



## 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> July 2019. Meeting commenced at 19:23

Present:

Cllr J O'Dwyer (Chairman)  
Cllr R Poulton (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr N Akhter  
Cllr S Bhattacharya  
Cllr A Fisher

Cllr P Hedges  
Cllr T Hudson  
Cllr S Krintas  
Cllr G Thompson

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

1 member of the public were in attendance.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Ahmed, Cllr P Gavigan, Cllr D Jones, Cllr D Maklin, Cllr J Patel, Cllr K McIntyre, Cllr J Patel, Cllr J Simpson and Cllr D Sharma. Acceptable reasons for absence have been approved.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the apologies from Cllr A Ahmed, Cllr P Gavigan, Cllr D Jones, Cllr D Maklin, Cllr J Patel, Cllr K McIntyre, Cllr J Patel, Cllr J Simpson and Cllr D Sharma for their absence be received and approved.

### 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting CTC/M192 held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting CTC/M192 be approved and signed.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

Cllr E Spanner joined the meeting 19:25

### 4. POLICE MATTERS

Signed

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#### **4.1 Jason Ablewhite- Police and Crime Commissioner**

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the report.

#### **4.2 Cllr Mark Howells Report on local crime and actions to be taken.**

Cllr E Spanner spoke about the local crime meeting herself and Cllr Mark Howell held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. The meeting was well attended, and everyone gave their ideas and personal stories. It was interesting to hear that many people still don't feel they need to report crimes. A lot of the questions raised about participation with younger people. Everyone who attended has been contacted to see if they would like to attend follow up actions and so far, the response has been good.

The Town Chairman and Vice Chairman will be invited to these follow up action meetings.

Cllr E Spanner also spoke about the spurt of burglaries in Upper Cambourne and she will be following up with the Police to see what their plan of action is to prevent this from happening again over the school holidays.

#### **4.2**

The Councillors read through the table of notes written by Cllr Ruth Betson and began to discuss who the actions could be delegated to. The Town Chairman suggested a meeting should be held with Sgt Phil Priestley to discuss with him who can take on the actions and understand what the Police would like the Town Council to do.

The Town Chairman asked Cllr Mark Howell what he would like the Town Council to do. Cllr Mark Howell asked the Town Council to give their support to get everyone in community involved in future and to help with the action points such as handing out leaflets.

Sgt Phil Priestley will be holding a meeting at 7pm-8:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 speaking about County Lines in the Meeting Room at The Hub. The Town Chairman encourage Councillors to go along and ask him questions.

Sgt Phil Priestley has been into Monkfield Arms and spoken to the manager and is taking action to raise awareness.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the report and contact the Police and ask what plans they have for the summer to avoid a repeat of last years issues of arson and pretty crime.

#### **4.4 Jason Ablewhite- New Police Station Proposal**

The survey in the report is available on the website until 17:00pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. A concern was raised over whether our service at the Cambourne Police Station would be impacted by the proposal.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to respond to the consultation that we have no objections to the proposal as long as the new station doesn't draw away resources from Cambourne Police Station.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made no announcements.

The Chairman reminded Councillors that this weekend is Cambourne To Be Wild run by The Wildlife Trust.

**6. CAMBOURNE TO CAMBRIDGE**

To receive a presentation from Helen Bradbury from the Local Liaison Forum (LLF) and Steve Jones.

**Purpose of the LLF**

To offer advice to the Greater Cambridge Partnership on the C2C scheme: Scrutinise the proposals, provide local knowledge, request further work.

**Membership**

All County, District and City Councillors along the route, plus one representative from Parish Councils and Residents' Associations and other relevant interest groups.

**Why do we want Cambourne represented?**

- To balance the debate- as some of the primary users.
- To add weight to our lobbying for something better

**Why does the LLF oppose the scheme?**

- It offers very poor value for its c.£200 million cost.

One tenth of the benefit/cost ratio expected of public infrastructure schemes.

- The associated benefits are poor:

Just a few minutes improvement in journey time- to Grange Road (well maybe)

Connectivity to city centre ~& key employment sites is poor and via congested roads.

Only minimal modal shift anticipated- most people will still go to work by car.

- The environmental and community impacts are significant.

If the benefits outweighed the costs, opposition would evaporate. Problem is they don't.

**What does the LLF want instead?**

- Good public transport to key Cambridge destinations- just as Cambourne wants.
- An on-road bus solution, last 5-10 years, implemented now. Why?

