

A meeting of Croydon Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19th July 2023 in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.

Apologies: Mr Wenman - belated apologies for the June meeting, received day after the meeting.
Mr Buchanan - Covid, Mr Wheeler - unwell, Mrs Sole - pressure of work, Cllr Kindersley - double booked.

Present: Mr Barnes - Vice Chairman, Mr Sole, Ms Newland, Mr Wenman, Cllr Williams and the Clerk

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

Declarations of Interest: None received.

Members' Interests: Clerk has returned Mrs Sole's and Mr Wenman's updated Members' Interest forms, and received an acknowledgement from SCDC.

Matters Arising and Village Issues:

Community Reports: Ms Newland reported that the morning coffee held on the second Friday morning in the month was not well supported - only 8 people at the last one. The ladies organising the Café are keeping an eye on the attendances, and will continue with the Friday coffee morning until October. If it is still under-supported they will have a rethink on the frequency and day.

Luton Airport Flight Paths: A public meeting was held on 17th July in Gamlingay Eco-Hub. None of the Councillors attended, but a report will be on the RELAS site in due course.

The Post-Implementation Review (PIR) closes on 22 September 2023, following which CAA will evaluate the feedback and objections before signing AD6 as permanent. It is very noticeable that there is a significant increase in the number of jet flights over this region, as the post-pandemic flights are returning to normal and summer holidays are resumed.

As well as other southern regions, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire have been significantly affected. Consequential impact of AD6 was not disclosed, such as the increased use of the region's airspace that was nothing to do with Luton or Stansted. Night flights in particular were not mentioned. The howling and screeching noise of the jets braking for a quick descent were deliberately omitted from all data analysis. This has been highlighted by aviation experts demonstrating the poor design of AD6 by requiring rapid "scrubbing of altitude" and direction from the airline operators to their pilots which is acknowledged as bad practice.

Since March 2022, local authority representatives have tried to meet and address the public complaints with the programme sponsors, London Luton Airport, NATS, and the oversight body, the CAA. It is quite apparent that these bodies have refused to engage constructively and deal with residents, councillors or MPs complaints. (Croydon PC tried to arrange a meeting with the Luton Airport representatives in October 2022, but they cancelled the day before!) This is very frustrating as, unfortunately, complaints are handled by those proposing the change, i.e. marking their own homework, which is wholly inappropriate and unethical.

The PIR was extended to 22 September 2023, thanks to the efforts of Local MPs that debated the topic with Transport Minister in January 2023. If you wish to make a written complaint, please do so before then - noise@ltn.aero

Our MP Anthony Brown, has written to the Managing Director of Luton Rising (the organisation behind the expansion of Luton Airport) regarding the impact of the proposed expansion on the flightpaths (Swanwick Airspace Deployment 6) over Cambridgeshire to Luton Airport.

The link to the letter is below:

<https://www.facebook.com/anthonybrownMP/posts/pfbid02fjCHtqRumKzzP5bzMiF82JBhFCBDKxitiv6Yi1JPm3wSfNv1wjhwRGparStQbofMI>

SpeedWatch volunteers: Mr Wheeler was making enquiries with a colleague of a neighbouring Parish Council. As he was unable to attend the meeting, this will be deferred.

Extra Long Litter Picker and Signs:

Slingsby, a company offering commercial and industrial workplace supplies, can supply a 2400mm long litter picker at apparently just under £100-00. Council discussed this and it was proposed by Ms Newland and seconded by Mr Sole that Council would purchase 2 pickers for the village clean up team. All in favour. Clerk will obtain a pro-forma invoice and a cheque for the pickers was prepared.

<https://www.slingsby.com/ridged-jaw-litter-picker-base109370.html#761=4615>

Mr Buchanan was making enquiries about additional litter picking signs, as requested by the team. As he was unable to attend the meeting, this will be deferred.

Lower Road: Council is still waiting for the results of the fatal accident from the Police and Highways Investigation Team have both reported. Until these have been received, no signage or speed restrictions will be made, although a large bumpy road sign has appeared on Larkins Road, which has been there for some time..

CPRE: The membership pack for Council has been received and will be circulated.

