



# CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

A Virtual meeting of this Council was held using Teams on Tuesday 1st December 2020. Meeting commenced at 19:01

Present:

Cllr J O'Dwyer (Chairman)	Cllr D Jones
Cllr R Poulton (Vice Chairman)	Cllr S Krintas
Cllr A Ahmed	Cllr K McIntrye
Cllr N Akhter	Cllr F Panrucker
Cllr S Bhattacharya	Cllr J Patel
Cllr P Gavigan	Cllr E Spanner
Cllr P Hedges	Cllr G Thompson
Cllr A Fisher	

In attendance: John Vickery Town Clerk  
Heather Nigbur-Day Deputy Town Clerk

3 members of the public were in attendance.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Hudson, Cllr J Simpson, and Cllr D Sharma. Acceptable reasons for absence have been given.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the apologies from Cllr T Hudson, 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/M205 held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting CTC/M205 be approved and signed.

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

Cllr J Patel made a declaration of interest in Agenda Item 4 and 21, as a trustee and Treasurer of The Cambourne Youth Project.

Cllr S Krintas declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 11, as a Governor of Cambourne Village College and Trustee of Cam Academy Trust.

## 4. CAMBOURNE YOUTH BUILDING

The Town Clerk presented the drawings received from the Architect and explained what had changed, since they were presented to the Town council.

It was

**RESOLVED** to receive the report.

Signed

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**5. POLICE MATTERS**

Correspondence was received regarding reporting incidents. This should be shared on the Councils social media platforms. The local police sergeant to be contacted regarding parking enforcement in Cambourne.

It was

**RESOLVED** to receive the correspondence and take the necessary actions.

**Cllr K McIntyre joined the meeting at 19:20.**

**6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made two announcements:

- South Cambs District Council have launched a one - off Frozen meal scheme for a 4 two course frozen Christmas meal, for people who are struggling, isolating or vulnerable. The Deputy Clerk, in conjunction with Cllr N Akhter, District Cllr R Betson and District Cllr G Clayton have put Cambourne forward to receive some of these meals. Volunteers will be required on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020, if available to help, please email Cllr Akhter. Further details will be shared once confirmed.

**Cllr K McIntyre declared a pecuniary interest in the above item as a Trustee of C3.**

- In the last Government spending review, it was established that £4 billion "Leveling Up Fund" was announced for councils to bid for funds to support local projects, principally to provide an economic benefit.

I ask our District Cllrs to advocate on Cambourne's behalf to SCDC to apply for funding to unlock our 'High St' by relocating services and widening the St.

It was

**RESOLVED** to receive the report.

**7. CLERKS UPDATE**

Below is a short update on activities since the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 elements are 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. They have now replaced the Pump in the boiler and PCB board. The original leak turned out to be from the cisterns of the adjacent to the heating Manifold. The reason for the drop in water pressure in the heating system was due to a leak from one of the new pumps this has been fixed. The leak from the cisterns may have been going on for some time. They have revised the wiring due to the new controllers for the underfloor heating. The system is now working but the new thermostats will need adjusting to get the right temperature. Further discussions on the draft lease for the use of

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classroom 4 has been carried out with Mills and Reeve.

- Discussions with East West Rail regarding a meeting which was held on the Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020. See Agenda Item 12.
- Cambourne Volunteer Task Force regarding storage going forward, in consultation with the Chairs Group we have agreed temporary solution has been agreed.
- Meeting regarding a Church provision on West Cambourne.
- Further meetings to progress the formation of Cambourne Town Football Club.
- Meetings with Cllr Thompson, Ellie Lydon and I regarding Allotment issues.

It was

**RESOLVED** to receive the Clerks report.

**8. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Cllr Howell did not submit a report but attended the meeting.

It was

**RESOLVED** to thank Cllr M Howell for his attendance.

**9. DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

District Councillor R Betson submitted a report, which was circulated to Councillors in their agenda pack.

