

MINUTES OF ICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Gordon Woolhouse Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall on Wednesday 18th January 2023 starting at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Sian Wombwell - Chair, Cllr Terry Sadler, Cllr Tim Pavelin, Cllr Simon Cheney, Cllr Philly Hamilton, Cllr Steven Heaney, Cllr Edmund Harcourt, Cllr William Wombwell, Leanne Smith (Clerk)

140/22-23 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies received ahead of the meeting from Cllr Lucy Davidson and District & County Cllr Peter McDonald.

141/22-23 Councillors Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

Cllr Pavelin – agenda item 150/22-23 i and 154/22-23 i.

142/22-23 Open Forum for Public Participation Including Youth Representation

None.

143/22-23 To approve minutes of meeting held on 14th December 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2022 are approved and signed by the Chair.

144/22-23 Matters Arising/Clerk's report

The work on the replacement churchyard gates and bat survey at the cemetery chapel should begin in the next couple of weeks.

The overgrown vegetation at the Ickleton to Gt Chesterford railway bridge is still outstanding. The budget for Highways Rangers who were due to complete the works has been scrapped by Essex County Council. Cllr Sian Wombwell proposed, Cllr Heaney seconded and it was resolved that the Parish Council would spend up to £100.00 to employ a contractor to cut back the vegetation and to consult with Great Chesterford Parish Council regarding a contribution to the cost.

145/22-23 Defibrillator check

Defibrillator check carried out by the Clerk on 18/01/2023.

146/22-23 Traffic and Highways Issues

i. Speedwatch

Sessions have been cancelled over the last week or so due to the weather conditions.

ii. Local Highways Initiative 2023-24

The Parish Council has submitted an application for the installation of village gateways to be located on Grange Road and Coploe Road.

147/22-23 Rural Crime Report

Parishioners are encouraged to lock away gas and oil tanks in light of recent thefts in the area. Hare coursing continues to be a problem but overall incidents have decreased.

148/22-23 Reports from County and District Councillors

Report received from Cllr Peter McDonald and circulated to Parish Councillors ahead of the meeting. See Appendix A.

Councillors noted the update relating to the Local Plan for Greater Cambridge, with particular regard to the latest economic forecasts from planners which point to a likely increase of around 8,200 additional new jobs than previously expected, and the need for certainty around water supplies.

149/22-23 Correspondence Received

i. Gigaclear – civil utility works Abbey Street, Ickleton

The Parish Council were made aware that Parishioners had received a letter from Gigaclear and Bethmar stating that utility works to build a full fibre broadband network would commence on Abbey Street on the 16th of January 2023. The Parish Clerk spoke to the Gigaclear Community Engagement Officer informing him that BT Openreach had very recently built a full fibre network in the parish. Gigaclear stated that Bethmar were premature in notifying parishioners about the work, and that the work in Ickleton will not in fact be included in their fibre roll out plans at this time.

150/22-23

Planning Information

i.

For consideration

Reference: **22/05450/HFUL**

Proposal: Replacement windows and door to front side and rear elevations

Site address: 34 Butchers Hill, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire

The Parish Council support this application.

Reference: **22/03827/HFUL**

Proposal: Part single storey, part two storey rear extension and velux roof windows to front elevation.

Site address: 10 Church Street, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire

The Parish Council acknowledge that the amended plans have reduced the size of the proposed extension but do not feel that it is sufficient to alter the adverse impact upon the conservation area, and in particular on views of the Church from the public realm and nearby listed buildings. Therefore, the Parish Council continues to object to the application.

Reference: **22/05269/HFUL and 22/05270/LBC**

Proposal: First floor extension, single storey extension and internal reconfiguration.

Site address: 27 Church Street, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire

The Parish Council support this application.

Reference: **22/05565/HFUL**

Proposal: Ground and first floor extensions, roof extension and replacement of external Finishes with amendment to the application - revised red line.

Site address: 111 Frogge Street, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, CB10 1SH

The Parish Council support this application.

Reference: **23/00030/PRIOR**

Proposal: 5G telecoms installation: H3G 15m street pole and additional equipment cabinets.

Site address: Duxford Road, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire

The Parish Council acknowledge that the amended plans have reduced the profile of the proposed pole but object to the application. The proposed location falls within a conservation area and installation of the proposed pole and cabinets would have an adverse impact on the appearance of the area. The proposed location is unsuitable due to the proximity to the highway and nearby junction. We also feel bound by the decision in 22/03067/PRIOR for the reasons stated therein.

ii.

Information only applications

None.

iii.

Planning Decisions

Reference: **22/04458/PRIOR**

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (use class C3) and associated operational development.

Site address: Rectory Farm, Grange Road, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire

Prior approval refused. Noted by the Parish Council.

