



CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

A meeting of this Council was held at The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne on Tuesday 1st September 2015

Present:

Cllr S Crocker (Chairman)

Cllr Ms R Betson

Cllr G Cooper

Cllr P Gavigan

Cllr T Hudson

Cllr S Masters

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

Jessica Lydon Apprentice Office Administrator

13 members of the Public were in attendance for the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J O'Dwyer. An extension of the six month period of absence is requested in order that Cllr O'Dwyer may return when he is fully fit. The Council wish Cllr O'Dwyer a speedy recovery.

It was:

RESOLVED that the apologies for absence from Cllr J O'Dwyer be approved and an extension to the six months period of absence be granted.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was:

RESOLVED that the minutes of Council Meeting CPC M140, held on 7th July 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION for items on the agenda.

Cllr Mrs R Betson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 22 Application for Financial Assistance from Cambourne Community Information Sessions

4. POLICE MATTERS

PSCO David Jackson had sent his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting.

4.1 PCSO Jackson had submitted a report to the Council (report attached).

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It was noted that the report in the agenda pack was for the period 7th – 29th July 2015. The August report had been received and will be circulated to Councillors.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

4.2 Connect: Update from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

It was:

RESOLVED that the newsletter be received.

4.3 Anti-Slavery Day

A representative of the Council was requested to attend the Anti-Slavery Day on 17th October 2015.

It was:

RESOLVED that the email be received and that Cllr S Crocker would attend the Anti-Slavery Day.

4.4 Email from PC Kevin Murphy – Solutions to Parking Problems

Concern was raised that the meeting to discuss parking issues had been scheduled for a day that clashed with August Parish Council meeting and no response had been received to a request to change the date of the meeting to allow representatives of Cambourne Parish Council to attend.

Nuisance parking is not prioritised by the Police and a solution of purchasing PCSO time dedicated to tackling parking issues would need to be funded by the Parish Council.

Concern was raised that the average band D property pays £180 annually for policing services and that if the Parish Council purchased PCSO time then the tax payers would effectively be paying twice. No revenue collected in fines would go to the Parish Council.

Cllr Dr G Mehboob joined the meeting at this point.

The cost of the PCSO could be split between parishes but this would be more effective in the smaller parishes, it was felt Cambourne had enough parking issues to need dedicated PCSO time and that parking issues were a priority for the residents of Cambourne.

The Parish Clerk confirmed that there is no budget heading this year to fund additional PCSO time.

Cllr Betson confirmed that this issue could be raised at the next Resident's Meeting in order to canvass opinion.

It was felt that further clarification was needed.

It was:

RESOLVED that the email be received and that a senior Officer would be invited to a future meeting to discuss the issue and provide clarification.

5. POLICE CADETS

Hannah Watson, volunteer co-ordinator, Office of the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner was in attendance for this item.

Hannah Watson gave a brief overview of the work and setting up of a Police Cadet Unit. In order for a Unit to be set up in Cambourne a venue will need to be provided and initial set up costs of £5,000.

It was felt that a Police Cadet Unit would be a valuable addition to the existing uniformed groups in Cambourne. The Unit will establish links with local schools and colleges. Feedback from other units set up in Cambridgeshire has been very positive with low attrition rates.

The Unit will recruit from Cambourne initially and extend to other villages if there is insufficient demand in Cambourne. It will require a term to set up the Unit and recruit volunteers and cadets. The Unit could be launched in January 2016.

It was:

RESOLVED that a Police Cadet Unit would be set up in Cambourne at a cost of £5,000, with an initial cohort of Cambourne youth.

6. PERSONAL TRAVEL PLAN

No representative from Steer Davies Gleave was present at the meeting.

7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chairman has met with Heidi Allen MP to discuss the issues of funding for the GP surgery. Heidi Allen, along with Dr Bailey is meeting with the Health Secretary at Westminster to discuss the issues further.

8. CLERKS UPDATE

The Parish Clerk reported on the following activities since the last report on 7th July 2015 (Report attached)

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

9. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Two vacancies have arisen due to the resignation of Cllr Mrs L Doidge and Cllr Mrs L Selway. Notice of the vacancies will be posted forthwith. If no election is called then the vacancies will be filled by co-option.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

10. 20MPH AND YELLOW LINE CONSULTATION

In response to concerns raised by residents the Parish Council identified areas for proposed waiting restrictions and carried out a consultation of Cambourne residents.

A meeting was held with residents of High Street and Back Lane who had expressed concerns regarding the implementation of yellow lines outside their homes.