It was

**RESOLVED** to receive the report

District Councillor S Bhattacharya submitted a report, which was circulated to Councillors in their agenda packs.

It was

**RESOLVED** to receive the report.

District Councillor G Clayton submitted a report, which was circulated to Councillors in their agenda packs.

It was

**RESOLVED** to receive the report and item 1. Be agreed with the proviso that no long-term or regular time commitment was made.

**10. COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

A vacancy has arisen due to nonattendance at Council meetings over the past six months and we have not received any approved apologies, you have ceased to become a Councillor under the Local Government Act 1972, s85(1) and (2).

The clerk has spoken to Andrew Francis South Cambs District Council Electoral Services Manager and he confirmed that a Vacancy now exists. The notice of a vacancy was displayed from the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 and an election was not called within the period. The Town Council is now able to fill the vacancy

through co-option.

It was

**RESOLVED** to receive the report and confirmed that the Town Clerks carries out the necessary actions.

#### 11. **CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE**

Cambourne Village College has continued to grow with Cambourne, and the opportunity has arisen to enable the College to have a sixth form. As part of the process the College must consult with the parents and the community.

A sixth form is something that was raised as part of the Parish Plan consultation and formed part of our action plan.

The consultation began on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November and concludes on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

It was

**RESOLVED** that the letter be received, and that the Council supports Cambourne Village College. A letter responding to the consultation will be drafted and sent.

#### 12. **EAST WEST RAIL**

Work is going forward on the East West Rail (EWR) with the section between Bedford and Cambridge section that comes via Cambourne. The latest release being EWR launching new environmental surveys. EWR also released local baseline mapping data for the route was published 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and the email circulated with the baseline mapping which can be accessed via the following link [MAPPING](#)

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November the Chairs Group, Cllr Jones the County and District Councillors had a meeting with representatives of EWR to discuss the route, progress and the possibility of a station to the north of Cambourne rather than the south as shown on the current preferred route. Copy of the minutes attached

It was discussed that The Town Council will fully support a Northern sited rail station as this would fit in with the established A428 and the current infrastructure. A station to the south of Cambourne would be detrimental to the Town and surrounding villages.

It was discussed that a report from a Transport Consultant would assist with providing the necessary technical data to support the Town Councils position.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the report and to delegate authority to the Chairs Group to obtain quotes from various Transport Consultants to carry out the necessary data gathering.

It was also

**RESOLVED** to send a letter to East West Rail, Anthony Browne, the Mayor of The Combined Authority, The Greater Cambridge Partnership, County

Councillors and District Councillors reinforcing the Town Councils desire to have the EWR station and integrated transport hub to the North of Cambourne.

**13. TOWN PLAN**

An up to date copy of the Town Plan was circulated to Councillors in their agenda packs. The Town Clerk requested that if Councillors had any questions or queries, then to email him and any changes will be reported at the next Town Council meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the Town Plan.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE**

Schedule of correspondence attached bellow

The schedule listed all the correspondence circulated by email to all councillors since the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

**14.1** Anthony Browne MP Newsletter.

It was:

**RSOLVED** to receive the correspondence.

**14.2** Cambridgeshire County Council, Highways Service, Email regarding the relaunch of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership as the **Vision Zero Partnership**

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the correspondence

**15. LAND TRANSFERS**

To receive a report from the Town Clerk.

Report attached below.

It was requested that updates on the transfer of the Eastern Valley (Country Park) be added to the Land Transfer report from now on.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**16. TRAFFIC MATTERS & ROAD SAFETY**

**16.1 Summary of Yellow Line Consultation**

The Town Council recently began the Yellow Line Consultation and below are the responses we have received so far, from Residents:

Consideration for yellow lines to be placed on the following roads:

- Gladiator Road x 2
- The junction where Brace Dein meets Stirling Way
- Beaufort road between Brace Dein and Firefly road
- Priory Walk on the approach to the car park
- New Hall Lane x 2

- The whole of Back Lane
- The whole of Sterling Road.
- The whole of Lancaster Gate.
- Mosquito Road outside the Upper Cambourne Co-operative

Parking enforcement was discussed. Reporting parking issues to the Police would be of benefit for Cambourne, as previously, when the PCSO John Coppard was available and able to patrol around the school roads, parking greatly improved.

