



CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

A meeting of Cambourne Parish was held at The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne on Tuesday 5th May 2015.

Present:

Cllr S Crocker
Cllr Ms R Betson
Cllr G Cooper
Cllr P Gavigan
Cllr T Hudson

Cllr Dr G Mehboob
Cllr J Patel
Cllr Mrs R Poulton
Cllr Dr S Smith

In attendance: John Vickery, Parish Clerk
 Liz Pinchen, Deputy Parish Clerk

17 residents were in attendance for the meeting.

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Councillor Simon Crocker

As the Chairman of Cambourne Parish Council I would like to welcome and thank you for taking the time to attend your Annual Parish Meeting this evening!

As many of you are aware, Town and Parish Councils are required to hold meetings at this time of the year for the registered electors in their area, as part of their accountability to the local population. The Parish Chairman is required to present a report to this meeting.

The regulations surrounding Annual Parish meetings are such that, whilst anyone can attend, participation is limited to registered electors of the Parish. So, please state your name and address if you have a question. Obviously, I am willing to exercise some prerogative and common sense.

If a single issue affects a large number I will ask that the same questions are not raised more than once to ensure all present get a fair chance to raise different issues.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th May 2014 APM/M10 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. POLICE MATTERS

Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright, Charles Kitchin, Director of Public Engagement and Communication, Rebecca Avery, Outreach Worker South and East Cambridgeshire and PC Kevin Murphy were in attendance for

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this item.

Sir Graham Bright gave the following presentation to the meeting.

The role of Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is one which is elected, in order to represent the views of the public with regard to police matters. The role is not a police one but a neutral one in order to hold the police to account. A Police and Crime Plan is produced and this document sets out what it is the police are required to do. The PCC also holds the purse strings of the police force and maintains control of the budget.

The PCC appointed a deputy who also comes from a business background and the police force is run like a business keeping to a tight budget and reducing waste. The reduction in waste has enabled 10 more police officers to be employed than when the PCC took office.

Ways of making the police more efficient have been introduced including the use of technology that enables police officers to file reports without the need to return to the Police Station. This has reduced the amount of paperwork and also increased the amount of time the officers are spending out and about by approximately 30%. Overall productivity has increased, officers are more visible and their job has been made easier.

The PCC did not start the role with any personal policies but has taken on board issues raised through talking to people. An outreach worker, Rebecca Avery, has been employed to enable visits to be made to Parish Councils to find out what is happening at grass roots level.

Issues that have been raised:

People with mental health issues being held in police cells. The incidence of this has been reduced by 70% by engaging with the NHS and through the formation of a Victim Hub which is run by the PCC office and has three psychiatric nurses on the team. Everyone who suffers from a crime is now contacted the same day and priority is given to supporting vulnerable people.

Cycling. Cyclists riding at night without lights have been targeted in Cambridge.

Parking on pavements. Parking on a pavement is not illegal unless there is a local bylaw in place. However, the police can prosecute if the vehicle is causing an obstruction. PCSO's have been given more powers to enable them to give out tickets for obstruction.

Anti-social behaviour. There has been a purge on anti-social behaviour and this has improved but it does affect different people in different ways. Effort has been put into engaging with the youth and £40,000 has been put into a youth fund. Organisations can apply to the fund for grants of £200 - £2,000 for projects involving the youth. A number of Police Cadet units are also being set up which engage the youth in training, the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and working alongside the police. Rebecca Avery has been engaging with the schools to get the message across that the police are there to help.

Alcohol misuse. Some sophisticated breathalysers have been purchased to help combat the issue of preloading on alcohol before going out. These have been taken up by Cambridge football club and by McDonalds. Work is being done in conjunction with NHS to reduce the cost to services incurred by alcohol abuse.

Volunteers. The number of volunteers has increased assisting with running of schemes such as the Police Cadets, neighbourhood watch and speed watch.

Cyber-crime. Cyber-crime will be the next big issue for the police to deal with, it is a growth area.

Rural crime. The police are getting on top of theft from farms and believe that

tackling rural crime is important.

The PCC wishes to reassure residents that they are being listened to and that the police are responding.

The following questions were raised:

Q. Why is there a lack of patrols in Cambourne, there is only one PCSO and we only ever see him at coffee mornings?

A. The aim is to make the police more mobile and working in teams so that they are in a position to be able to respond to emergencies. We are trying to raise the number of Specials who will have the same powers as a Police Constable. There is a need to promote the idea in Cambourne so that there is someone else who is out in the community.

Q. Can you comment on the number of PCSOs that there actually are compared to how many there should be?

A. We should have 150 and we have 150. They have been made more mobile by better training and having more powers. There are no current plans to increase the number.

Q. The idea of Police Cadets is brilliant, how soon can we have a unit in Cambourne?

A. There is a cost of approximately £3,500 to set up a new police cadet unit and there is a need for volunteers. It is something that would need to be discussed. We have been trying to link the cadet units to schools and aiming for a wide mix of youngsters.

Q. What age group is the cadets for?

A. 13 – 19 years.

Q. If we were to set up a cadet unit in Cambourne would the cadets stay in Cambourne and assist with the police work here?

A. Yes they would although the passing out ceremony could take place elsewhere, for example Soham cadets passed out at Ely Cathedral.

Q. Could the Parish Council apply to the youth fund to set up a cadet unit?

A. The youth fund can't be used for this purpose. The fund is for youth groups to apply to for one off projects not ongoing long term projects.

Q. Have the police taken into account the future growth of Cambourne and what is the current position regarding drug misuse?

A. We do link with the developers and they do provide some funding, other funds are linked to population so we do understand about growth and it is taken into account.

The issues of drugs are not as serious as they once were. Rebecca Avery has been talking to youngsters in the schools about the effect of drugs and the long term problems they cause.

