# A meeting of Croydon Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19th October 2022 in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.

Apologies: None received

**Present:** Mr Barnes, Mr Sole, Ms Newland, Mrs Sole, Mr Buchanan, Mr Wenman, Mr Wheeler, Cllr Kindersley (later) and the Clerk.

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

Declarations of Interest: Mr Sole.

# Matters Arising and Village Issues:

## **Community Reports: None received**

**Dog/Litter Bin signs:** Mr Buchanan has created prototype signs along the lines of those suggested by the Dog Bin group. He has received one estimate of £141-72 (nett) for their provision. Council has asked if it is possible to obtain at least one other estimate for comparison purposes before a decision is made.

**Speedwatch:** One of the volunteers has withdrawn as it is not possible to check the speeds of those travelling on roads with a speed limit of more than 40mph.

**London Luton Flight Paths:** The representatives pulled out of the meeting on the afternoon of 11th October, saying that meetings where the public could ask questions were "not productive" and did offer to set up a surgery. One of the parishioners had already attended one of their surgeries held in Potton. Her comment:-

"It was so badly organised. In a small room, several groups talking at once, impossible to hear, they even insisted on combining appointments as they were running behind, and that was only after the first two times".

Council decided against accepting the offer of a surgery. After discussion Council decided to ask the public for specific questions; these would be forwarded to LLA and the representatives asked to attend a meeting and give answers to the questions they were sent. The representatives do not seem to want to interact with the public - this is not helpful to those who are suffering from aircraft noise. LLA must be accountable for its actions. One of the Councillors reported that the flight paths currently being used are not the actual paths and the final stack would not impact on Croydon. Only time will tell.

**Street Cleaning Machine:** Cllr Williams was not at the meeting, so no update was available. **Gmail addresses:** Clerk has received notifications from some Councillors that their gmail addresses are working, but not all of them. Please let me know as soon as you can when you are set up. Clerk is still using some of the original addresses she was given. Clerk will also need to change them all with the website and SCDC. Councillors suggested that if an urgent answer to an email is required, Clerk should notify them by WhatsApp, as emails are "old hat" now. Clerk will endeavour to implement this. **Meeting dates for 2023:** Clerk had produced the calendar for next year's meetings and wanted to check the December date with the Councillors. This year's December meeting is a week earlier than usual, as Councillors felt that the third Wednesday in December was too near to the Christmas celebration. The December meeting in 2023 will also be one week earlier, for the same reason. **Civility and Respect Pledge:** Councillors wanted further clarification on this, which the Clerk will send to them after the meeting, for a decision at the November meeting.

# County Cllr Kindersley gave a short report to the meeting:

**Lower Road:** Following the double fatal accident on Lower Road on the early evening of 15th October, Cllr Kindersley has been battling with CCC to put up road signs indicating that the road surface is very uneven and to take care. Highways engineers have looked at the road and said that the recent heatwave has caused the subsidence problem. Locals know that this is not the case; the road has been like this for several years.

**The Fire Service:** At the moment, firemen are receiving a 2.5% pay rise. They are negotiating for a 5%+ pay rise. If they are successful it will mean that there would be redundancies and the loss of 3 fire stations.

**Making Connections:** The Making Connections 2022 consultation is part of the Greater Cambridge Partnership's City Access programme to improve the way that people and vehicles move around the city, whilst reducing congestion and improving air quality.

This is to be done by:-

- **Transforming the bus network:** From as early as mid-2023, the GCP proposing to change the bus network through more services to more locations, with cheaper fares set at £1/£2.
- Investing in other sustainable travel schemes:
- Alongside the bus network, we are proposing to invest in new sustainable travel schemes, such as better walking and cycling links.
- **Creating a Sustainable Travel Zone:** We are proposing the introduction of a Sustainable Travel Zone in the form of a road user charge on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council. Vehicles would be charged for driving within the zone between 7am and 7pm on weekdays, and money raised would fund improvements to the bus network and other sustainable travel schemes. The Zone would be fully operational in 2027/28 but only once the first bus improvements are introduced.

