



CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

A Meeting of Cambourne Parish Council was held in The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne on Tuesday 6th October 2009.

Present

Cllr D Tilley Chairman	Cllr Mrs S Germundsson
Cllr I Booth	Cllr T Hudson
Cllr Mrs R Clements	Cllr R Hume
Cllr Mrs A Doyle	Cllr J O'Dwyer
Cllr P Drake	Cllr Mrs R Poulton

Also present John Vickery Parish Clerk

There were six members of the public in attendance.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Hudson & Cllr D Plunkett.
- 2. MINUTES**
The Minutes of the meetings CPC/M61 held on Tuesday 1st September 2009 were deferred until the next meeting.
- 3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.
- 4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Chairman made no announcements as the Youth Council is part of the agenda item 10.
- 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
To receive minutes of meetings of the following Committees and consider any recommendations contained therein:

5.1 Planning Committee held on 1st September 2009 and 22nd September 2009.

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009

It was:

Resolved: that the report be received.

5.2 Leisure & Amenities Committee held on 21st July 2009.

It was:

Resolved: that the report be received.

6. PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Clerk reported on the resignation of a Parish Councillor Mrs Michelle Stevens.

It was:

Resolved that the report be received and the Casual vacancy should be advertised.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council should write to Michelle thanking her for the commitment and work she showed on behalf of the residents of Cambourne.

7. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Alex Swinborne gave his apologies.

Councillors raised concern about the thefts from the Contractors sites on Upper Cambourne which are not shown on the police reports.

The PCSO's held a surgery in the Cricket Pavilion in Lower Cambourne.

It was:

Resolved that the report be received.

8. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

County Councillor Lister Wilson for Cambourne gave the following report:

He gave a warning re the Secondary School which is necessary for the growing population. They are hoping for government funding on the back of flagship school at Comberton. They hope to start construction in 2012. There is a plan B if this does not happen.

The indications from the treasury are that will be 30% cut in budget over the next three years. Not likely to be education as it is funded separately from central government as it is passported straight to the schools.

Lister is also taking part in next year's London Marathon.

It was:

Resolved: that the report be received

9. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

District Councillor Mervyn Loynes for Cambourne gave the following report:

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009

There was not much to report, but he is involved in discussions over temporary advertising at the Belfry Hotel and planning enforcement. District Cllr D Morgan and Cllr L Morgan for Cambourne gave apologies Cllr L Morgan is off to Huntingdon with a hand full of Children to the Theatre Club and Cllr D Morgan have been ask to go into work this evening.

Could you mention that there is a competition for the best Band at Gamlingay on the 14th October 2009 and if any Councillor knows of a young Band who may be interested then please contact me and I shall pass on the details. The show will be watched by around 500 audience.

It was:

Resolved that the report be received.

10. YOUTH COUNCIL

To receive a report from the Parish Chairman and Parish Clerk on the formation of a Youth Council In Cambourne.

There was a second meeting at Comberton village hall where it was agreed to attend a series of assemblies and the outline of the election process including for those not attending Comberton, the election to be held on the week beginning 15th November 2009.

There was a discussion about the proposal and how to ensure the secondary age children in the community have a chance to take part.

It was:

Resolved that a single election be held at The Hub on an appropriate date. The election should be a first past the post.

The Parish Chairman resigned as the co-ordinator for the Youth Council. The Youth Council will be placed on the next Council agenda.

11. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

11.1 **CURRENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** the council has been keeping within its agreed revised budgets and spending in accordance with the Financial Regulations. A copy of Finance Spreadsheet as at 31.09.09.was scrutinised.

It was:

Resolved That the report on the Finance Spreadsheet as at 31.09.09.be received and the fidelity insurance be considered at the next Finance and Policy Committee. .

11.2 **To receive a schedule of payments.**

It was:

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009

Resolved That the schedule of payments as attached be received and the payments be approved.

