

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 17th May 2022

CORRESPONDENCE

The below schedule is a summary of correspondence circulated by the Town Clerk to Councillors

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Below is correspondence previously circulated to Councillors since the last meeting

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Anthony Browne MP	April News from Anthony Browne MP
Peter Hains	Henry Morris Conference
Anthony Browne MP	May News from Anthony Browne MP



Cambridge Gliding Centre *the sky's the limit!*

CAMBRIDGE GLIDING CLUB – CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING: 1900 HRS WEDNESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT CAMBRIDGE GLIDING CLUB

PRESENT

Pete Joslin	CGC Chairman
Michael Samuels	CGC Secretary
David Howse	CGC Treasurer
Jaco Koen	Little Gransden Parish Council
Nick Ginn	Great Gransden Parish Council
Tom Gray	South Cambridgeshire District Council
John Archer	Waresley-cum-Tetworth Parish Council
Daniel Ashby	Abbotsley Parish Council

APOLOGIES

Marian Burling	Croydon Parish Council
Alison Twyford	Huntingdonshire District Council
Keith Warburton	Gamlingay Parish Council
Sharon Brown	Longstowe Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 7th April 2021, were accepted as a correct.

MATTERS ARISING

- Jaco Koen (as a new member of the Committee) asked for information on how to judge complaints he might receive from his parish and how to reconcile them with those received by the gliding club.
 - David Howse said that information about the planning consents and rules under which the gliding club operates together with a blank complaint form can be found in the Information for Local Residents section of the club web site [\[https://www.camgliding.uk/about/information-for-local-residents/\]](https://www.camgliding.uk/about/information-for-local-residents/)
 - Pete Joslin explained the way he looks through the complaints, and if they are related to aerotows the way in which he (as Acting Chief Tug pilot), looks through the traces of the flights, talks to the tug pilot involved and responds back to the person who has raised the complaint.
 - “Complaints received since the last meeting” is a standing item at all consultative committee meetings.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

- Pete talked through the gliding club’s operations since the previous meeting of the consultative committee in April:-
 - Flying recommenced fully in April after the lockdown

Cambridge Gliding Club, Gransden Lodge Airfield, Longstowe Road, Sandy, SG19 3EB.
Tel: 01767677077, Email: office@camgliding.uk

- o The level of operations was initially low but gradually built toward more normal levels by July
- o We had a very successful Regionals Competition between 7th and 15th August
 - We competed on 7 days out of 9.
 - We only exceeded 60 aerotows plus self launches on one day the competition. With a total of 61 aerotows plus self launches on this day, this was well below the higher limit of 75 launches which we are allowed on 14 days each year.
 - Whilst there are more aerotows during the regionals, these are concentrated in a shorter period than on a normal day's flying
 - The average launch window on the 7 competition days was just under 1½ hours, with the longest launch window of 2 hours 11 minutes
 - This compares with a launch window of over between 5¼ and 6¾ hours on the three busiest summer days outside the regionals competition
- o The Cloud Rally during last week of August was much quieter than normal as many members participated in the Regionals and the weather was rather poor.
- o 7 day per week operations for the season ended on 31st October
- o Winter Operations will be as normal for the Weekends
- o Weekday flying will be on an opportunity basis for members as we will not be employing a professional instructor this winter
- o We will fly students from City University London on selected weekdays throughout the winter.
- o Membership renewals are down a little on previous years
- o Full time operations with professional instructors will resume from 1st April 2022 with a similar operation to those in pre-covid years

2022 COMPETITIONS

- Pete said that the gliding club will potentially be holding both a Regionals competition and a Cloud Rally again in 2022, probably in August. The decision on these and the dates have yet to be confirmed. Details of any such competitions will be given at the next Consultative Committee meeting.

