

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 5th December 2023

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The below schedule is a summary of correspondence circulated by the Town Clerk to Councillors since the last meeting by email.

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CaPALC	November Bulletin
Highways England	Important roadwork information: A11 Babraham to Six Mile Bottom resurfacing update
South Cambs District Council	Civil Parking Enforcement - post briefing pack and recording
East West Rail	EWR Co Cambourne & Surrounding Areas Local Representatives Group – Materials for meeting now available
Greater Cambridge Partnership	Winter meetings of Executive Board and Joint Assembly rearranged
Anthony Browne MP	Anthony's Update- Updated Fri 10/11/2023
South Cambs District Council	Homeless Strategy consultation and Rough Sleeping annual snap shot estimate
Cambridgeshire County Council	Free data available
Cambridgeshire County Council	Way 2 Go Winter 2023
CPRE	Environment Agency Drought Update Briefing - NGOs & Local Stakeholders
Keep Britain Tidy	Help Your Residents to Save Their Pennies and Protect the Planet this Black Friday
Cambridgeshire County Council	Community Flood Action Programme, Drop in session - Friday 8th December
South Cambs District Council	November 2023 parish e-bulletin from South Cambridgeshire District Council

Agenda Item 13.1

Subject: Rural Market Town Group

We are the Rural Services Network, a membership organisation that provides a national campaigning voice for rural communities. We have over 500 organisations in membership, and support both rural local authorities, and rural Town and Parish Councils.

We would like to invite you to join our Rural Market Town Group, a grouping of the larger Parishes and Market Towns in England where we aim to share best practice and enable the group to contribute to our national campaigning work. Rural Local Authorities have been underfunded by successive Governments, **leaving rural residents living in your town and in rural areas generally , receiving significantly less in Government funding**, paying higher council tax and receiving less services which cost more to provide.

Our primary aim is to campaign for fairer funding for rural areas, however we also work on other key issues such as affordable housing, the rural economy, access to health and care services and public transport.

[This link provides more information about the group and the services that we provide.](#)

These services include:

- Weekly Rural Bulletin delivered to your inbox setting out key rural news stories and monthly Funding Digest highlighting potential funding opportunities for you and your local organisations.
- Free attendance at RSN seminar programme – 8 events held online annually.
- Opportunity to share your news and good practice with the group and the wider RSN.
- Dedicated RMTG newsletter six times a year.
- Two bespoke meetings a year for Councillors and Clerks.
- Discounted access to tickets for online RSN National Rural Conference

We are currently offering free membership for six months to those joining the group, (from September 2023 to end of February 2024) and after that date, IF you chose to stay with us, the subscription varies between £97 and £133 depending on your population size. There is no requirement to join us after the free six -month period. Your town council will decide then.

If you'd like to take us up on this free offer for towns to join for the six months, please let us know and we will put you on service straight away.

Alternatively, if you'd welcome a chat to find out more, let us know and we can arrange a time that suits.

Best wishes

Kerry

Kerry Booth

Chief Executive

RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

Agenda Item 13.2

Dear Sir, Madam, or Councillor,

Streetlighting LED Replacement

Following the recent Highways and Transport committee held on the 3rd of October 2023, I am writing to notify you that the street lighting LED lantern replacement project is proceeding.

The project will see the roll out of newer, more efficient LED (light emitting diode) lights and is expected to cut the County Councils energy consumption used by street lighting by more than half and will replace 47,500 streetlights with LED lanterns and will take two years to complete. The work is expected to begin in 2024.

The lantern replacement works planned will cause minimal disruption to residents, there will be no impact on the roads or footpaths. We expect each to be replaced in approximately one hour.

We will be in touch again before the start of the works to share the proposed installation dates for each area. We will also be on our website and our street lighting service provider, Balfour Beatty Living Places, website to provide information on the streetlighting replacement project.

Should you have any questions or require any further details about this project, please do contact us at: Street.Lighting@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Regards

Alan Hitch
Strategic Projects Manager
Highways Service
Cambridgeshire County Council

Agenda Item 13.3

Dear all

Hope you are keeping safe and well.

We are pleased to announce the launch of our legacy-focused funds to support communities around our A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvement scheme. This is a £2 million initiative aimed at leaving a lasting positive legacy in Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

We want to maximise wider benefits of our scheme for our local communities, environment, and local economy.

