

A meeting of Croydon Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20th July 2022 in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.

Apologies: Mr. Wenman - family issues, Mrs Sole - still at work, Cllr Kindersley - unavailable.

Present: Mr Barnes, Mr Sole, Mr Wheeler, Ms Newland, Mr Buchanan, Cllr Williams, the Clerk and 1 member of public.

Minutes: Minutes of the June meetings previously circulated, were agreed and signed.

Declarations of Interest: None received.

Matters Arising:

Community Reports:

Churchyard Conservation Project: The group working on this has already achieved the Bronze Award and is working towards the Silver Award. There needs to be some form of water feature in the churchyard, and also much more community involvement in the project is needed. At the moment the new churchyard is awaiting a cut, which has to be done, but it is unfortunate because the wild flower meadow is looking wonderful.

Dog/Litter Bins: Recently there was a series of WhatsApp messages regarding dog mess left behind on a footpath by inconsiderate pet owners. The dual purpose bins purchased by the Parish Council have been stored at the Clerk's residence for over three months now, and Council is also awaiting confirmation of the wording for the signs needed to direct people to the bins. However, it was pointed out that even with the bins in situ, there will still be owners who do not clear up after their pet.

Defibrillator Pads: The new pads have been installed into the defibrillator and the volunteers have been made aware of this.

Litter Pick signs: Mr Buchanan is making progress on this and hopes to have information for the next meeting.

Speedwatch: The latest call for volunteers produced only four respondents. After this was announced at the meeting, several others offered their help. There is now a total of seven, which is enough to look at starting the scheme. Speedwatch can only operate on roads with 20, 30 and 40 mph speed limits. Any speed checks on roads above those limits need to be done by traffic officers.

London Luton Flight Paths: Three of those present at the meeting attended the meeting on 5th July at Little Gransden, as did Cllr Williams. After hearing their reports and discussing the findings from the meeting, it appears that the flight paths on which the consultation was based are not currently being used, which is why so many aircraft are coming over the village. When the proper flight paths as consulted are being used, the aircraft should pass further north of Croydon. If this is the case then all the monitoring being undertaken now is not a true representation of what will be the final outcome. Councillors therefore decided not to fund anything until a) London Luton Airport acknowledges that this is the case, b) the correct flight paths are being used and c) the consultation period commences from the time the aircraft are actually flying on the correct flight paths. To support any monitoring of incorrect routes at the moment would not be an appropriate use of public money. Cllr Williams will send Anthony Browne's email address for the office dedicated to the aircraft problem. The Clerk will contact Anthony Browne and Jonathan Djanolgy and try to ascertain if they are able to establish the truth about the flight paths currently in use. London Luton airport and NATS will also be asked for accurate information regarding the flight paths currently in use.

Gmail addresses: Councillors have decided that they would like to set up separate gmail addresses for Council use, and in case of a Freedom of Information request. It was suggested that each Councillor's initials followed by Croydon PC@gmail.com would be sufficient. As soon as all Councillors confirm that this has been done, the Clerk will replace the distribution list currently in use with gmail addresses.

District Cllr Williams gave a verbal report to the meeting:-

Bins: During the hot weather, please make sure that your bin(s) are placed outside your property the night before collection. When it is extremely hot, the crews are starting much earlier in order to work in the cool for longer. If you can do so, please put out a few bottles of water for them, as they will appreciate it.

Glass: If you are out and about and see any glass lying about, please pick it up and dispose of it properly. Many field and heath land fires can be caused by glass left on the verge or thrown into fields because direct sunlight refracts through the glass. This is a risk of this all year round, not just outdoors but also indoors if you have a glass ornament on your windowsill.

The District Council: Almost half of the Councillors on South Cambs District Council are newly elected, and so there is a great deal of training going on. Cllr Williams said that there will be a full meeting of the Council this week (W/b 18th July) and she will send her written report following that meeting.

Luton Airport Flight Paths: A Campaign Group has been set up, which Cllr Williams is supporting. The consultation did not give the correct information and complainants are not being treated fairly. Our MP Anthony Browne is also involved. The Campaign Group needs more help - if you would like to be involved, please contact the Clerk for their details.

Combined Authority: It was stated that the Combined Authority has internal issues, following a damning report from the auditors regarding value for money. It appears that there may be a need for external support for the Combined Authority and discussions are ongoing.

