - and indeed some unplanned ones – of the neighbouring Chicken Farm have taken place over the years and Environmental Health officers are confident it is not the source. Flies are an unpleasant side of living in the countryside, the time of year and global warming as rain and temperature patterns change.

Footpath 10: At long last Footpath 10 is open and being well used. County Council officers have worked extremely hard to make this happen sooner than it might have done, albeit later than many of us would have liked. The permanent path will open when the building works complete this time next year. Following feedback from the Parish Council some changes to make the new planned route more user friendly have been incorporated into the scheme.

Bin Collections: Apologies to the new residents of Downing Gardens whose bins were missed on the day I had told them they would finally be collected from their driveways! The error was made good the next day. If you have problems with your bins being emptied (or not) please contact Bridget.

Lupin Field: It is a bit shocking to hear of people digging up huge clumps of lupins from the Lupin Field. Unfortunately there is nothing anyone except the land owner can do about this. Lupins are not a protected species and only the landowner can prosecute people for trespass and theft. Much better to just leave them there for us all to enjoy.

Avenells Way Day Room: The residents of Grays Road and Avenells Way Sheltered Housing schemes have a lovely day room that is currently not being used at all. Before Covid there were lots of activities including coffee mornings, bingo, quizzes, lunches, tea parties, armchair exercises etc going on. Unfortunately, for all sorts of understandable reasons there is now no-one to run anything for the residents who I am concerned are at risk of becoming isolated if they are not able to get out and about easily. If any community group would like to run any sort of activity please do let Bridget know. The room hire is free as long as the activity is primarily for sheltered housing residents. The room is also available to rent for other things for a very modest £5 per hour.

Energy Rebates: There has been some confusion about the Government's £150 energy rebate scheme. The scheme is aimed at providing a £150 energy rebate to those in properties banded A to D. It is not a Council Tax Rebate but is using Council Tax data to determine eligibility.

There are roughly 43,000 council tax payers that are eligible and just under 32,000 payment transactions have been made. The initial payments have been made to those that pay by direct debit as the Council already holds their bank details and in the vast majority of cases these match the details of the eligible person. This makes up over 70% of those eligible. There are a handful of situations where a direct debit is not paid by the person liable for Council Tax and those will need to fall into the second tranche of payments.

For those who we do not hold bank details for, either because they qualify for Local Council Tax Support or pay by another method we will need evidence to verify that the person applying is the person eligible for the £150.

Those falling into the remaining 26% are now being invited to apply, providing evidence of their bank account but there will be an option for the £150 to be set off against their Council Tax liability if they so wish. All these applications will need to go through a verification process which helps verify that the information provided matches up with the person who is eligible. It is likely that some of these will require some further investigation so we are advising residents that the payment may take up to 14 days to process from receipt of an application but in many cases the payment should be made sooner.

Fly Tipping: I am aware that some residents in Gamlingay have been approached by someone offering to dispose of large items such as fridges. People offering this service have to be licensed and there is a risk that unlicensed people may be fly-tipping, which annoys us all and costs the taxpayer a lot of money. If this is the case then you, as the original owner, are also at risk of prosecution and a £400 fine.

'Everyone has a legal 'duty of care' to ensure their household or business waste is disposed of correctly. You can be prosecuted even if your waste is fly-tipped by someone else on your behalf. If it is your waste, it is your responsibility. Always use a registered waste carrier to provide a skip and / or to collect your rubbish. Check the register of waste carriers on the Environment Agency website.'

Gamlingay Gym: What fabulous news that Gamlingay's community gym at Gamlingay Village Primary will re-open on Monday 27 June after some brilliant residents stepped-in and set up a new charity to keep it running.

South Cambridgeshire District Council and the CAM Academy Trust have been working with the group to find a way of keeping a community gym running since the Trust took the decision it was not financially viable for them to reopen it following the forced closures due the COVID-19 pandemic.

The gym is one of 11 across South Cambridgeshire which work with the District Council to ensure community access can be provided and is not part of larger regional or national chains. Gamlingay Leisure's business plan has been supported by a £7,454 grant by South Cambridgeshire District Council in July 2021 to put towards new equipment and refreshing the gym. The Government funding was aimed at helping local community-run leisure centres get residents back into the gym following COVID. Additionally, the District Council has provided Gamlingay Leisure with a grant of £2,000 from its Community Chest fund to put towards new gym equipment and an improved online booking system. Local businesses have also given financial support for which huge thanks. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Ukrainian Guests: Latest Government figures show that 514 visas have so far been issued for South Cambridgeshire as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme. This remains the highest number for any District Council area, and the seventh highest figure for any area in England. Currently about 50 officers at South Cambs are supporting our guests and their hosts and we have received many compliments for the quality of service and the comprehensive information that is available on the South Cambs Website.

