



## CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

A Meeting of this Council was held at The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019. Meeting commenced at 19.14.

Present:

Cllr J O'Dwyer (Chairman)	Cllr D Jones
Cllr R Poulton (Vice Chairman)	Cllr S Krintas
Cllr N Akhter	Cllr K McIntyre
Cllr A Ahmed	Cllr J Patel
Cllr Dr S Bhattacharya	Cllr A Rana
Cllr A Fisher	Cllr D Sharma
Cllr P Gavigan	Cllr E Spanner
Cllr P Hedges	Cllr G Thompson
Cllr T Hudson	

In attendance: John Vickery Parish Clerk  
Ellie Lydon – Office Administrator

9 members of the public were in attendance.

### 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Maklin. Acceptable reasons for absence have been approved.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the apologies from Cllr D Maklin for their absence be received and approved.

### 2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting CPC/M189 held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting CPC/M189 be approved and signed.

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

Cllr S Krintas declared personal non-disclosable interest in item 14 as a member of Bourn Airfield flying club.

Cllr A Fisher joined the meeting at 19:18.

### 4. **POLICE MATTERS**

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Correspondence was received from Claire Dicker regarding the enquiry office at Cambourne Police Station.

The Town Chairman will draft a response with the Town Clerk to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

It was

**RESOLVED** that the Council would respond to the letter.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made no announcements.

**6. CLERKS UPDATE**

The Parish Clerk presented a report to the Council. The report is attached below.

It was

**RESOLVED** to receive the report.

**7. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

A report was received from the County Councillor Mark Howell for Cambourne Ward.

Cllr Mark Howell was in attendance to answer questions.

A concern was raised to Cllr Mark Howell regarding secondary school placements and the impact West Cambourne Development will have on all school placements.

The issue of the County Councils response to the East West Rail Consultation was questioned as their reasoning was not clear.

It was

**RESOLVED** to receive the report  
Cllr N Akhter joined the meeting at 19:26.

**8. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

To receive reports from the District Councillors for Cambourne.

A report was received from District Councillor R Betson and Councillor S Battacharya.

It was proposed that Councillors read the reports in their own time due to the lateness of the reports being received.

The Councillors are to be reminded of the deadline for each submission, any reports received after the deadline will not be considered.

It was

**RESOLVED** to receive the reports and Councillors read the report in their own time.

Cllr A Ahmed and Cllr S Bhattacharya joined meeting at 19:30.

**9. COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

To co-opt a new Councillor to fill the vacancy.

Following the agreement to co-opt a councillor to fill the vacancy all the fifteen people that had expressed an interest were sent copies of the application/nomination form. The closing date for submission of their papers was Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 12:00pm. The following 11 people have supplied valid nomination papers by this date:

1. Donovan Bangs
2. Charlotte Dear
3. Peter Hudson
4. Sushant Jeurkar
5. Parul Mehta
6. Brian Moyo
7. James Simpson
8. Dr Andrea Sisneros
9. Sean Spencer
10. Paul Storer
11. Michael Wright

Ballot One - Councillors voted using ballot paper. The Parish Clerk and District Councillor left to verify the votes. Candidates 1,3,4,5,6,9 were removed.

Ballot Two - Councillors voted using ballot paper. The Parish Clerk and District Councillor left to verify the votes. Candidate was 2 and 10 removed.

Ballot Three - Councillors voted using ballot paper. The Parish Clerk and District Councillor left to verify the votes. Candidate 8 was removed.

Ballot Four - Councillors voted using ballot paper. The Parish Clerk and District Councillor left to verify the votes. Candidate 7 was successful.

Candidate No.7 James Simpson received the majority of votes and was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

It was

**RESOLVED** that James Simpson be co-opted to Cambourne Parish Council. Cllr A Rana joined the meeting during the above item at 19:40.

**10. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

To consider vacancies on the Planning and Finance and Policy Committees, membership of committees attached.

Cllr D Jones proposed he swapped from the Leisure & Amenities Committee to Planning Committee.

It was

**RESOLVED** that the membership of the committees will be left till the May Annual Council Meeting. The Town Clerk will circulate vacancies to Councillors.

**11. PARISH PLAN**

To receive an update on the Parish Plan actions.

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The Town Chairman went through the relevant sections of the Parish Plan and amendments were agreed. Amended copy attached.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the update and actions be taken.

**12. LAND TRANSFERS**

To consider a report from the Parish Clerk.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received

**13. TRAFFIC MATTERS & ROAD SAFETY**

To receive an update on traffic matters.

The Town Clerk had requested an update on works being carried out on Broad Street. The update has not been provided and the answer will be circulated as soon as received.

It was discussed that the closure of the footpath on Back Lane before the bridge poses a danger to residents.

The Town Clerk reassured Councillors that the Enforcement officer from SCDC regularly visits and inspects the site. The Enforcement Office has been contacted again about these issues but has not yet carried out changes efficiently. The Town Clerk will circulate the outcome to Councillors.

Another concern was raised regarding cars parking on the pavement outside the hairdressers and cafe. It was proposed that the new Police Sgt be updated on this issue.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received, and necessary actions be taken.