East West Rail: A letter signed by Cllr Bridget Smith (Leader of SCDC) and many other Cambridge dignitaries supporting the EWR plan, apparently did not go to full Council for discussion before it was signed. The Government is not keen on the plan and has dropped the Ox-Cam arc scheme, which is probably why EWR is promoting their alternative. Cllr Williams does not support the southern route entry into Cambridge. It may be easier for the proponents of the scheme to build but is not the most supported by local residents. It does seem that only Cambourne will really benefit from it. The original proposal was for the trains to be diesel, but this may now have changed to electricity. Council was not happy about this and it was proposed by Mr Barnes and seconded by Mr Buchanan that a letter should be sent to Cllr Kindersley, who is Chair of the CamBed Rail group to try to discover what is going on. Clerk to action.

Licensing Panel: Because one member of the Licensing Panel did not get re-elected, there will be a delay in processing applications while the new member is familiarised with the regulations.

Accounts: The accounts for 2019 were finally signed off on 29th March 2022. It is hoped that all accounts will be up to date by the next election.

District Councillor Williams' written report to the meeting:

Awaiting receipt

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!

Gamlingay First School Site: The Children & Families Act 2014 requires Cambridgeshire County Council to identify and assess the special educational needs and/or disability (SEND) of children and young people for whom we are responsible. The Council must then ensure that those children and young people receive a level of support which will help them “achieve the best possible educational and other outcomes.”

We have recently undertaken a review of the SEND demand and provision and there is now a plan for future development of this provision. One of the options being considered is a new 100-120 place area special school in Gamlingay – on the site of the First School. Expected to open in 2025 it would include a specialist 10-20 place social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) girls unit, which is currently not available elsewhere in the County. There is a great deal of work still to be done so this is by no means a ‘done deal’ but residents should be aware that this is a possible outcome.

Anti-Social Behaviour: Good to hear that South Cambs is bringing in a second Anti-Social Behaviour officer which should help in covering difficult case work across a very large patch. If you have issues you are concerned about please get in touch.

New Airspace Concerns: A well-attended meeting of 150+ residents from a wide range of Parishes attended a presentation at Lt Gransden about the impact of the recent changes to Luton flightpaths. It is clear there are very significant concerns. Attendees accepted that flying causes someone disturbance but questioned why the approach was not over densely populated areas where background ambient noise is at much higher levels.

South Cambs has already written to the CAA and part of the letter reads: "In its [initial] response the Council concluded that it was "not sufficiently reassured" at that point that the proposal "will not be harmful to the amenity of residents of the district and urges NATS to do more to engage with the Council and concerned local communities". We also raised concern at the separate parallel process for a Development Consent Order for the expansion of Luton Airport which meant these issues would not be looked at in a more rounded way. Unfortunately, no such further engagement took place.

We are concerned to hear the experience of some of our communities since the changes were implemented earlier this year. In the western part of the district around Gamlingay, Hatley, Croydon and Tadlow villages (amongst others), the aircraft appear to be on their approach paths and therefore much lower than the height expected. Indeed, it is possible to recognise the carrier logos on them because they are so low.

We understood this would be under the new stacking area for Luton Airport, but that flights were expected to be at heights that would not cause any discernible impacts on amenity for communities below. We are also hearing that our communities north of Cambridge on the approach routes to the stacking area are experiencing disturbance from new overhead flights."

Please keep your complaints going as without them NATS and Luton will assume everything is lovely.

Potton Quarry: We have had a few emails about the proposed extension of Potton Quarry and regret that neither we as local members nor South Cambs were consulted by Central Beds Council. This is the response I have had from officers.

"We are not aware that Central Bedfordshire Council has consulted the Council about this application. As a minerals and waste application, this would be subject to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Strategic Sites and Policies for Bedford, Luton and Central Bedfordshire, adopted in 2014. The plan did not allocate this site, but includes a policy framework for considering proposals outside allocated areas. Central Bedfordshire have a duty to cooperate in plan making, but that would not impact on consultation on an application.

Consultation on an application would depend on their Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). Their SCI draft 2022 seems to imply they will make a judgement who they will consult on case by case basis. Common sense may suggest they should have. Other than that it would depend if they were obliged to consult by any planning application legislation; we think that this is unlikely."

One resident also pointed out the Central Beds actually owns some land which might end up being released for a further expansion and queried if there was a conflict of interests as they are also the planning authority. The answer is in theory yes, but these situation arise frequently as many councils own land and generally decisions are made by planning committees which means they are more open and transparent.

Bins: Leaving bins on the pavement causes obstructions to disabled people and visually impaired people in particular. We have had council officers in the village recently trying to help people to keep the pavements clear.

