

**CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

District of South Cambridgeshire

COUNCIL MEETING 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

**GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
<b>Jane Barrett – Administration, Cambourne Karate School</b>	Email  Regarding Hall hire for Karate
<b>SCDC</b>	January Parish E-Bulletin
<b>Cambridgeshire County Council</b>	Highways Fault Reporting

# AGENDA ITEM No. 11

**John Vickery**

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**From:** BARRETTBUSINESS <barrettbusiness@aol.com>  
**Sent:** 22 January 2015 15:48  
**To:** clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Hall Hire for Karate - Jane Barrett AKS

Dear John

Further to our conversation today we are writing to you to express our concerns regarding Adrenaline Karate being allowed to use the parish facilities in Cambourne.

We have noted that they have advertised on their website a Monday Karate class at the Hub and a Thursday class at the Sports Pavilion aimed specifically at our student entry group.

Adrenaline Karate have a full-time Dojo in Dry Drayton and have many clubs in many areas and are the type of organisation that looks to expand constantly with no regard to already established businesses. Karate, as you know, is built on respect and these type of organisations offer no respect.

From the moment we moved to Cambourne in 2007 we have spent the last 8 years working very hard at building up our Karate School in Cambourne. Sensei Anthony has been involved in Karate all his life and has been a full time teacher and National Coach for over 20 years and was awarded 5th Dan by the Governing Body last year. We are a fully recognised and registered association with the EKF (English Karate Federation) which is the only England Karate Governing Body recognised by the WKF (World Karate Federation) and the IOC.

We are always very respectful of other traditional martial arts organisations and we never look to deliberately open classes to affect other people's businesses. When we came to Cambourne we approached yourself with a view to us using the Hub facilities. You advised us that we could only hire after you had spoken to the Tang So Do club that use the facilities on a Monday to make sure they were happy that it wouldn't affect them and we totally understood this.

Over the last 8 years we have slowly but surely built our student base in Cambourne and Sensei Anthony reduced the number of classes where we used to live in Bishop's Stortford in order to dedicate more time to the Cambourne students.

Adrenaline Karate has obviously seen that our hard work and dedication is paying off and we now have an established student base. Therefore even though they have a full-time Dojo in Dry Drayton that offers classes on most days of the week, they are looking to open classes here in Cambourne at earlier time slots that will reduce our intake of the younger students. In time we can see this leading to a reduction of our student base to the point where we will have to reduce our classes in our Cambourne venues.

Our other venues in Cambourne fully appreciate that our hall hire is only secure if we are successful so therefore do not offer the facilities to other martial arts that would be detrimental to us.

Our current members in Cambourne have worked hard to achieve their grades and some are now competing at top National level. The future of our Karate School in Cambourne depends on us having an annual intake of younger/new students in order to finance it and become tomorrow's Champions.

We only currently run two schools in two areas and it is our sole income so therefore we cannot emphasise more how much we would really appreciate it if the Cambourne Parish Council could reconsider allowing Adrenaline Karate to hire parish facilities. If it is a case of gaining revenue for the Parish Council and community we would be happy to look at your venue timetables and look to increase our current hall hire.

We understand that Adrenaline are looking commence their hire after half term therefore we appreciate you looking into this matter as soon as possible and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Jane Barrett

Administration  
Cambourne Karate School  
[www.karateschools.co.uk](http://www.karateschools.co.uk)



## January's parish e-bulletin – news and information from South Cambridgeshire District Council

Happy New Year and welcome to the first parish e-bulletin of 2015. As before, this edition includes information that parish councils may want to discuss, important notices we want you to be aware of, as well as news from around the district.

### 1) Solid Wall Insulation Funding and Show Home

Work is now complete on the first six privately owned homes in South Cambridgeshire, including a show home, to benefit from a government funded solid wall insulation scheme for Cambridgeshire residents. Dozens more homes are in the pipeline with householders looking forward to work being completed soon. Funding is still available for a limited time. To be eligible for funding, work must be carried out through the council's energy efficiency scheme, Action on Energy, or through another Green Deal Provider registered with the scheme. Up to £6,000 per property is available for the work, which can be as much as 75% of the cost.

If you would like to arrange a visit to view the External Wall Insulation and/or speak to the show home owner in Whittlesford, please contact Siobhan Mellon.

**Contact:** Siobhan Mellon on [Siobhan.mellon@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Siobhan.mellon@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713395.

### 2) Social media channels

We are keen to use online and social media channels to help promote the work of parish councils. It would really help us if you could let us know if you have a website, Facebook page and/or Twitter account and the details for each one. Please email your information to [communications@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:communications@scambs.gov.uk)

**Contact:** Kelly Quigley on [communications@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:communications@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713262

### 3) Public consultation: Should article 4 directions be used to restrict the permitted development rights available to village pubs?

We are seeking views concerning the proposed use of article 4 directions to help retain village pubs. Article 4 directions could be used to withdraw the permitted development rights which currently allow their conversion to other uses such as retail or offices or for their demolition. An article 4 direction does not prevent the development but does require planning permission for the development to be obtained first.

