CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL
District of South Cambridgeshire

CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE

Council Meeting 6th June 2023

11.1 Charitable Trust

The Village College has a charitable trust, which works to support the Village College in promoting its aims and goals. Recent successes include the equipping and fitting out of the performance hall. Having achieved this, the current committee/trustees have decided to step down. It was advertised within the school and only one parent expressed interest in joining the trust, which means the charitable trust would have to close down.

It was agreed that an advert would be placed in the Cambourne Crier. The Town Clerk has been asked to raise this with the Council, to look for volunteers to join the trust. The next project for the charitable trust is the opening of a cinema.

It is
RECOMMENDED that the report be received and Councillors to consider volunteering or promoting the charitable trust within their network.

11.2 Budget

Cambourne Village College is suffering because of the growth of Cambourne. Through the course of a year the school picks up a large number of pupils, which are not funded. The persistent underfunding of the college is due to the LAG funding over the years and the new sixth form will also add significant pressure on the budgets.

Claire Coates, the Principal of Cambourne Village College would like the support of the Town Council in writing to Anthony Browne, MP to ask him to raise the subject with the education minister to have the funding changed to recognise that the town of Cambourne is continuing to grow and will be for at least 14 years and LAG funding for the school is unsustainable. A more realistic funding process should be put in place until Cambourne stops growing. If a sustainable funding arrangement is not put in place, Cambourne Village College will be struggling to deliver a basic education to the pupils from Cambourne.

It is
RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk in consultation with Claire Coates, write to Anthon Browne expressing concern regarding the underfunding of Cambourne Village College.