

MINUTES OF ICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Gordon Woolhouse Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall on Wednesday 19th April 2023 starting at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Sian Wombwell, Cllr Terry Sadler, Cllr Tim Pavelin, Cllr Simon Cheney, Cllr Philly Hamilton, Cllr Lucy Davidson, Cllr Steven Heaney, Cllr William Wombwell, Leanne Smith (Clerk)

196/22-23 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr Edmund Harcourt – absent.

District & County Cllr Peter McDonald – apologies received ahead of the meeting.

197/22-23 Councillors Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

Cllr Pavelin – agenda item 210/22-23 i.

198/22-23 Open Forum for Public Participation Including Youth Representation

None.

199/22-23 To approve minutes of meeting held on 15th March 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2023 are approved and signed by the Chair.

200/22-23 Matters Arising/Clerk's report

i. Clerk's report

Skate ramp repairs – ACTION – Clerk to contact neighbouring Parish Clerks to enquire about maintenance.

EV charging points – The Village Hall Committee have decided that it is not an appropriate time to carry out work at the hall that might affect users and it is too early in the process of rolling out charging points to community buildings across South Cambs. They felt that provision of EV charging points is primarily the Parish Council's responsibility.

The Councillors were disappointed with the response. The Parish Council does not own any land appropriate for the installation of EV charging points in the Parish. The hall and car park are leased to the Village Hall Committee who therefore have overall responsibility. At this time funding is available from South Cambs District Council and other South Cambs community buildings have successfully installed points already.

Cemetery Chapel - The bat survey and woodworm treatment at the cemetery chapel is outstanding but should be completed in the next few weeks. The Clerk has contacted a masonry company about the damage to the brick work and is awaiting a quote.

Churchyard gates – the contractor took delivery of wood and was not happy with the quality so returned it and is awaiting delivery of a new order. He expects to complete the work in the next few weeks.

ii. Coploe Pit Wardens

John O'Toole and Ray Hackett attended the March 2023 Parish Council. Both have attended the pit on previous occasions on an informal basis to undertake work with the Cambridge Conservation Volunteers. They would like to make a formal arrangement with the Parish Council to act as Wardens and have provided a management plan and risk assessment. The Clerk has also made enquiries with the Parish Council insurance company regarding cover. It was resolved that they would be appointed as Wardens.

The Council will consider purchasing a tree popper for their use. ACTION – Clerk to obtain prices and consider applying for a grant from Hundred Parishes.

201/22-23 Defibrillator check

The defibrillator was checked on 19/4/2023.

202/22-23 Traffic and Highways Issues

i. Speedwatch

Nothing specific to report.

ii. To consider the purchase of a second Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign

Gamlingay Parish Council have a speed sign for sale that was purchased in 2019 for £2,500 and never used. Cllr Pavelin proposed and Cllr Heaney seconded that a low offer of £500 be made for

the sign. If the offer is unsuccessful and so is the current LHI application, then the Parish Council will consider reallocating the LHI budget to purchase a new sign.

iii. **A505/A1301 Roundabout Active Travel Scheme changes**

Notification of changes to the layout at the A505/A1301 roundabout. Traffic capacity at the roundabout approaching the A505 from the Sawston direction has been negatively impacted by recent layout changes, as the width has been reduced to a single lane. This has led to queueing traffic and frustration for road users. As a result, the narrowing introduced will be removed and the width will return to what was there previously, and likewise the available capacity on this approach to the roundabout.

The work was due to be carried out overnight during the week commencing 11th April 2023 and at the same time, adjustments were to be made to some road markings and reboundable reflective wands installed.

Most Councillors felt that it was a waste of tax payers money and question the research carried out regarding the feasibility of the project. It was also noted that this project has gone ahead when the Wellcome development is imminent and improvements are likely to be considered. A Councillor stated they had recently used the roundabout and noted the advantage of the changes for cyclists. The Council noted a road closure on the A1301 between the 15th and 19th of May 2023 which is likely to cause drivers to divert through Ickleton. The Council will look to obtain data from the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign for a period before, during and after the road closure. ACTION – Clerk to make enquiries with Cllr Peter McDonald about plans and ask for statistics relating to traffic levels on the A1301.

iv. **Road conditions**

The Parish Council noted the poor condition of the roads. Cllr Peter McDonald was not present to discuss.

203/22-23 Rural Crime Report

Nothing to report.

204/22-23 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 in particular the Cambourne to Cambridge public transport link proposal relating to Coton Orchard. ACTION – Council to consider making a donation to and taking out membership with Cambridge Past, Present and Future who are campaigning against the proposal.