Follow-Up information

Gmail addresses: It was reported that nearly all the Councillors now have a gmail address. Mrs Sole has taken responsibility for setting up her gmail, as well as Mr Sole's. As she was not in the meeting this item will be deferred until the next meeting. The format is Councillor's initials, followed by croydonpc@gmail.com.

Verbal report from District Councillor Heather Williams

Cllr Williams is still experiencing difficulties with the SCDC email system. Her AGM report (included in the May minutes) was sent from her home address.

She reported the following to the meeting:-

Environment Agency: The Agency has issued a water warning over the houses on Bourn Airfield. The Agency has warned that there is not enough water to satisfy the demand the houses would make. The Agency has also raised concerns about other housing, for the same reason, stating that taking more from natural stores is "posing a real risk to chalk streams, river, and wetland habitats".

Silicon Valley: Cllr Williams reported that Cambridge is only one of several places that is being considered for expansion. It is extremely unlikely to happen as there is barely enough water for the houses already planned.

Four-day working week: The Government has contacted SCDC and told them to stop trialling the 4 day working week. It is, in effect, a 20% pay rise! SCDC has decided to ignore Government's instructions and to continue with it. 20% of employees find it stressful and are still working a five day week. SCDC states that performance has been maintained and has reported that a saving of £300k has been made, although this is unconfirmed.

Solar Farm: A solar farm in Barton has been approved using green credentials, even though it is in the green belt. The site is classified as good, agricultural land; the farm would be in place for at least 40 years and is intended to provide the university with 26 per cent of its energy as it aims to go net zero by 2038.

Congestion Charge: The Greater Cambridge Partnership is having a rethink about the charge. Doing nothing is not an option, so something has to be done. A revised detailed proposal is expected to come forward later this year. Cllr Williams reported that she suggested several options other than the Charge that could be done. Most of the car parks in Cambridge are owned by Cambridge City Council. If no cars enter Cambridge because of the Charge, then Cambridge City Council will lose considerable revenue from the car parks, and will need to be compensated from the Congestion Charge. GCP needs to listen to local residents rather than choosing to pursue an ideological anti-car agenda

Written report from Cambridgeshire County Councillor Kindersley – July 2023

The Gamlingay Division comprises the Parishes of Abington Pigotts, Arrington, Barrington, Croydon, Gamlingay, Guilden Morden, Littleton, 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!

What's going on?

Readers of the Sunday Times on July 9th will have been somewhat amazed to see a long article detailing Michael Gove and the Government's ambition to turn the Cambridge area into a new Silicon Valley. Nothing wrong with ambition but it is customary to discuss plans such as this with local authorities and communities that will be impacted. Not only that but it is also customary (and indeed the Law) to allow local Authorities to plan their own growth. So Mr Gove telling us that we will have to build more than 200,000 – 250,000 homes locally (Cambridge has about 51,000 currently) is a bit of a cheek. Our local MP who has made a pretty big deal about Government NOT mandating housing growth in the course of an ongoing row with South Cambs obviously had no clue about this either.

Cambridge 2040 – for that is what Mr Gove calls it – is the latest in a series of 'odd' decisions taken by Government. Starting with the imposition of a directly elected Mayor and the addition of two

further local government levels in the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership aka City Deal and the Combined Authority all we have seen locally is virtual paralysis which achieves little but is expensive.

We then faced a threat of a new 25k town based on Parishes such as Orwell, Barrington, Meldreth etc by Thakeham; a property development company that has donated nearly £1m to the Conservative Party. The Chancellor then announced a multi-million investment into the Bio-Medical Campus – surrounded by Green Belt with no actual planning permission to expand as yet - and the very next day East West Rail announced a Southern Approach into Cambridge despite the fact that the Northern Approach is £2.19 BILLION cheaper, more sustainable, quicker to build, very much more useful for freight, connects more communities (and therefore fare paying passengers) and was the preferred option of all EWR's advisers and consultants (who were also very expensive).

So it's not unreasonable to ask – What's going on?