Local Plan & Census 2021 Data: Last month, we published the many responses we received as part of our consultation on our 'First Proposals' for the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan which will determine how South Cambs and Cambridge City develop up until 2041. Unsurprisingly, further suggestions for possible new locations for homes and jobs have been put forward for us to consider. This is a normal part of the process.

Please be reassured that none of these suggested new sites have any planning status and it is too early to say whether any of them should be included in the plan. You may recall that we originally saw around 650 possible sites put forward by landowners, developers, individuals and of those only 19 have been included in this second stage.

You may also recall that 37,198 homes were already planned for Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire between 2020 and 2041 under the existing adopted local plans of 2018. We then

identified the need for around 11,600 further homes to meet the increasing need for homes. The bulk of these will be at North East Cambridge, Cambridge Airport, Cambourne and Eddington – and includes bringing forwards new homes at Waterbeach new town and Northstowe faster. We have suggested just six additional small village sites in South Cambridgeshire, totalling 384 homes.

So why do we need more homes in our area and what happens if we don't build them? The answer to the second part of this question is that we drive up house prices even further and people have no choice but to live in cheaper areas and have the additional cost and stress of driving long distances in to work. This is a huge problem now that we have a cost of living crisis and escalating fuel costs. We already know that it is becoming increasingly difficult for younger people to afford a home here and this has many knock on effects including on businesses needing to recruit staff, on schools needing to maintain their role numbers and on communities wanting to remain diverse, inclusive and self sufficient

The new census data showed that Cambridgeshire is already seeing really high growth. The 9.2% rise is higher than the East of England average which in itself is growing faster than the rest of the country. In the last decade the county's population grew by 57,000 and this includes an 26% increase in people over the age of 65 against a national average rise of 18.6%. It is the rural areas that are seeing the greatest increase the percentage of older people. All of these people, young and old deserve a decent, affordable home close to where they work or learn or receive their support. We can only achieve that by meeting the housing need in our area and by ensuring that those homes are well connected, environmentally sustainable and as cheap to run as possible.

The figures confirm the County Council's contention that previous Office of National Statistics figures—on which the government bases its grant allocations—under-estimated the size of the county's population. Included within the Cambridgeshire Census figures is an overall 26 per cent rise in the number of Cambridgeshire people aged 65+, against an 18.6 per cent national average rise—with a high percentage increase of people in the 70 to 74 age band in all districts.

While the more urban areas of the county like Cambridge have seen population growth across all age ranges, its more rural areas have seen small or no growth in the youngest age groups (0-19) but large increases in older populations. More at

Council Tax Collection: You might be pleased to know that South Cambridgeshire District Council is the second from top performing council out of more than 320 tax-collecting authorities in England (or not, depending on your view of paying tax...). In 2021-2022, we collected 99.2% of the total amount of Council Tax due from residents. This amounts to £126,976,000. The national collection rate average 95.9%

The District Council collects Council Tax from residents and businesses before passing on most of it to several frontline local services including Cambridgeshire Police, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, Cambridgeshire County Council and Parish / Town Councils. Only around 9% of the public's Council Tax bill goes towards the District Council's services.

Income from Non-Domestic rates is shared between Central Government, County Councils, District Councils and Fire Authorities, with the District Councils retaining 40%.

Electric Bin Lorries: The second fully electric bin lorry to collect waste from residents in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire has arrived, as local councils continue their fleet decarbonisation drive.

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste, a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils, has just taken delivery of a fully electric Faun Zoeller E-Rotopress. Through their shared waste service, the councils are working to replace their bin lorries with electric or alternative fuel vehicles as existing diesel trucks come to the end of their working lives.

The Faun Zoeller E-Rotopress has a constantly revolving body that contains a corkscrew which compacts waste. This type of waste compaction process has far fewer moving parts than are used in a traditional bin lorry, where waste is pushed from one end of the vehicle to the other. The power saved in the waste compaction process means the E-Rotopress can travel longer distances, as the drain put on the vehicle's battery is reduced. The truck has a top speed of 56 miles per hour, meaning it is one of the fastest electric refuse vehicles on the market currently. It can carry up to 12 tonnes of waste.

Cambridgeshire's first electric bin lorry – a Dennis Eagle eCollect – has been collecting recycling from Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire residents since 2020. Greater Cambridge Shared Waste was one of the first waste collection services nationally to invest in green waste collection vehicles, which have zero emissions and contribute to delivering better air quality when out on the road.