**14. BOURN AIRFIELD**

To receive an update from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk updated the Council that Supplementary Planning Documents are progressing slowly and will include how the site should be developed. They are aiming to have it completed by early summer for public consultation.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**15. WEST CAMBOURNE**

To receive an update from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that the developers are attending a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 to give an update/ pre application presentation.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received

**16. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

16.1 Simon Hagan- Letter thanking Town Council for recent decision to support first season of productions.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the correspondence

16.2 Tom Horn Communications Officer SCDC- March 2019 Parish E-Bulletin

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the email.

16.3 Resident email regarding anti-social behaviour.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the email and the Town Clerk to respond.

16.4 Resident email regarding road network across Cambourne.

Councillors stated that the resident would find a lot of the information by referring to the Parish Plan, Town Council website and Facebook. The Town Council objected to placement of road access to the new hotel, but the County Council disagreed.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the email and the Town Clerk to respond.

16.5 Resident letter regarding travellers.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to not consider the letter because of its discriminatory comments.

16.6 SCDC Communications Team- Letter regarding South Cambridgeshire District Council Business Plan 2019-2024.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the letter and Business Plan.

**17. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

To receive minutes of meetings of the following Committees and consider any recommendations contained therein:

**17.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE** held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 PLN M300

**17.2 PLANNING COMMITTEE** held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 PLN M301

**17.3 FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE** held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 FIN M73

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be received.

**18. 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.

**19. STAFFING**

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**19.1 Office Administrator**

The Town Clerk gave a report on the interview process.

It was

**Resolved** the report be received and the appointment of Ellie Lydon be confirmed.

**19.2 Apprentice Office Administrator**

The Town Clerk gave a report on progress.

It was

**Resolved** the report be received.

**19.3 Caretaker**

The Town Clerk gave an update.

It was

**Resolved** the report be received.

**19.4 Annual Review including Appraisal feedback.**

The Town Chairman and Town Clerk gave a report on appraisal process.

It was:

**RESOLVED** the report be received and the actions be confirmed.

**20. 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.

**21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

The meeting closed at 20:54

**Clerks Report**  
Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

**Town Clerks Report since 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

- 1 Correspondence and meeting with Ian Trafford of Cambridgeshire County Council regarding works to the Blue School and transfer. Ian has taken a lead at the County to try and get this resolved. Meeting with a surveyor acting for Cambridge County Council.
- 2 West Cambourne meetings regarding:
  - Pre-application for the first phase of development and
  - To resolve outstanding issues around Discharge of Conditions
  - Meeting with Sharon Brown Assistant Director Delivery Greater Cambridge Shared Planning
- 3 Meeting with the 10k Committee and the Community Development Officer to finalise details for the 10k.
- 4 Meeting with Coalition of Councils regarding Bourn Airfield Cambourne to Cambridge, A428 upgrade and East West Rail.
- 5 Meeting with the Community Development Officer and Head Groundsman to progress the Fete for this year.
- 6 Meeting with AH Electrical to look at Cambourne Youth Partnership building.
- 7 Assisted the Community development officer with the Volunteers Fair. There was a limited number of residents visiting, but those that did attend had come to volunteer.
- 8 Meetings with Nigel Taylor and David Ousby over the production of a business plan for the Cambourne Youth Building.
- 9 Meeting with Vine Technical regarding remedial work and the adoption of various parcels of open spaces.
- 10 Supported the Chairman and Vice Chairman with the interviews for the Caretaker and Office Administrator.

**Community Development Officer**

Jessica Lydon is currently focusing on a number of events, including:

- 10k Race which takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
- Food Market which will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019,
- 3G Opening on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and
- Community Action Day on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

I would like to encourage all Councillors to try and attend the events to show their support.

It is

**Recommended** that the report be received.

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## **Parish Report**

*Mark Howell: Cambridgeshire County Councillor for Bourn, Greater Cambourne, Little Gransden, Longstowe, Lower Cambourne and Upper Cambourne*

### **CAMBRIDGESHIRE ROADS**

With winter behind us and spring finally here, work to get Cambridgeshire roads ready for the year ahead is about to start.

Cambridgeshire County Council's £4.1 million programme of work, will see nearly 100 roads being treated with micro-asphalt, and a further 30 roads being repaired through a surface dressing programme.

The schemes will involve laying mixtures containing stones over the existing road surface to seal and protect - increasing the longevity of the road. Both programmes of work are weather dependent so dates are subject to change. Work will be carried out during the day from 8am to 6pm under full road closures.

Local people will be able to drive and cycle on the road soon after the work is complete, provided speeds remain below 20mph. Drivers and cyclists are asked to take extra care when using the road as some loose stones may remain.

Advanced warning signs will be displayed before the work is due to start and diversions will be in place at each location – and access to properties will be maintained.

Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways Maintenance Manager, Jonathan Clarke said: "We are always working hard to ensure our roads are kept in good condition and prevent them from deteriorating.

"This repair work is part of our commitment to making sure the county's roads are protected from extreme weather conditions and provide smoother journeys.

"We are reliant on the weather for this type of work, which we appreciate makes it difficult for people to plan ahead. We would like to thank everyone for their patience while the work is carried out."