If you would like to comment on this scheme, the link is below:-

https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022

## County CIIr Kindersley's written report to the meeting:-

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!

**School Crossing Patrol Officer:** At Sebastian's request a survey of children walking/cycling to school has been undertaken by the School Crossing Officer from the County Council. He found that at the junction of Stocks Lane and Church Lane the level of pedestrian traffic was only 72% of what is required for the County to fund a Lollipop Person. The site will be resurveyed in 12 months but in the meantime the Parish Council will consider if it wishes to meet the £6k cost.

**Buses:** Thanks to those residents who have been in touch about the proposed bus cuts and - for Gamlingay in particular - the number 18. Public transport is now the responsibility of the Combined Authority where the head of transport has responded: 'Thank you for writing and expressing the undoubted concerns of residents about the proposed withdrawal of bus services... I share their concerns and the mayor has expressed his anger at the way Stagecoach has behaved. The transport team is now seeking to recover the situation. New tenders for every withdrawn service have been published and circulated and in around three weeks' time we should be able to work through the tenders and put together a revised network and timetables, which we intend to commence on Sunday 30 October, the day after Stagecoach's last day of operation on the withdrawn routes. Of course, we cannot guarantee to restore every link - it depends on what tenders we receive, and we are bound by the 1985 Transport Act.'

Some routes in Bedfordshire are also affected and we have asked local Central Beds Councillors to keep us updated.

**Fostering:** Cambridgeshire County Council has launched an urgent appeal to encourage residents to consider becoming Foster Carers. There are many different ways you can foster to meet the different needs of Cambridgeshire children and young people and to suit different lifestyles. From long-term fostering to Link Care for as little of a couple of weekends a month. We can help find the best care option that works around you. We will provide you with local training and development close to you; generous pay and benefits including a start-up package; 24/7 support from a Supervising Social Worker as well as an amazing first year next steps training programme.

To become a Foster Carer, you must be over 21, have a spare bedroom, and be willing and able to provide a stable, loving environment in which a child or young person can thrive. If this is you, please get in touch. Visit: cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering Email: <u>fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</u> Call: 0800 052 0078

**EV charging provision:** Questions continue to arise regarding EV charging provision, for residential properties without on-site parking and access to home charging. In a vacuum of national EV charging planning, this is not something that can be comprehensively tackled by the district or county councils.

South Cambs with its housing remit is looking at options for providing a limited amount of communal EV charging on suitable communal property in its ownership, as well as further information on charging solutions, for example the development of an app that tells you the nearest location for private property rented EV charging. The Greater Cambridge Partnership is looking at increasing grid capacity for South Cambs.

Meanwhile, we asked Highways about the rights of property owners without private off-road parking to connect a charging cable submerged across the pavement. The answer: 'The Department for Transport is considering guidance but we haven't had an indication of when this might come. Private householders can apply to put cables under footways through what is called a section 50 licence - example here: <u>https://gul-e.co.uk/</u>

**Workforce shortages and the Four-Day Week Trial:** People now think differently about work-life priorities; nationally and locally it is harder than ever to recruit and retain staff. A three-month trial of a four-day week will begin in January for desk-based staff at South Cambridgeshire District Council. A similar pilot continues at more than 70 UK organisations. In our own interactions with the district and county councils, as well as with a whole range of public services including rail and bus operators, health and care providers, schools, and many others, workforce retention and shortages are the headline concern hampering successful delivery of key public services.

A four-day week is when people work one less day per week but still get paid the same salary. A four-day week, which for a full-time employee at the Council would consist of 30 hours, can make an organization stand out from others and be more attractive to talent. It is also seen as a tangible incentive to encourage staff to stay.

In the trial, service levels cannot drop if a four-day week is to be considered as a viable option in the longer term. The Council will keep a check on things like how long it takes to process benefits claims, Council house rent collections, the speed of determining planning applications, staff turnover, call answering times and more.

For more than a year, the Council has only been able to fill around eight out of every ten, or fewer, of its vacancies. Between January and March 2022, only around half were filled. There are currently 23 agency staff covering office-based roles, which should ideally be filled by people in permanent positions. Over a whole year, these agency staff could cost the Council more than £2 million. If the Council filled all these posts with permanent staff, it would cost about £1 million.