South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils are committed to helping tackle the climate emergency and are working hard to reduce carbon emissions in the delivery of their services. There are already solar panels installed on top of the Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service's Depot

at Waterbeach, which are used to charge fully electric vans used by members of the team. In January this year, proposals for a solar farm to power electric bin lorries used by Greater Cambridge Shared Waste were included in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's latest budget plans. Both councils will also contribute financially.

Household Support Fund: The Government has confirmed that it is extending the Household Support Fund for six months of 2022/23 and has allocated £3.58M of grant funding to Cambridgeshire for this. The Fund is intended to provide support to households through free school meals for eligible children during school holidays, and for payments to people in need. In order to meet the Joint Administration's commitment to provide free school meals in the holidays throughout the year, and to have a direct support scheme that is comprehensive, the Strategy & Resources Committee has allocated a further £1.87M to supplement this locally.

Cambridgeshire pensioners struggling with the rising cost of living can apply for support from the Household Support Fund thanks to a partnership between Cambridgeshire County Council and Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (Age UK CAP). Anyone reaching pensionable age by 30 September 2022 who lives in Cambridgeshire can apply for support. Financial support can be provided within a few days as well as help to find longer-term support to maximise and manage their finances. Those seeking support should apply to Age UK CAP on 01223 221929 or email hsf@ageukcap.org.uk

Resourcing Net Zero: The Council's Environment & Green Investment Committee is moving ahead to implement its ambitious climate change strategy. The Committee is being asked on 7 July to approve a business case for the first phase of a three-phase approach to getting Cambridgeshire to Net Zero Carbon by 2045. The first phase will use the £2.175M awarded by the Strategy & Resources Committee and will involve eight workstreams.

Ivy Farm Bridge Bassingbourn/Litlington: The key trigger for an application by Herts CC to begin the process of an application to create new rights of way either side of the Ivy Farm Bridge, in order to allow public access across it, has now taken place - this was a matter dependent on Network Rail. We have now spoken with the Herts CCC Definitive Maps Officer about the timing of next steps and in particular the public consultation, which we requested fall after school holidays.

We've still not seen the public consultation on creating the new rights of way which will allow the opening of the Ivy Farm Bridge, which is work in progress by Herts CC. Sebastian and Susan are liaising with the CCC Rights of Way officer and we hope to have some form of informal public information event at Bassingbourn Community Centre – though there is no formal event to be provided by HCC.

Sheen Farm Litlington: Two matters relating to archaeology and drainage were outstanding, and there has been concern that this would further protract the delay on starting on site. An urgent meeting was facilitated between the developer and planning officer to address these and progress through the system. Latest information was that this should be completed in a matter of weeks.

A complaint about builders mess left on Bassingbourn Rd was passed on to SCDC which thought it had tidied up following works to create vehicular access. An officer is going out to check whether the mess still on site is theirs. If so, it will be cleared away.

Highways: How splendid to see the resurfacing job on the road from Litlington to Bassingbourn. This is a Safer Route to School and hopefully with the reduced speed limits and better surface more residents might consider cycling back and forth.

Congratulations to Gamlingay PC which has delivered a really nice pathway to the Farm Shop on Mill Hill – part of a long-term aspiration to connect with Pottton. This was funded by local businesses, the County Council and S106 contributions.

Gamlingay Gym: IS NOW OPEN!!! Congratulations to the team who have worked so hard to get it up and running with support from so many people.

Library@home award: Cambridgeshire's Library@home volunteers are one of three voluntary groups in the county to be given the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The Library@home service provides books and audio books to residents who find it difficult to get to a library through disability, illness or caring responsibilities. Volunteers visit once a month to bring and return library books and to have a chat. <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisureculture/libraries/accessibility>

Energy retrofits Cambridgeshire: This is a collaboration between the County and District Councils, delivering energy efficiency projects in homes across the with the poorest energy efficiency and lowest incomes, using Government grant. The Government has indicated that it will continue to make funding available to councils for this work until 2025, and the partners are looking to use a contract 'framework' to maximise success in attracting this funding, both for council schemes and also to enable private households to secure a 'trusted contractor' if they can afford to privately fund their own home retrofit

works. For more information: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/climate-emergency-and-nature/energy-saving/action-on-energy/>

Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme: Cambridgeshire County Council is encouraging take-up of the summer holiday activities and food (HAF) programme funded by the Department for Education. There are nearly 3,000 free holiday scheme places available with over 130 providers across the county. Families in receipt of income-related free school meals can access up to 64 hours per child, and children will receive a meal as well. They have also opened their eligibility to Ukrainian and other refugee families.