Financial update: Cambridgeshire County Council ended the past financial year (2022/23) with an overspend of just 0.2 per cent of its annual budget. Despite growing inflation on all the goods and services the council buys, the council kept its overspend to just £728,000, a figure it had been predicting with some accuracy for the second half of the year. The council set its 2022/3 budget in February 2022 at a time of great uncertainty, and during the year which followed inflation reached record highs, meaning that in-year the council had to manage more than £43M of additional pressures. The final position shows that increases in some areas such as high levels of inflation in home to school transport, lower than expected income in some areas due to a slow recovery from COVID, and the impact of a national shortage (and consequent spiralling costs) of placements for children with very specialist mental health needs had largely been mitigated by underspends elsewhere.

The central issue remains however that Cambridgeshire County Council is woefully underfunded by central government, leaving residents of this county severely disadvantaged. Cambridgeshire is a growing county, but despite this our funding formula remains fixed to population figures from more than ten years ago. In effect, while more Cambridgeshire residents are contributing to national taxes, our settlement has not been updated to supporting the area's direct local needs, leaving the council with problems to fix that will need many years of detailed work, not just short-term patching. The leaders of all four political groups on the County Council wrote again to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up earlier this year, putting the case for change and a funding settlement which truly meets Cambridgeshire's local needs, but received no acknowledgement.

Holiday Activities and Food programme: The County Council's summer HAF programme, funded by the Department for Education, is open for bookings. Children in receipt of income-related free school meals can book a holiday scheme place for 64 hours, subject to availability. Each scheme offers enriching experiences, a meal and snacks.

The HAF Team can arrange transport for families unable to access the programme otherwise. Ukrainian and other refugee families are also eligible for places as well as families 'just about managing' financially. There is a video on YouTube [youtube/WSOEpJIXY5c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSOEpJIXY5c) showing what's involved. And look out for the HAF Programme on Facebook and Twitter too.

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-withthe-cost-of-living/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/haf-providerdirectory

Special educational needs support: Support for parents and carers of the approximately 15,000 children with special educational needs and disability (SEND) in Cambridgeshire is now available at the click of a button through a new information hub. The website was developed with local experts including parents, health professionals, and community organisations such as Speak Out Council and PinPoint. The tool was produced to help families and young people to navigate the special needs journey and access information and advice

<https://send.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/kb5/cambridgeshire/directory/home.page>

Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund: The Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund is now open for applications. Expressions of interest must be made by 24 September, and applicants who are successful at this stage will be invited to submit a Stage 2 application. The upper limit for bids is £40,000, and these must be for community capital projects to improve or upgrade community buildings and assets, while supporting the council to achieve at least three of its strategic ambition which are:

- Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes.
- Travel across the county is safer and more environmentally sustainable.
- Health inequalities are reduced.

- People enjoy healthy, safe, and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs.
- People are helped out of poverty and income inequality.
- Places and communities prosper because they have a resilient and inclusive economy, access to good quality public services and social justice is prioritised.
- Children and young people have opportunities to thrive.

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Fire Authority: Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and Fire Authority councillors have been left surprised and concerned after being given notice that Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service is withdrawing from its highly successful Combined Control collaboration at the end of 2024. Concerns focus on the ability of Suffolk to get an alternative provision up and running which seems frankly extremely unlikely. Cambridgeshire will shortly migrate to a new Combined Control system to which Suffolk will have no access with any solution for Suffolk (assuming they find one) likely to be extremely expensive.

RELAS: For those concerned with the new stacking system at Luton airport there will be a further public meeting on Monday 17 July at 8.00 pm at the Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, Gamlingay, SG19 3JR. Please continue with your objections & complaints to noise@ltn.aero on the excess noise and disturbance to your lives. RELAS will explain why it is urging the programme sponsors to rethink and redesign AD6.

Royston Recycling Centre – access for Cambs residents: On July 13th the County Council's Environment and Green Investment Committee will debate – and hopefully agree – a proposal to “Approve the principle of exploring and implementing a reciprocal access and cost sharing arrangements with Hertfordshire County Council, as outlined in sections 2 and 3 of this report and in the confidential Appendix 1, to not disadvantage Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire residents from using the nearest recycling centre to their homes in the Thriplow and Royston areas.” which is a long way of saying we hope Royston tip will remain available to Cambridgeshire residents in the long term.