Guests from Ukraine can now request a quality second-hand bicycle – with bikes being provided by OWL Bikes and Camtrust. Helmets and locks will also be supplied free of charge. The Council will also provide guests with details of a free Bikeability cycle training course, which will include a translator. The bicycle scheme has been put together to support new arrivals in the rural district to meet other guests who have arrived in neighbouring villages. It will also help guests move between communities when public transport may not be available.

OWL Bikes, part of the Papworth Trust, offers quality refurbished bikes for sale - while offering work and training opportunities for local disabled people. Impington-based Camtrust specialises in life and work skills for adults with physical disabilities and learning difficulties. The charity also runs a bicycle refurbishment programme where donated bikes are refurbished by a small team of staff and clients and sold at affordable prices. Camtrust also offers bike servicing.

Meanwhile, residents who may have a spare or not needed bicycle at home are being encouraged to offer it to OWL Bikes or Camtrust as part of the initiative – so the cycles can be refurbished and passed to guests from Ukraine.

New Flightpaths: We have been contacted by a number of residents concerned about the impact of the new flightpaths for Luton that come over or close to Gamlingay and the Hatleys.

Following a consultation by joint sponsors National Air Traffic Services (NATS) and London Luton Airport which took place last year an airspace change was approved by the CAA for London Luton Airport Arrivals. This change took effect in February.

After a year of operation London Luton Airport and NATS will submit the past 12 months of real flight performance data to the CAA (from February 2022-2023) so this can be compared to the expected outcomes of the change. Data will be gathered for one year about the change and its effects from 1st June 2022. The CAA has to finally approve the new flight paths once it has undertaken a post-implementation review. The CAA state the post implementation (PIR) is not a review of the decision on the airspace change proposal.

A public meeting has been organised to discuss this on July 5th at 7.30pm at Little Gransden Village Hall and it will cover noise pollution. All are welcome.

Useful links:

<https://www.nats.aero/news/airspace-change-on-schedule-for-implementation/>

Reducing the impact of noise - London Luton Airport (london-luton.co.uk)

Say NO to Luton Airport Expansion - We fight against noise and environmental impacts caused by constant unmitigated expansion of Luton Airport (ladacan.org)

Your Councillors are always ready to help. Please do not hesitate to contact County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley on 01767 651982 or skindersley@hotmail.com or write to the Manor Barn, East Hatley, SG19 3JA District Councillor Bridget Smith (Gamlingay Ward, SCDC) is on 07729 836449 or Cllr.BridgetSmith@scambs.gov.uk

Correspondence:

Electoral Register: None received

Ox-Cam Arc newsletter: Face-to-face engagement events with communities across the East West Rail route are restarting. After holding two drop-in style events in Bedfordshire in May 2022, there will be eight further events between June and July 2022. The events will extend from Oxford to Cambridge and are open to all. They are designed to give you an opportunity to understand the project development process, anticipated timescales, and speak face-to-face with members of our team.

There is no new information to share at the events - as responses to the consultation are still being reviewed. These responses received during the 2021 consultation can be used to feedback and inform plans for the railway. The team will be on hand to talk about the project, illustrated with plans, maps, videos and other information.

Local drop-in events:-

Cambridge: Wednesday 29 June, 2pm - 8pm
The Clayton Hotel, 27-29 Station Rd
Cambridge CB1 2FB

Haslingfield: Tuesday 19 July, 2pm - 8pm
Haslingfield Village Hall, New Road, Haslingfield
Cambridge CB23 1JP

Cambourne: Wednesday 20 July, 2pm - 8pm
The Cambridge Belfry, Back Lane
Cambourne
Cambridge CB23 6BW

Information on the full programme of face-to-face public events can be found on our [Community Hub](#). If you have any questions about the events or would like to speak to a member of the team, please email the team at contact@eastwestrail.co.uk or call on 0330 134 0067.

CCC Highways Events: Duxford Airshow - weekend of 18-19 June

Updated Gripfibre Programme: This schedule is updated almost on a weekly basis. The nearest area to Croydon is Whaddon gap, and this will be advertised locally as the road may be closed for half a day.

ZCC Training: 17th June

Save the Gogs - Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) - survey closes 4th August

There is still time to take part in the public consultation for the developing Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.

The LTCP is guided by a draft vision and key goals and objectives, helping to make transport better, faster, safer and more reliable. It will address the big issues like climate change, pollution, inequality, and public health. It sets out a series of draft strategies for the region and individual districts and cities to make the vision a reality. **However, if you oppose the current Cambridge South East Transport proposals to build a concrete busway across the Cambridge green belt at the Gog Magog hills, please use this opportunity to tell the local transport authorities to stop these destructive plans.**

The LTCP will set the strategy for making transport better in the region and we want as many people as possible to have a say. Please share your views via [Your LTCP](#) by **August 4**. Your comments will help update the current Local Transport Plan for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough adopted by the Combined Authority in January 2020.