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

- 6 complaints received in total
 - o 1 from Arrington (8/6/21). Pete said that it is unusual to receive a complaint from Arrington as the glider and tug are quite high by then.
 - o 1 received from Little Gransden (10/6/21) which was handled by the club office from someone who didn't want to leave their details.
- 4 complaints received during the Regionals competition, which were personally dealt with by the Chairman
 - o 1 Longstowe Hall about a wedding at 3pm. Launching was completed by 3pm

- o 1 Hatley St George, which is quite a long way out. Pete spoke with them personally after launching had finished
- o 1 from Little Gransden about the number of launches taking place. No details were left
- o 1 from Alison Wareham about a launch over her property in Little Gransden on the last day of the competition.

AIRFIELD ACCESS

- We have experienced a number of hare coursing events recently. We are working quite closely with Tom Hipwell and Mark Barlow to try and prevent hare coursers getting on site.
- Just a reminder- there are no public rights of way anywhere across the airfield. We did have a family of 4 cycle across the airfield when we were flying, as that was what they were doing during lockdown. We wish to welcome locals but this is an active airfield
- Most unauthorised access is via Mill Road. The gate seems to have been left unlocked, possibly by the hauliers who use the roadway. A new gate has been installed to prevent unauthorised access.
- Landowners and the gliding club are still concerned about safety risks going forward
- Additional signage and new gates have now been erected

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Pete asked Jaco to pass on our thanks and appreciation to Bob Murden from Little Gransden for his active contribution to the consultative committee over the years.
- We will have at least one Open day next year when we hope local residents will come and fly at the club
- Pete invited all members of the consultative committee to come and see our operations. The best time for doing this is probably in the spring next year.
- Michael Samuels said that after 5 years as secretary of the gliding club, club rules mean that he has to step down from the post, so there will be a new gliding club secretary at the next meeting.
- There was no other business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 19:00hrs at Cambridge Gliding Centre

Following the end of the meeting there was a brief discussion about the airspace proposals for Luton. John Archer said that Waresley-cum-Tetworth parish council are worried about the changes. Pete said that his view (as a Professional airline pilot) was that usage of the holding stack would be low, as no one in the industry has any interest on keeping commercial planes in hold- there had been many advances in air traffic flow control that made this practice much less common, typically only being used in very poor weather or when an incident caused a runway to be out of use Aircraft passing over in the descent will be on low power settings.

From: JJ Penney <jj.penney@cambsfire.gov.uk>
Sent: 20 April 2022 15:01
To: clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cc: Simon Newton <simon.newton@cambsfire.gov.uk>
Subject: Update on fire station move

Dear Mr Vickery

Please see below update from Area Commander Simon Newton about the fire station move previously discussed:

Firstly I wanted to thank you for your support with letting local residents know about the upcoming move of the fire engine and crew from Papworth Fire Station to Cambourne. Obviously this has been met with disappointment from some local residents, however the response has actually been fairly positive, with a lot of supportive comments sent in to the crew thanking them for their service.

We have responded to the feedback received, mainly about the letter being delivered with other leaflets and being missed by some residents. We did back this up with posts in the local Facebook group, where again there was positive dialogue along with a few rumours about the reasons behind the move (which we were able to clarify and provide reassurance).

Having engaged with the crew and assessed the current road closure near the A428 and subsequent diversion in place, we have decided to move the fire engine and crew on Tuesday May 3. As we mentioned in the letter, residents shouldn't see any disruption during the move.

I hope this is helpful. Please feel free to get back in touch if you have any queries.

Regards

Simon

Stay **safe**
Stay **connected**
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Sent: 24 April 2022 22:32

To: clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Subject: Update for Town Council 24042022

Hi John,

I've written up the attached update for the council regarding the work that has been going on over recent weeks.

I want to reassure you that steps are being taken to identify the young people shown on the CCTV from the incident at the Pavilion over the Easter break. I'll update you further as soon as I can.

If you want me to attend a council meeting, just let me know – always happy to help. If you need any further details just get in touch.