11.3 Bank Reconciliations: No bank reconciliations were presented.

12. GYPSY & TRAVELLER DPD ISSUES & OPTIONS 2: SITE OPTIONS AND POLICIES

To consider the Parish Councils response to the Consultation. The consultation is planned to end on 9th October 2009.

There was a discussion on the draft response circulated by the Parish Clerk.

It was:

Resolved that the draft response be amended as agreed and should be submitted to South Cambs District Council.

The Parish Chairman and Chairman of Planning to go through the response prior to submission.

13. GYPSY AND TRAVELLER COMMUNITY STRATEGY

Draft Strategy: Consultation period: 30th July 2009 to 21st October 2009.

It was:

Resolved that the consultation be received and the Parish Council make no comment.

14. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

To consider filling vacancies on the Finance and Policy Committee, Leisure and Amenities Committee and the Transport Working Party.

It was proposed by Cllr P Drake and Seconded by Cllr D Tilley that Cllr I Booth be appointed to the Finance and Policy Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr J O'Dwyer and Seconded by Cllr R Hume that Cllr Mrs S Germundsson be appointed to the Finance and Policy Committee.

There was a secret ballot and:

It was:

Resolved that Cllr Mrs S Germundsson be appointed to the Finance and Policy Committee.

It was:

Resolved that the appointment to the Leisure and Amenities Committee be deferred to the next Council meeting

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009

It was:

Resolved that the Transport Working Party be dissolved and Transport issues become a standing agenda item on the Full Council meetings.

15. LAND TRANSFERS

The Parish Clerk gave a verbal report fro Mills and Reeve on land transfers (copy attached).

It was:

Resolved that the report be received.

16. DRAINS IN CAMBOURNE

To consider concerns with drains in Cambourne.

There was a detailed discussion on the problems with smells in the High Street and continued concerns with the pumping station in Lower Cambourne.

It was:

Resolved that the Parish Council write expressing our concern at the constant smells in the region of the High Street and the pumping station in Lower Cambourne To Environmental Health and the developers.

17. DANIEL ZEICHNER

To consider a response to Daniel Zeichner's speech to the Labour Party Conference.

The Parish Chairman thanked Cllr R Hume for his response and appearing on Radio Cambridge.

There was a lengthy debate on the speech and Daniel Zeichner's attempt at an apology. There was total agreement that the speech was inaccurate, badly researched and unfounded.

It was:

Resolved that an invitation be sent to Daniel Zeichner to visit Cambourne to see for himself what a vibrant community Cambourne has become. Hopefully we can arrange the tour within the next two weeks and include some of the community groups that flourish in Cambourne. The Parish Chairman and Vice chairman should meet Daniel Zeichner.

Cllr P Drake asked that his vote against be recorded as he felt that Daniel Zeichner's speech and apology did not warrant any more time being wasted on it.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

Parish Clerk to report on any correspondence needing to be brought to the Council's attention. (Schedule Herewith)

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009

Cambridgeshire ACRE

Letter regarding Cambridgeshire ACRE Impact Report 2008/09.

It was:

Resolved that the letter be received.

South Cambs District Council

Letter regarding the Application for 950 dwellings in Cambourne.

It was:

Resolved that the Parish Clerk formulate a suitable response and check it with the Chairman and Chairman of Planning.

The Over Day Centre Association

Letter regarding a request for Grant Funding.

It was:

Resolved that the Parish Council decline to give financial assistance in this instance.

Victim Support

Letter regarding a request for Grant Funding.

It was:

Resolved that the Parish Council decline to give financial assistance in this instance.

CPRE

Letter regarding hedgerows course.

It was:

Resolved that the correspondence be received

Cambridgeshire County Council

E-Mail regarding Community Engagement Strategy - Consultation

It was:

Resolved that the correspondence be received

Cllr P Drake declared a personal interest in the following two items of correspondence as a friend.

L Rowley-Spendlove

E-Mail regarding allotments and response issued.