Milton Road Upgrade: Starting on 27 June, this scheme will provide faster, safer, and more reliable bus and active travel journeys between Cambridge and communities to the north of the city to help cut congestion and improve air quality.

Key points of the project are: -

- the £24m project will see all junctions on Milton Road upgraded to improve active travel journeys,
- a 'CYCLOPS' junction will be installed at Milton Road/Kings Hedges Road
- along Milton Road a segregated cycle lane and improved bus lanes will be installed.
- The roundabout at Milton Road/Elizabeth Way will be retained but it will be significantly improved with the addition of segregated off-road links and signalised crossings to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

The recent upgrade to Histon Road required one-way road closures throughout construction, for Milton Road two-way traffic will be maintained for the majority of the work to minimise disruption, with the bus lanes closed to make space for the work to be carried out safely.

The project will be built by Milestone, who recently delivered the GCP's Histon Road scheme, and is expected to take two years to complete.

Fake WhatsApp message - scam: The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) is warning people of a phishing campaign that impersonates a WhatsApp voice message feature and could lead to the installation of information-stealing malicious software. (malware)

The attack starts with an email claiming to be a notification from WhatsApp of a new private voice message. The email contains a creation date and clip duration for the supposed message, and a 'Play' button. The identity 'WhatsApp Notifier' masks a real email address belonging to a Russian road safety organisation. As the address and organisation are real, the messages aren't flagged as spam or blocked by email security tools.

If the 'Play' button is activated, then it will take the email recipient to a website which then asks them to click 'Allow' in an allow/block prompt to 'confirm you are not a robot'. Once 'allow' is clicked, the browser will prompt to install software that turns out to be information-stealing malware. While there are numerous 'tells' that this is a scam, these attacks rely on people missing the signs - perhaps because they are waiting for urgent or exciting news that could well be delivered by a voice message.

Forward any suspicious email to report@phishing.gov.uk

CCC Transport Strategy - survey: Closes on 19th June.

New Road Classification in Cambridge survey: Closes 12 noon on 18th July

The review of the road classification is about the way that people and vehicles move around the city. It will consider how roads and streets are classified based on the type of vehicles and traffic that they are used by in the future.

www.greatercambridge.org.uk/RoadClassification2022

Environmental Impact Survey - Cambourne to Cambridge: Closes at 12 noon on 11th July

The Cambourne to Cambridge (C2C) project is a proposed new public transport route from the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) linking Cambourne to Cambridge via the new Bourn Airfield development, the Scotland Farm Travel Hub, Hardwick and the West Cambridge campus.

Following three public consultations and extensive technical work to determine a preferred route, we are now undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). As part of the EIA, we're seeking your views on how we can best manage and mitigate the scheme's impacts on the landscape and environment.

www.greatercambridge.org.uk/c2c-eia

Subsequent receipts: Shown below, were circulated to Councillors and publicised at the meeting.

Defibrillator Pads: These are due for replacement in July this year. The Company where the defibrillator was purchased has contacted the Parish Council earlier than usual as delivery times are longer due to component shortages. The gentleman also wanted to inform Council of the price, as this has increased considerably. The pads cost £58-00 + VAT (£69-60), and the manufacturer's delivery charge is £9-95 + VAT (£11-94), making the total cost £81-54. Council is able to reclaim the VAT. Although the Clerk has previously been given permission to replace any defibrillator parts in order to keep it functional, Council did need to be made aware of this cost. Clerk will place the order for the pads.

Greater Cambridge Planning Tree Officer: Adrian Sargeant is the new Trees Officer and is looking forward to working with Councils for all tree related projects and enquiries.

SCDC Parish Liaison Committee: This is scheduled for Monday 27 June in the Council Chamber at SCDC Hall. Please let SCDC know of any topics for discussion by Friday 17 June and if the Chairman or Clerk will be attending.

Summer Holiday Activities and Food programme: During the summer school holidays, eligible children and young people can attend a participating holiday scheme or childminder for free for up to 64 hours with daily lunch and snacks provided. Further information about the HAF Programme, and links to other sources of support for families, can be found here: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf

CAPASP Scams Awareness: From the newsletter:- It is that time of year when the weather warms up and we are looking to book our holiday. However, with a mixture of Brexit and Covid, a number of scams have popped up that we would like to share with everyone. So our scam in focus for this month is travel scams. We have found several types of scam to watch out for.

Scam in Focus - Travel Scams

- New Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC)
- International driving permits
- Fake refunds for Covid holidays
- Fake social media ads
- Rogue travel companies
- Charging for free travel forms
- Fake Vaccine passport.

The scam to be aware of this month is Whatsapp scams. Messages looking like they come from Whatsapp Support are phishing for personal details.

Please be extra vigilant, and if you are not sure - don't!