Further details about the programme can be found here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

Nature & Climate Declaration and Climate & Ecology Bill: The County Council is supporting the Nature & Climate Declaration and endorsing the Climate & Ecology Bill. The Declaration asks the UK Government to deal with key climate risks by:

- Fulfilling the UK's fair share of emissions reductions to ensure that the average global temperature increase will not exceed 1.5 degrees Celsius
- Halting and reversing biodiversity decline by 2030, and
- Delivering a more ambitious and integrated environmental protection and decarbonisation plan.

The cross-party Climate & Ecology Bill is a plan for a new UK law that addresses the full extent of the climate change and nature crisis in line with the most up to date science.

In the background – Inflation adds to council costs

The County Councils Network and the Society of County Treasurers have revealed that spiralling inflation has left forty of England's largest councils with £729M of additional unfunded costs since they set their budgets in March. To balance their budgets—as they are legally required to—and control costs, councils warn they face a winter of 'difficult decisions'.

The increased costs nationally include • £428M for adult social care services • £72M for children's social care • £397M for capital projects • £107M for energy prices • £136M for external contract and labour costs • £77M for school transport services • £259M for staff pay

These inflationary costs far outstrip any increases in Government funding or council tax.

More grappling - Social Care reform costs: The cost of the Government's adult social care reforms could be a minimum of £10Bn higher than currently estimated, according to the County Councils Network. The reforms include a more generous means-test, a cap on care costs of £86,000, a move towards a 'fair' cost of care, and the ability for people who arrange and fund their own care to ask their council to do it on their behalf. The higher costs could create a further workforce crisis in social care, with over 5,000 extra staff projected to be required to carry out extra care and financial assessments for those seeking to benefit from the reforms.

Meanwhile on the Combined Authority: The Combined Authority Board's Annual Meeting on 8 June considered only the first part of its long agenda before being held over to 27 June, when it managed to conclude its business. The day before the Platinum Jubilee holiday, the Chair of the Combined Authority's Audit & Governance Committee received a letter from auditors EY expressing concerns about value for money at the Combined Authority as a result of various ongoing issues.

There is a consensus among Combined Authority officers, chief executives of the member councils, and the Mayor and his statutory deputy, that there is a need for external support for the Combined Authority in addressing the risks which the EY letter has identified. The Combined Authority Board has mandated its officers to continue their ongoing conversations with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) about what this support may look like.

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

Street Cleaner: A parishioner noticed that the paths in the village had been beautifully cleaned. If it is the case that SCDC cleaning machine now does the footpaths then this would be a really good improvement as it was a difficult job for the village clean up volunteers. Would Council see if it would be

possible to get this confirmed from SCDC? The letter was passed to Cllr Williams for further investigation.

Local Heritage: For many years the national listing system has recognised buildings of national importance with Grades 1, 2* and 2 listings, the local heritage list aims to identify buildings and heritage assets which, while not meeting the national criteria, are important at a local level. While this does provide the same level of protection as national listing, it will help protect the character of our area. If you have anything you would like to add for assessment by the panel, please go to the website:-

<https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/>

Highway Events: Council has been notified of the following:-

Newmarket Nights, throughout July the events take place combining horse racing and music at the July race course.

Secret Garden Party, 21st - 25th July. The party returns to Grange Farm Abbots Ripton after a 5 year break with a reduce attendance compare with previous events.

*Please remember details of all highway events can be found on

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

Future key event dates

We Out Here festival at Abbots Ripton - 25th - 28th August 2022

Duxford Battle of Britain Air show - 24th September 2022

Cambridge Bonfire Night - 5th November 2022

Mill Road, Cambridge Winter Fair - 3rd December 2022

ZCC Facebook Page: The Zero Carbon Communities Facebook Page is now up and running.

Like or follow the page to see up-to-date news, information and events: [South Cambs Zero Carbon Communities | Facebook](#).

Scams newsletter: Apart from all the usual scams this is the latest one to appear:-

An email purporting to be from Currys PC World offering a £250 Pampers gift package is a scam, Action Fraud has warned. The UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime has issued the warning after receiving nearly 300 reports of the scam in just one week.

Click the link for more details:- [deeside.com](https://www.deeside.com)

Cultivate Cambs Grants: Cultivate Cambs awards grants of £2,000 to £15,000 for new initiatives that support adults & older people with care and support needs, and children, young people & families, to live independently, safe and well in thriving and inclusive communities.