Q. We have received complaints about the police station not being manned, what is your response to this?

A. It is simply a matter of manpower and the low usage of the station by the public. The contact point has been set up in Morrisons and at the first session

30 people were seen. It is much more effective to go where the people are.

The Chairman thanked Sir Graham Bright and his team for their attendance

4. This is Cambourne Parish Council's opportunity to inform you, the residents, about our work over the past year and to thank those people who have supported us. It has been another busy year for the Parish Council which has continued to receive a lot of support from the Community.

I was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council in March of 2014 for the remainder of municipal year 2013 / 2014 and elected again on May 20th 2014 to serve as Chairman for the whole of the Municipal year 2014 / 2015.

In the year, we have seen some changes in councillors. Cllr Sean Masters and Cllr Liz Doidge were both co-opted to the Parish Council on May 20th 2014. Cllr George Cooper and Cllr Ruth Betson were both co-opted to the Parish Council in December 2014. All four new councillors have brought a significant contribution to the table and aided the Parish Council in the performance of its duties and thank them for that.

We also said goodbye to some long-serving Councillors in the form of Cllr Colin McPhie and Cllr Patricia Vaughan. Their contributions will be greatly missed.

The Parish Council has continued to take the initiative and be creative in an effort to ensure the residents of Cambourne get the best facilities possible. There are numerous examples of this activity, and I'd like to take the opportunity to highlight just a few.

1. The Parish Council has embraced Social Media in the form of its Facebook Page, which has enjoyed multiple thousands of hits and likes since its inception, and has proved itself to be an invaluable asset in terms of disseminating timely information to the electorate. Our thanks go to Cllr Ruth Betson for her work in setting this up, and to those members of staff who help administer it in the face of an already busy workload.
2. The introduction of an electronic banking system has resulted in significant savings for the tax payer, and a streamlining of the administrative processes necessary to ensure the continued seamless day-to-day running of the largest Parish Council in the district. The system has the potential to save on the postage budget.
3. The long overdue launch of the Cambourne Parish Plan project has enabled the residents of Cambourne to fully engage with setting out the governance template for many years to come. It is an encouraging sign when so many residents are willing to roll up their sleeves and do some work with a view to ensuring our fledgling community continues to grow with the needs of the residents firmly at the fore.

Cambourne is now the Largest Parish in a district of 101 Parishes. There are **3778** houses occupied as I speak, **228** of which were occupied over the last year. The population of Cambourne currently sits at around **10,500** people, before talk of West Cambourne. Of the 950 extra houses to be built in Upper

Cambourne, around **536** are left to be occupied.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, a growing and evolving community generates its own issues. I'd like to take this opportunity to talk about a handful of them and what the Parish Council has done and is doing about them.

Traffic:

As Cambourne grows, so too does the demands on its roads and parking infrastructure. Parking is a perennial issue common to all Parish Councils, and Cambourne has not escaped. Waiting restriction proposals are currently out for consultation with regard to Back Lane & Osier Way, The High Street, Sackville Way, and De Le Warr way. The Broad St / High St junction is shortly to be redesigned, and a pedestrian crossing will be installed opposite Monkfield Park Primary School as part of those plans.

Local Plan:

The Local Plan, produced by SCDC, was a topic of focus throughout the municipal year, with specific reference to Cambourne West and Bourn Airfield. The Parish Council objected to both proposals as they currently exist in the local plan but have recommended for approval in principle an application put forward by MCA developments. The Parish Council are now engaged in discussions with both the developers and the planning authority with regard to specific concerns. It is anticipated that there will be a December decision on the application.

Major developments:

This year has seen a change to Cambourne's landscape. Most notably that of the new shops adjacent to Morrisons' petrol station. Construction work is now complete, and the occupiers, including Iceland, have either commenced fitting out, or are about to do so. Additionally, plans for a second pub and hotel, plus one further retail unit, to be located on the 'gateway' site opposite the Belfry Hotel are awaiting approval. The Parish Council remains committed to seeing the implementation of a row of traditional High St shops in Cambourne, as well as further retail sites in the land between the Hub and the Pub.

Negotiations are still ongoing with regard to providing a farmers market on the market square. It is unfortunate that the market square was transferred by the developers to Morrisons in error, and more unfortunate still that they won't give it back. We persevere.

A potential development of 2350 homes on land to the west of Cambourne has been submitted. As mentioned elsewhere, the Parish Council has given a tentative recommendation for approval subject to the mitigation of a long list of concerns. It is important that the new development has to be in the Parish of Cambourne and governed by us.

Events:

The Parish Council was pleased to support and organise a number of flagship events throughout the year. The annual fireworks display, the 10k run, the Light Up Cambourne switch-on event, the village BBQ, and the annual funfair & circus to name but a few. The Parish Council remains committed to organising fun events for all to enjoy and is busy organising a Community Fete to take place on

September 12th 2015.

Staff:

Finally, a yearly report would not be complete without paying tribute to the hardworking Parish Council staff and complement of volunteers.

The work the Parish Council staff do is often thankless, sometimes subject to unfair criticism, but always vital. The Grounds Staff work hard to ensure that the open space and sports facilities are maintained to a high standard. They have been assisted by our dedicated team of volunteer litter pickers to whom we are very grateful for their hard work. Our apprentices have proved to be a valuable addition to our team.

The staff, under the direction of the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer John Vickery, have worked as an effective team to ensure the decisions of the Council are put into effect, and Cambourne would not be the community it is today without their dedication.

Finance and Policy Committee

This meeting is also chaired by the Parish Chairman.

The membership is:

Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council

Chairmen of the Planning and L&A Committee

and 3 further councillors to making a total of 7 members.

Matters of finance and policy are discussed and the budget is closely monitored.

Motions are taken to full council for discussion and voting.

The Parish Clerk will outline the financial side of the committees work in the financial report.