Not being able to fill vacant posts is hugely disruptive to services for residents - for example, when case officers change during the process of a planning application. Another aspiration of the trial is to investigate whether it would help the Council to attract a more diverse workforce. For example, for those families where childcare costs can be a big blocker from working, or those people with caring responsibilities, it could be a more attractive option than the traditional five-day working week model.

If you'd like to give your views, SCDC have published a new website page that contains a short form, which members of the public can fill-out if they want to ask a question, or make a comment about, our upcoming four day working week trial. Several officers from multiple services have access to the responses collected by this form and will be ensuring that a response is provided, where a resident has asked for one.

**The Visit South Cambs website celebrates first year:** The new tourism website for South Cambridgeshire - created by the District Council – has now been running for a year. During that time, it has welcomed thousands of visitors and highlighted hundreds of venues and events. The website <u>www.visitsouthcambs.co.uk</u> allows local residents and visitors to explore, discover and enjoy what South Cambridgeshire has to offer in terms of activities, places to eat, cultural attractions and green spaces. The website also provides B&B, camping, hotel and self-catering listings, making it easier for visitors to the area to find a place to stay to make the most of the district. Around 200 local venues have enjoyed free listings and more than 230 local events have been promoted, from village fetes to art exhibitions, on social media as well as on the website.

**South Cambs trials plant-powered bin lorries:** In our latest step towards decarbonisation, South Cambs has conducted a trial with eight bin lorries using biofuels, cutting their net carbon emissions by 90%. During the past two months, Greater Cambridge Shared Waste, a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils, ran the eight vehicles on hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) instead of diesel.

The Councils are transitioning their fleet of around 50 bin lorries to electric and alternative fuel vehicles to reduce net carbon emissions. Currently, a significant proportion of the waste service's, and therefore the councils', carbon emissions originate from diesel bin lorries. Two fully electric bin lorries are

already being used in the city of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire and a solar farm is planned at the service depot to be able to charge more of them in future.

Once a sustainable fuel source is secured, the Councils could purchase further vehicles which could be powered by HVO. This would be an interim solution ahead of more electric or hydrogen trucks joining the fleet as and when they become available from manufacturers, and in-line with the depot charging facilities becoming operational.

**Voneus in Gamlingay:** By the time you read this a Public Meeting organised by the Parish Council with Voneus will have taken place - and hopefully residents will have had an opportunity to voice their views about how they have been treated by the contractors working for Voneus throughout the village. **Major projects:** It's always unwise to write about Government announcements because - you know - U turns - but the Chancellor's 'mini' budget at the end of September included the statement that Cambridge South Station and A428 Black Cat dualling are on list of infrastructure projects to be "accelerated as fast as possible". So that's welcome news. Rather less welcome was the inclusion of East West Rail but of course parts of it are already up and running or in build phase. It's just 'our' section that remains unplanned. EWR Co advises that the results of the public consultation 'may' be released before Christmas.

**Rough Sleepers:** Good news to ready that the County Council has won over £670k of funding as part of the national Rough Sleeper Initiative to continue to support Cambridgeshire Housing First which currently supports 37 former rough sleepers experiencing multiple disadvantage - and the new funding will mean it can now provide intensive support so that an additional 27 can benefit from Housing First. Where is the civil parking enforcement scheme?: A number of Parishes have asked what is happening about the new civil parking enforcement plan which seem to be taking an age. An initial survey of the District was carried out by consultants who drove around the whole of South Cambs and listed any anomaly they could find in the Traffic Regulation Orders on the ground. For example, incorrect signs, lines, no sign, not enough signs, markings worn out, incorrectly marked etc.

The survey details were passed to Policy and Regulation who now need to rectify the anomalies. Where significant works are required these need to be designed by Milestone – eg CAD drawings to show the correct lining and sites for signs – some of these will need site visits. Once design work is complete it will be costed and hopefully approved by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (who are funding it) and then the implementation starts!. Large scale lining work is not done over the winter period as the lines don't set properly if it is wet or cold.