So much is unresolved the directly impacts the scheme:

Will the Mayor find £2billion+ for central Cambridge tunnels?

Could the likely Girton Interchange upgrade render the busway obsolete?

If East/West Rail goes via Cambourne, who would use the busway?

What overarching strategic network will C2C connect to?

It is deliverable now; C2C off-road will be subject to lengthy legal challenges. Journey times are only marginally longer than off-road and much better than now.

It can be delivered at a fraction of the cost.

***And when this all becomes clearer...***

A well connected possibly rail, transport scheme, with stops in all three parts of Cambourne. Feeding in to a larger strategic network- via an all-ways Girton Interchange.

With good connections to Cambridge City Centre and key employment sites.

**We ask you to join the LLF and help us:**

Scrutinise the C2C project to ensure it offers value for money.

Lobby for something much better.

The LLF believe it's not the right time to make such an expensive decision and they need something in place now that can give us 90% of the benefits and in 3-5 years review. The Local Liaison Forum would like Cambourne Town Council to join the meeting to give their views.

Cambourne Town Council opted for the off-road scheme as it is the most useful to Cambourne Residents.

A point was raised that Manchester have a fantastic system of trams, side by side, which don't take up space like a bus lane would. So much money has been wasted at this point (£2 million) and they need to find something that will work and not ruin the countryside.

A concern was raised that there are currently 3 different transport plans in action: East West Rail, Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership and the Mayor's Transport Scheme with each project putting in thousands of pounds of research. All 3 schemes can't go ahead. Do they communicate with each other?

Working on different timescales with different imperatives.

We respect the concerns of other villages, but Cambourne Town Council decided to go for the off-road proposal as it offered an efficient, future-proof route to Cambridge. The Council could revisit the decision when considering future consultations.

At an earlier Cabinet Liaison Meeting the audience agreed there should be an integrated scheme, A428 upgrade, Cambridge to Oxford and Cambourne to Cambridge. The Deputy Leader supported the idea and said he would be taking it in to the discussions. There is pressure to look at an integrated scheme for all of them. Even though the individual projects are working at different time scales with different imperatives, the timing are not that far apart. Highway England said should have a rail track next to the A428 upgrade as it was the most economical method.

It is believed there won't be a much immediate impact from West Cambourne or Bourn Airfield development as they have both been delayed. Councillors were pleased to hear bodies are consulting each other now as it can only benefit all of us.

The Town Chairman thanked both Helen Bradbury and Steve Jones for coming along and assured that more Councillors will be attending LLF meetings.

The Town Chairman informed the Council that there had been a request from Greater Cambridge Partnership to come to a Town Council Meeting for a presentation. The proposed date is 16<sup>th</sup> July between the Planning and Finance and Policy Meeting. It would be a 1 item Full Council Meeting and the Town Council agreed to the proposed date.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the report and confirm the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

## 7. **CLERKS UPDATE**

To receive an update from the Clerk.

In relation to the third bullet point the Town Clerk reported that there has been a positive response regarding the Blue School transfer from the County Council to the Town Council from Alex Gee. The County Council are moving their main office from Shire Hall to Alconbury and were looking at using the Blue School as part of County Facilities during their moving period this is now not an option.

The Town Chairman was briefed, and an email was sent to the County Council stating they should not renege on their original promises.

The County Council have confirmed they will transfer the Blue School to the Town Council, carry out any repairs that need doing and the Children's Centre will continue to have free use of the building.

A District Council meeting is being arranged and the date will be circulated to Councillors when it is confirmed.

Additional to the report the Town Clerk attended a South Cambridgeshire District Council and Parish Council Liaison Meeting where there was a discussion on

- 'Operation London Bridge.' A report will be brought to the next Finance and Policy Meeting so that the committee is aware of what a Town Councils involvement is.
- Recycling- The Town Clerk reported that there has been an increase in fly tipping. He also stated that a lot of recycling is being rejected due to fabrics/clothes, wipes etc. being put into recycling bins, which ends up in general waste due to the items being contaminated and this contributes to the amount of rubbish added to landfills.
- Parking enforcement- The Police and Crime Commissioner has suggested the use of civil enforcement but South Cambs District Council under the legislation cannot use capital or council tax money and have to use money from income however the District Council has no car parks or parking measures in place so can't take money from that to pay for civil enforcement.

The Town Chairman suggested that the next Cambourne Crier article should have an item on recycling to make people more aware. The Town Clerk said that the District Council are doing an article on how to dispose of wipes.