Reference: **22/1236/TTCA**

Proposal: T1 Walnut - Reduce crown by approximately 2.5m

Site address: 4 Church Street, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, CB10 1SL

Have no objection to. Noted by the Parish Council.

Reference: **22/00496/HFUL**

Proposal: Alterations and extensions including two storey side and rear extensions, single storey rear extension, porch, additions to the first floor and roof, and changes to cladding and fenestration.

Site address: 31 Frogge Street, Ickleton, Saffron Walden

Granted permission. Noted by the Parish Council.

iv.

Planning Appeals

None.

v.

Tree Works

None.

151/22-23 Wellcome Genome Campus Expansion update

The next Community Liaison Meeting will be held on the 8th of March 2023. Significant landscaping has been carried out around the campus. The Parish Council has requested a consultation with Urban & Civic regarding a traffic survey in the Parish and has not had a response to date.

ACTION – Cllr Sian Wombwell will make contact again.

152/22-23 Boro Farm Aggregate site

New Applications for consideration

Reference: **ESS/109/22/UTT**

Change of use of land to allow the construction of a recycled aggregate production facility including storage bays and HGV parking.

The appeal for application ESS/20/22/UTT has been put in abeyance and this new application has been submitted to Essex County Council.

The Parish Council objects to this application on the same grounds as the previous application.

Reference: **ESS/112/22/UTT**

Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use for aggregates and aggregate creation by way of screening, storage, importation and distribution.

The application states that the site's existing use is that of aggregates and aggregates creation by way of screening, storage and importation and distribution this has been the same use this site has been involved in for over 100 years, the buildings existing have served the same purpose for many decades. The hard standings have been used by numerous contractors carrying out similar operations over many years far in excess of the minimum time period required. The Parish Council believes this to be an inaccurate portrayal of the factual situation and objects to this application.

Comments from the Parish Council on both applications can be viewed on the Essex County Council Planning website.

153/22-23 Reports from Councillors

Cllr Pavelin:

Reported that the road name sign for Coploe Rise is missing from the road name sign at the entrance of The Stackyard.

ACTION – Clerk to report to South Cambs District Council.

Issues with the behaviour of a dog on Brookhampton Street has been reported. This is not a matter for the Parish Council but can be reported to the Police.

Cllr Hamilton:

Reported that there are a significant number of potholes in the Parish. Councillors and parishioners are encouraged to report potholes to County Council Highways. This can be done online by visiting [Cambridgeshire County Council - ReportIt](#). It is helpful to include photographs and measurements.

ACTION – Clerk to include in Icene.

Cllr William Wombwell:

Some plastic bollards on the verge on Coploe Road are damaged and need replacing. The plastic bollards on Butchers Hill are missing and need replacing. Abbey Street would also benefit from the installation of some plastic bollards. Cllr William Wombwell proposed, Cllr Harcourt seconded and it was resolved that bollards would be purchased. Cllr Sian Wombwell will first check how many bollards the Parish Council has in order to ascertain how many will need purchasing.

154/22-23 Financial Matters

i. To approve payments of December 2023 accounts:

Clerk's salary (confidential)

Clerk's expenses – £41.75

Tim Pavelin (Empty bins) – £100.00

Ickleton Village Hall (Room hire) - £69.00

E & E Plumridge (Icene printing - November 2022 edition) - £169.00

E & E Plumridge (Icene printing - December 2022 edition) - £171.00

E & E Plumridge (Icene printing - January 2023 edition) - £143.00

Npower (Street lighting) - £45.44

Charles Frankau (Grass cutting) – £2,474.40

Cambridgeshire Acre (Membership) - £60.00

Two invoices were received after the publication of the agenda and brought to the meeting for consideration:

Dominic Pallett (Grass cutting and maintenance) - £700.00

Metalcrafts Bedford (Grave markers) - £78.00

It was resolved that all the payments listed be made.

ii. Bank reconciliation (bank accounts)

Unity Current Account - £18,881.17

Unity Instant Access Account - £25,244.50

Total - £44,125.67

It was resolved that the bank reconciliation for December 2022 is approved by the Parish Council.

iii. Bank reconciliation (cash card)

Total - £126.45

It was resolved that the bank reconciliation for December 2022 is approved by the Parish Council.

Cllr Sian Wombwell proposed, Cllr Pavelin seconded and it was resolved that the cash card would be topped up with £100.00.

iv. Quarterly budget review (third quarter October – December 2022)

The quarterly budget review was circulated to the Parish Council ahead of the meeting and noted. All spending is as expected.

v. Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management membership

The Clerk asked that membership with the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management is taken out at an annual cost of £95.00 in order to assist in the management of the cemetery.