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009
6-21

It was:

Resolved that the correspondence be received and the Clerks actions be agreed.

Dr P McCombes

E-Mail regarding allotments and response issued.

It was:

Resolved that the correspondence be received and the Clerks actions be agreed.

**19. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960
EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC**

it was:

Resolved 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.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

20. STAFFING MATTERS

20.1 To receive a report from the Parish Clerk on ground staff vacancy.

it was:

Resolved that the report be received.

**21. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960
RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC**

it was:

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

22. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING –3rd November 2009.

Agenda Item 11.2

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009
7-21

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS
Paid Accounts

Voucher No	Amount	Name	For	Budget Code	Freq.
DD	234.91	Cambridge Water Company	Bowling Green Water	1210	½
DD	17.37	Cambridge Water Company	Great Cambourne Green	1108	½
DD	181.64	Cambridge Water Company	Cricket Pavilion Water	1810	½
DD	209.35	Cambridge Water Company	Allotments	1010	½
DD	588.03	Cambridge Water Company	The Hub Water	1414	½
DD	75.46	Cambridge Water Company	L C water supply	1210	½
DD	15.77	Cambridge Water Company	Burial Ground	905	½
DD	116.67	Cambridge Water Company	Trailer Park water supply	1710	½
DD	56.90	SCDC	The Hub Bins	1422	M
DD	180.00	Swalec	The Hub Gas	1416	M
DD	58.00	SCDC	Caravan Park Rates	1711	M
DD	101.00	SCDC	Cricket Ground and Pavilion Rates	1811	M
DD	451.00	SCDC	MUGA Rates	1206	M
DD	497.00	SCDC	The Hub Rates	1415	M
DD	67.16	SGW Payroll	Salaries	207	M
801	72.09	HMRC	VAT payment		Q
			Repayment due to HMRC error		
802	746.36	Cambridge Newspapers	Advert Grounds Maint	108	
803	102.46	CCL	cleaning materials	1411	
804	92.00	Zaun	Hinges	1107	
805	20.70	Briar Security Systems	Replacement Battery	1410	
806	0.00	cancelled			
807	365.70	Technical Surfaces Ltd	MUGA Maintenance	1201	6wk
808	690.00	NALC	National Conference	503	
809	251.33	Fuller water Systems	Pump Repairs	1418	
810	0.00	cancelled			
811	127.43	E.on	Muga Changing room	1202	Q
812	132.02	Cooler Aid	Water	1421	
813	231.00	SLCC	Membership	207	A
814	29.95	Auto net insurance	Adding P Dare to policy	1109	
	53.40	Post office ltd	Stamps	406	
	9.00	SIQP	plan Copying	1209	
	55.00	Terry's Heel bar	Keys Tennis Court	1208	

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009

DRAFT
CPC/M62

815	45.00	G Mann	Hub Window Cleaning	1418	6wk
816	12.93	CCL	cleaning materials	1411	
DD	353.99	ARVAL	Diesel/Servicing etc	1109	M
817	130.00	Weightwatchers	Refund	1412	
818	10.00	Shweta Bhagat	Refund	1412	
819	25.23	Tindalls	Stationary	405	
820	100.00	Danny White	Key Holder	1419	A
821	106.95	Camb's Locks and Safe	MUGA Toilet locks	1208	
822	39.61	CCL	cleaning materials	1411	
823	13.63	Gibbs and Dandy	cement and Gutter brackets	1413	
824	7.12	Ridgeons	plumbing	1107	
825	558.25	John Kay Electrical	Hub repairs	1413	
826	17.10	Arthur Ibbetts Limited	plumbing	1105	
827	225.10	Langham Court	Accommodation	503	
	77.00	Terry's Heel bar	Keys Muga Changing room	1208	
	69.00	Post office ltd	Stamps	406	
	28.00	National Rail	Train Ticket	104	
828	31.50	National Rail	Train Ticket	104	
DD	2,732.98	PAYE	August income tax	102	M
DD	1,294.81	Pension Service	Pension payment September	103	M
DD	8,153.28	Payroll	Salaries September	101	M
DD	217.50	Scottish Power	MUGA Electric	1202	M
DD	27.90	Orange	Peter Mobile	403	M
DD	142.86	Bank charges		203	

Agenda Item 12

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009
9-21

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

COUNCIL MEETING 6th October 2009

GYPSY & TRAVELLER DPD ISSUES & OPTIONS 2: SITE OPTIONS AND POLICIES

Extracts from relevant pages attached.

Draft Proposed Responses

5 Potential sources of land for new sites.

5.14 Major Developments. While accepting that Major Developments can play a role. This should be restricted to those in the early stages of Master Planning not those which are over $\frac{2}{3}$ constructed and have largely been completed, thus making the provision harder to integrate and build into the master plan process. Cambourne as with all Major Development sites are disadvantaged because the proposal is for the whole village and is not site specific. This means it is difficult to object using the specific design criteria. This process potentially means that an allocation for pitches is made when there is no suitable land available for the pitches. This means the process is fundamentally flawed.

6 APPROACH TO SITE TESTING

Tier 1: Location & Key Constraints

6.5 The Parish Council support this approach, but believes that Secondary Education should be included within those that should be available within 2,000m to ensure good quality education is available close to proposed pitches.

Tier 2: Infrastructure

6.10 The Parish Council support this approach, but clarification of schooling should be made to ensure Primary and Secondary Education is included within those facilities that should be available within 2,000m to ensure good quality education is available close to proposed plots.

7 SITE OPTION FOR CONSULTATION

7.7 Table 2: Options for Consultation

The delivery date of by 2016 appears to be optimistic as the option for Cambourne relies on the s106 agreement for the additional 950 dwellings which is going through protracted negotiations and a viability assessment exercise which has already taken 2 years. This is delaying provision/improvement of facilities to meet existing needs of Cambourne and those for the additional 950 dwellings. It is not viable to rely on s106 agreements on partially completed

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009

major developments. The requirements submitted in 2007/08 for S106 agreement as already tabled places significant demands on the developers, which are difficult for them to meet in the current economic climate.

SITE OPTIONS

SITE 7- CAMBOURNE

Summary of Assessment: this should be amended to “the Majority of the areas that remain undeveloped are in Upper Cambourne on the East side of the village”. Deleting Great Cambourne as there is only one small site without reserved matters consent, but it is covered by the original master planning process.

Summary of sustainability Appraisal: the opening statement is flawed as Cambourne has been largely constructed and therefore the effects are likely to be significant as Cambourne has been built outwards from the two access/egress points from Cambourne with Lower Cambourne and Great Cambourne being developed first. Access to any Gypsy and Traveller site in Upper Cambourne would be via the more intensely developed areas of Cambourne through a domestic road hierarchy which will not be suitable for the potential number of Caravan and Commercial vehicle movements associated with the proposed Gypsy and Traveller pitches. *The additional traffic will have a negative effect on Road Safety due to the twisty design and layout of Cambourne roads.*

Therefore it would not be appropriate to site the Gypsy and Traveller pitches within the existing Master Plan area foot print.

Cambourne Parish Council would question the benefits that are likely for the following reasons:

Cambourne has limited job opportunities for Casual, manual and low skilled workers so will not offer the balance of jobs required for Cambourne to be sustainable and provide the work opportunities to integrate the Gypsy & Traveller site into Cambourne requiring a reliance on cars and public transport making the site unsustainable.

Currently the facilities in Cambourne are stretched. At present the medical practice will not be able to cope with the growth of Cambourne as envisaged especially with the exceptionally high birth rate in Cambourne. Currently there are 3 two form entry Primary Schools in Cambourne; by 2014 there will be a need for a fourth Primary School to meet the current birth rate (210 births in 2008) in Cambourne without the completion of the balance of the permitted 3300 dwellings or the additional 950 dwellings. Therefore there is a shortage of school places until Cambourne has had a chance to stabilize. Secondary Education: currently children of secondary school age are bussed to Comberton Village College or Cambridge in a fleet of busses. With the exceptional birth rate in Cambourne this number will increase further putting further strain on Comberton Village College which will not be able to take all children from Cambourne and therefore not be in a position to take any secondary age children from any Gypsy and Traveller pitches. There is a serious shortfall in school places within the

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009

11-21

original 106 and Master Plan for Cambourne, cannot be put right by the s106 for the 950 extra dwellings; this means there will be a greater shortfall in school places both in Primary and Secondary Education.

There is no tradition of Gypsy and Traveller pitches in Cambourne or stopping over places, and no un-lawful sites have been set up in Cambourne.

Conclusion:

“Cambourne offers a good opportunity to integrate new site provision with this Major new Development, so that it meets the needs of all sectors of the community”.

Cambourne Parish Council believes that the above conclusion is flawed for the following reasons:

Site within the original Master Plan area: This will not meet the necessary criteria for integration and mitigation against impact on an existing community. The reason for this is that Cambourne has been largely constructed and therefore the effects are likely to be significant as Cambourne has been built outwards from the two access/egress points from Cambourne with Lower Cambourne and Great Cambourne being developed first. Access to any Gypsy and Traveller site in Upper Cambourne would be via the more intensely developed areas of Cambourne through a domestic road hierarchy which will not be suitable for the potential number of Caravan and Commercial vehicle movements associated with the proposed Gypsy and Traveller pitches. The additional traffic will have a negative effect on Road Safety due to the twisty design and layout of Cambourne roads.

If sited on the edge of Cambourne the Parish Council would make the following arguments against this as follows:

To the North: Cambourne abuts the A428 and Open Countryside; any proposed site would have poor access to the facilities in Cambourne. Due to the open nature of the area which comprises agricultural land it would prove difficult to screen a site and would have an unacceptable visual impact on the countryside.

To the South and West: Cambourne abuts Open Countryside with just one access roads therefore any proposed site would have poor access to the facilities in Cambourne. Due to the open nature of the area which comprises agricultural land it would prove difficult to screen a site and would have an unacceptable visual impact on the countryside. Part of the southern boundary is under the flight path of aircraft using the Bourn runway and therefore would be an unacceptable Location for a Gypsy and Traveller site due to noise.

To the East: Cambourne abuts the Broadway which will form ribbon development between Cambourne and Bourne. The road also abuts the

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009

12-21

countryside. Due to the open nature of the area which comprises agricultural land it would prove difficult to screen a site and would have an unacceptable visual impact on the countryside. Cambourne also abuts Bourn airfield and would be an unacceptable neighbour for a Gypsy and Traveller site due to noise and would possibly be under the flight path of aircraft using the runway.

“Meeting the needs of all sectors of the community”.

Cambourne Parish Council would contest this assertion for the following reasons:

Currently the facilities in Cambourne are stretched. At present the medical practice will not be able to cope with the growth of Cambourne as envisaged especially with the exceptionally high birth rate in Cambourne. Currently there are 3 two form Primary Schools in Cambourne; by 2014 there will be a need for a fourth Primary School to meet the current birth rate (210 births in 2008) in Cambourne without the completion of the balance of the permitted 3300 dwellings or the additional 950 dwellings. Therefore there is a shortage of school places until Cambourne has had a chance to stabilize. Secondary Education: currently children of secondary school age are bussed to Comberton Village College or Cambridge in a fleet of busses. With the exceptional birth rate in Cambourne this number will increase further putting further strain on Comberton Village College which will not be able to take all children from Cambourne and therefore not be in a position to take any secondary age children from any Gypsy and Traveller pitches. There is a serious shortfall in school places within the original 106 and Master Plan for Cambourne, cannot be put right by the s106 for the 950 extra dwellings; this means there will be a greater shortfall in school places both in Primary and Secondary Education.

The proposed Gypsy and Traveller pitches would also put further strain on the social provision in Cambourne including the Library, Community Centre, Church and Youth Centre in Cambourne.

Cambourne has limited job opportunities for Casual, manual and low skilled workers so will not offer the balance of jobs required for Cambourne to be sustainable and provide the work opportunities to integrate the Gypsy & Traveller site into Cambourne requiring a reliance on cars and public transport making the site unsustainable.

There is no tradition of Gypsy and Traveller pitches in Cambourne or stopping over places, and no un-lawful sites have been set up in Cambourne.

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009
13-21

Cambourne Parish Council would therefore put forward the following conclusion:

On the face of it Cambourne may have offered a good opportunity to integrate new site provision with this Major Development, so that it meets the needs of all sectors of the community if the Gypsy and Traveller pitches had been considered when the original Master Plan was being drawn up. Due to the late stage of development of Cambourne the Parish Council believes it has now passed the stage when a site can be successfully integrated into the development of Cambourne.

As a major new private development Cambourne residents bought in to a concept of how Cambourne would evolve during its construction. Inevitably this has been amended over time, but for many this is a step to far changing the character of the development and having a negative impact on the existing development. There is also great concern among residents about the effect on local house prices due to the popular perception amongst the general public of general reputation of gypsy and traveller sites, even if this has little basis in fact.

11 GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES AT MAJOR DEVELOPMENT SITES

11.1 The council's preferred approach following the first Issues and Options consultation is that the provision of Gypsy and Traveller pitches will be considered at all major new developments. Six site options for consultation have been identified from this source. Technical Annex – Section F details how site options for testing were identified.

Cambourne Parish Council supports the principal of this approach, but would then contest the selection of Cambourne as the key word is new. Cambourne is not a major **new** development as planning was carried out over 14 years ago and the first resident moved in 10 years ago and has since been joined by over 8,600 more residents. Therefore Cambourne should not be included as a major new development.

Cambourne Parish Council comments on the options contained in this section as follows

OPTION OPT5:

Sites delivered through major developments should be outside but in close proximity except in the Green Belt.

Option OPT5 should read as above.

OPTION OPT6:

The GTDPD should include a policy covering specific issues relating to the design and location of Gypsy and Traveller sites within or close to major developments, covering the following issues:

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009
14-21

- 1) The site should be located within or on the edge of, but closely related to, the Major Development. Sites in the Green Belt would not be appropriate, unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated at the master planning and planning application stage.
- 2) The location should provide good access to the services and facilities of the development.
- 3) The site location should be compatible with its local environment as well as adjoining and / or nearby land uses to ensure the well being of all future occupants of the Major Development as a whole.
- 4) The site location, design and layout should provide adequate safety, security and privacy for residents of the site and neighbouring uses;
- 5) The site should provide appropriately located and safe access for all modes. Access should not rely on minor residential roads.

Cambourne Parish Council fully supports this policy and it should not be amended.

OPTION OPT7:

Major developments should be required to provide a specific number of pitches through the GTDPD, and how that number is split into individual sites should be left to master planning of the development.

Cambourne Parish Council supports this policy in relation to new sites coming forward but it should not be retrospectively applied to major developments where construction has commenced. The wording of the option should be adjusted to reflect this.

OPTION OPT8:

Delivery of sites should be phased so that key services and facilities are available before Gypsy and Traveller pitches are completed.

OPTION OPT9:

Gypsy and Traveller pitches should be delivered early in a development, so that sites are established before most of the development takes place but before key services and facilities are available.

Cambourne Parish Council supports policy option OPT8 rather than OPT9.

OPTION OPT12:

The GTDPD should include the following policy regarding sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show people on unallocated land outside development frameworks:

Cambourne Parish Council supports this policy.

OPTION OPT13:

The GTDPD should include a policy regarding design of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show people sites.