### **BY-ELECTIONS**

BY-ELECTIONS for Cambridgeshire County Council's Trumpington division and Cambridge City Council's Trumpington ward will be held following the resignation of Donald Adey from both councils.

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The by-elections will be held at the same time as the scheduled city council elections on 2 May, meaning voters in Trumpington will be able to elect two councillors for their ward as well as a county councillor for the division.

### **Alconbury Weald Civic Hub.**

Cambridgeshire County Council's Commercial and Investment Committee today gave the green light for the submission of planning permission for their new Alconbury Weald Civic Hub.

The committee heard how feedback from staff, citizens and local residents has helped shape the designs of the building; with flexibility and efficiency at the heart of the plans.

Careful consideration has been given to designing a building that is low-energy, efficient and future-proof, with forward-thinking features such as ducting in the car park allowing for the charging of electric vehicles from day one, with the potential to harness solar energy at a later stage.

The development of the new Alconbury Weald Hub is a key part of the council's plans to move away from its Shire Hall base, and locate services closer to communities by making better use of its own buildings and those of key partners.

Cllr Josh Schumann, Chair of Commercial and Investment Committee, said: "By using local build and design contractors, we are ensuring we keep an eye on social value and the local workforce, by sourcing local labour and materials where possible.

"I wholly believe our new Alconbury Weald hub will encourage a step change in how we operate as a council and I look forward to us breaking ground on site later this year"

The cost of the building will be offset by the council moving away from its costly six-acre Shire Hall site, a move the council believes will save in the region of £45m over 30 years; even taking into consideration the cost of the new, much smaller hub building.

Planning permission will now be submitted in April, with construction expected to begin in November this year.

### **Social work**

Social work is a hugely rewarding career choice which helps families experiencing difficulties and we are looking for new recruits to come forward and make a difference to the lives of people in Cambridgeshire. Today is World Social Work Day and some of those who have been helped by social

workers have spoken about the impact they have had on their lives by spreading some positive messages. To find out more and apply, visit

### **Charge for computer use in libraries.**

Earlier this week (Tuesday 12 March), members of the Highways and Community Infrastructure committee agreed to remove the charge for computer use in libraries.

The £1 charge for computer access, introduced in May 2018, was part of a package of measures based on public feedback and trialled to ensure fair access to limited resources as well as to generate more income. The decision to scrap the charge for computer use comes in response to a detailed report on the charge and its impact, as well as feedback collected in a customer survey and a detailed analysis of the anticipated income.

New computers will also be rolled-out in libraries before the end of the year to improve the service for all. Members also agreed to launch a debt recovery campaign to encourage people to pay their overdue fines and replacement costs for missing items

### **Joint Minerals and Waste Plan.**

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough residents have a second chance to have their say on a new Joint Minerals and Waste Plan.

The new plan is being produced jointly with Peterborough City Council and will look ahead to 2036.

A first round of consultation took place last year to gather views on what the plan should include and also asked for landowners to come forward with suggested sites. Since then work has been underway on a further draft of the plan, which now includes proposals to allocate a number of sites at locations where mineral supplies can support development as well as improve the local biodiversity.

No waste sites are being proposed, as most waste management needs can be met.

The plan sets out a range of planning policies which will be used to decide planning applications for mineral and waste management development over the plan period. It will also provide guidance for new developments.

The consultation will run between 15 March and 25 April

### **Smoking**

A health warning given to a local councillor to quit smoking is the inspiration for a new hard hitting stop smoking campaign for Cambridgeshire.

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County Councillor Peter Hudson was warned by his GP that he wouldn't see his grand children grow up if he continued to smoke over 20 cigarettes a day and needed to quit for good.

Peter's experiences are now the basis of a new major stop smoking campaign for Cambridgeshire called #missingmoments and it will be launched on No Smoking Day – 13 March.

Cambridgeshire County Councillor Peter Hudson said: "It was terrible shock to me. I always felt invincible but the Doctor's message was stark – quit smoking or face the strong possibility of dying before my time and not seeing my grandchildren grow up. I had been a diehard smoker all my life. I was quite stubborn about not quitting, but the GP's message really hit home that not only would I miss those key moments in life, it terrified me to think also of the pain and trauma my death would cause to my family. I've now quit smoking and I'm also losing weight from eating healthily and exercising more.

The #missingmoments campaign focuses on the people that are left behind when someone dies from smoking and the key events they are absent from, such as wedding, a birthday or playing with your grandchild. For younger people the campaign will [focus upon other losses](#), such as the damage that smoking can cause to physical looks.

The campaign will encourage people to visit the Cambridgeshire's Be Well website where people can get a free quit kit and advice on how to give up smoking for good. For more details see [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/be-well](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/be-well). The campaign will be advertised locally across social media, community venues such as libraries and using traditional advertising.

In Cambridgeshire, more than 2400 people died between 2015 and 2017 from smoking related illnesses. If you smoke, you are more likely to experience chronic illnesses such as cancers, coronary heart disease, heart attack, stroke, peripheral vascular disease (damaged blood vessels) and cerebrovascular disease (damaged arteries that supply blood to your brain).

The Be Well website holds a range of health information and advice for people living in Cambridgeshire

## **LGBT Fostering**

The LGBT community in Cambridgeshire is being encouraged to consider fostering after new figures revealed the number of children in care in England has reached a new high.

