



CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

A meeting of this Council was held at the Hub Community Centre on Tuesday 18th January 2022.
Meeting commenced at 19:15.

Present:

Cllr J O'Dwyer (Chairman)	Cllr A Fisher
Cllr R Poulton (Vice Chairman)	Cllr D Jones
Cllr N Akhter	Cllr F Panrucker
Cllr S Bhattacharya	Cllr G Thompson
Cllr S Drew	Cllr J Patel

In attendance: John Vickery - Town Clerk
 Ellie Lydon - Committee Clerk

2 members of the public was in attendance.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Sharma, Cllr A Ahmed, Cllr P Gavigan, Cllr T Hudson, Cllr S Krintas and Cllr K McIntyre. Acceptable reasons for absence were given.

It was:

RESOLVED to accept the apologies from Cllr D Sharma, Cllr A Ahmed, Cllr P Gavigan, Cllr T Hudson, Cllr S Krintas and Cllr K McIntyre.

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting [CTC/M218](#) held on 7th December 2021.

It was:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting CTC/M218 be approved and signed.

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

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that Cllr Thompson, Cllr Poulton, the Town Clerk and himself met with the Police and Crime Commissioner Darryl Preston and Partnership Policy Officer Shona McKenzie to discuss issues within Cambourne including Anti-Social Behaviour/parking/speeding and visible police presence. The poor communication between the Town Council and Local Police Team was also highlighted and suggestions were made as to how an effective relationship can be built.

These issues will be discussed with the local police team and the Town Council hope to have an amenable relationship with them in due course.

5. **POLICE MATTERS**

To receive a presentation on Community Safety Data from South

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Cambridgeshire District Council.

In attendance was Kathryn Hawkes- South Cambs District Council Team Manager and Linda Gallagher South Cambs District Council Development Officer who are working with the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

A document with information on the crime rates within Cambourne and across the District was presented to the Councillors.

Cambourne's crime rate was the fourth highest across all wards and placed it in the top 20% making it a priority area.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has provided funding to each CSP for a new post to work with the Parishes & communities within South Cambs.

It was recommended to create a community led group, which is currently working well in Northstowe and Orchard Park.

CSP hope to join some events that the Town Council are putting on and to talk to residents on issues, see how they can work with them and help set up initiatives such as neighbourhood watch, speed watch or litter picking.

Questions

Q. An incident last year where a garden was burnt, which has happened again this year. However, the resident does not feel confident reporting the incident.

A. Reporting is key because it builds a picture of the different types and number of crimes in the area. We hope that the new post can go out and visit individuals who report the crimes.

CSP also have a dedicated email address and problem-solving group-subsection of CSP that will be circulated to Councillors via the Town Clerk.

A question was raised as to whether the Council can request to have full presentation from CSP and invite the community to listen.

It was suggested to review in 3-5 months' time and work with partners in the meantime e.g., schools, police, fire.

A point was raised that more of a police presence would be preventive and help with reducing anti-social behaviour.

Orchard Park have detached youth work which has helped greatly with reducing anti-social behaviour and resources can be identified to help Cambourne with this.

If successful with funding the money can be used to reach youth worker groups.

Programmes that are run by fire service have shown to attract different types of children to engage in other activities that are not out on by youth groups.

Q: How do you see this initiative relating into police enforcement actions?

A: Will take it back to the CSP who have the contact names of neighbourhood policing team that they can speak with and ask to contact. Other resources will pick up non-high-risk issues.

Northstowe have a community group which includes head teachers, housing

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providers, police, fire and CSP. They have put in bids for funding to get more projects to help reduce crime in their area and have seen large improvement with police engagement.

The CSP's next step is to pull together all the contacts, attend local community events and obtain volunteers to grow the group that can look at the main issues in Cambourne.

The Town Chairman thanked Kathryn and Linda for attending and hoped it would be the beginning of a fruitful relationship.

It was:

RESOLVED to receive the report and the Town Clerk to send relevant contact information to CSP.

6. **CLERKS UPDATE**

To receive an update from the Town Clerk.