We are therefore calling on local authorities and not-for-profit groups to apply for the grants, including schools, charities, community groups, environment and heritage groups.

Two funds are available for potential applicants, these are:

- A **£1.7 million** Social Value Fund to maximise the wider benefits of the scheme available for all not-for-profit organisations – grants between **£15,000 and £200,000**.
- A **£250,000** Community Fund to support the local community and provide social value available for non-for-profit groups or small voluntary and community organisations – grants of up to **£15,000**.

If you are promoting an initiative, or know of an initiative which could benefit from either of these funds, please visit our [website](#) for more information. If you have any questions, please direct any queries to info@a428.co.uk.

Kind regards

Paul

Paul Salmon Senior Project Manager MCIHT

Complex Infrastructure Programme

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Dear Members

Just to let you know, the County Council will be issuing the below news release shortly this afternoon. We wanted you to have a copy. It is about the upcoming introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) in South Cambs.

All the best,

Tom

Government approve parking enforcement changes across South Cambridgeshire

New Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) powers in South Cambridgeshire will be given to Cambridgeshire County Council following a decision by Parliament.

Earlier this year an application was submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) to enable Council Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) to issue Penalty Charge Notices for the majority of on-street offences such as parking on double or single yellow lines. Previously only the Police could do this. Highways officers have worked closely with South Cambridgeshire District Council on the development of the scheme.

Benefits are expected to include increased compliance with parking restrictions which in turn would improve traffic flow, road safety and lead to a reduction in obstructive and dangerous parking. It will also support economic growth in the district.

Following the decision by Government, the CPE scheme in South Cambridgeshire will officially come into effect 19 December. To give people notice and a chance to find a more suitable parking place, information has now begun to be placed on vehicles that are parked in some areas where parking is in the greatest demand, such as commuting and shopping areas.

A Warning Notice will be issued to people who continue to park where there are restrictions throughout January – this looks like a parking ticket but there is no fine attached. Penalty Charge Notices will be issued from 1 February which will mean a fine of between £50 and £70, depending on the severity of the offence.

Cllr Alex Beckett, chair of Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways & Transport Committee, said: "We ask that people take an extra second to think about where they park in the future as drivers are far more likely to receive a fine for parking incorrectly where there are restrictions, such as single or double yellow lines, now that this application has been approved.

"Always check the lines and signs or other notices in the area where you are planning to park. Check The Highway Code if you are not sure what a sign or line means."

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Lead Cabinet Member for Communities, Cllr Bill Handley, said: "Parking restrictions are there for a reason; parking where it is not allowed can be dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists, and other drivers. Please pay even closer attention to the lines and signs when you are parking locally from now on. You'll be far more likely to be fined soon, if you park in places where you shouldn't – like on double yellow lines. We are very grateful to the Greater Cambridge Partnership and County Council for working with us for the benefit of our communities."

Cllr Elisa Meschini, Chair of the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board, said: "We are really pleased that City Deal funding has been able to deliver Civil Parking Enforcement in South Cambridgeshire which should make a positive impact on Cambridgeshire County Council's ability to enforce on-street parking offences. This will make it much more likely that people who park incorrectly

will be sanctioned. This should help keep traffic moving freely and help support safer roads for everyone.”

Under CPE powers, CEOs cannot enforce all restrictions. Restrictions such as dangerous parking, obstruction of the footway and moving traffic offences will continue to be enforced by the Police.

The initial set-up costs to get CPE underway in South Cambridgeshire will be covered by the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cpe for more information.

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Cambridgeshire matters

Having completed repairs, protection, and renewal treatment on more than 163,000m² of footways across Cambridgeshire this financial year (the equivalent of 130 Olympic size swimming pools), the focus this November has been implementing our winter maintenance strategies to protect against the harsh weather conditions and keep the network safe and moving.



We carry out regular inspections of roads and footways in our network with our available budget, but issues may come up between inspections. If you spot an issue, you can report a highways fault quickly and easily online. The [Highways Reporting Tool](#) allows you to report a new fault and monitor the status of existing reports. Reports made on our website give you a speedier resolution where we can repair the fault, as they are immediately logged on to our system. Local Highways Officers follow up within 10 working days.

[Report non-emergency issues via the online system](#) including flooding problems and water pooling on roads or pavements (e.g. overflowing drains and gullies, street light faults, potholes, traffic signal faults, overgrown vegetation (including hedges and grass), and information about roadworks

Remember to always keep safe and avoid putting yourself in danger when assessing a fault.