Just to remind you - this is all so parking tickets can be handed out by civil wardens rather than just the Police!

**Fire & Rescue:** Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service aims to improve the time its fire engines get to emergency incidents in rural areas by allowing some fire engines to be sent with three firefighters. Currently, although the Service aims to have five firefighters on each fire engine, it allows fire engines to go with four firefighters on board. It will only send three crews to bin fires or small animal rescues. This means a fire engine could arrive at an emergency in a rural area several minutes quicker than it does now.

Do you live within a five-minute time of Gamlingay's on-call fire station and are you 18 or older? The Service is particularly looking for people who can be available in the daytime. Being an on-call firefighter is a paid role so as well as being incredibly rewarding and allowing people to give something back to their local community, it can help people financially too. Home working becoming more popular since the pandemic means that there are greater opportunities for more people who couldn't previously apply as their office was out of Gamlingay. Please do think about it!

**Inflation - what are the consequences?:** Inflation is very much on our minds at home of course, but also at Cambridgeshire County Council. For the current financial year the total service budgets are £456 million (net) for revenue and £164 million in the capital fund (with a total programme of over £1 billion). In setting budget in February, we did provide for significant budget growth which allowed for inflation costs of £9.991 million, demand growth £9.615 million, Pressures (e.g. increased non-inflation costs or reduced income) £16.236 million and investments of £7.253 million. All this was funded by this year's council tax increase, savings, and Government funding.

In June, the Council allocated additional resources to meet expected inflationary pressures in the current year. These are mainly due to energy prices and to some of the Council's large contracts which are linked to national inflation figures. The Council also created a reserve to meet unexpected inflationary pressures. Apart from pay inflation, the Council therefore expects to be able to meet the costs of inflation in its revenue budgets this financial year.

Even so, the Council is currently forecasting a small (£2.368 million or 0.5 per cent) overspend for 2022/23, mainly due to the effects of the expected level of public sector pay inflation for this year, which exceeds the estimates used in budgeting.

## But what of next year and beyond?

Inflation remains a significant concern in looking ahead to setting the Council's medium-term financial plan for the next five years. When the Council set its Medium Term Financial Plan in February 2022 it did include a the budget gap. Budget planning is still ongoing, but the budget gap for the coming year 2023/24 is now looking considerably higher than £17.396 million. This will again need to be filled by council tax, savings, and any Government funding awarded between now and February 2023.

Changes in energy prices affect the Council beyond costs such as simply heating buildings or running street lights. The Council is engaged in a number of energy projects, including retrofitting its own buildings with clean energy, building solar farms, installing solar panels on park and ride sites, and the flagship community heating project at Swaffham Prior. The business cases for all these projects change very significantly as a result of changing expectations for the costs of the oil and gas they are replacing. So this places very considerable pressure on us.

Support for residents in coping with the cost of living: The Council is continuing to collate information about the various sources of help for individuals and households struggling with the cost of living crisis. <a href="https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living">https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living</a>

**Road closures etc:** Advance warning that Meeting Lane, Litlington will be closed at some point between 01/12/2022 and 21/12/2022 for the installation of speed cushions. Royston Road, Litlington will be closed 20/10/2022 – 24/10/2022 for waterworks for the new Sheen Farm development. The Bridge on Station Road Gamlingay has been marked up for works within 12 weeks. The overhanging trees in Croydon have been reported and landowners will be asked to trim them back so the bus can get through or the County Council will do it and recharge (not the cheapest option btw).

**Meanwhile, from the Combined Authority:** The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CAPCA) will be visiting all six districts in the county over the next few weeks as part of its Six Keys Roadshow.

Members of the public will have the chance to speak with CAPCA mayor, Dr Nik Johnson and meet members of the teams, including representatives running projects on transport, skills, climate change, active travel, and more. The Six Keys are CAPCA's fundamental principles and are: climate and nature; health and skills; innovation; reducing inequalities; infrastructure and finance and systems. **October 12: 9.30am-12.30pm at the Eco Hub, Gamlingay**.