I will now hand over to the Committee Chairmen to give report on their Committees.

LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Chaired by Councillor Mrs Ruth Poulton

It gives me great pleasure to see the amount of sport played on our pitches, greens and courts. The playgrounds full of children and the landscape full of trees in blossom and beautifully maintained, so there are many people to thank for making this happen.

Sport in Cambourne

The sports clubs in Cambourne continues to grow and develop with a vast array of sports represented, catering for all ages and interests. Thanks must go to those whose dedication and hard work in the running of the clubs provides so much opportunity to take part in sport for others. It is good to see the youth teams forging closer links and working together.

Cambourne Fitness and Leisure Centre

The Centre continues to grow and develop and is an essential part of the Community being managed on behalf of the Council by Everyone Active. The range of activities on offer is constantly being reviewed and developed by the manager Shane Railley and his team.

Congratulations must be given to Shane Railley, the manager, and his staff, for the awards won by Cambourne Every Active over the year.

There is a fuller report from the Sports Centre on the wall.

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Cambourne Sports Pavilion

Since the Parish Council took the decision not to renew the contract for the Sports and Social Club the Pavilion has proved to be a popular weekend venue for private functions and is well used by the sports clubs for post-match socials. It also continues to be let to a wide variety of clubs and societies during the week.

Sports Pitches and Astro Turf

The pitches have continued to be maintained at a high level by the Ground Staff.

The new pitches at Monk Drive are on schedule to be opened in time for the start of the new season. Thanks must be given to Warren and his team for the maintenance of these facilities, the public open spaces and verges.

Tennis Courts

The tennis courts at the MUGA and Monkfield Lane continue to be well used by the Tennis Club and by members of the public. The plans are progressing for the new courts.

Cricket Pitches and Pavilion

The Pitches and Pavilion continue to be well used by Cambourne Cricket Club. The Pavilion is also used by community groups. The plans for the Great Cambourne Cricket Wicket Pavilion are progressing and we can look forward to this new facility. The plans for the new Pavilion are on the wall.

Bowling Green

The bowls clubhouse has been completed and is being used regularly by the Bowls Club and by other community groups during the week. The concrete gullies have been replaced at no cost to the Council following a latent defect.

Sport Development

The Parish Council has continued to set aside £1,000 for that group to distribute for sports development.

Allotments

The Crow Hill and Brace Dein allotments continue to be well used. Remedial works to the Brace Dein site have been undertaken to alleviate the flooding issues. Subsequently a large number of plots have been let and the waiting list for Brace Dein has been cleared. There are still some plots available which are being allocated to new enquirers.

The toilets at Crow Hill are complete pending the installation of the electricity supply which will be taken from the wind turbine.

Burial Ground

Work on the Burial Ground extension and the balance of the original site not occupied by the Blue School is almost complete and this will allow over 200 burial plots to be available. The Parish Clerk, Deputy Parish Clerk and Apprentice Office Administrator have attended training on Burial Ground Legal Compliance and the Rules and Regulations and Schedule of Charges for the Burial Ground have been agreed and the once the documents have been reviewed by the SLCC the Burial Ground will be opened shortly.

Caravan Storage (Trailer Park)

The Trailer Park continues to provide secure storage and caravan washing facilities. The Trailer Park is now wholly let to Cambourne residents. There are some spaces currently available.

The Hub

The Hub, run by the Parish Council staff, has continued to be extensively used by the whole community from babies groups through the age range of residents. There are over thirty regular hirers ranging from baby groups, dance, martial arts, fitness classes, drama, Church, indoor bowling and the Women's Institute. Three times a year The Hub is also used by the Blood Transfusion Service. Weekends are also very busy with bookings from the community for parties, weddings, charity events and other functions. Thanks to all the staff who ensure the smooth running of all our facilities.

Playgrounds

The playgrounds continue to be well used by children and families throughout Cambourne. The Eco Park Play Area was refurbished with a new safety surface and additional and replacement equipment. The Upper Cambourne Play Area extension, which incorporates elements of sand and water play and an aerial runway is now complete and will be opened following the official hand over to the Parish Council towards the end of May. Repairs to the safety surfaces in the play areas caused by mindless vandalism have been costly to repair.

The annual RoSPA safety report has recently been received and is available in the Parish Council Office.

Skatepark

The extension to the Skatepark was officially opened in March by Andrew Lansley MP and Ben Keppie, the young teenage who spearheaded the campaign to provide the extension. The new equipment comprising of a half pipe, two grind boxes and a grind rail were imported from America and installed by specialist installers. The extension was partially funded by grants from the Amey Cepsa Community Fund and South Cambs District Council. This was a really exciting project for the Parish Council, working together with the talented skateboarders.

Circus & Fun Fair

Great Cambourne Green hosted successful visits again from both John Lawson's Circus and Larry Grey's Funfair. We look forward to welcoming both events again this year. The circus children were welcomed into Jeavons Wood School, joining our community.

Planning Committee Report

Chaired by Councillor Patrick Gavigan presented by Liz Pinchen.

The Planning Committee has had another busy year even considering the continued economic climate; we have considered a total of 50 applications a number of which were considered on more than one occasion.

- 8 by developers including Reserved Matters for 245 dwellings, Greenways SIP and haul road.

- 32 Householders covering extensions, conservatories, garage conversions, an orangery and others.
- 8 other applications which included The Hub extension, the new Sports Pavilion, sports area development, the containers at the Church and solar voltaic panels at the South Cambs District Council car park.
- 1 Commercial application for the hotel and pub on the Gateway site.
- 4 Discharge of Conditions were received.
- 12 enforcement issues have been raised.

