

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 2nd February 2021

Town Clerks Report

Below is a short update on activities since the 12th January 2021. Some elements are covered by separate agenda items.

- Continued discussions with David Gowland of Cambridgeshire County Council and Mills and Reeve regarding the repair of The Blue School. The contractors have continued to carry out repairs to the heating system prior to servicing of the whole system. The continued drop in water pressure in the heating system appears to have been resolved and it is maintaining the pressure. Work on the Lights throughout the building is to be carried out. The lease for the use of classroom 4 and the transfer document have been signed and returned to Mills and Reeve who are hold them pending completion of the outstanding works to get the building fit for purpose.
- Meeting with Taylor Wimpey regarding adoption of LAP's open spaces in Upper Cambourne.
- Liaising with Craig Newton, Local Test and Trace Operations Manager, Public Health Directorate, Cambridgeshire County Council over the opening of the testing centre at The Hub from the 3rd January 2021. (copy of press release attached.
- Meeting with Thomas Jamieson ECL and Carl Hills Arcadis regarding the development of West Cambourne. See email to Kam at Ellipsis below for information.
- Further meeting to progress the formation of Cambourne Town Football Club (Copy of draft press release attached for information).
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It is:

Recommended that the report be received.

Press release regarding the Test Centre at The Hub.

Rapid result testing for key workers begins in South Cambridgeshire.

Residents who are key workers or cannot work from home are being urged to have regular rapid result tests to help track cases of Coronavirus and drive down transmission rates.

Sites have been set up across the county offering rapid result tests to people aged 18 and over who have no symptoms of Coronavirus, including The Hub, High Street, Cambourne. Tests will be offered from the week commencing 1 February, 8am to 8pm. People are being urged to take a test twice a week.

Around one in three people who are infected with Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the disease without knowing it. Broadening testing to identify key workers showing no symptoms will mean finding positive cases more quickly, which helps break chains of transmission.

To book a test visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting

Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health for Cambridgeshire, said: “We not only need people to have these tests regularly if they are leaving home for work, we also need them to act responsibly when they get their result. If you test positive, please isolate at home with other members of your household and ask for help if you need it. There is lots we can do to help you to self-isolate, including offering grants to those who will struggle financially or help with accessing food shopping, fetching medicines and so on.

“The NHS Test and Trace Service will also get in touch with you to offer advice and ask about contacts. If you test negative, please continue to follow national guidance and limit all non-essential contact with others. While the rapid test identifies many people with the virus it doesn’t identify everyone - so following the lockdown rules and other Covid-safe behaviours is essential even if you have a negative test.”

The process of taking a test takes on average 15 minutes from arrival to departure. Results are known within an hour.

People with symptoms will not be tested at the rapid testing sites. Anyone with one or more of these symptoms – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – should book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

This was the first of monthly meetings to review progress with the infrastructure delivery and discuss issues that may impact on residents i.e. road closures. The meeting was a positive move for the future. It was agreed that an invite would be extended to the developers of the plots to join in the future meetings.

Current/future works

- Sheepfold Lane this is progressing well, they have adjusted the program as far as possible to shorten the construction impact on access to the schools.
- The single lane on Cambourne Road is to allow the junction with Sheepfold Lane to be reprofiled. This should be completed mid-February. When they have to close School Lane, they have allowed to install a temporary track for vehicles to get round the works on School Lane to minimise the impact on residents.
- The rising main works to the greenway and connection to the terminal pumping station in School Lane is delayed while they await s104 approval for the works.
- The spine roads will be finished with a sacrificial surface level with the covers, this will be replaced on completion.
- The road signs and documentation are to be changed to West Cambourne. The order has been confirmed to ECL by Taylor Wimpey and Lindum Homes. Some construction signs will still say Cambourne West until they need replacing or altering as the site is built out.
- All services should be taken to the edge of the Site ready for connection by mid-February except gas which is being installed as part of the Sheepfold Lane works. The services includes fibre to the property throughout the whole of West Cambourne.
- The Caxton Roundabout works should be largely complete by mid-February.