Gamlingay Preschool Provision: A planning application for a portacabin at Gamlingay Village Primary was considered by the Parish Council with a number of residents in attendance. The unit will be used for preschool provision which the Parish is very much in need of and which Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) has a statutory requirement to provide. The Parish Council has been concerned about the dangerous environment for children and parents at drop off and pick up times and the related traffic and car parking problems and has made this clear in its responses to all applications for changes to the school over the last few years.

CCC's Highways department is a statutory consultee on all applications and is tasked with making any recommendations it feels are necessary to ensure any changes to the school do not adversely impact road safety and traffic. The Parish Council has always wanted to see a car park or drop off/pick up point included within the plans for the GVP site but CCC will not consider this – as its policy is not to provide car parking on primary school sites as it is too dangerous.

Although it is not the Highways authority, the Parish Council has used the powers available to it to try and help as much as it can. It set up a working party to assess the problem and came up with some deliverable solutions, such as using Section 106 money to install the cycleway leading to the Poppy fields estate; a speed monitoring sign was purchased with the intention of this being used on Station Road – but insufficient volunteers came forward, despite appeals through GVP's parent forum and more. Ultimately CCC maintains, as per national policy, that the solution to this lies with the parents and the school. It actively encourages walking, cycling or scooting to school and if driving is inevitable, then it promotes schemes such as "ride and stride" – parking further away and walking the last 10 minutes or so to ease congestion outside the school. Obviously, the Parish Council also supports these schemes, but also recognises that it does not solve the problem.

The introduction of civil parking enforcement officers means that if drivers are parked illegally or antisocially on Station Road they will be ticketed. This includes leaving engines running, littering (including cigarette butts) and other antisocial behaviour.

The Parish Council objected to the planning application and new plans will shortly be submitted taking into account many concerns from the immediate residents such as turning the building to reduce overlooking. However, this will mean that the application will go before Planning Committee and hence there will be an unavoidable delay in opening the preschool provision. GVP are planning to manage this, however.

All faded junction and bend road markings, and signs obstructed by foliage: We've asked Highways if 'faded road markings, especially at junctions, road bends and school entryways, and key signage obstructed by foliage (speed limits, give way), will be picked up by Highways, without the need

for reporting each item individually on the CCC reporting site? I've started doing this but there is no way I'll get to everything - which then means that there's an assumption that anything not reported is OK.' Answer from Exec Director: 'I shall ask the team to review the whole area and record any defects and issues that need to be repaired.' I've asked to be kept informed.

Cambridgeshire NHS survey for the Royston area: Let's talk Royston: <https://bit.ly/LetsTalkRoyston>
Please have a look at complete the survey if you can. The NHS is looking at its estate in Royston and considering best ways of delivering various levels of health care in the local area. All Royston practices are part of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS 'Integrated Care Partnership' footprint.

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. You can also follow your councillors on Twitter: @Cllrbridget, @SebKindersley Please do feel free to contact us with comments, questions, problems or complaints. We hope we can help but if we can't we are likely to know someone who can!

Correspondence:

Electoral Register: No alterations received.

Highway Events: July's Highlights

Secret Garden Party – 20th – 24th July

Cambridge Folk Festival – 27th – 30th July

IWM Duxford The Americans (Flying Day) – 28th July

*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

IWM Duxford 19 Squadron – 12th August.

IWM Duxford Evening Air Show – 28th August.

IWM Duxford Flying Finale – 8th October.

Cambridgeshire's Silicon Valley: Up to 250,000 new homes could be built in Cambridge as part of proposals to turn the area into "the Silicon Valley of Europe", it has been reported. The proposal is said to form part of government efforts to solve England's housing shortage.

The Sunday Times reports that the project has been "kept tightly guarded" and that it is being referred to as "Cambridge 2040". The newspaper said the plans, drawn up by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, involve identifying land to build new business parks, laboratories and science hubs as well as homes. New rail lines, along with a tram or bus network, are reportedly being discussed too. The new homes would be an expansion of existing plans by councils to build tens of thousands of properties by 2040, it is understood.