A spokesperson for CAPCA said: "Not only will you get the chance to speak with the Mayor, Dr Nik Johnson, but you will also get to meet key members of our teams, including representatives running projects on transport, skills, climate change, active travel, and more.

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

#### District Councillor Williams' written report to the meeting:-

# Awaiting receipt

#### Correspondence:

Electoral Register: None received.

**Joint Parish Forum meeting:** This is to be held virtually on 26th October. A recent electronic survey was held and from 102 sent out, only 19 were returned.

Below are the recommendations from the survey:

- Combine the 3 parish meetings together as one (based on rate of response and numbers who attend)
- Hold three times a year (2 members of staff), virtually, pm and record for circulation
- Questions to be asked on day only (not in advance) with FAQ circulated afterwards

- Ask for themes beforehand (less stats), and select two topics
- Allow time for discussion
- Consider submission for items in Parish Newsletter

The Clerk had only attended one of these meetings (before Covid) and felt that some of the attendees were only there to press the points for their respective Councils. Holding it virtually might be a better idea, as Cambourne is not that central in South Cambs.

**East West Rail:** Clerk attended the meeting on behalf of the Council. It was populated with lots of glossy maps, brochures and representatives who didn't seem to know enough to answer questions put to them. Council asked the Clerk to write to Anthony Browne regarding the shambles that the EWR Company seems to be - this has been done and the letter sent off by email.



This is a representation by Cambridge Approaches of the 10m height of an embankment, should the route come through Haslingfield and Harlton. The base of the bank would be around 70m wide, but there was not enough space to show this where the cherry picker was

Cesar, the Engineering Manager, was not able to tell me why the railway was necessary when everyone managed during Covid lockdowns with video meetings, calls and the internet. East West Rail does not appear to have business cases for any of the proposed routes. He didn't know why Northstowe was not included in the East West Rail plans, or the projected costs of any of the routes. I was constantly referred to speak to other "Managers". (Route Alignment Manager, Finance Manager).

**Hastoe - Affordable Housing:** Sophie has now left Hastoe and the new agent dealing with Croydon is called Eddie Bacon. He sent a proposal for housing in the field used for the Car Show.



Mr Sole had declared an interest in this item, as he currently rents the field from the Diocese of Ely. Council agreed that it was a well- presented idea, but if it were to go ahead then Croydon would lose the amenity of an area to use for the Car Show and other events. The area remaining beyond the gardens of the proposed development would not be large enough to be any use. After discussion, it was resolved that Council would oppose this scheme and Clerk was asked to inform Hastoe

**The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority**: has a new place to call home. Their new office space allows them to welcome visitors, elected members and other partners across the region and works well for all of our employees.

The new office address is:

2nd floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE29 3TN. Any queries or enquiries may be sent to the general email address:

contactus@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk

**Transport Strategies Consultation:** This is targeted at Fenland and Huntingdon and although delayed by the death of Her Majesty will close on 7th November.

**CCC Highway Events:** There will be many Bonfire Night celebrations, including Midsummer Common on 5th and Remembrance Sunday parades in November. There will be a Winter Market in Mill Road, Cambridge on 3rd December.

**Scam Phone Calls:** Unfortunately these are on the rise, and people are still being taken in by them. Current scams doing the rounds are the **Council Tax scam** - caller informs you that your Council Tax in in arrears and you must pay immediately or you will be house arrested and taken to court. This is, of course, absolute rubbish. The Government has launched an **Energy Bills Support Scheme** to help with rising energy costs. This is genuine, but you don't need to apply for the discount as you will receive it automatically from October 2022. Scammers are trying to trick people out of their money by sending texts requesting bank details, in order to make the grant payment directly into that account. Do not ever give out bank details to any of these or similar requests. Scammers are also ringing saying they are from **Age UK**. The scammer said that to receive £200 the same day, bank card details are needed. Again, the scammer just wants the bank details to get your money.

If you have experienced a phone scam, contact your bank as soon as possible and contact Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or online <u>Action Fraud</u>.