We will use the results of the consultation to help us decide whether we should use article 4 directions to provide an additional safeguard for village pubs and to which pubs specifically they could be applied.

Find out more about when a change of use is considered permitted development [here](#).



You can have your say during the consultation by clicking [here](#). Alternatively you can download a response form: [Response Form for Article 4 Direction Consultation.pdf \[PDF, 155kB\]](#) The consultation closes at midnight on Monday 23 February.

**Contact:** Clare Gibbons on [Clare.Gibbons@scams.gov.uk](mailto:Clare.Gibbons@scams.gov.uk) or 01954 713290.

### 3) Neighbourhood Planning event slides

The slides from the Neighbourhood Planning masterclass in December can be found at <http://planning.communityknowledgehub.org.uk/resource/presentations-cambridgeshire-masterclass>

**Contact:** [Kathryn.Hawkes@scams.gov.uk](mailto:Kathryn.Hawkes@scams.gov.uk) or 01954 712932.

### 4) 'Awards for All' Training Event

Book now for the Awards for All funding workshop on 17 March at Bar Hill Village Hall. The Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All programme can give between £300 and £10,000 to projects that can be completed within 12 months. This session will cover: what can and cannot be funded, identifying and evidencing need for the project, setting outcomes and how to improve your chances of getting an award. This is one of a range of training events run by Cambridge CVS for community and voluntary organisations, which cover a wide range of issues - from the duties of trustees to how to make good funding applications. To see the full training programme or to make a booking, follow this link

<http://www.cambridgecvs.org.uk/training-events/training>

**Contact:** [www.cambridgecvs.org.uk](http://www.cambridgecvs.org.uk) or 01223 464696.

### 5) Community Chest

A further £10,000 was allocated to the Community Chest in November, with a final closing date of 14 January. The table below shows the grants that have been awarded since 27 November 2014:

	Group	Item or event	Parish	Amount awarded (£)
1	Granchester Parish Council	Supply and planting of hedgerow along bridleway to Barton	Granchester	1500
2	Sawston Scene	Late night shopping events	Sawston	600

The final allocation for this financial year will be made on 29 January.

**Contact:** Joseph Minutolo on [joseph.minutolo@scams.gov.uk](mailto:joseph.minutolo@scams.gov.uk) or 01954 713359



## 6) Parish & Cabinet liaison meeting

The next parish council and Cabinet liaison meeting will be held on 11 March 2015. It will take place at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne, from 6.30pm. More details will be made available nearer the date, however, please let us know if you have any questions or topics that you would like covering.

Contact: Joseph Minutolo on [joseph.minutolo@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:joseph.minutolo@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713359.

## 7) Could businesses in your area benefit from support?

There are still spaces left on our free business support workshops which are designed to help those running or thinking of starting a business in South Cambridgeshire. They cover a range of subjects focusing on the specific needs of local businesses, including business planning, gaining new customers, as well as doing business online and via social media.

For details of all the workshops and to book a place visit [www.exemplas.com/southcambs](http://www.exemplas.com/southcambs) or ring 0844 346 0755 (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm). You can also email

[southcambsbusinesssupport@exemplas.com](mailto:southcambsbusinesssupport@exemplas.com)

**Contact:** Nicole Kritzinger on [nicole.kritzinger@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:nicole.kritzinger@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713454

## 8) Residents' Magazine

Our spring edition of our residents' magazine will be delivered between 23 February and 15 March.

Please ask residents to contact our distribution company on 01904 606300 or

[customerservice@teampdc.co.uk](mailto:customerservice@teampdc.co.uk) as soon as possible after 15 March if they have not received a copy

**Contact:** Gareth Bell on [communications@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:communications@scambs.gov.uk) or 01954 713289

## Highways Fault Reporting – some facts

In **2013**, the Highways service received over **28,000** faults from the public via the Contact Centre or Online fault reporting.

**90%** of these are dealt with by **Local Highway Officers (LHO)**.

These faults require about **33,000 hours<sup>a</sup>** to resolve (that's **1,820** hours **per LHO<sup>b</sup>**)

The Contact Centre received **17,500 phone calls in 2013**, resulting in 12,500 highway faults being referred to the Service<sup>c</sup>. In addition, **2,700 emails** were also received, most of which were also referred to the service.

The cost of handling these are:

Method	How many?	Cost to record	Total
Phone	17500	£2	<b>£35,000</b>
email	2700	£3	<b>£8,100</b>
Fault reporting tool	8500	£0	<b>£0</b>

Further to the 28,000 issues recorded, there are an estimated **15%** of additional faults reported **directly to the Highways Officer**. That's **4,000** extra issues to deal with, plus the time used by the officer to record the fault.

- a- Based on information showing average time per issues type
- b- We currently have 18 LHO's
- c- Included in the 28,000 faults quoted

Report it online:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults>