

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 4th December 2018

Clerks Report

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1. Further correspondence with David Alexander and Alison Hopkins regarding works to the Blue School and transfer of it to the Parish Council work appears to be progressing very slowly.
2. Further discussions with Ben Hendry to review commuted sums for the transfers of open spaces green ways and Country Park. We also reviewed dates of the transfer of the Eastern Valley Country Park.
3. Meeting and discussions with Tim Slater regarding West Cambourne
4. Meetings and discussions with the Head Groundsman, Community Development Officer and Christmas Lights Committee regarding the Switch on event.
5. Working with the Community Development officer on the arrangements for the Christmas Market. Helping at what turned out to be a very successful day which was well attended by the community. Congratulations to Jess for organising and making the event such a success supported by the office staff.
6. Discussions with John O'Donnell Highway Projects, Cambridgeshire County Council regarding transport initiatives in Cambourne.
7. Meeting at Monkfield Park School regarding parking issues outside the School attended by a parent and PCSO John Coppard.
8. Attended the Bourn Airfield Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) workshop with Cllr D Jones to feed into the process for producing the SPD. A report will be circulated when we receive from South Cambs District Council. The turnout was lower than expected.
9. Meeting with Philip Raiswell Planning Manager Sport England and Jay Clarke Programme Manager / Development Officer South West, South Cambs District Council regarding provision of Sport on Bourn Airfield and West Cambourne. This was a very productive meeting and looks positive for the future.
10. Interviews were held for the Vacant Apprentice position see Agenda Item 17.
11. Attended the Parish Councils Liaison Meeting with South Cambs District Council.

The main issues were raised were:

- Council Tax and Precepts, issues with the funding, monies raised, and the cap means it is getting difficult to do some of the additional things and may look at the Parishes to pick these up as they are not capped.
- Cambourne to Cambridge Public Transport Project and the Combined Authorities Metro Proposal. A presentation was made Rachel Stopard, Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) C.E. on the current position and the possibility of the autonomous tram from Cambridge to Bourn Airfield. The GCP are not sure how they will get from Bourn Airfield to Cambourne and may have to look at an alternative route. The GCP are looking at the possibility of taking the trams underground within Cambridge after Grange Road. The GCP are looking at a number of initiatives in Cambridge to discourage car use and

encourage Public Transport. The GCP anticipate looking at consulting early in the new year on their proposals. It was suggested that the GCP should take a strategic look at all the transport links currently on the table i.e. Cambourne Cambridge Bus way, A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet upgrade and the East West Rail as this may be a chance to develop a joint proposal that benefits the areas of greatest development. The GCP were reluctant to do this as the time table for East West Rail is uncertain at the moment.

- East West Rail this was due to be consulted on at the end of this year, but the consultation is now likely to be in the new year. It is believed that they will be starting from afresh when looking at the options.

It was requested that South Cambs District Council look at producing a Time Table for the delivery of the major infrastructure in South Cambs including the GCP infrastructure. A428 upgrade, A14, East West Rail and other known projects. This will enable strategic decisions to be made.