Cambridgeshire County Council is supporting the campaign led by the charity New Family Social to encourage more people to pursue a rewarding role as a foster carer with some 75,420 children in England classed as looked-after in 2018 (just over 750 in Cambridgeshire), a four percent rise on the previous year.

The charity provides support to LGBT+ adopters and foster carers.

Sherwin, 43, who lives in north Cambridgeshire, decided to become a foster carer after working with children as a one-to-one carer for children with disabilities. He also has a degree in child psychology, while he has worked in educational psychology and specialist learning. During the decade he has been a carer, Mr Cox, who is single, has raised six children, all boys.

He said: "The most important thing for me is to give the children somewhere to call home where they feel secure.

"There is no reason why potential carers from the LGBT+ community should be discouraged from fostering or adopting whether it's a short-term or long-term placement, he added.

"My children have never had any issue with gay people, or my gay friends, or going to the Prides, nothing, they just accept people for who they are. They call me Sherwin and the boys know me as Sherwin and that is it.

He said, "there was no reason why LGBT+ carers could not go for nights out with friends; they just needed to manage their responsibilities accordingly.

"I am home with my kids in the daytime and we do lots of fun things at the weekends and I have my time with my friends. Lifestyle is not a barrier to fostering whatsoever, it is just managing it."

Councillor Simon Bywater, Chairman of the Children and Young People committee, said: "Fostering provides an opportunity to help children to grow up and lead fulfilling and successful lives and I would encourage members of the LGBT community who are considering fostering to find out more.

"To be a foster carer you need to be over 21 and foster carers can be single, married, in a civil partnership or living with a partner. We welcome applications from people of all ethnic backgrounds and from people who have their own children, as well as those who haven't raised children of their own. You don't need to be a homeowner to foster."

"There are children across the county who need your support, as well as a stable home so why not give a child a chance in life?"

## **Apprenticeship Celebration Event for National Apprenticeship Week 2019**

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A select group of apprentices from across Cambridgeshire gathered in Alconbury Weald yesterday to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week 2019 and the positive impact apprenticeships have on local businesses. The event, sponsored by Urban&Civic Plc and delivered by Cambridgeshire County Council, with the help of LGSS Learning and Development, was organised to recognise and celebrate apprentices in this county. Apprentices, and their employers, who live and work in Cambridgeshire were invited to come and share their experiences. They also had the opportunity to participate in two free workshops focusing on the key skills needed to support their End Point Assessments, including tips on compiling a portfolio and how to prepare for a professional discussion.

“Blaze a Trail” has been the theme for the 12<sup>th</sup> National Apprenticeship Week, and the annual celebration helps to highlight the fantastic opportunities that apprenticeships bring not just to individuals but to businesses and the wider economy.

Along with employers in the region, a selection of students from local schools were invited to attend the event, to learn about the career opportunities an apprenticeship can offer and support blazing a trail for future generations, in line with the national campaign.

Apprentices from Marshall AeroAcademy spoke about their experiences as did a selection of representatives from RG Carter Construction plus speakers from the Education and Training Foundation, Form the Future and the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

### **East West Rail (EWR)**

The County Council's response to East West Rail (EWR) Company consultation will be discussed at the Economy and Environment Committee

At the end of January EWR Company launched a consultation on the central section between Bedford and Cambridge outlining their proposals. There are five route options and the council has to consider its response to the recommendations.

It is proposed that the council strongly supports the delivery of the EWR central section, the council wishes to see a route that provides fast connectivity between the East of England and Central England and supports housing and economic growth planned in the Oxford to Cambridge arc. Finally, the EWR central section should not duplicate existing plans to tackle transport demand from planned housing and economic growth.

The key recommendations to be discussed at committee include the council's proposed preferred option being route A via Bedford South, Sandy and Bassingbourn, the council agreeing the central section should enter Cambridge from the south and to confirm the vital importance of the early

delivery of Cambridge South station and four tracking between Cambridge Station and the Shepreth Branch junction.

Cllr Ian Bates, Cambridgeshire County Council's Chairman of the Economy and Environment Committee, said: "Based on this work we propose from the five route options, option A is the favourite as it appears to provide the shortest journey times and is the lowest cost in comparison.

"We have looked at the proposals from a transport and highway view, and we'll work with East West Rail Company and local authority partners, to consider what growth might be appropriate along any of the route options."

### **Secondary school places**

This year we received nearly 6700 applications for secondary school places - an increase of more than 300 compared to the last academic year.

A total of 6691 applications were received by the deadline of 31 October 2018. Of these more than 5990 (89.5%) resulted in children being offered a place at their first preference school compared to 5561 last year. A further 449 (6.7%) children have received the offer of a place at their second or third preference school.

Jonathan Lewis, Service Director for Education for Cambridgeshire County Council said, "We dealt with significantly more applications for secondary school places in the county this year and we expect this trend to continue for the coming years and are planning for this by working with existing schools to increase their capacity and to plan for new secondary schools in the areas where demand is greatest with a planned investment in secondary school places of £200m between 2019-20 and 2023-24.