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009
15-21

Cambourne Parish Council supports this policy.

OPTION OPT14:

The monitoring indicators currently included in the Annual Monitoring Report are sufficient to monitor the performance of the Gypsy and Traveller DPD.

Cambourne Parish Council supports this policy.

Q1 Yes

Q2 Yes

Q3 Yes

The major new development at Trumpington should be considered for a Gypsy and Traveller site. The Master planning may have been carried out, but construction of the site has not commenced. This should be carried out as part of the review of affordable housing on the site

Q4 Mixture of both

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009
16-21

GYPSY & TRAVELLER DPD ISSUES & OPTIONS 2: SITE OPTIONS AND POLICIES TECHNICAL ANNEX

Extracts from relevant pages attached.

A SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

A15 reference should be made to secondary education provision being within a prescribed distance as part of the Site Assessment Criteria and this should be reflected in Table A1 Tier 1 2a

B SITE OPTIONS FOR CONSULTATION SITE 7- CAMBOURNE

Cambourne Parish Council would contest the suitability under all three tiers of the assessment on the following Grounds.

The site assessment relies too heavily on what can be achieved by master planning, while this has largely been successful there have been areas where it has fallen short which gives the Parish Council little faith in ensuring that such an important issue is correctly integrated into the community to meet all needs.

In the Tier 2 & Tier 3 site assessment there is too many unknowns for a fair consideration of Cambourne to be made without a specific site being identified.

The Major development sites and Cambourne in particular are disadvantaged because the proposal is for the whole village and not site specific. This means it is difficult to object using the specific design criteria. This process potentially means that an allocation for pitches is made when there is no suitable land available for the pitches. This means the process is flawed.

Currently the facilities in Cambourne are stretched. At present the medical practice will not be able to cope with the growth of Cambourne as envisaged especially with the exceptionally high birth rate in Cambourne. Currently there are 3 two form entry Primary Schools in Cambourne; by 2014 there will be a need for a fourth Primary School to meet the current birth rate (210 births in 2008) in Cambourne without the completion of the balance of the permitted 3300 dwellings or the additional 950 dwellings. Therefore there is a shortage of school places until Cambourne has had a chance to stabilize. Secondary Education: currently children of secondary school age are bussed to Comberton Village College or Cambridge in a fleet of busses. With the exceptional birth rate in Cambourne this number will increase further putting further strain on Comberton Village College which will not be able to take all children from Cambourne and therefore not be in a position to take any secondary age children from any Gypsy and Traveller pitches. There is a serious shortfall in school places within the

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009
17-21

original 106 and Master Plan for Cambourne, cannot be put right by the s106 for the 950 extra dwellings; this means there will be a greater shortfall in school places both in Primary and Secondary Education. The proposed Gypsy and Traveller pitches would also put further strain on the social provision in Cambourne including the Library, Community Centre, Church and Youth Centre in Cambourne.

There is no tradition of Gypsy and Traveller pitches in Cambourne or stopping over places, and no un-lawful sites have been set up in Cambourne. Cambourne through the development of a high proportion of affordable housing has already provided accommodation for a growing number of Gypsy and Travellers who wish to settle and have already settled here.

Cambourne was a new development, all development and subsequent sales of dwellings have covenants and conditions attached restricting owners from storing Caravans or Parking Commercial vehicles on their property. Similar conditions should be made in relation to the Gypsy and Traveller pitches especially in relation to commercial vehicles if pitches are within the original master plan area. All residents should be treated the same in the interest of social cohesion. This will place restrictions which may mean sites would be unattractive to the Gypsy and Traveller Community.