If it is an **emergency** highways issue that poses an **immediate danger to the public**, please call Cambridgeshire Highways on 0345 045 5212 or the Police on 101. [Information on how to report an emergency can be found on the council website.](#)

Search #BeWinterWise on social media for more information and advice this winter.

Be prepared for flooding this winter

Winter is one of the busiest times of year for our flood risk team, as rainfall can be heavier and more frequent.

The team works closely with partner organisations and local communities to tackle flooding across the county, with community flood groups playing a key role.



A community flood group can be anything from two active neighbours to a formal organisation. They get involved in everything from owning a flood action plan and toolkit, to co-ordinating with agencies or other organisations which may be relevant to flood risk reduction and management, to taking practical action in the locality to contribute to flood risk reduction.

[Watch this video](#) to find out how the Alconbury Flood Group got started, and the vital role they play in improving the resilience of their local community. To find out if there is a group in your area, or how you can set one up, [visit the community flood group website](#).

Working together to tackle flooding is just one of the ways the council is keeping communities across Cambridgeshire informed and prepared to stay safe and healthy during the winter months of 2023/24. You can find out more by searching on your socials for #BeWinterWise.

If you would like to find out more about preparing for and [reporting flooding](#), the flood risk team will be joined by representatives of the National Flood Forum at a dedicated drop-in session on Friday 8 December from 10am till 12.30pm at our New Shire Hall headquarters at Alconbury. The event is open to all, and no bookings are necessary.

The team will be able to discuss any concerns, explain measures you can take to help protect your property against flooding, and talk you through how to report different types of flooding.

19,000 vouchers distributed for Christmas fun and food programme

This Christmas, the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is offering [free spaces for primary and secondary school children in Cambridgeshire](#) who are eligible for free school meals, to enjoy enriching experiences and nutritious food.



Approximately 19,000 HAF eligibility vouchers were sent to families at the beginning of November. Vouchers offer 16 hours of access, and each session will include a nutritious meal, a variety of exciting activities or sports and the opportunity to socialise with other children.

Subject to availability of places, any child receiving benefit-related free school meals is eligible for the programme. The programme will run from 21 December to 3 January, with the exception of bank holidays.

The programme will be delivered by approved providers, co-ordinated by Cambridgeshire County Council. The council is working with schools, childcare providers and voluntary and community organisations to deliver the programme.

Parents are being called on to foster Cambridgeshire teenagers

The Cambridgeshire Fostering Service is asking parents whose own children have flown the nest to consider fostering vulnerable young people.



In Cambridgeshire, there are currently more than 400 young people aged 12-18 who, for reasons beyond their control, are unable to continue living with their birth families. These young people would benefit hugely

from the invaluable experience of people who have raised teenagers and supported them on their journey to independence.

Guy and Clare, who are now in their fourth year fostering for Cambridgeshire County Council, have [shared their story](#) so others can learn more about fostering.

When you foster for the Cambridgeshire Fostering Service you will receive generous allowances and carer perks, an individualised training programme tailored to your needs, round-the-clock support, and a dedicated, skilled and experienced Supervising Social Worker.

Visit the [Cambridgeshire Fostering website](#) or call 0800 052 0078.

Cambridgeshire schools are shining STARS

Four Cambridgeshire schools attended a regional award ceremony earlier this month for their achievements in promoting sustainable travel and developing school travel plans.



The schools made a shortlist of only 124 schools across England chosen to take part in the [2023 Modeshift STARS Regional Awards](#).

Both Highfield Littleport Academy and Barnabas Oley C. of E. Primary School won STARS Local Authority School of the Year 2023/24 awards. Highfield Littleport then went on to receive STARS Regional SEND School of the Year 2023/24 – East of England.

Modeshift STARS, which is supported by the Department for Transport, is the national school travel awards scheme to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting sustainable travel for the journey to and from school.

Cambridgeshire County Council's Road Safety team invites more schools in Cambridgeshire to take part. For more information, please [contact Rosemary Mullen, Road Safety Officer](#).

Swaffham Prior Renewable Heat Network wins sustainability leadership award

Swaffham Prior Renewable Heat Network, the UK's first retrofitted village heat network, has won the [prestigious Edie Net Zero Award for Renewable Energy Project of the Year](#).