"We advise all applicants to use all three of their preferences when applying for a secondary school place and to ensure that they include their catchment school as one of their preferences to give themselves the best chance of securing a place

**Ruth Betson, District Councillor**  
**Report to Cambourne Town Council**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**

Last month I reported on the press release that the Conservative Group had put out about the budget. This month I would like to give a few more explanations that will perhaps help in understanding why we took such an unprecedented step.

The budget for SCDC was put to the council in February. The budget report raised many concerns because, despite increasing council tax, increased funds from government, the introduction of new charges, increasing over 30 current charges, spending considerable amounts of reserves and identifying cuts of £2.5 million pounds over the next five years: £3 million pounds worth of cuts or income still needs to be found to make the budget workable.

One of my colleagues asked at the February Council meeting for further clarity on where these savings would come from, but so far, the administration has not set out a plan.

It has been suggested that the £3 million gap would be solved from an investment strategy that involves borrowing £100 million over the next five years and using the monies to make commercial investments. I appreciate the need to find alternative sources of income to fund local government services and am supportive of the concept of doing this via investments. Initiatives taken previously in Ermine Street have been successful and produce around £2 million per annum worth of income. However, the decision to invest in Ermine Street was taken by full council. More recently the decision to invest in an ice rink in South Cambs was taken by full council and went through a full scrutiny process. The investment strategy presented to us in February enables the investment decisions surrounding the £100 million being borrowed to be made by 4 individuals (2 councillors and 2 officers). We proposed an amendment to put in place some method of scrutiny to oversee the investment decisions being made, unfortunately this was voted down and the original proposal was successful.

There are many factors that contribute to uncertainty in local government finance. The budget indicates over a 60% decrease in the reserves the council holds, leaving a reserve of £3,371,000. However, there is £3 million shortfall in the calculations, which could then result in the reserves dropping even further and below the recommended minimum of £2.5 million. Owing to careful management in previous years, the Council currently has nearly £8 million in reserves. It is prudent for an organisation like the Council to keep funds in reserve, as we are living at a time of great uncertainty.

All of this amounts to a high risk and economically frail budget in my view and I didn't feel that I could, in good conscience, take such risks on behalf of the residents I serve. I therefore voted against the budget.

**Low Carbon District to replace Water Recycling Centre**

It has been decided to move the old Water Recycling Centre that sits between the Cambridge Science Park and the new Cambridge North Station. The Water Recycling Centre was built in 1895 and has since undergone a number of improvements as the City of Cambridge has grown up around the works. It now treats used water from customers in Cambridge and surrounding villages, while at the same time maintaining the quality of the River Cam.

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A decision hasn't yet been made as to where the new facility to treat waste water will be built. These aren't popular to relocate because of the level of odour that they can emit during the summer months.

This will expand the area around the new station that can be used for development. The initial plans are to build about 5,000 houses on land owned by Anglian Water and Cambridge City Council, it also enables a further 3,000 houses to be built on adjacent land. There are also plans to support the proposed employment growth in the area.

The development is envisaged as a low carbon district, and has been chosen to receive a significant amount of funding from central government, after the Chancellor announced it was one of four schemes in the country set to be awarded a share of £717 million. The project was prioritised by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the Housing Infrastructure Fund in 2017.

With the proximity of the railway station, the Science Park and surrounding business parks, the hope is to attract residents who either work locally or commute on public transport, rather than adding to the road congestion along the A14, A10 and Milton Road.

### **Next meetings**

4<sup>th</sup> April – Council meeting cancelled

6<sup>th</sup> April – catch up with Cllr Philippa Hart, Portfolio Holder for Customer Service & Business Continuity

9<sup>th</sup> April – evening surgery

13<sup>th</sup> April – morning surgery

16<sup>th</sup> April – Scrutiny Committee

Best wishes,  
Ruth Betson  
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## **District Councillor Report to Parish Council April 2019**

**Travellers:** Travellers have returned to Cambourne and the residents have expressed their worries. Here is the link what Home Department thinks:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-plans-to-tackle-illegal-traveller-sites>

*Home Secretary Sajid Javid said:*

*The vast majority of travellers are law-abiding citizens - but illegal sites often give an unfair, negative image of their community and cause distress and misery to those who live nearby.*

*There is a widespread perception that the law does not apply to travellers and that is deeply troubling.*

*The result of our initial consultation was clear - people want to see greater protection for local communities and for the police to be given greater power to crack down on trespassers.*

*Communities Secretary Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP said:*

*During our consultation, we have heard accounts of needless and unacceptable noise, abusive and threatening behaviour and extensive litter and waste from illegal traveller sites.*

*Only a small minority of people are causing this distress, but it's right that police are given extra powers to step in.*

*We are committed to working with councils to help them deal with these challenging cases, while also ensuring travellers have good access to legal sites.*

**Attended workshop on working Effectively with Officers:** District Councillors were invited to attend a workshop on "Working Effectively with Officers" on 26th March. The workshop had been designed for South Cambridgeshire District Council to mirror workshops provided for officers focussed on building effective relationships with elected members. It provided an opportunity for Members to develop the ways in which they can develop their own working relationships with officers.