The fund is open to voluntary and social enterprise sector organisations based in and outside of Cambridgeshire, and public sector organisations in Cambridgeshire, for projects that benefit Cambridgeshire residents. Please note that projects serving Peterborough residents are not eligible.

Pre-application advice

Cambridgeshire County Council encourages you to seek pre-application advice on your project ideas before submitting your application. Appointments to discuss projects supporting vulnerable adults are being offered 5 - 7 July and appointments for projects supporting children, young people and families are on 14 - 15 July. Please pre-book your 15-minute telephone or virtual advice appointment [here](#).

Cultivate Ideas

Do you want to do something for your community but need inspiration to start a project?

[Cultivate Ideas](#) offer guidance and support for setting up the following community-led initiatives –

Enhanced Community Food Projects, Care Micro-enterprises, Community Warden Schemes, Community Youth Worker, Timebanks, Good Neighbour Schemes, Dementia Friendly Communities and Men's Sheds.

Cultivate Cambs grant applications and information may be found on the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation [website](#).

Micro Asphalt programme: This resurfacing process is weather dependent and subject to possible change at short notice. All these works will be carried out under a road closure. Access will be possible, but it will depend on where work operations are taking place at the time of the request. Extra time should be allowed, and delays are to be expected. It may be necessary to use the signed diversion route if there is one available. Sites will have Advanced Warning Signs in place 14 days before commencement of works, and properties within the closure will receive a leaflet explaining the works process and what to expect. Further information can be found on the CCC website, with daily location updates on the CCC Twitter feed, which can also be viewed from the website.

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

Hilton Flood Resilience Day: A Flood Resilience Day will take place in Hilton, at the Hilton Village Hall Car Park, Grove End, Hilton, Huntingdon, PE28 9PF on Saturday 23rd July from 10am to 4pm.

Please see below the link to the press release: [Hilton residents invited to learn about flood resilience at free community event - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

The Flood Resilience days are part of the Community Flood Action Programme (CFAP), which was set up in April 2021 by Cambridgeshire County Council, following severe flooding in December 2020 and the increasing risk of flooding posed by climate change. Since then, council officers have worked with communities to develop and train flood groups and build local resilience.

Subsequent Receipts:

Road Closure: Due to a tree being set alight by an electricity cable, the High Street is closed at the Biggleswade end because of a generator serving the properties there, which have been cut off from the main supply by the incident. It is anticipated that the generator will be removed by 26th July, although the temporary closure notice is in place for 21 days.

East West Rail: A copy of the letter to which Cllr Williams refers in her report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and action will be taken on the contents.

Update: Postponed EWR Haslingfield drop-in event 19 July: Following the Met Office red warning for extreme heat, and the potential risk this posed to attendees, the East West Rail Co drop-in information event scheduled at Haslingfield Village Hall for Tuesday 19th July was postponed.

In our postponement announcement, I said that we were aiming to reschedule this to next week. However, several people living in the area took the time to contact us, suggesting that it would be more helpful to reschedule for after the school summer holidays. We also contacted Parish and Ward Councillors for their input and they've also confirmed that this would be the preferred option.

Our preference now is to host the postponed drop-in event at Haslingfield Village Hall in September. We are discussing availability with the venue and are aiming to have a confirmed date by the end of next week.

Although the September date has not yet been confirmed, I wanted to ensure that you were kept up to date on progress and to assure you that we will be in touch again soon once the venue and date is confirmed. From Hannah Staunton - Head of Communications EWR

Finance:

Bank Statement: Balance on the current account stands at £5080-99. The VAT of £128-75 claimed by the Clerk has been received. The re-issued cheque to Sanders and Jay has not yet been presented for payment on the June statement, but may be on the July statement. Confirmation of Mr Wheeler as a signatory for Barclays cheques has not yet been received.

Defibrillator Pads: A cheque for £81-54 for the defibrillator pads has been presented for payment.

NSI Signatories: The relevant paperwork for the NSI signatories has been confirmed.

Flights Paths S 137: Following the results from the 5th July meeting and confusion over where the actual flight paths are, it was decided to defer a decision until confirmation on this has been received.

Planning: Councillors asked Greater Cambridge Planning to refer the Planning Application 22/020886/FUL to the Planning Committee. A negative response was received, so a further letter was sent asking that this be reconsidered and the response did not change. Council has sent a further letter regarding this and is awaiting a reply.

Items for next agenda: None put forward.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 21st September 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 8.53pm.

Signed

Date