

## CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

### **Cambourne Crescent**

The Council agreed to support Cambourne Crescent in their wish to find a suitable site to build a Community building that could have dedicated space or times for teaching and prayer.

The Parish Chairman, Parish Clerk, Syed Shah and Asad Rana met with Ed Durrant of South Cambs District Council to discuss the possibility of obtaining funding from the s106 for West Cambourne Application. It was made clear that the extent of infrastructure contributions would be stretched because of Highways, education etc. and it would be very unlikely that funding would be obtained. Funding for a religious group would not be enforceable under planning law.

Ed Durrant raised the possibility of an extension on the land left over after construction of the new Parish Office. Ed also suggested that it could be economical to dig the foundations at the same time as the Parish Office. The use of this land coincided with earlier ideas so a meeting was held with the Parish Clerk, Syed Shah and Asad Rana to look at the site.

Syed Shah and Asad Rana went away to look at the possibilities of a development on the land adjacent to the Parish Office, Syed then came back and it was agreed that we should slow down to enable both parties time to consider the possibilities rather than rushing in.

Issues that the Council have to consider:

1. Does the Council accept the principle of use of the Land for additional community space?
2. Should the Council agree in principle enter into a suitable lease with Cambourne Crescent.
3. If so the Council would have to obtain agreement from McA.
4. The Council would also need to appoint a Solicitor to draw up a lease to protect the Councils interests.

Issues Cambourne Crescent would like the Parish Council consider if it is agreed to lease the land to them:

1. The size and extent of land to be developed.

2. Would it be possible to relocate and increase the size of the bike shelter, as part of the approved project, which would enable an increase the size of the community facility considerably (closer to the size of the current Hub hall) and allow for the potential of incorporating a coffee shop, without the "squeeze" from a constrained site. This would also facilitate the green travel policy i.e. more bikes require a larger shelter.

It is

**Recommended** that the Council considers the above issues.