### **My Community Development Role in March:**

**I organised two community festivals in March:** Maslenica or Pancake Festival and Festival of Colours, Holi

Cambourne's first Pancake Festival was organized to acknowledge the neighbours and residents who made their home in Cambourne, like Christmas, Diwali, Eid - it is a major festival for many countries, and they should not miss their festival where their new home is.

Each year Festival of Colours is growing bigger and attracting more global and international participation along with the South Asians residents in Cambourne. The overwhelming participation of cross and diverse communities demonstrates the integration of diverse community living in Cambourne.

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These festivals create a better environment to live in and help in eliminate loneliness and isolation.

### **Youth Training and wellbeing:**

Our Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) team made us proud by winning two first places and overall judged 2nd among 28 teams from 11 countries. The team participated for the first time. It was indeed a great experience for the team especially interacting with participants from 11 countries.

Children brought Cambourne in the news again by winning the second position in the PiWars 2019 held at the Computer Laboratory of the University of Cambridge.

Children are persistently being mentored for computational learning and are encouraged to participate in merit-based competitiveness & challenges which will benefit them in long run for their future.

I would like to preserve the wealth of talents in this country. This initiative is aligned with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals in imparting quality support for education.



## CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

### Parish Plan Action Summary – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

#### Abbreviations:

Finance & Policy Committee – F & P  
 Leisure & Amenities Committee – L & A  
 South Cambs District Council – SCDC  
 Developers Consortium (McAlpine) – MCA  
 Amenities)  
 Taylor Wimpey East Anglia – TWEA  
 Cambourne Youth Partnership – CYP  
 Transport Planning Associates – TPA  
 Multi Use Games Area – MUGA  
 Police Community Support Officer – PCSO  
 Cambridgeshire County Council - CCC  
 Policy Staff

J O'D – Cllr Joseph O'Dwyer (Chairman)  
 RP – Cllr Ruth Poulton (Vice Chairman)  
 PG – Cllr Gavigan (Chairman of Planning)  
 GT – Cllr Greg Thompson (Chairman of Leisure &

SK – Cllr Simon Krintas  
 Clerk – John Vickery (Town Clerk)  
 CDO – Jessica Lydon (Community Development Officer)

#### Key:

Council Planning Leisure & Amenities Finance &

Section / Question No.	Town Council Action	Notes	Who	Status
4.2 Q 1&2	Town Council to carry out a survey of early years' childcare needs in Cambourne and communicate the results / findings to all relevant parties	This should include Inclusive provision. A questionnaire will be devised to ensure that all relevant and consistent information is obtained. Results will be	RP J O'D	Under review After reviewing the Early Years, the Cambridgeshire County Council

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		reported to Council, all relevant parties and published on the website		carries out this annually to ensure sufficient places are available. The Parish Council requests updates on this process each year. <i>The Chairman and Vice Chairman will meet with the Children's Centre</i>
4.2 Q3	Town Council to liaise on an annual basis with the Local Education Authorities with a view to understanding and influencing the local pupil / student projection / forecast numbers in schools to ensure adequate availability of places.	The information will be requested from the Local Education Authority. Support from other councillors/ staff will be requested if required	RP	Ongoing <i>Links to Cambridgeshire County Council signposted on the Councils Web site</i>
4.2 Q4	From the Question 3 action, Town Council to pass relevant information to the existing Cambourne Primary Schools and in addition feed into the consultation process for the new two primary schools to be provided as part of the Cambourne West development.	Clerk to send most current information to Ian Trafford – Cambridgeshire County Council. The site provided is large enough for 3 form entry, but funding is only for 2 form entry.  Links to existing schools should be on the website.  A statement will be written for the S106 section of the website.	Clerk  GT  Clerk	<b>Completed with launch of new website - August 2017</b>  See 4.1
4.2 Q5	Town Council to publish current provision of 6th form for Cambourne students and	Cambourne Village college to be contacted for confirmation of current 6 <sup>th</sup>	Clerk GT	Underway, possible changes to

	explore the possibility of provision in Cambourne.	provision now and in the future and prepare a statement for publication on the website.		provision. Discussions ongoing with the CCC The 6 <sup>th</sup> form is due to be provided in approximately 2024 once the expansion of Cambourne Village College has been completed for West Cambourne.
<b>4.2 Q6, 7 &amp; 8</b>	<p>Town Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invite Cambourne Village College annually to attend a council meeting and report the adult education courses on offer, local resident uptake and the College's communication efforts with the local community.</li> <li>Share the findings of the report with Cambourne Village College.</li> </ul>	<p>Request that a representative of Cambourne Village College attend the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>The relevant sections of the report will be shared with Cambourne Village College.</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>Clerk SK</p>	<p><b>Annually</b> <i>Link on Town Council web site</i></p> <p><b>Completed November 2017</b></p>
<b>4.2</b>	Town Council to explore the possibility of a limited school bus service within Cambourne to serve local primary schools.	<p>There will funds in the s106 for new bus services but this will not extend to running a school bus service within Cambourne.</p> <p>Stagecoach could be approached to consider a concessionary rate for school children.</p>	Clerk	<b>Considered. No funds available therefore not feasible at this time</b>