It was:

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

## 8. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

To receive a report from the County Councillor for Cambourne Ward.

Councillor Mark Howell was in attendance to answer any questions Councillors had about his report. Cllr Howell referred to the last sentence of '3.5 SuDS and drainage and the crossed out should to must. He explained that he feels any pump stations being put in to Cambourne West must have these requirements. This was in relation to the Design Code for West Cambourne.

There was a discussion over whether sufficient consultation had taken place with the Town Council on the development of West Cambourne. The Town Clerk said there had been, but some time ago.

It was argued by Cllr M Howell and supported by other District Councillors that sufficient consultations on West Cambourne have not taken place with the Town Council. The Town Council were only consulted on the early draft, at K it is now on version O.

A point was raised by a Councillor over the number of flats that are planned to built in West Cambourne and along the High Street. The design is led by the District Council who wanted flats for West Cambourne and the developers have to follow these directions especially as it will be in the approved Design Code. It was suggested to write to the District Council about the Town Councils concerns. Cllr M Howell suggest that the Town Clerk looked at the consultation process at Waterbeach.

The Town Chairman suggested to chase up the postponed meeting with the SCDC leader, if a date of the meeting is not supplied soon a letter is to be written.

It was:

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

**9. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

To receive a report from the District Councillors for Cambourne.

Cllr Betson gave her apologies for absence.

In Cllr Ruth Betson's report she asked what the Town Councils views were on the A428 Bourn Airfield needing a separate access road. The Town Council believes it does need a separate access road and had made this clear in its response to the outline application for Bourn Airfield.

Cllr Bhattacharya was present and gave her report.

The Town Chairman would like to reiterate that if Councillors reports are not in by 10am Friday preceding the meeting they won't be accepted.

Cllr Clayton gave his apologies for absence.

The Town Chairman proposed that if any councillors are interested in any of Gavin Claytons proposals they should make the Town Clerk aware and talk to Cllr G Clayton. It was agreed that the Town Clerk be delegated to authorise Councillors to attend on behalf of the Town Council but Councillors could not commit the Town Council to a course of action.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the reports be received and Councillors inform the Clerk if they wish to participate.

**10. PARISH PLAN**

To receive an update on the Parish Plan Action.

The document circulated had been updated to reflect the discussions held at earlier meetings of the Council and its committees. It was suggested that the plan will be an agenda item at the September Full Council Meeting.

It was suggested that the name Parish Plan should be changed to Town Plan and Town Action to reflect our new status.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the update and actions to be taken and to change the name from Parish Plan to Town Plan.

## **11. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**11.1** To receive the schedule of payments attached.

A question was raised over what the Public Works Load Board payment was for. The Town Clerk explained it is a loan for gym equipment for the Sports Centre, which is in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of payment.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received and approved.

**11.2** To receive a report on the current financial position.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**11.3** To receive the bank reconciliation.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received and approved.

## **12. LAND TRANSFERS**

To consider a report from the Town Clerk.

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We have received the engrossments. These will be signed once the Town Clerk has checked them.

The Council has also received the engrossment for the Youth Centre land. The Town Chairman has signed and we just need the Vice Chairman to sign.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

## **13. A428 BLACK CAT TO CAXTON GIBBET IMPROVEMENTS**

To receive notice of public consultation on the A428 improvements.

The Town Chairman requested that any Councillor comments to be given to the Town Clerk by 11<sup>th</sup> July, which will be put into a draft response so they can be considered at the Planning Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> July so a response can be submitted. Councillors can also respond as individuals.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the report.

## **14. TRAFFIC MATTERS & ROAD SAFETY**

Signed

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To receive an update on traffic matters.

The Town Clerk reported that the zebra crossing width has been increased to avoid vehicles stopping on the ramp. The work is planned to take place over the summer holidays, subject to objections being made to the scheme.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the report.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

Town Clerk to report on any correspondence needing to be brought to the Councils attention. (Schedule Herewith)

Consideration was given to the application for temporary traffic order at various roads, south division. This covers a period from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019-31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 when the rolling road closures and speed limits necessary for essential carriageway maintenance work.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**16. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

To receive minutes of meeting of the following committees and consider any recommendations contained therein:

**16.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE** held on 4<sup>th</sup> June PLN/M306, 11<sup>th</sup> June PLN/307 and 18<sup>th</sup> June PLN/308.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the reports be received.

**16.2 LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE** held on 18<sup>th</sup> June LA/M181

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**17. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING- Special Council Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Next Full Council Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019**

The meeting closed at 20.36