The Edie Awards are the world's largest sustainable business awards and recognise green projects which are transforming the energy landscape for good.

This innovative project will enable villagers to ditch their oil tanks and storage heaters and switch to a clean renewable heat network using ground and air source heat pumps installed at the newly created energy centre.

When powered by the County Council's new solar farm from next year, the heat network will cut carbon emissions from heating and hot water for connected homes by almost 99%. 60 homes are already connected to the renewable heat network with more planned.

The Edie Awards winners were announced on 15 November 2023.

Give the gift of warmth for Cambridgeshire households struggling to stay warm this winter

[Cambridgeshire Community Foundation](#) has launched this year's [Surviving Winter Appeal](#) to raise money to support local households facing fuel poverty.



The Foundation will work with partnering charities across the county to distribute the funds by making direct payments towards energy costs, like topping up prepayment meters, financing upcoming gas and electricity costs or paying for heating oil deliveries.

People who need help to stay warm and afford energy this winter can seek support from the [Surviving Winter Appeal's charity partners](#). Support and guidance is also available on the [council's website](#).

[More information on how to support the appeal is available on the Foundation's website.](#)

Further updates from around Cambridgeshire

Find below an additional range of news, highlights and updates from around the county this month:

- [Council health bosses back "smoke free generation" plans.](#)
- [Safe walking routes to school to be reviewed.](#)
- [Active Travel schemes to be considered.](#)
- [Cambridgeshire's Children in Care Council win national award.](#)
- [Cambridgeshire becomes first County Council to achieve Silver employers' award.](#)
- [Campaign launched to encourage more childcare professionals in Northstowe.](#)
- [Government approve parking enforcement changes across South Cambridgeshire.](#)

Council continues to deliver high quality learning to Cambridgeshire communities

We're pleased to share that Cambridgeshire Skills, Cambridgeshire County Council's adult learning service, has successfully retained Matrix accreditation — the quality standard for organisations delivering information, advice, and guidance (IAG) services.



The Matrix framework, a benchmark for service excellence, ensures that all learners receive effective and reliable information and advice and guidance to support their career aspirations and learning.

In recent external audits, approaches in planning, delivering, assessing, and internal quality assurance were commended through examination. The Matrix accreditation serves as a testament to the continuous efforts to deliver high-quality services.

You can find out more information, including the courses offered, on the [Cambridgeshire Skills website](#).

Updates from the Communities Service

On a wet Saturday in November, 60 members of Cambridgeshire’s Network of Community Youth Providers came together in Godmanchester at the annual Cambridgeshire Youth Conference, led by the County Council's Communities Service. This year the theme was around serious violence.

With an opening address from Chief Executive Stephen Moir, the event was made possible through the time of network members, and through funding from the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner for a keynote speaker from '[Power the Fight](#)', an organisation dedicated to empowering communities to end violence affecting young people.

With other sessions led by experts in their own field, including researchers into the teenage brain from Cambridge University, the day provided the network of youth workers with high quality training, as well as the much valued opportunity to meet with others from across the county.

Feedback from the event has been overwhelmingly positive, with this quote from one attendee capturing the general comments received:

“It was honestly the best bit of training I have done in a long time and I valued all of it so much. I am new to a lot of this, and I learned absolutely heaps. It's offered up ways of working and best practice that I didn't know about previously and will now implement, as well as the opportunity to make links with some lovely people and possible partners in an otherwise sometimes lonely role.”



Updates from Care Together

Older Adults Social Inclusion Grants now available

The Care Together team is pleased to announce our Older Adults Social Inclusion Grants are open for applications from local voluntary and community groups and social enterprises.



The grants will enable more older people to live independently at home for longer and will fund community-based activities to reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing.

Local people, current providers of day opportunities and key partners have helped to co-design the grant requirements, so they better reflect the needs and preferences of older people in each district. We have listened to the community and their desire to access more community-based groups and activities. As a result, the new grants will fund a wider range of groups to offer older people more choice. We will continue to offer some funding for more traditional 'day centres'.

Detailed information on the grant offer for each district (and Cambridge City) can be found on the [dedicated web page](#).

We invite readers to share this opportunity with their networks and any local organisations they may be aware of in their local community who might be eligible for grant funding to deliver the services being requested.

The closing date for applications is 23 December 2023 at 5pm. Any queries should be directed to Care Together by emailing care.together@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

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