Cllr Pavelin proposed, Cllr Harcourt seconded and it was resolved that the membership be taken out.

vi. Purchase commemorative trees

Cllr Cheney met with two parishioners to discuss planting two commemorative trees on the recreation field. He suggested that two upward growing trees could be planted next to the horse chestnut tree by the play area. Cllr Heaney suggested planting ornamental pear trees and sourced prices. The Parish Council will consult with the Cricket Club about the location and type of tree. The Parish Council also considered planting a commemorative tree for the late Queen Elizabeth II at the far end of the recreation field. Cllr Sadler proposed, Cllr Heaney seconded and it was resolved that two ornamental pear trees up to the value of £500.00 and an oak tree up to the value of £300.00 would be purchased.

vii. Quotes for weed spraying on the recreation field

Quotes for weed spraying on the recreation field were obtained as follows:

Cricket pitch only:

Parkers: £400.00 +VAT

Complete Weed Control: £250.00 +VAT

Joes Lawn care: £689.00 including VAT

Whole recreation field:

Parkers: £800.00 +VAT

Complete Weed Control: £660.00 +VAT

Joes Lawn Care: £1,022.00 including VAT

Cllr Cheney proposed, Cllr Harcourt seconded and it was resolved that the quote for the whole recreation field from Complete Weed Control is accepted.

155/22-23 Ickleton Annual Parish Meeting 2023

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 7pm in the Gordon Woolhouse Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall. All Parishioners are welcome and invited to attend.

156/22-23 Ickleton Cemetery – replacement memorial

A request to replace an existing headstone and kerbing has been received. Fees for the right to erect a headstone and kerbing total £180.00. The Clerk will make an enquiry with the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management regarding replacement memorials and grave ownership.

157/22-23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 15th February 2023

Any business and payments to be considered at the Parish Council Meeting must be delivered to the Clerk for inclusion on the agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Report for Parish Councils – Jan 2023

South Cambs District Council

Updated Local Plan

Plans for more homes and jobs under the new Local Plan for Greater Cambridge can only go forward if there is certainty on water supplies, and evidence they will not cause unacceptable environmental damage. This follows the publication of an update about the development strategy of the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (Wednesday 4 January).

<https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s129785/230206-CabinetReport-GCLP-FINAL.pdf>

The report from the Joint Director of Planning for the city of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire says: The environment and water supply must be protected alongside a need for new homes – including addressing the shortage of affordable homes.

Greater Cambridge is one of the most important research and innovation employment locations in the UK and is growing fast as new jobs are created.

National planning policy says significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth – but Councils say the environment must be protected at the same time.

The Councils' latest evidence points to an expected need for more homes and jobs than previously envisaged due to the success of the economy and expected increase in job numbers.

South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils however say that before plans can be finalised, greater clarity is needed about where water will come from in future, and assurances are required that providing the necessary water will not cause unacceptable environmental harm. The report also notes that getting developers to increase the number of new homes built, including affordable homes, may not be straightforward.

Both Councils' existing Local Plans already provide for around 37,200 additional homes for Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire between now and 2041.

Because the latest economic forecasts from planners point to a likely increase of around 66,000 jobs across Greater Cambridge area by 2041, these additional new jobs, some 8,200 more than previously expected, result in a need to also plan for additional homes, over and above the earlier plan proposals.

This would result in a need for a further 19,900 new homes, on top of those contained in the adopted 2018 Local Plans for the area, by 2041. During the 2021 First Proposals consultation, as part of the work to create a joint Local Plan, the Councils set out an ambitious vision for minimising carbon emissions alongside improving the quality of life for residents, with all new homes to be carbon neutral. These elements remain central to the developing Local Plan.

The earlier proposals included 19 new sites for homes and business space, with the majority of extra development proposed for North East Cambridge, the Cambridge Airport site and at Cambourne.

Water Resources East has recently published a high-level draft Water Resources Management Plan for the whole of the East of England. This proposes additional water supply to the area through routes such as a new reservoir in the Fens and transferring water from elsewhere, to come forward over the next decade and beyond. These large-scale projects, which alongside measures to manage current demand will go a long way towards addressing the existing environmental concerns, will not however be available until much later in the Local Plan process.

Local water provider Cambridge Water's plans for supplying the area's water needs have not yet been published. Until their draft Water Resource Management Plan is available, it is not clear whether there is enough water to supply the new homes and jobs required to meet future needs for the area, without causing environmental harm.

Before it can be adopted by Councils, a Local Plan must be reviewed by a Government Inspector, who will decide whether it is 'sound'. A key consideration for the Inspector will be looking at the strength of the Greater Cambridge economy, and whether the number of new homes being planned matches with the pace of economic development in the area, and if not whether there are good planning reasons for the mismatch. The update published today also re-affirms the long-term vision of the Councils to bring forward new homes and jobs on sites that support low-carbon living, including at North East Cambridge, at Cambridge East and on the allocated area at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, with a possible extension of the site. These significant sites are seen as the most sustainable for future development but because of their characteristics, they would also not see significant new development come forward until the next decade – when indications are that water supply concerns should have been addressed.

