

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 13th January 2015

TRAFFIC MATTERS & ROAD SAFETY

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To receive correspondence

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To receive correspondence

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To receive correspondence

My ref: SLP
Your ref:

AGENDA ITEM No. 19.2



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Date: 18th December 2014

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Dear Mr Vickery

Re: 20mph speed limit, Cambourne

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding your concerns about the speed of traffic in the village of Cambourne; we recognise that speeding is an emotive issue for many Cambridgeshire residents. This is among the most frequent problems raised as a priority for local policing teams but, unfortunately, evidence of where similar changes in speed limits have been made indicates that simply providing new signs does not necessarily change driver behaviour unless there are complimentary features provided to encourage drivers to travel at a lower more appropriate speed.

Speeding vehicles is an issue that should primarily be dealt with by the constabulary, as it is an enforcement issue. Anyone caught speeding could be issued a Fixed Penalty Notice, resulting in a fine and points on their licence. Proposed changes to the Public Highway that may require Police enforcement will need informal consultation prior to the commencement of the statutory process. Please contact Cambridgeshire Police via Derek Crosby, Traffic Management Officer. derek.crosby@cambs.pnn.police.uk. (01480 422458).

Unfortunately there is no funding available for changes to the speed limit, but a community can take action to fund the change independently. Once a community has gained funding for their project, the County Council will work with them to make the changes.

Consultation, particularly within the local community, is a key requirement to ensure that there is genuine local support for any change, that the local community supports spending its own money on the change and to ensure that expectations over the outcomes are managed.

The Local Highways Improvement initiative allows local communities to apply for up to £10,000 as a contribution to their project. To be eligible they will supply at least 10% of the overall cost.



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Applications are assessed once a year by an advisory panel of county councillors. The panel takes into account the views of parish councils and district councillors before it makes its recommendation to the County Council on how to allocate the available funding. Unfortunately the bidding opportunity has passed for this financial year; however it is anticipated that applications will be invited later in the year for assessment in 2016.

Yours sincerely



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AGENDA ITEM No. 19.4

Liz Pinchen

From: John Vickery <clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: 07 January 2015 16:05
To: liz.pinchen@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: FW: Gritting of roads

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From: John Vickery [<mailto:clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk>]
Sent: 07 January 2015 11:22
To: [redacted]
Subject: Gritting of roads

Philip

I have been forwarded your e-mail by Reception at South Cambs District Council.

Road gritting comes under the County Council Transportation budget which is a small part of their budget which is continually under pressure. Therefore they tend to grit busy roads, which within towns and villages means they grit on the bus routes. They review this on an annual basis and can miss new bus routes commenced after the routes are set. In Upper Cambourne this would mean Back Lane, Lancaster Gate and Sterling Way would be gritted. The Parish Council are involved in the voluntary winter gritting scheme for footpaths where the County Council make grit available and volunteers spread it. The Council made the decision that our Ground staff would be trained by the County to carry out the task. Under the insurance provided by the County Council we can only grit when requested to do so by the County Council and not at our discretion. A map of the areas we endeavour to cover is available on the Ground staff face book page <https://www.facebook.com/Groundsteam>

The Parish Council is currently discussing working with the developers on ways to extend the gritting to cover Sterling Way and Brace Dein as you cannot pay the County Council to grit un adopted roads or those they consider not to be busy roads.

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From: Fox-Jackson Rachael <Rachael.Fox-Jackson@scambs.gov.uk> on behalf of Reception <Reception@scambs.gov.uk>
Sent: 06 January 2015 18:16
To: 'Philip Abraham'
Cc: clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Upper Cambourne Roads

Thank you Mr Abraham for your comments. I have also copied in the Cambourne Parish Council for their information.

Kind regards.

Rachael Fox-Jackson | Customer Contact Manager

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-----Original Message-----

From: Philip Abraham [mailto:philip.abraham@cambs.gov.uk]
Sent: 05 January 2015 01:50
To: Highways
Cc: Reception
Subject: Re: Upper Cambourne Roads

Dear Agnese / Rachael,

Many thanks for enlightening me with a detailed response supported by these very informative links.

I would like to mention that Upper Cambourne which is in existence since 2008 and which now has around 4000 houses and majority of them pay Council tax for the services that the council is obliged to provide.

