



CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

A meeting of this Council was held at The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne on Tuesday 12th January 2016

Present:

Cllr S Crocker (Chairman)
Cllr Ms R Betson
Cllr G Cooper
Cllr P Gavigan
Cllr T Hudson
Cllr Dr G Mehboob

Cllr J O'Dwyer
Cllr J Patel
Cllr Mrs R Poulton
Cllr Mrs J Sawford
Cllr G Thompson

In attendance:

John Vickery Parish Clerk
Jessica Lydon Apprentice Office Administrator

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dr S Smith.

It was:

RESOLVED that the apologies for absence from Cllr Dr S Smith be received and approved

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was:

RESOLVED that the minutes of Council Meeting M147 held on 1st December 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman subject to agreed amendments.

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

Cllr S Crocker declared a personal non-disclosable interest in Items on the agenda as a District Councillor.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman wished the Council a Happy New Year.

The Chairman announced the resignation of Cllr S Masters and thanked him for his contribution to the Council. This creates a vacancy however all councillors are up for election in May this year therefore an election cannot be called as it is within 6 months of that date.

Signed

Date 2nd February 2016

Cllr Dr G Mehboob joined the meeting.

5. CLERKS UPDATE

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

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Cllr Simon Crocker reported that he attended the Civic Affairs committee meeting regarding the Boundary Commission review. This will go forward to the Full Council meeting recommending that Cambourne become its own District Ward with 3 District Councillors. Other parishes such as Caxton, Eltisley and Bourn will join with other nearby parishes wards.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

7. WEST CAMBOURNE

Nick Smith and Ed Durrant were in attendance for this item to answer questions if necessary.

The Chairman gave a brief background on the application and the presentation by Dick Longdin at the meeting on the 1st December 2015. Consideration is to be given the amendments to the application and not the whole application. The Chairman then asked councillors if they had any issues they wanted clarification on.

The following questions were raised:

Q. When is the housing mix due to be agreed as this is a key part of determining size and funding in relation to education etc.?

A. This has been requested and is being worked on but relates to viability as well.

Q. Indexation – what does this relate to?

A. Indexation is linked to either the RPI (Retail Price Index) or BCIS (Building Cost Information Service) and these commence at a date agreed as part of the S106. This is often when planning approval or the S106 has been agreed.

Q. Is MCA actively pursuing the construction of the road through the Business Park onto Cambourne West?

A. Although MCA does not have control over the land, they are working with the other parties who have control to negotiate and agree if possible the implantation of a through road. It has been made by clear by the County Council, District Council and the Parish Council of their desire to have this access. Drafts heads of terms have been drawn up, but this is still being worked on. Nick Smith undertook to keep the Parish updated.

Q. Concern was raised that some of the trigger points were quite late on ie. The bring sites at the 800th and 1600th dwelling.

A. The trigger points are up for review and are subject to the cash flow and viability. In relation to the bring sites, most recycling is now done through blue and green bins.

Q. In the S106 heads of terms there is a number of new appointments to support the new development. These are only for 2 years, what happens at the end of this period?

A. These appointments are based on similar S106's on other new developments and there is no provision for longer term contracts.

“The Parish Council would have to review whether these should be longer term and consider how this could be supported.”

Q. The question was raised that the S106 shows that the capital contribution for secondary education is for 4 forms of entry. The existing secondary school is planned to grow to 7 forms of entry and this gives a total of 11 forms of entry, but there will be 12 forms of entry at primary level. This does not add up as there will be a shortfall of 1 form of entry.

A. The understanding is that the County Council are looking at 12 forms of entry over the 2 secondary schools, but the development can only fund the 4 forms of entry that it generates. The balance will have to come out of County Council funds.

Q. The heads of terms indicates a NEAP, a LEAP and a LAP but the understanding is there is more than one.

A. This is a generic heading and there is more than one of each which is shown on the Design and Access statement and the Master Plan.

Q. What is the Districts position on affordable housing provision?

A. The District Council policy is for the provision of a minimum of 40%. This is subject to the viability of the scheme but there is a shortage of affordable houses in the District.

Q. At the presentation in December and before, an access road has been requested from the residential to the North Western employment area. This may need traffic control to prevent it being used as a rat run.

A. MCA are willing to look at this but the guidance of the County Council Highways department and Highways England has to be taken into account.

Q. In the amended plan it only shows the one vehicular access to the East. How will this cope with almost all of the traffic from West Cambourne leaving in this direction as most people will be travelling towards Cambridge for work?

A. The plan is to reconfigure the roundabout on Cambourne Road as indicated on drawings submitted.

Q. Is there any provision for enabling pedestrians and cyclists to cross what will become an extremely busy junction. This junction already suffers with congestion at peak times and occasionally comes to a standstill.

A. The proposal is being reviewed by the County Council as part of the transport assessment.

Q. It had been requested that a second medical practice be located on Cambourne West. Has this been considered?

A. The possibility of a second medical practice has been considered by the NHS but they consider that further enhancements and extension of the current medical practice offers the most cost effective and efficient health provision for Cambourne.

Q. Is Fibre Optic to be installed prior to occupation?

A. It is a requirement of the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) that the infrastructure for Fibre Optic should be in place as part of any new developments. This is essential to encourage working from home, decreasing the need to travel to work therefore reducing traffic movements.

It was:

RESOLVED that the amendments be approved subject to our original list of concerns being addressed and also ensuring there is:

- Evidence of suitable and adequate health provision for Cambourne.
- That Fibre Optic should be installed as part of the infrastructure for Cambourne West.
- Adequate addressing of Sheepfold Lane traffic, pedestrian and cycling implications.
- Adequate and timely provision of recycling bins.
- Clarification of the extent of secondary education provision in light of the number of primary school places planned and existing.

Cllr J Sawford asked that her vote against be recorded as there are, in her opinion, too many unsolvable issues with Cambourne West as a whole.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Planning Committee - reports from 1st December 2015 PLN M235 and 15th December 2015 PLN M236

It was:

RESOLVED that the Planning Committee reports for 1st December 2015 PLN M235 and 15th December 2015 PLN M236 be received.

8.2 Finance & Policy Committee - report from 15th December 2015 FIN M63

It was:

RESOLVED that the Finance and Policy Committee report for 15th December 2015 FIN M63 be received.

9. BUDGET FOR 2016-2017

The Parish Chairman outlined the work of the Parish Clerk and Finance and Policy Committee in preparing the Budget for consideration with the recommendation that the Council adopt it. The Parish Clerk answered questions regarding the Budget.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Cambourne Parish Council levies a precept of £432,730.00 on South Cambs District Council to cover the projected budget for the financial year of 2016-2017.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 2nd February 2016