With kind regards,

Phil



Phil Priestley
Inclusive Development
Principal Consultant

Inclusive Development – Update for Cambourne Town Council

Sunday 24th April 2022

Primary Schools Update:

It has been an extremely busy period since my last update to the council. As we have come away from Christmas, and concluded the Spring Term, I have been spending a higher percentage of my time visiting the Primary Schools – with Monkfield Primary School, Cambourne and Hardwick Primary Schools and the Vine all having assemblies on aspiration, community and positive behaviour.

In addition I have been assisting The Vine Primary School with a ‘family v family’ problem that centres on two feuding boys in the upper part of the school (Year 6). I’ve done a session with the boys to remedy the problem and I am looking to provide mediation between the parents of both. I know that this has been a difficult and long-standing issue for the school and we hope to be able to come to a reasonable understanding by improving the dialogue between both families.

I will be visiting Jeavon’s Wood in the coming weeks as our efforts to have me visit have been frustrated by Covid circumstances (very sadly Sue Wright has been unwell herself with COVID-19).

Covid circumstances across the schools are fluctuating but I know that Monkfield Primary (Annie Howells particularly) have also suffered and while the general government message is that we are moving on from the pandemic, the real-world circumstances within schools doesn’t always agree with that assessment.

It is worth noting from a COVID-19 perspective that there has been a gradual increase in cases nationally, this includes hospitalisations and deaths. Vaccination levels within the 12 – 18 year old category stands quite stubbornly at about 51% (fully vaccinated). A vaccine drive for young people might be a think to consider.

Emphasis through the Summer term is very much with Year 6 and transitional arrangements – supporting young people who are about to go to secondary school, and particularly in their transition to Cambourne Village College.

Cambourne Village College Update:

Work at the Village College continues. I’ve been supporting the PSHE agenda with specific inputs on knife crime to all year groups. I’ve done in person assemblies prior to Easter and I am about to deliver video content for years 8 and 9.

There has been a noticeable uptick in antisocial behaviour in town – specifically during the Easter holiday and this has caused a lot of comment and traffic on the main town Facebook sites. I am assisting the Town Council in identifying young people caught on CCTV causing criminal damage to the rear door to the sports pavilion. Certainly we have one very prominent young woman on CCTV that needs to be identified – she has failed to hide her facial features at all and the likelihood of a full

identification is very strong. At least one – possibly two other males are also involved – albeit they have done a better job of hiding their facial features. All of the imagery is currently with Deputy Principal Philippa Boyns. The female shown on the CCTV was a surprised because I don't know her immediately and I showed the imagery in person to the school Safeguarding Team – Jamie Rice didn't recognise her readily either. She may or may not attend the Village College. Certain boys within the group caught on CCTV definitely do attend the Village College – so it may be a mixed group from more than one location. I am sure identifications will be made.

An earlier incident which happened in Cambourne resulted in the arrest of a young man for possession of controlled substances with intent to supply, driving otherwise than in accordance with a license, and having no insurance. The circumstances – as detailed by the police on Facebook and on other social media platforms – suggested that he was in possession of cash, drugs, and the keys to the car. This has to be credited to excellent proactive measures by the police locally. It is believed that the young man has denied wrong doing and the matter is under evidential review. I have worked with the young man on and off for the last three years and I knew him before I left the police in September 2019. There are all the hallmarks of a young man subjected to criminal exploitation and I have had an extended one to one with him to offer him advice and guidance. I have also connected with his parents – who I have got to know quite well over a period of time. Parents have also approached me for advice and guidance – but quite frankly the young man is scared of what might happen if he says or does the wrong thing, or implicates anyone else in what led to his arrest.

"I have to take all the blame for this – I'm on my own."

For what it is worth I think that the arrest of this young man will do little to prevent the circulation of drugs in Cambourne and in South Cambs. From my perspective he is the front end of a system that we know has been present across the county representing a 'County Lines' system of supply. Without him acknowledging anything it is clear that he – at 15 years old – has been groomed and exploited to protect others from prosecution. My concern is that this is symptomatic of a far bigger issue. I would be more than willing to speak to parents about County Lines if the Town Council would like to host an information event to help adults spot the signs and symptoms.