Residents who would like more information about the Greater Cambridge Local Plan Development Strategy Update are invited to join a Zoom webinar on Wednesday 18 January at 12pm. Visit our Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Local Plan page for details and the Zoom link. The webinar will be recorded and made available online, so those not able to attend can watch it back at their convenience.

<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan>

EV Charging Grants

Electric vehicle charging will become easier across the district thanks to a new grant for public charging points for village halls and community buildings.

Grants of up to £5,000 each are available from South Cambridgeshire District Council towards the cost of installing an EV charger at community buildings.

Once installed, people can use the EV chargers by downloading an app and buying their charging time on their mobile phone. The first EV charger point expected to be installed in the new year thanks to the grant boost, is at Steeple Morden Village Hall.

Grant applications will be assessed on deliverability and positive impact. Chargers must be publicly accessible and funding will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Projects must demonstrate there is a demand for an EV charger.

Initial funding of up to £20,000 is available to be awarded before the end of March 2023. If the initial fund proves successful, South Cambridgeshire District Council will seek to continue funding support for community charging points after that date.

More information, guidance, and the application form can be found at the grant's webpage. Any questions, please contact evcp.grant@scambs.gov.uk

Shared Prosperity Fund

Eight projects that will benefit communities and businesses and increase job opportunities in South Cambridgeshire have been awarded around £1.76 million in Government funding.

The money has been secured from the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund. During the summer, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, working with the local city and district councils, submitted to Government an investment plan detailing how a range of projects across the area could be funded under the scheme.

It has now been confirmed that 40 projects across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will receive a total of around £10 million in funding. The funding is now due to start being received this financial year, ending by March 2025.

In South Cambridgeshire the projects funded include:

£600,000 support towards creating amenities within Northstowe, through the Community Centre and Local Centre, including space for people working from home, room for business start-ups and space for community groups.

£300,000 towards improving South Cambridgeshire's High Streets, with the District Council planning to consult with parish councils and residents of larger High Streets, along with community building and village hall committees, to implement changes that are agreed following those discussions.

Around £270,000 towards skills training for small and medium sized businesses.

£150,000 towards a scheme to improve community gardens and greenspaces in communities, improving quality of life and health. This project will allow communities in areas of identified need to acquire, design, build and maintain community parks and growing spaces with professional support coordinated community action.

£100,000 funding for a scheme based in libraries to support business start-ups, including a focus on females and ethnic minorities looking to establish and grow their own enterprises.

£100,000 to support new business start-ups with grant funding.

South Cambridgeshire District Council will also be working in partnership with neighbouring councils on some other schemes that have been funded. These include:

A programme of green business grants to help small businesses reduce carbon emissions and energy costs, in partnership with Cambridge City and Huntingdonshire District Councils. Under this programme, £170,000 will go to South Cambridgeshire businesses.

Funding towards enhancing the area's visitor economy and local markets, including by encouraging people to shop and visit local and a youth enterprise programme for disadvantaged and future traders, in partnership with Cambridge City Council. £70,000 of this funding will be spent in South Cambridgeshire.

Wellcome Genome Campus

A second round of meetings included Hinxton, Ickleton Parish Councils. The Community Forum will meet again soon especially as the proposed new bridges are submitted for approval.

Cambridgeshire County Report

20mph scheme

The new 20 mph scheme will launch in February as outlined in the Committee paper from December.

https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccs_live/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1923/Committee/62/Default.aspx

Furniture Re Cycling

All nine household waste recycling centres in Cambridgeshire will accept upholstered household seating again from Saturday 7th January, the County Council has confirmed.

An interim solution for accepting waste items such as sofas, upholstered chairs, cushions, and beanbags at all the recycling centres, will also allow bulky waste collections offered by all of the county's City and District Councils to resume. Please check their websites for further details.

Staff will be available at each of the recycling centre sites to advise and show residents where they can dispose of upholstered household seating

Residents are also reminded that there are alternatives to taking upholstered household seating to recycling centres.

Please consider asking the retailer to take your old furniture away when new items are delivered, (companies like John Lewis, Marks and Spencer, DFS etc all operate take-back schemes). Or give it a new lease of life by donating it to a charity, sell it or giving it away on social media or online auction sites.

Bus Service Update

Discussions continue of funding of services beyond March 2023 so we have a breathing space at least for now.

Great Chesterford Hardcore Site: ESS/109/22/UTT

The deadline for comments on the new planning application is end January.

<https://publicaccess.uttlesford.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RMXOZAQN01O00&activeTab=summary>

Planning Appeal:

<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?CaseID=3306988&CoID=0>

Foxton Hub

I'm still waiting for an update from GCP and draft papers for the hub.

Peter McDonald

Jan 5th 2023