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009
18-21

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
District of South Cambridgeshire

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES – 2009-2010

Planning Committee (5)
(plus Ch and V-Ch as ex-officio)

Cllrs
D Tilley
R Hume
I Booth
P Drake Chairman
J O'Dwyer
D Plunkett
Mrs R Poulton

Leisure And Amenities Ctte (5)
(plus Ch and V-Ch as ex-officio)

Cllrs
D Tilley
R Hume
Mrs R Clements
Mrs A Doyle
T Hudson
Mrs R Poulton Chairman
Vacant

Finance And Policy Committee (7)

Cllrs
D Tilley Chairman of the Council
R Hume Vice Chairman of the Council
P Drake Chairman of the Planning
Committee
Mrs R Poulton Chairman of Leisure
and Amenities Committee
C Hudson
J O'Dwyer
Mrs S Germundsson

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009
19-21

Report from Alison Hopkins at Mills and Reeve

Further to our recent telephone conversation, I have reviewed all of our current files for the Parish Council and, accordingly, can advise you as to the position as follows:-

1. Cricket Wicket

I have just received a revised Transfer plan from Layton's. The hatched area is the area over which the Parish Council has a right of way to reach the Cricket Wicket from and to Back Lane. This amendment has been made so that MCA are not restricted in their development of the proposed play area. Could you please consider whether the extent of the right of way, which also allows use by emergency vehicles, is, in your view, sufficient?

If you are happy with the plan, I believe I can then request engrossments of this Transfer.

This has been agreed by the Parish Clerk

2 Allotments

Unfortunately the revised Transfer executed by the Parish Council has still not arrived on my desk, thus I can only assume that it has been lost/delayed in the post. As I am not in tomorrow, I will make arrangements for a further engrossment to be prepared and sent through to you this week.

In the meantime, I am still awaiting confirmation that MCA has executed its part of the Transfer and is ready to proceed.

3 Green Areas at Swansley Green

We are still waiting to hear from Bovis Homes, as has been the case, despite chasing, since mid-October 2008. As you may recall, MCA raised some queries on the terms of the Transfer from Bovis to the Parish Council and we were leaving Bovis and MCA to liaise in this regard. I am holding a Transfer executed by the Parish Council on file, although, given the above, it does appear likely that this may need some amendment before it can be completed and it may, therefore, prove necessary for a revised version to be executed by the Parish Council in the future. The position seems to have been complicated by the departure of Steven Reid from Bovis and the legal work being taken on by Ronica Croshaw in Bishops Cleeve, but I am continuing to chase Ronica and will also enquire of Layton's as to whether they are aware of the current position and/or can help us to move the transaction along.

4 Transfer of Public Open Spaces from Twigden Homes

Colm Crowley from Twigden contacted Sheila at the beginning of October 2008 regarding the development of land parcels GC09, GC10 and GC11. At Colm's request, Sheila provided the standard form of Bovis Transfer for review, however we heard nothing further from Colm or Twigden until very recently and this was merely to request a further copy of the standard Transfer. I will continue to chase.

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009
20-21

5 Burial Ground Lease

I understand that MCA has still to execute the Licence to Change Use, which is, therefore, delaying the completion of the Lease itself. MCA have had the Licence for some weeks ago and we will continue to press for its return. I must say that MCA are very slow when it comes to executing documents, which is most irritating, but, unfortunately, out of our control.

6 Lease of the Cambourne Youth Facility

I must confess that I was under the impression that engrossments of the Lease had been issued and that the Parish Council had signed the counterpart, but it appears that I was confusing this transaction with another and that I am, in fact, still awaiting an engrossment from Layton's, despite commenting on the draft as long ago as 1st June. I am, therefore, chasing Sara in this regard.

7 The Scout Hut

Although I am holding executed documentation and am basically ready to proceed to completion, I am awaiting confirmation from Layton's that (a) the Transfer has been executed by MCA and (b) the original the Deed of Grant has been executed by Bryant Homes, so this is another transaction where there has been a lengthy delay due to documents not being executed. When I last heard from Sara she was waiting on authority to proceed with the transaction and was going to follow this up with Neville Stebbing, but I have heard nothing further and will chase again.

Allison Hopkins
for Mills & Reeve LLP

Signed

Dated 6th October 2009
21-21