Further correspondence with the Police would be beneficial, to try and establish an enforcement day or a patrol to help the situation.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the report and approve the actions of the Town Clerk.

### **16.2 Eastern Area Forum Black Cat – Caxton Gibbet**

To receive correspondence from the Eastern Area Forum.

Copy of Minutes from the Last Forum meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for information.

The slides of the meeting are available from the Council Office.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the report.

### **16.3 Speed Limits Entering Great Cambourne**

To receive correspondence from a Cambourne Resident.

Dear Parish council,

Below is the query I sent to the highways department. They have referred me back to you regarding the speed limit entering Cambourne from the A428. I would like to hear your thoughts on the matter. They said there would be various ways you could apply for funding should you see a need for it.

**Location:** 2 sections of dual carriageway crossing A428 to Cambourne.

**Description of fault:** The two sections of dual carriageway that cross over the A428 to get into Cambourne seem to have speed limits suggesting national speed limit (this presumably is 70mph for a dual carriageway). For some reason I thought this section of road was 40mph? Two such short sections of dual carriageway, one bit having the entrance to the secondary school are ludicrous to be set at 70mph. I've lived here 16 years and people tend to drive at 40mph but the other day someone zoomed up at what could have been 70mph which led me take a look at the speed limit signs and I could see no 40mph signs. Please clarify as 70mph legal limit is just nonsensical for such a short stretch of carriageway.

Response made to the resident

The Town Clerk spoke to the resident and said it would be taken to the Town Council meeting and look to include it in the work being done with the County Council on reducing speed limits in Cambourne.

It was requested that the current speed for Cambourne Road be confirmed.

### **Speed Limits New Hall Lane**

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am writing to inform the council of a serious problem we have in New Hall Lane. I am sure other parts of Cambourne are affected too. I live in New Hall lane; our road is a short stretch between two bends. We have had countless drivers come flying around these bends who will never be able to brake safely if a child or animal runs into to road. This has sadly been our case when last Friday (20 Nov) our family pet was killed in a hit and run. This has left us devastated and heartbroken. One of the woodland walks has a path leading out into our road and we often see children on scooters and family pets on leads run out into the road. To make our lil stretch of road safer between the two bends might I request speed bumps be placed in our road to deter drivers from speeding. I hope you will be able to discuss this at the next meeting and keep us posted on the outcome.

Response made to the resident

Thank you for your email I will put it on the agenda as requested, but any measures would have to be agreed by the County Council.

We are currently working on a 20mph speed limit in the whole of Cambourne with Cambridgeshire County Council. As part of this they will be producing a scheme of traffic calming measures and signage that are required to limit the speed. This includes a safety audit process for all the proposed measures.

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the correspondence and approve the actions of the Town Clerk.

## **17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Town Clerk presented a written report of all the planning applications that had been replied to following the resolution at the Planning Committee meeting PLN M321 item 4 on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 it was agreed that the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Committee members be delegated authority to respond to planning applications.

To confirm the actions of the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Committee members in responding to the attached Planning Applications.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the report be received, and the actions of the Town Clerk be confirmed.

## **18. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **18.1 FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

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**18.1 FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE** held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 FIN M78

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes be received.

**19. 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.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the Press and Public be excluded.

**20. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER UPDATE**

To receive a report from the Town Clerk

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the Town Clerks report and approve the necessary actions.

**21. CAMBOURNE YOUTH BUILDING**

To receive a report from the Town Clerk

It was:

**RESOLVED** to receive the Town Clerks report, and agreed that the Chairs Group in consultation with the Town Clerk be delegated authority to take necessary actions required before the next Council meeting to allow the project to progress.

**22. 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.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the Press and Public be re-admitted.

**23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021

The meeting closed at 20:38