		The legality of the Town Council running a school bus service needs to be checked.		
<b>4.3 Q4, 5 &amp; 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and launch a new website. As part of this work, the Town Council will take into account the comments received.</li> </ul>	New Website launched	GT Clerk CDO	<b>Completed – August 2017</b>
<b>4.4 Q8</b>	Town Council to ensure an easy to use 'report it' function is made available to report street light problems.		GT	<b>Completed with launch of new website – August 2017</b>
<b>4.5 Q2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summarise the list of forthcoming amenities with the Cambourne West development and feed the responses from the Parish Plan into future development considerations.</li> </ul>	Comments from the Parish Plan to be incorporated into the design of facilities in West Cambourne.	Council Committees	Will be achieved when the appropriate trigger points are reached <i>See 4.1 for trigger points</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town Council to invite Morrisons to explain their position on community use of the Market Square and publish outcomes.</li> </ul>	A letter to be written to Morrisons in the first instance.	J O'D Clerk	Morrison's to be invited to talk to new Council after May 2018 Draft a letter to Morrisons inviting them to Council meeting later this year

<p><b>4.6</b> <b>Q 1-5</b></p>	<p>Town Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to lobby for an additional PCSO and communicate the outcome.</li> <li>Continue to lobby the Police and Crime Commissioner on the need of a staffed Police Enquiry Desk.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Link to available crime statistics from the Police website.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch an appeal for village Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators.</li> </ul>	<p>These will be discussed at Council for further action.</p> <p>Link on the website</p> <p>This will be discussed at Council for further action. Police to be invited to Volunteers Event in November 2017</p>	<p>Council</p>  <p>GT</p> <p>Council</p>	<p>To be discussed at CPC meeting March 2018 Requested to attend meeting. Date to be rescheduled. Police Commissioner attended Council meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 <i>Ongoing.</i></p> <p><b>Completed with launch of the new website – August 2017</b></p> <p>Town Council to promote the neighbourhood watch initiative at appropriate events – ongoing Meet with Cambourne Policing team to progress Neighbourhood Watch and Police Volunteers. Spring 2019</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure an easy to use 'report it' function is made available on its website to report graffiti problems.</li> </ul>	On the website.	GT	<b>Completed with launch of the new website – August 2017</b>
<b>4.7 Q 1-8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain and develop partnerships with healthcare providers in Cambourne with a view to supporting funding applications and community healthcare initiatives.</li> <li>Run a series of open residents' meetings at which healthcare providers will be invited to speak.</li> </ul>	<p>Representatives from the Surgery or the Patient Liaison Group will be invited to the next Network and Natter Meeting.</p> <p>Liaise with the Patient Liaison Group regarding the setting up of open meetings.</p>	<p>CDO</p> <p>CDO</p> <p>Council</p>	<p>December 2017 Healthcare providers invited to Network and Natter meeting and to be invited to future meetings to ensure sharing of information</p> <p>To be looked into when first 2 items have been resolved (Note: Monkfield Medical Practice already have patient forums)</p> <p>Reviewed holding meetings but considered that the Monkfield Medical Practice patient forums are the best way of ensuring contact between the practice and patients. The Parish</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share with the community the issues relating to healthcare in Cambourne and the actions taken by the Parish Council.</li> </ul>	Up to date information on the current situation with the surgery and dental practice is required. A Working Party to be created at the September Council meeting.		<p>Council will promote if requested.</p> <p>Information to be collated by healthcare working group. <i>This is currently being perused and anticipate more information by June 2019 once Clinical Commissioning Group have reviewed Group working of medical practices</i></p>
<b>4.8 Q3</b>	<p>Town Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider providing an enclosed area where dogs can exercise off leads.</li> </ul>	To be discussed by the L & A Committee in conjunction with the Wildlife Trust.	L & A Committee Wildlife Trust	Agenda item on 2018 L&A meeting Discussions ongoing <i>update to July 2019 Council meeting</i>
<b>4.8 Q4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website 'report it' function to enable it easier to report littering in children's play areas.</li> </ul>	On the website.	GT	<b>Completed with launch of the new website – August 2017</b>

<p><b>4.8 Q5</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request South Cambs District Council to not charge for second blue bin – in line with Cambridge City Council.</li> </ul>	<p>Letter to be written to South Cambs District Council.</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p><b>Currently SCDC no longer charge for second blue bin.</b></p>
<p><b>4.9 Q5</b></p>	<p>Town Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feed the results of the survey as part of their ongoing input into the City Deal process.</li> </ul>	<p>Much of the information has already been taken into account. The relevant sections will be sent to the City Deal and comments requested.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>	<p><b>Information was passed on to the City Deal during workshops held. Completed</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lobby the appropriate local authority for subsidised bus service from Cambourne to St Neots.</li> <li>Lobby for restricted vehicle exit in Upper Cambourne and share plans with community on what modes of transport can use it (e.g. cyclists, pedestrians).</li> </ul>	<p>TPA to be contacted.</p> <p>The provision of the bus link has a full pedestrian and cycle path. The timescale for the provision of this to be published on the website.</p>	<p>Clerk  Clerk GT</p>	<p>Commenced January 2017 and ongoing <i>There is provision in the s106 for West Cambourne details to be published when available, Summer 2019</i></p> <p>The bus lane provision is prior to the first occupation of West Cambourne which is expected Autumn 2019. <i>Planning application submitted January 2019.</i></p>