The Planning Committee also took part in consultations which included the Community Infrastructure Levy, the Transport Strategy for South Cambridgeshire, the Church Extension and legislation regarding village pubs. The developers also made pre-application presentations on housing land parcels in Upper Cambourne, land at Back Lane, the Gateway site and the High Street

So far consent has been granted for 701 dwellings out of the 950, leaving 249 still to go.

The Planning Committee continues to maintain a good working relationship with both the Planning department at South Cambs District Council and with the Developers. Committee meetings are regularly attended by Ed Durrant, Principal Planning Officer, South Cambs District Council and by invited representatives from the Developers and other organisations.

The Council also continues to be represented by the Parish Clerk at the regular Cambourne Project Team meetings where major pre-applications for reserved matters applications and larger applications such as the hotel and pub/restaurant are considered.

5. THE FINANCIAL SITUATION 2014 to 2015

John Vickery Cambourne Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

To start with it is necessary to explain that the Parish Council has no money of its own, only that which it receives from the taxpayers of Cambourne.

The Parish Council gets no grant from central government or from the South Cambs District Council (SCDC). The Parish Council's money comes purely from the RESIDENTS of Cambourne, not even from the businesses, which pay a nationally determined Uniform Business Rate of which the Parish Council does not get a share.

The Parish Council raised a precept of £385,688.00 to cover the cost of running the Council and the facilities in Cambourne we also allowed for an income of £141,400.00. We actually had an income of £1,234,764.00 in addition to the precept including the section 106 monies for the Parish Office extension, new Cricket Pavilion and new 3g pitches.

The Parish Council spent £795,514.00 on Cambourne; this included, funding of the skate park extension, enhancing the Eco Park Play Area, installing the Burial Ground paths, improvements in the sport centre including air conditioning

in the gym and more efficient lighting, paying the loan to equip the Sports and Leisure Centre, cultivating and laying to grass the new pitches, the running and maintaining The Hub, pavilions, MUGA and open spaces and play areas to retain them as valuable assets for the community. The Parish Council continues to contribute to the repairs and renewals fund. The Council also spent over £4,000 on additional dog and litter bins in Cambourne.

The Parish Council passed on the following s106 monies:
Over £11,000 for youth development work and £52,000 Art funding which was used to support enhanced facilities at Cambourne Village College for community access.

The Parish Council also provided grant funding for the following:

£400 Cambourne Fishing Club for dog awareness training,

£180 Cambourne Ladies international Club,

£500 Cambourne Summer Reading Challenge,

£1000 for Arts & Mind and,

£808 Cambs Chargers Volleyball club.

The Council also supported the Cambourne Fireworks, Light Up Cambourne, Cambourne 10k and fun run and £20,000 for Cambourne Youth Partnership.

The Council last year for the tenth time had obtained an approved Audit which means that all the actions the Parish Council had done throughout our last financial year were within the Law and Powers that Govern Parish Councils.

In January the Parish Council set its precept for the financial year 2015-2016
For a second year South Cambs District Council refused to pass on the element of funding for Localising Support for Council Tax, this was against the request of the Government Minister to pass the grant on to Parish Councils. The grant was just over £20,000 in 2012-13.

After careful consideration and studying the budget needed to maintain the quality of service provided and the increasing assets, Cambourne Parish Council decided to maintain the Council Tax Average band D property rate at £120.75.

This year the Parish Council Precept is £416,588.00.

Finally, Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have to confirm that all the Council's accounts will again be subject to scrutiny by the Government appointed external auditors, and that all the Council's activities will be subject to the mandatory Internal Audit process.

Estimates of Expenditure		Heading	2014/15 Spent	2014/15 Balance
2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Estimated			
		Administration		
240,610.00	257,379.00	Total Expenditure	307,905.59	-39,067.69
43,250.00	40,000.00	Total Income	851,575.44	-811,575.44
197,360.00	217,379.00	Net Expenditure	-543,669.85	772,507.75
		Services		
131,522.00	98,357.00	Total Expenditure	195,423.37	-97,066.37
50,807.00	56,400.00	Total Income	64,332.77	-7,932.77
80,715.00	41,957.00	Net Expenditure	131,090.60	-89,133.60
		Community Centre "The HUB"		
71,590.02	66,366.00	Total Expenditure	66,382.06	99.85
31,445.46	32,000.00	Total Income	33,151.04	-1,151.04
40,144.56	34,366.00	Net Expenditure	33,231.02	1,250.89
		TRAILER PARK		
6,186.00	8,439.00	Total Expenditure	9,456.16	-974.61
8,782.00	7,000.00	Total Income	7,863.72	-863.72
-2,596.00	1,439.00	Net Expenditure	1,592.44	-110.89
		Sports Pavilions		
29,596.78	19,662.00	Total Expenditure	33,549.40	-13,887.40
8,600.00	6,000.00	Total Income	13,112.78	-7,112.78
20,996.78	13,662.00	Net Expenditure	20,436.62	-6,774.62
		CAPITAL SCHEMES		
516,418.00	76,000.00	Total Expenditure	65,891.01	10,108.99
452,977.00	0.00	Total Income	227,046.18	-227,046.18
63,441.00	76,000.00	Net Expenditure	-161,155.17	0.00
		VAT	27,638.66	
379,990.34	384,803.00	Total Estimated Expenditure Reserves	-490,835.67	903,277.33
		Less Contribution from Balances	-876,523.67	875,638.67
13,465.34	-885.00	Net Precept on SCDC	385,688.00	0.00
366,525.00	385,688.00	Balances remaining	876,523.67	0.00
-13,465.34	885.00	Balances C/F	201,664.13	
215,129.47	201,664.13	Balance	1,078,187.80	
201,664.13	202,549.13	Expenditure	678,607.60	
995,922.80	526,203.00	Income	1,197,081.93	
595,861.46	141,400.00			

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6. TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY REPORTS: to receive reports from community groups in Cambourne.

Reports received from the following organisations. More details on their activities can be found in their reports (attached).

