

District Councillor Report – September 2019

A big thanks to Cambourne Town Council staff members for running another successful Food Festival on Bank Holiday on 26th August.

Community Chest is open now:

The Community Chest is grant funding available to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life in South Cambridgeshire.

Applicants must:

- Either be a non-profit group OR organisation based in South Cambridgeshire or benefiting South Cambridgeshire residents, OR be a public sector body with a demonstrable community focus (individuals and businesses are not eligible)
- Be a Parish Council or Parish Meeting with fewer than 160 registered electors
- Have a written constitution or mission statement
- Have an elected committee or representative steering group

Be able to provide an up to date copy of their accounts and any relevant protection policies

If you have questions about these criteria, please contact us using the details below.

If your organisation does not have a written constitution, mission statement and/or relevant protection policies please contact Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service for advice in meeting these requirements. Please call 01223 464696 or email enquiries@cambridgecvs.org.uk

What must the project deliver?

The community activity or project must:

Help to deliver one or more of the following aims:

- o Promote healthy and active communities
- o Enable inclusive communities
- o Develop skills
- o Enhance the natural environment, Meet local need and leave a legacy for the community,

Ensure equality of access

How much can be applied for?

The maximum award is £1,000 in any single financial year (April-March) and can be for 100% of the project's costs unless the initiative is on parish council land, in which case a 50% contribution from the parish council is expected.

When can groups apply?

The Community Chest opens in April and October each year, with 50% of the annual budget released at each point.

Our questions like **What can be funded? What cannot be funded? What supporting documentation is required? How will the grant be paid? What are the conditions of funding?** please go to:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest>

Contact Details: duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk , 01954 713070

Health provisions in the extended Cambourne:

I was working with another case study regarding “**What health provisions developers are making towards expanding existing provision within the town in terms of the continuing development of Cambourne?**”

Please find the report from **Planning Policy Strategy and Economy Team:**

The Local Planning Authority consult with and work with the NHS to ensure that the development we approve contain the appropriate facilities and/or deliver contributions to deliver additional services to meet the demand that those developments will create. In providing healthcare facilities for Cambourne, the NHS took the view that providing new and additional facilities to provide additional services to existing facilities in Cambourne Centre (Sackville House). Once delivered it is for the NHS to ensure that the money is appropriately spent.

In the case of the additional 950 homes an initial contribution of £165,000 from the 950 S106 was drawn down in 2012 and used to create additional capacity at Sackville House through a reconfiguration of existing space without extending the building. Additional funds have also been secured with £522,000 remains unspent which is being targeted as a contribution towards extending and delivering improvements to Sackville House. We understand the NHS is now looking at how an extension would be configured to meet their requirements.

In terms of Cambourne West a further £970,250 would be secured from the Cambourne West S106 Contributions towards Healthcare. We considered whether to deliver a facility on site as part of the commercial floorspace to be delivered on Cambourne West and the LPA and the Developer would have been happy to include such a facility. However we were advised by the NHS that it would not support a new surgery at Cambourne West due to the revenue cost of running a satellite facility, which would not benefit from the economies of scale that are offered by Sackville House with shared admin staff, reception facilities etc.. Therefore, in order to make the greatest use of S106 and public money the NHS considered that an extension of Sackville House was the most appropriate way to meet the needs of Cambourne West residents. In terms of the delivery of its public function the NHS are best placed to advise on the capacity and running of their service.

We note that during as the planning application for Cambourne West was considered a number of the public responses to this application questioned how the health needs for new residents could be met when the existing facility struggles with the present demand. The problems experienced at Cambourne medical practice relate in part to the level of funding they receive from national government as well as difficulties in attracting staff to the practice. The latter is a problem that is not just experienced at Cambourne. This was reported to Members in their determination of the application.

Therefore a figure of £1,492,250 is ready to be provided for NHS improvements and enhancements to healthcare. The NHS considers is best placed to be delivered in Sackville House (or an extended facility in this location). Some enhancements have already been delivered. We continue to work with the NHS and partners to secure optimal delivery of contributions and this should deliver improvements to the service and capacity of Sackville House.

It appears that what your constituent experienced was unfortunate and we sympathise with her, but there are funds and resources to be placed at the NHS’ disposal to deliver improvements to health services in Cambourne, and the NHS believe the town centre is the best place for this to occur as an expansion to existing facilities.

A14 C2H Welly Walk 9 September 2018

The upcoming A14 C2H Welly Walk (charity walk to raise funds for Cancer Research) will take place on Sunday 9 September and is a good opportunity to get on the A14 construction site and see it first-hand.

Lloyd's Pharmacy:

I have received complaints against the delays at Lloyd's Pharmacy during the long weekends. I visited and talked to the staff members, Cambourne Lloyd's Pharmacy is short-staffed, and they are under pressure.

The staff who was covering on Tuesday was a County Council staff and said, "Cambourne Lloyd's Pharmacy carries bad reputation because of harsh behaviour of the locals thus no one wants to come to work particularly in Cambourne", in other hand, our residents are truly upset as the service is really poor at Lloyd's Pharmacy, especially when an elderly person stands and waits for 20 to 25 minutes for the medicine. I have written an email to their customer service, and I am looking for better service from **Lloyd's Pharmacy** in Cambourne.

Meeting finalised with Operations Director, Stagecoach

Meeting is finalised with Operations Director, Stagecoach East regarding Bus No. 4.

County Cllr Mark Howell helped me for this meeting, and he will be in the meeting on Monday 2nd September.

I was emphasising in Cambourne Crier for last 8 months asking for an equal service to provide for Upper Cambourne too, what is existing in Great and Lower Cambourne.

Running the bus service after 6pm on weekdays and on Sundays in Upper Cambourne.

Cambourne to Cambridge busway final plans delayed at same time as recommended route up for debate

A decision on the final plans for the **Cambourne to Cambridge busway** has been delayed by two months at the same time as its recommended route is subject to change.

The final plans were expected to be released in September, to go before the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Joint Assembly and Board in September and October respectively. The board will now decide the plans in December.

The recommended route where the busway enters central Cambridge is now also subject to change. The recommended route was previously going to link the busway with Grange Road, via the Rifle Range Track. The option of buses entering the road system at Adams Road will now be looked at again by the GCP in more detail. The local democracy reporting service understands Adams Road is now the more likely option.

Cambourne High Street consultation

Newcrest hold a public drop-in consultation event on the Cambourne High Street proposals on Monday 19th August from 4pm to 8pm at the Hub where I met Ed Durrant, the Principal Planner and other project management members.

The proposed phase 4 High can start earliest in October 2020 if everything occurs smoothly. Completion of phase 4 will take another 12 months, each part of phase 4 takes four months to achieve. **Details of the proposals can be viewed at <https://www.cambournehighstreet.com/>**

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