Anthony Browne, MP for South Cambridgeshire, responded to the Sunday Times article that reported on plans from Michael Gove.

The document called "Cambridge 2040" proposed building the homes over two decades to support investment in the sciences and technology sectors.

The scheme is part of the housing secretary's project to turn Cambridge into the "Silicon Valley of Europe". Mr Browne said: "It also will not happen: there is no water for these houses."

In response to the article, a government spokesman told the BBC it would be working with local communities to build more of the right homes in the right places.

"Our reforms have democracy, environmental enhancement and new neighbourhoods at their heart and will help us reach our target of one million new homes this Parliament," he said.

Mr Browne said: "I had no knowledge of this and, needless to say, I will be fighting it. It would be enormously destructive of our environment and way of life.

"I have already made my views clear to Michael Gove, the housing secretary, and will discuss it with him next week."

Cambridge City Council said it had not been "consulted on these ideas, which is noted as being at the 'concept' stage".

"As the planning authority, the council would expect to be fully engaged in any proposals and the decision-making regarding the future of our city," it added.

Joint Parish Planning Forum: 27th July 5pm - 6.30pm. The agenda is:-

- Themes: Industry update

Local Plans – (Jon Dixon) 20mins, 10mins questions

S106 awareness sessions - (Phil McIntosh) 20mins, 10mins questions

Quality Management System Presentation - (Heather Jones) 10mins, 5mins questions

- Open floor questions – (10mins)

Clerk asked the Councillors if there was anything in the agenda that they felt she should attend the meeting for - there was not.

Revised Licensing Policy: The Authority is seeking views on the revisions to the Statement of Licensing Policy that will need to be adopted by January 2024.

https://www.scams.gov.uk/media/11824/licensing_act_2018.pdf There are no fundamental changes to this policy, and it remains that there is no evidence to support implementing either a cumulative impact policy or early morning restriction orders. Amendments to the policy have therefore been limited as follows:

Removal from Policy:

Removal of obsolete and/or unnecessary information, minor revisions of dates, contacts, and departments etc.

Removal of reference to amusement with prizes as this sits within the Council's Gambling Act Policy Statement

Removal of annexe relating to the Enforcement Policy (and replaced with a hyperlink)

Removal of the annexe relating to Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEV), as this sits within the Council's SEV policy.

Revisions to Policy:

Updating the live music exemptions (page 5)

Revision of the cumulative impact statement (page 8-9)

Temporary Event Notices (page 16-17)

Additions to Policy:

Spiking Prevention and Tackling Sexual Harassment statement (page 13)

Alcohol Delivery Services (page 15)

Prevention of violence against women and girls within the Large-Scale Events and Festivals paragraphs (pages 14-15)

Observations or comments required by no later than **Monday 7 August 2023**.

Linton and Hildersham Neighbourhood Plan: The consultation is taking place on the pre-submission (Regulation 14) version of the Linton & Hildersham Neighbourhood Plan. It is running for 6 weeks with a closing date of the 13th of August 2023. The Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on Linton Parish Council's website via the following link: <https://linton-pc.gov.uk/draft-linton-and-hildersham-neighbourhood-plan>

The Fulbourn Greenway is part of the 150-kilometre Greenway network. It aims to play its part in providing more sustainable alternatives to the car. In turn, helping to ease pressure on our streets as Cambridge continues to grow. This public engagement follows a consultation with residents in 2018 about the plans.

[The engagement is now open and will close to responses at midday on Friday 21 July.](#)

Cambridge Approaches - East West Rail: Following EWR's recent drop-in events at Eversdens and Harston, we have published a new article on our website, which you can view from this link: [Reflections on the Eversdens and Harston EWR Drop-In Events June 22 & 26th 2023](#)

Care Together: Funding for Community Spaces: Copied to Council by Leneva Nwachukwu and sent to the Reading Room Chair of Trustees - Funding to improve community spaces is now available, which may help to improve the acoustics in the Reading Room for the benefit of residents with hearing loss among other things. The application is made in two stages online, more information about this can be found on the webpage. Here is the link -

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/cambridgeshire-priorities-capital-fund>

New Approach to Day Opportunities: The Care Together team would like to hear your views on our new approach to day opportunities for older adults (65+) in Cambridgeshire. An approach has been developed from what people have already told us, but we need to make sure we have considered all the possible affects this might have on people. Please give us your views via our formal consultation:-

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/a-new-approach-to-day-opportunities> and please do share this information widely. You may wish to include it on your village Facebook page, newsletter and notice board. Printed copies of this survey for distribution will be available on request, and will be accompanied by a prepaid return envelope. Clerk has ordered some paper copies for the village.

Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund: Cambridgeshire County Council is now open for Stage One (Expression of Interest) applications. The fund is open to public bodies, including Parish and Town councils, and also to community organisations. The fund will award grants of up to £40,000 to support with the capital costs needed by an organisation to make a community building or other community asset better meet the needs of local residents and users of the facility. All proposals will need to demonstrate that they can contribute to at least three of Cambridgeshire County Council's seven ambitions, as set out here.

The deadline to submit and Expression of Interest is **24 September**.

Funding Criteria The Fund's purpose is to support the modernisation and improvement of community buildings, spaces and facilities. Applications to the Fund must evidence how the proposal will support the Council to achieve its vision through the delivery of at least three of its ambitions as set out in our Strategic Framework 2023-28 and summarised below:

1. Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes.
2. Travel across the county is safer and more environmentally sustainable.
3. Health inequalities are reduced.
4. People enjoy healthy, safe, and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs.
5. People are helped out of poverty and income inequality.
6. Places and communities prosper because they have a resilient and inclusive economy, access to good quality public services and social justice is prioritised.
7. Children and young people have opportunities to thrive.

Particularly welcomed are applications that support the Council to achieve the aims and ambitions of the Care Together programme, by recognising the important role community assets can play in supporting people to remain independent at home for as long as possible, for example by providing spaces that support people to remain active and stay socially connected

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Circulated Items:

Cambridgeshire Matters
Making Connections Update
Cambridgeshire ACRE - Staying in Touch
NHS July newsletter
Anthony Brown's newsletter
Updated Micro Asphalt programme

Subsequent Receipts:

Puppy Yoga: Received from SCDC:- "It has been brought to our attention that some Parishes have allowed the hiring of their local halls to 'Puppy Yoga Classes'. Whilst these classes appear cute and harmless, they are very detrimental to the health and welfare of the puppies used. Any breeder or organisers of the events **MUST** be licensed by South Cambridgeshire District Council under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018; however in my opinion as the Animal Licensing Officer, the activity is unlikely to meet the required standards for the health of the puppies."

If anyone approaches you for the hiring of your halls for such events, that you take their full details and report them directly to env.health@scambs.gov.uk

From ACRE for Peterborough Environment City Trust: Currently, PECT is working on some ideas to make an application for the Climate Action Fund. PECT wants feedback on their current ideas, as well as any thoughts/ideas you already have within your communities or climate groups that might fit within this. PECT's current ideas include:

Energy Hub: an online one-stop-shop where every household can access information to make their homes more energy efficient with information on energy saving, home improvements, low-carbon technology and grants.

Community pledges and facilitation: Working with specific villages/small towns, we will facilitate community action to reduce energy use and improve home energy efficiency.

Energy champions: People who will be trained to provide energy advice in their local community.

Landlords and private rental: Soon landlords will be required to improve the EPC's (Energy Performance Certificates) of their properties. We will work with/engage with landlords to make

them aware of this but also work with the tenants so they are aware, and help themselves to make the home more efficient or reduce their energy through behaviour change.

Mirror: Councillors wished to thank the resident who has erected a mirror to the east of the war memorial as it helps massively with safety at the junction.

Finance:

Bank Statement: Balance in the current account at the end of June - 4044 - 44.

NS & I: Clerk has returned return the completed signatories form to NS & I.

Bank: Confirmation of the third bank signatory is still awaited. Councillors encouraged the signatory to pursue this promptly.

Items for next agenda: None received

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 20th September 2023 in the Reading Room at 7.30pm

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 8.38pm.

Signed

Date

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