Representative from some organisations were in attendance and gave a short presentation.

In summary:

Cambourne Arts – the umbrella group for various arts groups in Cambourne which includes watercolour classes, life drawing classes, The Big Draw, an annual event, the writers group and the photography group.

Cambourne Crescent – Cambourne Crescent is a charitable trust that was established to fulfil the social and spiritual needs of families in Cambourne and to engage with the wider community of Cambourne through family and charity events.

Cambourne Cricket Club – a successful season for all the adult and youth teams.

Cambourne Eagles FC –played in the Cambridgeshire youth leagues with over 120 players ranging from 4 years to adult.

Cambourne Parish Plan – The Parish plan is a document by the residents for the residents outlining improvement and developments that would like to seen over the next 5 – 10 years.

Cambourne Rovers FC – The team finished 4th in their division thanks to an increase in players in the 18 – 19 age bracket.

Cambourne Schools – The Cambourne schools, both primary and secondary continue to work together to meet shared aims whilst maintaining their own identity and educational philosophy.

Cambourne Toy Library – The Toy library is run by volunteers providing play sessions for the under 5's as well as loaning out toys to members.

Cambourne Youth Partnership – Managed by a Board of Trustees with financial support from the Parish Council and s106 funding from the developers, the CYP provides a programme of activities for various age groups at the Soul Building on Back Lane.

Light Up Cambourne – The Christmas lights committee had a busy year engaging in various fundraising events culminating in the first ever Switch On event in Cambourne.

Wildlife Trust – The Wildlife Trust continue their work in maintaining and monitoring various open areas within Cambourne. The Wildlife Trust also celebrated their 10th anniversary in Cambourne.

7. QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL:

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Q. The future development of Cambourne will create a significant increase in the workload of the Parish Council staff, how will this be managed and have you considered the possibility of a transition from being a parish to becoming a town?

A. Yes, we have considered the impact of future development and have looked at staffing and conducted a review last year. We are currently in the process of recruiting grounds staff and will need to increase the number of office staff in the future and will expand as necessary. Funding for physical resources can be obtained from the developers but wages are paid for via the precept which will increase with the increase in the population. A decision on West Cambourne is not expected until December 2015 and building work, if it goes ahead, is not likely to start until 2017 or 2018 so there is no immediate liability for the Parish Council. With each transfer of asset there is a commuted sum which cushions the impact.

If we were to become a town there would be little effect as the legislation for town and parish councils is the same. If we were to become a town Cambourne could be warded, with it written in statute that a certain number of councillors had to come from Great Cambourne, a certain number from Lower Cambourne etc. The change to become a town is more of a question of identity rather than a practical or administrative issue, but is a question that will rise again in the future. The Chairman feels strongly that Cambourne should be a District ward in its own right.

Q. The developers often put up large billboards advertising their new developments, did the Parish Council consider putting a similar board to advertise the retail development.

A. No, there would have been a cost to the taxpayer in doing so and it would have required a planning application to be submitted. All the necessary information was available online.

Q. We have concerns regarding the consultation on the implementation of yellow lines along the High Street and Back Lane. We understand why the proposals have been put forward but the 3 and 4 bedroom properties in that area only have 1 parking bay at the rear and most households have 2 cars making it necessary to park one vehicle on the road. Is it possible to arrange a separate meeting in order to listen to the views of the residents?

A. Have you responded to the survey?

Q. Yes and we are also writing a joint letter to be submitted to the Council for consideration. Is it possible to arrange a meeting to discuss a compromise?

A. We would be happy to arrange a meeting so please contact the Parish Clerk to arrange a suitable time and date. The meeting will be attended by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chairman of Planning and Chairman of Leisure & Amenities. We will not make a decision on the proposals until after the meeting. The result of the meeting with the residents will be fed back to the Council at the June Council meeting.

Q. Will all affected residents be invited to the meeting?

A. Yes, there is no reason why not. Leaflets can be produced in conjunction with the Parish Office and put through doors.

Q. Can there be a police presence at the meeting to advise on traffic regulations?

A. PC Kevin Murphy would be happy to arrange a suitable attendee if invited to

do so.

- 8. CONCLUSION:**
Councillor Simon Crocker
I would like to thank all of you for coming out tonight to attend the Parish Meeting. I hope you have found it informative.

Cambourne Arts report for the Parish Council AGM 2015

Cambourne Arts is an umbrella name for a number of non-profit-making groups within Cambourne.

Watercolour class meets in the Sports Pavilion from 10 to 12 every Wednesday morning during term time, and occasionally informally on other Wednesdays. There are 14 participants under the watchful eye of tutor Prue van der Hoorn who takes us through a variety of watercolour painting techniques and sets appropriate projects to practice them. These can be seasonal, or themed around such topics as animals, flowers, the countryside, buildings. While we could set up a new beginner's group, the amount of interest has unfortunately not been large enough to make one viable.

Each year we hold a small exhibition of our work in the library, last year to coincide with the Big Draw event. We are hopeful that eventually we will have access to the promised display boards at Cambourne Village College.

Life Drawing This met at Fran's house once a month until Christmas when she relinquished control and handed over the reins to two other members. They have taken it to Cambourne Village College where it now takes place in one of the art rooms. There are male and female models and while there is no teaching as such, we are able to learn from looking at each others' work and techniques. There are currently 6-8 regular members, and it is hoped this number will grow as it becomes more widely known about.

The Big Draw was held in October last year in Cambourne Village College. This followed discussion with Richard Brown, the arts manager based at Comberton Village College who was keen to use our event as a way to introduce people to the new secondary school and to tie in with a youth event in the evening. There were difficulties along the way but eventually all went well and we held the Big Draw in the refectory. A large number came to enjoy the various activities we'd organised and we had a fantastic team of volunteers. The Crier sponsored the event, enabling us to buy the materials we needed, and Richard Brown was able to use some of his arts grant to pay for our use of the hall.

