

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

A Special Meeting of this Council was held at The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne on Tuesday 9th October 2018. Meeting commenced at 6:35pm.

Present: Cllr P Gavigan (Chairman) Cllr A Ahmed Cllr Dr S Bhattacharya Cllr A Fisher Cllr P Hedges Cllr T Hudson

Cllr D Jones Cllr J Patel Cllr D Sharma Cllr E Spanner Cllr G Thompson

In attendance:

John Vickery Parish Clerk Heather Nigbur-Day Deputy Parish Clerk

0 member of the public was in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr N Akhter, Cllr D Beck, Cllr S Krintas, Cllr K McIntyre, Cllr P Mills, Cllr J O'Dwyer, Cllr R Poulton and Cllr A Rana. Acceptable reasons for absence had been given.

It was:

RESOLVED that the apologies from Cllr N Akhter, Cllr D Beck, Cllr S Krintas, Cllr K McIntyre, Cllr P Mills, Cllr J O'Dwyer, Cllr R Poulton and Cllr A Ran, for absence be received and approved.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

Cllr P Gavigan was put forward as Chairman.

It was **RESOLVED** that all Councillors were in favour.

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

There were no Declarations of Interests or Requests for Dispensation.

4. 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.

5. POLICE MATTERS

The Parish Council received a report from Inspector Paul Rogerson and Sergeant John Capes in regards to policing in Cambourne and how to strengthen working relations between the Police and the Parish Council.

Inspector Rogerson gave a detailed explanation to how Policing has changed from a structural level, right through to the front line and response levels. He also explained that policing has moved to a 3 pillar response, which is now Response – Investigation – Neighbourhood.

Inspector Rogerson ended his report by asking for ideas and suggestions on ways of improving communication links between the Parish Council and the Police and creating a stronger working relationship.

A question and answer session followed and different ideas shared.

Points raised were:

- Police presences is low leading to low confidence in issues being dealt with.
- What can we do as a Parish Council / Councillors / Members of the Public
- Social media use and higher presence at Community Events
- Anti social behaviour reporting is not clearly understood and the different levels of tolerance towards anti social behaviour.
- The Police station not being open when advertised
- Issues with being discouraged from reporting crimes on 101 with call handlers talking people out of reporting.
- Early interaction with young people has proved successful with youth workers, will Police be interacting more with them as well to develop better relationships and connections.
- Local confidence issues with the lack of police presence in Cambourne

It was:

RESOLVED that the presentation be received and the necessary actions taken following on from the question and answer session.

6. 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

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 6th November 2018 The meeting closed at 7.50pm