It was noted that the Parish Council, following consultation, only requests the implementation of waiting restriction by Cambridgeshire County Council. The County Council carries out the legal consultation and there is further opportunity for residents to object. If no objections are raised a Traffic Order will be implemented by the County Council. If there are objections this would go before the local panel for them to consider if they are valid objections.

The following comments were raised by Councillors:

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- The 20mph speed limit will be legally enforceable as it would be implemented under a National Traffic Order.
- 331 responses had been received from all Cambourne households; this is a higher response than to previous consultations.
- Many of the comments were very constructive.
- Concerns were raised that parking restrictions would cause increase in speed and therefore the 20mph speed limit would be required.
- Residents of Back Lane are able to park in the Sports Centre car park if required.
- Back Lane is the only exit route from Upper Cambourne and the parked cars cause obstructions and issues with visibility.

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

The meeting was reconvened.

The Council voted on the following proposals:

1. Proposed introduction of a blanket 20mph speed restriction throughout Cambourne

It was:

PROPOSED not to implement a blanket 20mph at this time.

5 votes in favour

5 votes against

The Chairman made no casting vote

It was:

RESOLVED that further debate and research would be required and that this item be deferred to a future meeting.

2. Proposed waiting restrictions, Zone 1, De La Warr Way to improve pedestrian safety and reduce the impact of vehicular traffic.

It was:

PROPOSED to request Cambridgeshire County Council implement yellow lines in Zone 1, De La Warr Way.

9 votes in favour

1 votes against. Cllr T Hudson wished it to be noted that he had concerns that lorries that currently park in De La Warr Way would be displaced elsewhere.

It was:

RESOLVED that waiting restrictions be implemented in Zone 1, De la Warr Way.

3. Proposed waiting restrictions, Zone 2, Sackville Way to improve pedestrian safety and reduce the impact of vehicular traffic.

It was:

PROPOSED to request Cambridgeshire County Council implement yellow lines in Zone 2, Sackville Way

The vote in favour was unanimous.

It was:

RESOLVED that waiting restrictions be implemented in Zone 2, Sackville Way.

- 4. Proposed waiting restrictions, Zone 3, Back Lane & Osier Way to improve pedestrian safety and reduce the impact of vehicular traffic.**

It was:

PROPOSED not to implement waiting restrictions in Zone 3 Back Lane & Osier Way at this time.

5 votes in favour

5 votes against

The Chairman made no casting vote

It was:

RESOLVED that further debate would be required and that this item be deferred to a future meeting

- 5. Proposed waiting restrictions, Zone 4, High Street to improve pedestrian safety, improve road safety as it is a bus route and reduce the impact of vehicular traffic.**

It was:

PROPOSED not to implement waiting restrictions in Zone 4, High Street, at this time.

8 votes in favour

1 vote against – Cllr Gavigan wished it to be noted that he had voted against the proposal as 71% of respondents to the consultation had been in favour of waiting restrictions in Zone 4.

1 abstention

It was:

RESOLVED that yellow lines would not be implemented in Zone 4, High Street at this time.

- 6. Proposed waiting restrictions, Zone 5, High Street opposite The Hub Community Centre, to improve pedestrian safety, improve road safety as it is a bus route and reduce the impact of vehicular traffic.**

It was:

PROPOSED to request Cambridgeshire County Council implement yellow lines in Zone 5, High Street opposite The Hub Community Centre

The vote in favour was unanimous.

It was:

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PROPOSED to request Cambridgeshire County Council implement yellow lines in Zone 5, High Street, opposite The Hub Community Centre.

The Meeting was adjourned for a short recess.

Cllr J Patel left the Meeting at this point.

The Meeting was reconvened.

11. HEALTHCARE IN CAMBOURNE

There were no further updates other than that given in the Chairman's announcements.

12. RESIDENTS CORRESPONDENCE

No Resident's Correspondence had been received.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 Planning Committee - reports from 7th July 2015 PLN M226, 21st July 2015 PLN M227 and 4th August 2015 PLN M228

It was:

RESOLVED that the Planning Committee reports for 7th July 2015, 21st July 2015 and 4th August 2015 be received.

13.2 Finance & Policy Committee - report from 21st July 2015 FIN M61

It was:

RESOLVED that the Finance & Policy Committee report for 21st July 2015 be received.

13.3 Festival Working Party – reports from 6th July 2015 FWP M7, 13th July 2015 FWP M8, 20th July 2015 FWP M9, 27th July 2015 FWP M10 and 10th August 2015 FWP M11

It was:

RESOLVED that the Festival Working Party report for 6th July 2015, 13th July 2015, 20th July 2015, 27th July 2015 and 10th August 2015 be received.

14. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

No County Councillor was present at the Meeting.

15. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

No District Councillor was present at the Meeting.

16. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

16.1 Schedule of Payments

Queries raised were clarified by the Parish Clerk.

It was:

RESOLVED that the schedule of payments be received and the payments approved.

Current Financial Statement

16.2 Queries raised were clarified by the Parish Clerk.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report on the Finance Spreadsheet as at 26/08/15 be received

16.3 Bank Reconciliation

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and the Bank Reconciliation at 1st August 2015 be approved and signed.

17. CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LOCAL ELECTIONS SYSTEM FROM THIRDS TO ALL OUT ELECTIONS

The following points were raised:

- The proposed change would reduce election costs for South Cambs District Council.
- Parish elections would be brought in to line with District elections which would avoid the cost of stand-alone Parish elections.
- A 4 year all out system would be easier for some residents to understand.
- An all-out system would reduce the overall number of District Councillors.
- 15 – 17 year olds will have to wait much longer before they have the chance to vote.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and that the Parish Council would request that the system remain as electing in thirds.

18. CITY DEAL

Concerns were raised regarding the 'Personal Thoughts' expressed in the email from Cllr Byam-Cook. Concerns were also expressed regarding the Draft Statement that the Parish Council was being asked to countersign in that it was asking questions and not making any statements.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would decline to countersign the statement being sent to the City Deal Board and the Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire County Council by Madingley Parish Council.

19. CONSULTATION REGARDING PART NIGHT LIGHTING

Concern was raised that the letter from Cambridge County Council states that 'Street lights on main traffic routes will not be switched off overnight' but that the area proposed to be switched off in Cambourne is School Lane which is a major traffic route through the village.

It was:

RESOLVED that the consultation be received and that the Parish Clerk would write to Cambridgeshire County Council explaining that School Lane is a major traffic route through Cambourne; Cllr Mervyn Loynes will be copied in.

20. LAND TRANSFERS

The Parish Clerk presented a report to the Council (report attached).

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It was:
RESOLVED that the report be received.

21. TRAFFIC MATTERS & ROAD SAFETY
21.1 Broad Street Junction Works

The Parish Clerk reported that the delay in implementation of the Broad Street junction works has resulted in South Cambs District Council considering taking enforcement action against the developers. As a result a meeting was held and a timetable for implementation was agreed. The first target date has already been met.

It was:
RESOLVED that the report be received.

21.2 A report into the current parking situation in Cambourne by Paul Tither – resident.

It was noted that this report had not been requested by the Parish Council but had been sent in by the resident.

It was noted that the verges and footpaths are owned by either the County Council or the developers so the Parish Council would be unable to implement the resident's proposals.

Concerns were raised that many of the highway Code points cited were not enforceable by law and that only 42 residents had responded to the consultation. The Parish Council were not in favour of any reduction of the number of verges and it was felt that further explanation and clarification was required.

It was:
RESOLVED that to defer this item to the next Leisure and Amenities Committee Meeting and to invite Mr Tither to attend.

21.3 Changes to Stagecoach and Whippet Bus Services

It was:
RESOLVED that the report be received.

21.4 Other Traffic Matters

There were no further traffic updates.

22. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
Chris Williamson Cambourne FC – Application for Financial Assistance

It was felt that the provision of girls football in Cambourne should be supported.

It was:
RESOLVED that a grant of £400 be given to Cambourne FC to support the set up of girls football in Cambourne.

Cambourne Community Information Sessions – Application for Financial Assistance

Cllr Ms R Betson left the room for the duration of this item.

Concern was raised that a single Councillor should not be representing the Council at the residents meetings. It was clarified that no decisions are made at these meetings and that they are just a vehicle for disseminating information. Concern was raised that reports from the meetings are not brought back to the Council.

It was felt that it was no appropriate for a grant to be given to an individual councillor and that the Council could better support the Resident's meetings by purchasing the banners rather than giving a grant.

It was:

RESOLVED that the grant request be declined. The Parish Council would purchase the banners on behalf of the Cambourne Community Information Sessions on the condition that a monthly report is submitted to the Council.

Cllr Ms R Betson re-entered the room.

Caroline Hunt – planning Policy Manager, South Cambs District Council

Email regarding Local Plan Examination - Letter from inspectors.

It was:

RESOLVED that the email be received.

23. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Exclusion of the press and the public.

MOVE: that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the Meeting.

24. FARMERS MARKETS

The Parish Clerk gave an update on the Farmers Markets

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and the proposed actions taken.

25. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Re-admittance of the press and the public.

MOVE: that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 6th October 2015