Writers Group Known as 'Words for Pleasure', this is a friendly, fun and welcoming writers' group which meets on the first Thursday of the month in Cambourne Library at 1.30pm. Pat Callaghan organises the group, setting themed writing tasks each time, and looking at different aspects of writing. She has been very pleased with the success of the group over the past year, welcoming new members, including some men which has created a new balance for the group.

Cambourne Photography Group has had a good year and welcomed some new members. We remain a small but active group with a variety of skill levels and interests. Some members attend regularly, others come as and when they can.

Meeting on the third Tuesday of the month, we have covered a number of topics this year ranging from black and white photography, flowers and insects (including a visit to the flower meadow), editing in Lightroom, self-publishing and portrait lighting. In October, we had a successful exhibition of members work at Cambourne Village College in conjunction with Cambourne Arts' The Big Draw. We also had a good social at Christmas enjoying a meal out at a local restaurant.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 in the bar area of the Belfry and we will be showing and discussing images themed Dawn & Dusk. We would be pleased to see new and old faces alike

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Cambourne Crescent is a local charitable Trust, established in 2011, and voluntarily operated by male and female Trustees, whom are practicing professionals from the Law, IT, Telecommunications, Teaching and Medical sectors.

The Trust was established to fulfil the social and spiritual needs of families living in Cambourne village and to engage with and actively contribute and participate in the wider community of Cambourne.

The Trust currently represents approximately 100 families, most of whom are urban, well-educated and working professionals operating within the IT, Medical, Electronics, Telecommunications and Teaching sectors, as well as Academia.



To foster and maintain working relationships with leaders and community members and across all multi-cultural, multi representative and multi faith platforms



To fulfil the social and spiritual needs of families living in Cambourne



To be fully engaged with, contribute to and participate in the wider community of Cambourne



To work with all manner of local community groups and contribute to a wide range of local and international charities



The Trust has developed, organising various regular communal activities such coffee mornings, after school clubs for children, community fund raising events, with other organisations too, including the Church, and congregational meetings.



The Trust participated in last year' s village Summer BBQ fete, organised by the Parish Council, donating a substantial amount from proceeds of sale to a notable charity.

The Trust has a vision whereby minority and wider members of the community regularly interact and socialise through family and charitable events.



Cambourne Cricket Club

"VINCERE DELECTANDO"



2014 HIGHLIGHTS

Cambourne Cricket Club has again been accredited with ECB Club Mark status - acknowledging that we are prioritising junior development, creating a benchmark for high quality community club cricket.

The Club hosted its first u10s tournament, which was attended by several of the top clubs in the county. And a Cambourne team won!!

3 senior teams playing in the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association League - all 3 teams finished in the top half of their respective leagues

2 of our adult teams (1st XI & 2nd XI) were captained by former youth players with Cambourne CC

Up to a third of players selected for the Club's senior teams were former youth players with Cambourne CC

Junior (u14s) players played regularly for our 2nd XI and 3rd XI, and 2 Cambourne youth players represented the County, 3 other players attended the County trials

The Club's 3 youth teams (u10s; u12s & u14s) all had successful seasons

The Club hosted winter nets at Cambourne Village College, which were well attended by Junior and Senior players



CAMBOURNE EAGLES F.C.



**CHARTER STANDARD
DEVELOPMENT CLUB**

Cambourne Eagles is a successful Charter Standard Development youth football club formed in Cambourne in 2006. The club was created to provide the community with an opportunity for children aged 4 to adult to play football. 11 Teams play in the Cambridgeshire youth leagues with over 120 players within the club.

Our culture encourages teams to play fairly with a high level of sportsmanship with the aim of treating all opposition with respect and ultimately having FUN!!!



All our children are taught to play football to a high level, encouraging natural ability as well as progressing and developing all who wish to play the game. Our coaches are all FA qualified, with full CRB checks, first aid and safe guarding children qualifications.

If you want to learn football with a smile on your face then please contact the Cambourne Eagles.

info@cambourneaglesfc.co.uk
07516 630552

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Cambourne Rovers FC






Cambourne Rovers men's football team has continued to grow over the past year with increased numbers at the weekly training sessions.

The club has seen an increased interest from the 18 – 19 age bracket and this has allowed the team to achieve greater success on the pitch, finishing the season in a respectable 4th place in Division 2A of the Cambs League. This showed an improved position from the 2013/2014 season.

The club is still looking to add committed players to the team and also to assist the current overstretched club Committee. Any question should be sent to Adrian Winter via email of adrian@taylor-and-co.net

The aim in the next 18 months to also have a reserve team playing Saturday afternoon football.

CAMBOURNE SCHOOLS – BETTER TOGETHER

THE VINE INTER-CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	
HARDWICK AND CAMBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL	
MONKFIELD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	<p>Monkfield Park</p>  <p>Primary School and Care & Learning Centre</p>
JEAVONS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL	
CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE	 <p>CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE</p>

The Cambourne schools continue to work closely together to provide high quality education for all the children in Cambourne. Although each school has its own individual identity and educational philosophy we share the belief that we are better together. As part of a wider network of schools called Network cb23 we have identified the following shared aims:

- a commitment to school improvement
- a willingness to share ideas and issues, and learn from each other in a spirit of mutual trust, respect and support
- a commitment to challenge and innovation
- a belief in our autonomy to create local solutions

We achieve these aims through regular meetings where we share current successes and challenges and where we offer one another encouragement and support. We are also continually looking for ways to build contact for pupils and staff, encouraging visits to one another's schools, co-ordinating curriculum groups for teachers, scheduling sporting fixtures and providing unique learning opportunities for representative pupils from each school to attend such as writing workshops and sculpture classes.