Other matters of antisocial behaviour are jarring and very upsetting for local residents – but by comparison are mindless and represent a minority of young people who are creating a negative reputation for their peers more broadly.

We've seen examples of 'door knocking' (with verbal abuse), egg throwing, and general vandalism. This definitely does undermine some excellent work that is being done by both Town and District Council in Cambourne and it does impair quality of life.

I have connected with Katie Ixer who is the Community Connector for South Cambs on the Think Communities Team at County Council. Katie and I were police officers together at Parkside police station and she is now employed by the County Council (she is no longer a police officer). She is really keen to do work that addresses the issues of ASB and County Lines/Criminal Exploitation in Cambourne specifically. She has invited me to the Cambourne Support Partnership meeting which will be taking place at 10AM on 10th May. I will be attending that meeting to look at what joined up approaches can be organised to make the community more resilient.

Inside school I have been working with the new Year 10 lead – Frankie Rose – who is absolutely excellent. We have been evaluating individuals in what is quite a challenging year group - with a number of individuals each capable of causing enough trouble on their own. The collective dynamics are harder to manage when they are grouped together. Frankie and I did a home visit regarding one

specific individual who has turned towards 'school refusal' and has started to heighten concerns as a consequence. *It is difficult to offer further details without breaching GDPR regulations.*

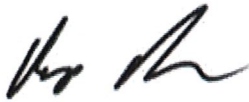
I am keen to sit down with the Town Council well ahead of the Summer holiday to look at what we might be able to do to reinforce efforts to prevent negative behaviours over that time. I think that there are specific individuals that we could share information with police regarding – with a view towards limiting community impact and negative outcomes. I am happy to support the Town Council in coordinating such an approach over the next ten weeks.

Cambs Youth Panel

My final notes give regard towards the Cambs Youth Panel, which I continue to organise and run. We are still basing ourselves from Cambourne and we are keen for this to continue – although plans around what this might look like are being formulated. Our current premises – which we have been guesting in – are possibly going to be sold and we may need to vacate soon. We have some contingencies in mind.

I would welcome a conversation with the Town Council to look at what we could do to keep the Youth Panel based in Cambourne – and also to contemplate the long-term plans that we have with partners and sponsors towards something more ambitious for young people in the local area.

Please let me know if you would like me to attend a Council session to explain any of the above – and do feel happy to forward any questions that you might have.



Phil Priestley



To: clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Subject: Starship robots in Cambourne

Dear John.

I hope you don't mind me dropping you a line. Sonia Hansen at Cambridgeshire CC passed on the Parish Council's details.

I'm the UK Director of Public Affairs for Starship Technologies. I believe you're familiar with us somewhat from previous correspondence with Sonia - we're a company specialising in autonomous shopping deliveries by robot. We've agreed to a small pilot of our robots in the Cambourne area, and wanted to check in with the Parish Council, introduce ourselves properly and answer any questions you might have. We're really excited about the opportunity and really looking forward to working with people in Cambourne.

Would it be possible to have a chat or maybe a Teams call?

I've attached a 'Frequently Asked Questions' document that we've produced for elected politicians. Hopefully this gives a good starting point in terms of the things that usually come up - Sonia let me know the Council had a few questions initially which we've tried to incorporate in here too.

Best wishes,

Lisa

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Keeping You Connected

Spring 2022

Welcome to our Spring 2022 edition of Keeping You Connected

In this edition we bring you the latest news and updates from across East West Rail (EWR), including:

- Our new CEO Beth West
- More information on our programme of face-to-face drop-in events
- An update on our ongoing work to review feedback from last year's Non-Statutory Consultation
- The launch of our exciting new programme of paid apprenticeships providing opportunities for local young people.