Stop the Arc Group: There is a very active group working against the development of the Ox-Cam Arc. Much of the housing targets have been over inflated in the Local plans, with the expectation that the Arc will go ahead. This is by no means certain now. If you would like to receive the newsletter or be involved in any way, email <mailto:stopthearc@gmail.com>

Anthony Browne MP - Keeping in Touch:

In parliament, we have seen a Queen's Speech, followed by the cost of living announcements, capped off with Monday's vote. We have seen a myriad of announcements that will have an impact on our lives here in South Cambridgeshire, including thousands of pounds in support for vulnerable families and new bills that will tackle key local issues like planning and the environment.

After the events of the last few days, what we need is a swift return to the real business of government. My focus has always been outside of the Westminster bubble. Residents of South Cambridgeshire need support with their quality of life, protection from unsustainable housing, a voice for reasonable transport improvements, and a champion for our local rivers and streams.

I've been working towards those goals and others this month, including:

- Surveying residents in Northstowe to pressure SCDC into delivering on promised improvements and facilities.
- Pressing the Prime Minister to give local NHS workers in South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City the pay rise they deserve.
- Visiting Jubilee events across South Cambridgeshire, including in Sawston, Thriplow, Cambourne, Fowlmere, Stapleford, Little Shelford, and Comberton.
- Writing to multiple Secretaries of State, as well as to the Rail Minister (on East West Rail) and the School System Minister querying the impact of rising energy costs on school budgets.
- Representing Parliament at the Memorial Day service at the Cambridge American Memorial Cemetery, where thousands of brave American servicemen have been laid to rest.

- Assisting constituents with passport applications, schooling concerns, emergency support, Homes for Ukraine applications, and over 1,000 other issues.
- Responding to the Queen's Speech, the Chancellor's cost of living announcements, and other key legislation in the House of Commons.

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Finance:

Effectiveness of internal control: There are three signatories to both the current account and NSI account. All invoices and bank statements are presented at meetings and the Clerk is not a signatory on any of the accounts. Croydon Parish Council does not handle cash. Any miscellaneous expenditure is made by the Clerk, recorded in a notebook and claimed annually in May. It was agreed that this is a sufficient form of internal control.

Council went on to deliberate and action the following:-

- i) approve the Annual Governance Statement by resolution - all in favour
- ii) consider and approve the accounting statements by resolution - all in favour
- iii) ensure that the Vice Chair and Clerk signed and dated the accounting statements - all in favour
- iv) Council agreed that the financial position at the end of March 2022 would enable the Exemption Certificate to be signed. All in favour.

The required documentation will be posted onto the village website, as is required by law.

Bank Statement: Balance on the current account stands at £5276 - 24. Two of the cheques issued have been presented for payment.

NSI Signatories: The relevant paperwork was completed by those present at the meeting. One of the signatories was unfortunately not able to attend the meeting, so that signature will be obtained outside the meeting by the Clerk.

Reissue Sanders and Jay cheque: The cheque Council sent in March was never presented. Clerk contacted the company suggesting that the cheque be presented, as after the change of signatories it would not be honoured. The company apologised, stating that because their bank branch in Royston had closed the cheque was never paid in and subsequently has been lost. A letter signed by the two current signatories was sent to the bank and the cheque stopped. It was resolved to reissue the cheque for £238-80. All in favour.

The following were also presented for payment:-

SCDC Election invoice - £105 - 00

Internal Auditor invoice - £50 - 00 The internal auditor has confirmed his willingness to continue to audit the accounts for the Parish Council.

It was unanimously agreed that these cheques should be signed. As only one signatory was at the meeting, the second signature will be obtained out of meeting.

Insurance: BHIB has confirmed that the insurance cover for Croydon has been renewed for 2022 - 23.

Flight Paths Section 137: Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables local councils to spend a limited amount of money for purposes for which they have no other specific statutory expenditure. The limit for 22-23 is £8-82 for every elector in the parish and the local council may spend money on purposes for the direct benefit of its area, or part of its area, or all or some of its inhabitants. Councillors agreed that extensive publicity would be undertaken in the next month, and subject to the responses, would decide whether or not Section 137 funds could be offered in support of the campaign.

Planning:

22/00743/CL2PD: Queens View, High Street, Croydon. Lawful use certificate for the use of the land for the siting of two residential mobile homes was granted

22/00886/FUL: Clopton Farm - amendments. This is already an extensive application.

<https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/00886/FUL>

Councillors considered the information and it was proposed by Mr Barnes and seconded by Mrs Sole that Council feels unable to comment on buildings erected without permission and having no legal status. All in favour.

Items for next agenda: None put forward.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 20th July 2022 in the Reading Room at 7.30pm

As there was no further business, Councillors were thanked for attending and the meeting was declared closed at 8.59pm.

Signed

Date

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