We are proud to be working with the children of Cambourne helping them to learn and grow both academically and socially and we are grateful for the support we receive both from one another and also from the community of Cambourne.

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Cambourne Toy Library

Cambourne Toy Library is a community resource, run by volunteers, to support play and development of local children and families with particular focus on children under 5 years old.

We run a play session in term times as well as loaning out toys to our members. Membership costs £12 per year and also gives you free entry to the play session which costs 50p to non-members.

We began in November 2014 and are growing steadily. We receive no funding and so rely on donations, membership, and fundraising to keep the toy library running.

If you have any questions or would like to donate some toys or equipment, please get in touch via our facebook page (Cambourne Toy Library) or email at cait@cambournetoylibrary.org.



Cambourne Youth Partnership Report (April 2015)

Board of Trustees:

Nigel Taylor (Chair); Neil Perry (Vice-Chair); Jey Patel (Treasurer); Richard Brown (Secretary); Neil Thompson; Rev Matthew Trick; Len Thornton.

(We were all greatly saddened by the recent death of **Roger Hume**, recognising the enormous commitment he showed to the development of the Cambourne Youth Partnership as a trustee over many years.)

CYP are grateful for the financial support of the **Cambourne Parish Council** in providing an **annual grant of £20,000** for the financial year 2014-15, supplementing the income of approximately £11,000 received from the Section 106 revenue grant for youth work in Cambourne.

As a result of this financial commitment, a revised and expanded programme of activities was launched in September 2014, following the employment by CYP of a **new team of youth and children's workers**.

Jackson Nazombe: Youth Development Worker based at Romsey Mill (RM) - 3 days per week

Jonathan Buwert: Youth Worker based at Cambourne Church (CC) - 1 day per week

Jane Brooks: Children's and Family Worker based at Cambourne Church (CC) - 1 day per week

CYP are also grateful to **Romsey Mill** and **Cambourne Church** who offer support for these youth workers carrying out a proportion of their work in Cambourne.

Programme of activities:

Here is a summary of the programme CYP has put in place from September 2014, mainly at the **Soul Building in Back Lane**.

Young Carers Group (Tuesday evenings 6-8pm)

This group is run by Centre 33, a Cambridge-based charity, and meets weekly in the Cambourne Soul Building to provide support for young people who carry out caring tasks on a regular basis, offering support or assistance to another family member who is disabled, physically or mentally, or has a substance misuse problem.

Lads Football Project (Tuesday evenings 8.45 – 10.15pm)

This popular activity attracts 30-40 young people, most of whom participate in soccer on the Muga, but some of whom attend for social contact. The sessions are currently run by volunteers (including a CYP trustee) with some oversight from the CYP Youth Development Worker (RM).

School Support (Wednesday & Friday)

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The CYP Youth Development Worker (RM) currently supports Cambourne young people at Comberton Village College on a one-to-one basis who are very challenging for the school, as well as conducting some group work, attending twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays. In addition, the CYP Youth Worker (CC) supports students at Cambourne Village College on a one-to-one basis, using time allocated from his church role. It is anticipated that both youth workers will work increasingly at Cambourne VC as the college expands.

Junior Youth Club (Wednesday 4-6pm) & Senior Youth Club (Wednesday 7-9pm)

Both clubs are run by the two CYP youth workers and volunteers. The Junior Club for younger secondary school pupils (Years 7&8) was launched in October 2014. The senior club for pupils from Year 9 upwards (14+) has an average of 27 young people each evening, and at least 40 in contact with the group. As well as social activities, an artist from the Wysing Centre has been involved in an arts project in the spring term 2015 and a DJ from Romsey Mill ran a session in February.

Music Studio (Wednesday evenings and some other times)

Since September 2014, the music studio (located behind the main Soul Building) has been upgraded, and volunteers and young people have fed into discussions about the use of the facility. Hardware and software have been upgraded and sound proofing has improved the quality of recording.

Jonathan Buwert, CYP Youth Worker (CC), is conducting weekly sessions with a small group of young people who attend the Wednesday evening youth club, and is supporting them to write and record their own music.

Aspire Group (Wednesday evening)

The Aspire group is for children with Asperger Syndrome or other high functioning Autistic Spectrum Conditions and who are in mainstream school. The group is run in the Sports Pavilion in Cambourne by Romsey Mill's Aspire Programme Youth Development worker, supported by volunteers.

Young Mums group (Wednesday morning)

CYP's Children's and Family Worker supports this group (based at the Children's Centre). This group meets on a Wednesday morning and works with 8-11 young mothers, a number of whom are in their teens. As well as receiving practical support, these young mothers are encouraged to take ownership of the activities of the group and are also offered opportunities to discuss and investigate potential training and/or work possibilities.

Boxing (Thursday 4-6pm)

12 young people (mostly aged 14-16) attend boxing sessions at Hardwick Boxing Club, coordinated by the CYP Youth Development Worker (RM). This activity encourages exercise, boosts self-esteem and engages with young people who might not otherwise attend mainstream activities

Children's Clubs (Thursday: Allstars - Reception & Years 1&2: 3.45 - 4.45pm; Crazy Crew - Years 3-6: 5.00 - 6.15pm)

CYP has reorganised its provision for the infant/primary age range in Cambourne and are now in contact with 16 families through these clubs.

We are currently running 2 children's clubs on a Thursday afternoon during term time, run by CYP's Children's and Family Worker (CC), supported by volunteers. Both clubs include games, craft activities and provision of a healthy snack.

Chillax (Friday 4.00-6.30pm)

This open youth group meets at Cambourne Church and is run by the Cambourne Church youth worker and other members of a church team, also supported by the CYP Youth Development Worker (RM). About 50% of the young people attending also attend the CYP Wednesday clubs, enabling positive relationships to be developed with youth workers through more frequent contact.