Project Updates & Stories





Featured story: Return to face-to-face events

We're excited to be restarting our face-to-face engagement with communities across the East West Rail route. Sitting outside the formal consultation process, we're holding a series of drop-in style events, open to all, to give local residents an opportunity to understand the project development process, anticipated timescales, and speak face-to-face with the team.

Our first two drop-ins will be in north Bedfordshire on the 18 May and Bedford town on the 25 May. Keep an eye on our community hub as we'll be sharing updates on the full programme of face-to-face public events shortly, and find out when we'll be visiting your area.

[Details here](#)



New CEO on board

In March we welcomed Beth West as East West Railway Company's new Chief Executive Officer following the retirement of Simon Blanchflower CBE. She brings with her a successful track record in innovative construction in transport and infrastructure; experience of working together with communities and strategic partners; and a passionate commitment to using infrastructure to

deliver real improvements for local people and businesses to EWR. Click below to find out more.

[Read more](#)

New local representative groups launch

We've been busy setting up 17 Local Representatives Groups in all areas along the route where we will deliver EWR. The Groups include Councillors, Parish and Town Councils, and representatives from EWR Co, offering an open forum for discussions – a place to share information, ask questions, cover concerns and get answers.

They also allow us to give project updates and understand details of all relevant local issues and are just one of the ways local communities can connect with EWR through their representatives. You can stay up to date with what's happening in each Group by clicking the link below.

[See more](#)

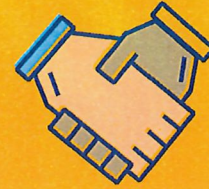


Advisory group putting communities and customers at the forefront

In January, we launched a new East West Rail advisory group, set-up to drive our pledge to put communities, customers and the environment at the heart of our work. The brightest and the best from a range of industries and academia will look for and encourage ideas to help deliver a safer, better, greener and fully accessible railway for communities and customers. Find out more about the advisory group below.

[Read more](#)

Supporting the communities and customers we serve



Providing opportunities in local communities through industry placements

Students at Milton Keynes College and Central Bedfordshire College are part of our new exciting programme of paid [T-Level industry placement](#) for local 16-18-year-olds. Providing opportunities for young people to expand their skills and gain valuable hands-on industry experience.

The programme, which will run for at least three years, is part of EWR Co's social value strategy which aims to leave a lasting legacy that increases prosperity and improves wellbeing for local communities between Oxford and Cambridge. Find out more about the placements and plans to expand the programme at the link below.

[Read more](#)



Route into Rail

Since day one, we wanted to improve the way projects are delivered and transport is run. And by different we mean, equal. The rail industry, like many others, has an imbalance of gender diversity at all levels. We want to drive change, break outdated stereotypes and clear the path for the next generation

of women to find their route into rail. On International Women's Day we introduced you to some of our inspirational female colleagues. All at different stages in their career, click below to hear their stories of how they've found their route into rail - so you can find yours.

[Read more](#)



EWR Alliance engineer wins Young Rail Professional of the Year

We're proud to announce that EWR Alliance Section Engineer Lucy Ellis has won the prestigious Young Rail Professional of the Year award at the end of April. Having joined EWR Alliance member Laing O'Rourke's apprenticeship scheme straight from school in 2016, Lucy has worked with EWR Alliance team in the early stages of the project's development and more recently on the highly complex dismantling and rebuild of the Bletchley Flyover. Lucy is a proud ambassador for the EWR Alliance, promoting engineering, STEM and the importance of diversity in the construction and rail industry.

What's next



- Look out for the results of our community green space map tool so you will be able to discover new places to walk the dog, exercise and explore your local area. If you've missed this then there still time to make your entries – [here](#).

- Meet Caroline Eglinton our newly appointed Head of Inclusion at EWR Co. and find out about the important work her team is doing to help make East West Rail accessible and inclusive for everyone.
- Watch out for updates on how we're putting communities and social value at the heart of our plans at EWR Co.



Send us your thoughts and questions

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