A point was raised that the last sentence on bullet point 4 is unfinished. The Town Clerk explained that the meeting is being arranged with Bridget Smith, Leader of the District Council and Stephen Munday, Executive Principal of Cambourne and Comberton Village College to discuss the access road in relation to business park, emphasising necessity of it. There will also be discussions regarding Swansley Lane.

Community Development Report

A question was raised as to whether other events such as those run by Cam Care UK can be added to the list in the report.

The Town Clerk explained the list is what the Town Council and Community Development Officer are putting on in the year and not a reflection of every event in the community.

It was suggested to send events that are wanting to be promoted to the Community Development Officer and they can be put on the Cambourne Community Events Facebook Page.

It was:

RESOLVED to receive the report.

7. **COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

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

Cllr Mark Howell was in attendance to answer questions from Councillors.

Cllr Howell informed Councillors that the report from the County Council with feedback on the 20mph in Cambourne will be taken to the County Council Meeting on the 8th February 2022.

It was

RESOLVED to receive the report.

8. **DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

To receive reports the District Councillors for Cambourne.

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Cllr Betson gave her apologies and had no additional information to add to the report.

Cllr Bhattacharya provided a report.

It was

RESOLVED to receive the report.

9. **COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

To receive a report from the Town Clerk.

It was

RESOLVED to accept the resignation and the vacancy be filled when the whole Council election is carried out. On behalf of the Town Council, the Town Clerk will also send Peter Hedges their thanks and best wishes.

10 **BUDGET 2022-2023**

To receive an update from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk went through the budget and highlighted the key areas within the capital expenditure section.

This included the maintenance of the environmental funding and topping up to £100,000 to enable the implementation of the 20mph speed limit in conjunction with the County Council.

Offsite play equipment. This is for work to the existing play areas to replace equipment that has reached the end of its life. The budget includes an allowance for obtaining match funding (50/50).

A question was raised regarding '1107 Repairs and Renewals'. This is general maintenance to the play areas but is not solely for repairs due vandalism which can be claimed on from insurance.

2010 Cambourne Soul should read 2011.

2003 Community Centre. There is no projected expenditure shown for this year as the money has not been drawn down from the s106. It has been carried over and shown as expenditure within the 2022-2023 budget instead, along with the income in budget heading 2000.

It was

RESOLVED that the Town Council levy a precept of £582,895.00 for the year 2022 - 2023 on South Cambs District Council, which is an increase of 3% and equates to £4.27p per annum for a band 'D' property.

11. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

11.1 To receive the schedule of payments attached

An update on the Water Bill is to be added to the next Full Council Meeting, 1st

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February 2022.

Amendments to be made will be highlighted in the minutes.

It was:

RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments.

11.2 To receive a report on the current financial position

It was:

RESOLVED to receive the report.

11.3 To receive the Bank Reconciliation

It was:

RESOLVED to receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation.

12. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022-2023

To receive a draft Calendar of Meetings 2022-2023

It was:

RESOLVED to receive and approve the draft Calendar of Meetings 2022-2023.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Town Clerk to report on any correspondence needing to be brought to the Council's attention.

It was:

RESOLVED that the correspondence be received.

14. LAND TRANSFERS

To receive a report from the Town Clerk

Various Land Parcels (Vistry Homes). The Town Clerk will be raising with developers prior to considering- will be discussed at future meeting.

Country Park. Due to the Christmas break this could not be pursued further but the Town Clerk will discuss its progress with the developers at their next meeting.

A question was raised as to what Parcel GC29 is. It is the area of land by Hazel Lane and Honeysuckle Close which will not be sold for housing and will remain and be maintained as a green space.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

15. TRAFFIC MATTERS & ROAD SAFETY

To receive an update on traffic matters.

15.1 Road Victims Trust Annual Report

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It was:

RESOLVED that the correspondence 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 7th December 2021 PLN/M330

It was

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of PLN/330

17. 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.

18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

To consider a report from the Town Clerk

It was:

RESOLVED to receive the report and actions be noted.

19. STAFFING

To receive an update from the Town Clerk.

It was:

RESOLVED to receive the report and confirm the award of an additional spinal point for successfully completing the Certificate in Local Council Administration to Heather Nigbur-Day.

20. 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.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 1st February 2022

The meeting closed at 20:34