

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 12th January 2021

Town Clerks Report

Below is a short update on activities since the 1st December 2020. Some elements are covered by separate agenda items.

- Continued discussions with David Gowland of Cambridgeshire County Council and Mills and Reeve regarding the repair and transfer of The Blue School. The contractors have continued to carry out repairs to the heating system prior to servicing of the whole system. There is a continued drop in water pressure in the heating system which they are trying to trace the cause. They have replaced all the ventilation Fans and are going to work on the Lights throughout the building. We have received the draft lease for the use of classroom 4 and the transfer document from Mills and Reeve I am just checking it prior to it being signed. It will be then returned to Mills and Reeve who will hold it pending completion of the outstanding works to get the building fit for purpose.
- Virtual meeting with 10k committee regarding possible dates for holding the event this is on hold while current Covid-19 restrictions are in place.
- Meeting with Randal Thorpe regarding landscape works in West Cambourne.
- Meeting with Kam from Ellipsis, Thomas Jamieson ECL and Carl Hills Arcadis regarding the development of West Cambourne. See email to Kam at Ellipsis below for information.
- Further meetings to progress the formation of Cambourne Town Football Club.

It is:

Recommended that the report be received.

West Cambourne email following the meeting

Kam

Thank you for arranging the meeting earlier today it was a useful meeting to catch up and discuss a couple of issues in relation to communication, Cambourne Village College (CVC) and the primary school.

I would make the following points/requests.

- The new village should be West Cambourne to follow the naming of the existing villages. The governance review carried out for the area named it as West Cambourne for the electoral and Boundary Commission.
- I would like the consortium to consider if the new cycle lane on Swansley Lane linking CVC and the existing one on the Cricket outfield could be brought forward to make the route to CVC safer. The Town Council would look at releasing land on the cricket outfield to enable the existing cycleway to be widened by the County Council so the path and cycle way can be split.
- Access to CVC on the new road reduces to 5.1m once it comes off the main spine road this is not wide enough for delivery lorries and occasional buses for the schools to pass is there a possibility for this stretch of road to be widened to cater for this to ensure a safe access to the school.
- It would be beneficial to have double yellow lines or a single yellow line with time limits for drop off and collection times in the roads leading down to the school to avoid on street parking restricting access further.
- Consideration will be required by the County Council when submitting the Planning Application for the new school of a travel plan etc to ensure the impact is reflected on the measures they require to ensure the safe movement of the Children.
- As discussed, a monthly meeting to receive updates would be beneficial.
- A short email on the timing of the rising main works etc would be helpful so we can let residents know.
- Further to our discussions I will speak to the 10k Committee and look to holding the 10k race in late May, so it is not affected by the rising main works.

Something I thought about afterwards, but may have a beneficial impact was, the possibility of ESL sponsoring some cycle safety presentations/training to the pupils at CVC to encourage them to cycle/scoot in a safer and more responsible way. This could be done with the County Road safety and CVC in the new year.

Kam

Can you check on the progress on the work to get the main access to West Cambourne through the Business Park. Previously the Town Council were informed this was imminent. This route would also simplify access to the CVC as they would not have to go through the new housing to access the school. Thus minimising the impact on the new home owners.