#### Subsequent Receipts:

**Making Connections Consultation:** This is mainly a consultation about the use of lots of extra buses to replace car and other forms of transport use in and around Cambridge. It is well worth responding to the interesting survey:-

https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022

**Non-Statutory Consultation on Fens Reservoir:** It was reported that residents in the Fens are happy with the position of the proposed reservoir, which is an area north of Chatteris. Further details can be found at:- <u>https://www.fensreservoir.co.uk/</u>

**ERTA:** Comments on the East West Rail route was received from the ERTA Voluntary Transport group. "At last there seems a groundswell of movement to actually taking a consultation around rail links east of Bedford to the places affected:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-

63216578?at\_custom1=link&at\_campaign=64&at\_custom3=Regional+BBC+South&at\_custom4=FA600 CCE-4AC7-11ED-AE3A-91F3923C408C&at\_medium=custom7&at\_custom2=twitter\_

But what ERTA would like, is for our route options on east of Bedford to be worked up and the two options set before the public once and for all so that post Public Inquiry, we can get on with a rail alternative that adds up and is cost effective, not steep gradients, but on flat former rail alignment (for part).

**Police:** A poster outlining when to call various Police services was received. Only call 999 if the need is immediate or a crime is in progress, otherwise use 101. This poster came out of the recent meeting and presentation, led by CI Paul Rogerson. Clerk will add this to the notice board, although it is hoped that most people would know who to call and when.

Anthony Browne Congestion Charge Survey: This has already been circulated to Councillors, but the link is below if anyone else would like to complete it.

## https://www.anthonybrowne.org/form/congestion-ii-individual

**Shared Building Control:** 3C Shared Services Building Control will be running their award-winning Building Control Awareness online sessions again this autumn/winter. The 15 session course will run on Friday mornings at 9.00-10.00am between Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The sessions are led by Area Building Control Manager Fred Hedges on Microsoft Teams. The sessions have been designed to raise awareness on Building Control at an introductory level, including structure, fire safety, and provide guidance on how to meet the building regulations. Each session includes a presentation including practical examples of application on site and interactive Q&A session at the end for questions. Cost is £200-00

**Lower Road Speed and Surface:** This was discussed with Cllr Kindersley. He reported that the road surface had been redone at least twice, and the County Council engineers have stated that the current state is due to the recent heatwave. Having had two fatalities recently, this sad occurrence ought to assist with some sort of improvements to the road. Cllr Kindersley is on the case.

**Community Prepared programme:** From their website:- "Communities Prepared is a national community resilience programme that equips Community Emergency Volunteer (CEV) and Flood Warden groups with the knowledge and confidence to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a range of emergencies, from flooding and severe weather incidents to pandemics.

Led by Groundwork South, we work in partnership with the Environment Agency, Cornwall Community Flood Forum and Cornwall College Business, as well as teaming up with a range of other organisations at the national and local level.

With backing from The National Lottery Reaching Communities England Fund until May 2024, and Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN - until September 2023), the programme provides community volunteers with free online or in-person training and support, tailored to local needs and priorities. In doing so, we are supporting the development of multi-role volunteer groups that have the confidence and skills to manage a range of emergencies - building their community's long-term resilience. In the context of COVID-19 and climate change, this is a high priority."

#### Finance:

**Bank Statements:** Balance on the account for September was £6123 -65. As the precept receipt was reported at the September meeting, the second instalment was shown on this statement. **Croydon Cafe:** The ladies sent in their use of the Reading Room as they promised to do biannually. Clerk passed the information to the Chair of Trustees for an invoice but has not received one yet. The Cafe has used the Room for 12 hours since its inception.

**Planning: 22/03960/HFUL:** Farrers Garden, High Street, Croydon Cambridgeshire First floor side extension with rear balcony. Internal alterations to modify internal use. Councillors had looked at the plans on-line and it was proposed by Mr Barnes and seconded by Mr Buchanan that there were no objections to this application. All in favour. Clerk will update the GCP website

Items for next agenda: Warm Rooms Local Hardship Fund

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 16th November 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 8.37pm

Signed	Date	 