Detached Youth Work

Both youth workers have spent time in detached youth work in the first half of the autumn term, meeting young people in various locations around Cambourne. It is anticipated that this will resume in the summer, in the light of time available once commitments to other activities have been fulfilled.

In total we expect to have contact with around 200 young people by the end of the year 2015, whether through clubs on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, specific activities such as football, boxing and music studio sessions, or one-to-one/group work in local schools.

Family Fun Days

Family Fun Days have been held this year in February and April, coordinated by the CYP Children's and Family Worker (CC). To date, these events have offered places to up to 20 primary age children with accompanying adults.

Activities have included pizza-making, crafts, a session in the Everyone Active Sports Centre and an Easter trail.

There are plans for further sessions in the summer holiday period.

- ***Thank you for reading this report.***
- ***There are opportunities for volunteers to help at the clubs on Wednesdays & Thursdays (subject to DBS checks)***
- ***We would also welcome one or two more trustees if you are interested in a more strategic support role***
- ***If you would like to discuss supporting Cambourne Youth Partnership in any way, please contact us at officecyp@googlemail.com***



2014 was a busy year for the Light Up Cambourne team.

In **March** we organised an Afternoon Tea which was attended by over 60 people who enjoyed sandwiches, homemade cakes and scones and endless cups of tea all served on vintage china by some of our wonderful Air Cadets. Music for the occasion was provided by Maid of Ale and the event was enjoyed by all.



In **September**, in conjunction with Liz Doidge we organised a community BBQ Feast on Great Cambourne Green. There was a BBQ and bar, food stalls from Africa and Asia, bouncy castles, and many other attractions including the Parish Council Grounds staff and Chairman in the stocks.



During **September** we also delivered an envelope to every house in Cambourne asking for a small donation towards the lights. Drop off points were set up in 3 of the primary schools, the Co-op and the Hub and we are very grateful to everyone that took the time to return their envelope.

November was a very busy time. The wonderful Parish Council Grounds team spent hour after hour in all weathers, in the cherry picker installing the lights in the trees, and they did a fantastic job. We also held a craft fair in the Hub with a range of stalls, children's crafts, tombola and lots of tea and cake.



The culmination of our year was at the end of **November** with our first ever Switch On event. The weather was very kind to us and we were overwhelmed by the turnout for the carol singing procession and communal carol singing on the Market Square to music provided by Eversden Brass Band and the ladies from Maid of Ale. Free mulled wine and mince pies were served (we will need much more this year!) and a fantastic festive atmosphere was enjoyed by all. Best of all the lights came on just when they should.



We are very grateful for the support of Cambourne Parish Council, all our sponsors and to everyone that helped make this happen

Liz Pinchen

Joint Chairman - Light Up Cambourne

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Wildlife Trust Cambourne Nature Reserve Report 2014-15

Wildlife

Crow Hill in the Country Park continues to be an important area for ground nesting birds, such as skylarks and meadow pipits. We monitor their nesting success each spring to contribute towards the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) national nest recording scheme. We ask that people keep their dogs under control (on a lead if necessary) and stay on the paths during nesting season (Apr-Sept) to prevent disturbance to chicks.

We also monitor bats, breeding bird territories, water beetles and meadow plants.

Lots of orchids, mainly bee and some pyramidal, were noted on some of the road verges around Cambourne in summer 2014 and we liaised with highways to not cut these areas until after flowering.

Good numbers of common and jack snipe continue to over-winter in the marshy area of Whomping Willow Lake.

Site maintenance

As well as the usual routine site safety checks, litter picking, mowing and repairs, we have also carried out the following projects:

Habitats

After leaving the hedge for a couple of years we layed another section along Crow Dene, to rejuvenate and create variation in height and density for different species of bird and insect.

Re-fenced two of the boundary meadows to make them safer for grazing animals which helps us keep the wildflowers in good condition for insects. Also installed water troughs in two meadows next to road to provide secure drinking water supply for grazing animals (water bowser was stolen from one of these meadows in winter 13-14).

Created coppice scallops on the Western Boundary to diversify the ages structure of the woodland to benefit birds and insects.

Removed tree guards from trees on the Eastern Boundary with a corporate volunteer group.

Access

Installed new information noticeboard cabinets at the major entrances to the Country Park to provide information about rules of the site (e.g. dogs under control) and events.

Resurfaced the paths in the Eco Park and made repairs to paths in Country Park.

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Replaced the decking on the fishing/dipping platforms and boardwalk in the Country Park with new anti-slip surface.

Community

Our 10th Anniversary celebration events were well received with some activities attracting slightly more people than others. The activities aimed at children and held during school holidays were particularly popular.

The celebrations enabled the Wildlife Trust to reinforce their presence in Cambourne and to be a lead in for future events programmes. It highlighted the current relationship between us and local residents and their attitudes towards wildlife and the nature reserve. There is a good base of wildlife enthusiasts in Cambourne but it is clear that there is still scope for engaging more people with our work and encouraging them to take action for wildlife.

In 2015 four of the most popular events from the 2014 programme were planned to be repeated, in order to offer a continued programme for people to get involved with.

The **Cambourne Wildlife Watch Group** for children has been running very successfully with the group winning a national award. They could do with more helpers, contact the Trust for more information or visit www.wildlifebcn.org/wildlifewatch

Contact

Any interesting wildlife reports or problems around Cambourne please contact:

jenny.mackay@wildlifebcn.org

01954 713516 to leave a voicemail

01954 713500 for urgent messages during office hours (8am to 5pm Mon-Fri)

Any urgent reports of antisocial behaviour or crimes outside of office hours please call the police on 101 and also send us a message so we can follow up when we are back in the office.

Maps of the Nature Reserve and surrounding area can be found on our website at www.wildlifebcn.org/reserves/Cambourne

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