<p><b>4.9 Q9</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support dedicated cycle routes to Cambridge as part of the Local Plan / City Deal process.</li> <li>Continue to push for the joining up of broken cycle routes in Cambourne</li> </ul>	<p>This forms part of the Transport Assessment for Cambourne West and will be followed up.</p> <p>This forms part of the infrastructure agreement for Cambourne West.</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>S106 has provision for contribution towards cycle route to Cambridge with completion to be prior to 780<sup>th</sup> dwelling occupation date. See 4.1.</p> <p>Programme is being drawn up as part of the infrastructure works for West Cambourne and will be published as soon as plans completed <i>Autumn 2019</i></p>
<p><b>4.9 Q11</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request funding from the developers to improve the signage to public car parking.</li> </ul>	<p>Current signage to be assessed in the first instance.</p>	<p>Office</p>	<p>Request made to the developers and negotiations ongoing <i>2019</i>. Some of the carpark signage is covered by the contractor signage around the village</p> <p><i>Signage to be reviewed regularly</i></p>

				<p><b>Revised map of Cambourne shows the location of car parks</b> <i>Available on Town Website</i></p>
<p><b>4.9 Q13</b></p>	<p>Town Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publish plans for the provision of pedestrian crossings in Cambourne and lobby highways authority for their delivery.</li> </ul>	<p>Underway via the Pedestrian Crossing Working Party. A traffic count carried out in 7 locations of which 3 met the criteria for the possible provision of a zebra crossing and applications have been made for those sites under the Local Highways Improvement Initiative. These are due to be considered in February 2018</p> <p>The next round of Minor Works funding has been released to be considered at the September Council meeting.</p>	<p>Pedestrian Crossing Working Party</p> <p>Council</p>	<p>Commenced September 2017 and ongoing</p> <p>An application was submitted for zebra crossings to Minor Works funding at CCC and information should be received April 2018 regarding funding (or not) being available</p> <p>The first Zebra Crossing to be installed prior to April 2019 on the junction of School Lane and Swansley Lane</p> <p><i>Second Zebra crossing a £10,000</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide regular updates on the latest round of waiting restrictions (yellow lines).</li> </ul>	To be published on the website.	Clerk GT	<p><i>grant was offered by the County Council. The crossing to be installed prior to April 2020</i></p> <p><i>The next phase will be proceeded with once the adoption works in Back Lane, Sackville Way and De La Warr Way have been completed Winter 2019.</i></p>
<b>4.9 Q15</b>	Town Council to explore proposals for 20mph zones (around schools).	The Council delegated to the Transport Working Party held in September to consider a recommendation on speed limits in Cambourne. This was considered by Council in October where they agreed to request the County Council to implement a blanket 20mph speed limit in Cambourne	Council	<p>Commenced September 2017 and ongoing</p> <p>Submission to County Council Summer 2018. <i>Speed Counts on the 30mph roads to be carried out to determine mean speeds so the extent/type of traffic calming and be agreed Autumn 2019</i></p>

<p><b>4.13</b></p>	<p>Town Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publish the rules for road adoption and the latest adoption plans.</li> </ul>	<p>The existing Road Adoption map is not very user friendly. An alphabetical list of adopted roads would be more useful.</p>	<p>Office</p>	<p>Work is ongoing on production of an indexed list and map of adopted roads should be published <i>Summer 2019</i></p> <p><i>Rules of adoption awaited from the County Council summer 2019</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage BT to complete their fibre optic provision in Cambourne</li> </ul>	<p>To be considered by the Council. Residents to be requested to feed in information regarding problem areas.</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p><i>The Town Council to continue to pursue BT to complete their fibre optic provision in Cambourne</i></p> <p><b>The Parish Council to explore other providers Alternative providers contacted</b></p> <p><i>Investigations carried out with residents and there was insufficient demand for an alternative provider.</i></p>

**LAND TRANSFERS**

**Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**

Dear John

Please find below an updated status report on current matters involving the Parish Council.

1. GC23/GC26, Greenway – MCA (58)

No change since my last Report.

2. Upper Cambourne Northern Greenway SIP –MCA (59)

We are ready to complete this matter, subject to clarification from you as to whether a commuted sum is payable?

3. Cambourne Cricket Pavillion – MCA (62)

No change since my last report, my registration application remains to be concluded.

4. Cambourne Youth Centre – MCA (63)

Laytons have received instructions from MCA on this matter and have just provided a revised Transfer for review.

5. Cambourne School Lease Variation – County Council (65)

No change since my last Report.

6. POS – Persimmon Homes (67)

No change since my last Report.

7. Meadowsweet Close and Cherry Court – David Wilson Homes (68)

I am waiting to hear from DWH's lawyer as to payment of the commuted sum/my costs, otherwise we are ready to complete.

8. POS – Bovis Homes (71)

No change since my last Report.

9. Land Parcels LC02, LC05, LC09 and LC14 – Taylor Wimpey (51)

TW's in-house legal team have proposed some revisions to the engrossment Transfers, so the engrossments will be reissued and sent onto the Parish Council for signing shortly.

Kind regards,

Allison

**Allison Hopkins**  
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for Mills & Reeve LLP

Signed

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