The links state that Upper Cambourne roads are not adopted by Cambridgeshire County Council yet and are the responsibility of the Developer in which case, I suggest, we the residents rather pay part of the council tax money to the Developers who might be more helpful, taking into consideration, although it being a huge ask, to grit Upper Cambourne roads which would probably be, just a few times in a year.

I understand that the Council budgets and priorities in terms of services are imperative but I do hope that someone who has the authority to make decisions at a certain level annually reviews the basic needs of the community.

I do apologise if I came across as harsh but try and put yourself in our shoes, and think, it's in order to avoid damage to property, cars and most importantly, life.

Kind Regards

Philip Abraham

On 31 Dec 2014, at 15:12, Highways <highways@cambridgeshire.gov.uk> wrote:

> Dear Mr Abraham,

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> Thank you for your email. Cambridgeshire Highways treat agreed network
> of roads when freezing weather is forecasted, which will normally
> include all busy roads. Information about gritting routes is available
> on our website
> http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20081/roads_and_pathways/111/gritting_roads_cycleways_and_paths

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> Cambridgeshire Highways would only treat roads that are publicly
> maintained. Majority of the roads in Upper Cambourne have not been
> adopted by Cambridgeshire County Council and are still privately
> maintained. Further information about Adopted highways is available on
> our website
> http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20081/roads_and_pathways/116/highway_records

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> Kind Regards,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Fox-Jackson Rachael [mailto:Rachael.Fox-Jackson@scambs.gov.uk]

> On Behalf Of Reception

> Sent: 31 December 2014 10:52

> To: Highways

> Cc: 'philip.abraham@gmail.com'

> Subject: FW: Upper Cambourne Roads

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> http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20081/roads_and_pathways/111/gritting_roads_cycleways_and_paths/2

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> Dear Mr Abraham.

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> Thank you very much for your enquiry.

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> I have forwarded your comments to Highways at Cambridgeshire County Council for them to respond directly as this is a service provided by them and not South Cambridgeshire District Council. There is a link above to their website for further information if you wish to view it.

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> Kind regards,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Philip Abraham [mailto:]
> Sent: 30 December 2014 22:07
> To: SCDC
> Subject: Upper Cambourne Roads

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> Hi,

> I am a resident of Upper Cambourne and would like to mention my concern about safety whilst driving on icy roads.

> I am highly disappointed again with the gritting service done by the council. I do appreciate the efforts put in, the cost involved and the planning, however, Upper Cambourne roads are given far less priority than the other roads in Cambourne.

> Every year during winters there has been some or the other incidents on icy roads resulting damage to cars, property, lamp posts. I narrowly escaped a slipping oncoming car whilst going to work today in the morning. I'm sure my concern as an individual would not be given much attention to but I do hope that some action should be taken to avoid any serious mishaps.

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> Kind Regards
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> Philip Abraham

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Liz Pinchen

From: Victoria Wallace <
Sent: 31 December 2014 09:44
To: clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Gritting Upper Cambourne bus route

Good morning

Apologies if you've had lots of correspondence regarding this but do you know if the County Council have to start gritting Sterling Way and Lancaster Gate where the buses run? As you'll know with the cold weather in the last few days, the roads have been very slippery and are completely un-gritted in Upper Cambourne. This seems madness now that double decker buses are frequently running along Sterling Way and Lancaster Gate; I've skidded going very slowly in my car which has winter tyres, so I can't imagine the conditions have been particularly safe for the buses. I've looked on the County Council's gritting route map for Cambridgeshire and Upper Cambourne is not included at all. Surely with the regular bus service, Sterling Way and Lancaster Gate should now be included. Perhaps this is something you could raise with County Council.

Kind regards

Victoria Wallace

(Sterling Way, Upper Cambourne)

AGENDA ITEM No. 19.5

Liz Pinchen

From: CST <CST@cambridgeshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 23 December 2014 09:46
To: CST
Subject: Please use our fault reporting link to report your Highway and rights of way issues

Sent to all parish councils.

It would be of assistance to us if you would please use our fault reporting link to report your Highway Issues.

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

If you click the link to **report a highways fault**, this will come through directly to the local officer for the area, and will also be logged onto our system for future reference.

This is to ensure your highway issue is recorded and dealt with according to our customer response standards.

If you cannot report this way please email our contact centre at: highways@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

or phone: 0345 045 5212.

Thank you for your assistance.

Regards

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