205/22-23 Correspondence Received

i. **South Cambs District Council – Zero Carbon Communities initiatives**

Zero Carbon Communities Newsletter Spring 2023 received. The Council noted the following initiatives:

- Applications are open for the latest round of the ZCC grant scheme and will close on the 2nd of June 2023.
- The 2023 Great Big Green Week is running between the 10th and the 18th of June 2023.
- Community clothes swap.
- Repair cafes.

ii. **Cambridge Carbon Footprint - Net Zero Now Programme for South Cambridgeshire residents**

Applications are now open for residents of South Cambridgeshire to take part in Net Zero Now, a free community climate action course. Applications close on Sunday 30th April 2023. Cllr Heaney will apply to attend the course.

206/22-23 Planning Information

i. **For consideration**

Reference: **23/01028/FUL**

Proposal: Building of an Agricultural storage barn

Site address: Valance Farm, Elmdon Road, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire

The Parish Council supports this application.

Reference: **23/00880/HFUL**

Proposal: Two-storey side and rear extension, new front porch and pitched roof to existing side extension.

Site address: 39 Church Street, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, CB10 1SL

Due to differing opinions a vote was taken by show of hands. There were eight Councillors present. Four voted in favour of supporting the application and four voted in favour of making no recommendation. The casting vote was to support the application.

ii. **Information only applications**

None.

iii. **Planning Decisions**

Reference: **22/04954/FUL**

Proposal: Installation of a Ball stop net and all-weather practice net.

Site address: Recreation Ground, Frogge Street, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, CB10 1SH

Granted permission. Noted by the Parish Council.

Reference: **22/05450/HFUL**

Proposal: Replacement windows and door to front, side and rear elevations, removal of external cladding on principal elevation, replacing with render.

Site address: 34 Butchers Hill, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, CB10 1SR

Granted permission. Noted by the Parish Council.

Reference: **23/0162/TTCA**

Proposal: Ash - Reduce building side crown by 1-2m to clear building Sycamore - Remove tree to near ground level Prunus 1 - Reduce height by 2m Prunus 2 - Reduce height by 2m Prunus 3 - Reduce height by 2m Prunus 4 - Reduce height by 2m Prunus 5 - Reduce height by 2m Prunus 6 - Reduce height by 2m

Site address: Chapel House, Frogge Street, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, CB10 1SH

Have no objection to. Noted by the Parish Council.

iv. **Planning Appeals**

None.

v. **Tree Works**

None

207/22-23 Wellcome Genome Campus Expansion update

The Wellcome Genome Campus Community Liaison Group meeting has been rescheduled to the 26th of April 2023. Cllr Sian Wombwell will attend.

The developers are holding a Community Forum in Hinxton on the 25th of April 2023.

A representative from the developers should be attending the Ickleton Annual Parish Meeting on the 2nd of May 2023.

208/22-23 Boro Farm Aggregate site

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. Permission was refused. The appellant has lodged an appeal against this refusal.

It was resolved that Cllr Sadler can submit comments on behalf of the Parish Council if timescales do not allow for a discussion at a Parish Council meeting.

209/22-23 Reports from Councillors

Cllr Cheney:

The report of light pollution at the Mill Lane railway crossing has been acknowledged by Network Rail but not resolved.

Cllr Sadler:

Has three tree gators and a stake for use on the recently planted commemorative trees. Cllr Will Wombwell may have other stakes that can be used. ACTION – Clerk to arrange collection and fitting.

The Ickleton Society have suggested that the Parish Council consider purchasing a Coronation mug for every child in the Parish to commemorate the occasion. Councillors felt that it would be too expensive but will consider a planting a tree in the autumn.

Cllr Pavelin:

The Allotment Association have recently planted a small orchard comprising of apple, pear and plum trees.

Cllr Sian Wombwell:

Informed the Council that she will step down from the position of Chair at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May 2023 but will remain on the Council. She asked Councillors to consider filling the position.

210/22-23

Financial Matters

i. To approve payments of April 2023 accounts

Clerk's salary (confidential)

Clerk's expenses – £89.00

Tim Pavelin (Empty bins) – £100.00

Create Signs (Signs) - £144.00

Cambridge Conservation Volunteers (Coploe Pit) - £57.50

Dominic Pallett (Grass cutting) - £600.00

Charles Frankau (Grass cutting) – £2,474.40

D J Fraser & Sons (hedge cutting) - £147.00

NPower (Street lighting) - £47.59

E & E Plumridge (Icane printing) - £160.00

Ickleton Village Hall (Room hire) - £69.00

An invoice was received after the publication of the agenda and brought to the meeting for consideration:

Complete Weed Control (Weed spraying) - £720.00

The Parish Council considered making a donation to the Cambridge Conservation Volunteers in addition to the invoice. Cllr Sadler proposed, Cllr Wombwell seconded and it was resolved that a total payment of £70.00 would be made.

It was resolved that all the payments listed be made.

ii. Bank reconciliation (bank accounts)

Unity Current Account £11,849.27

Unity Instant Access Account £25,362.98

Total - £37,212.25

It was resolved that the bank reconciliation for April 2023 is approved by the Parish Council.

iii. Bank reconciliation (cash card)

Total - £204.70

It was resolved that the bank reconciliation for April 2023 is approved by the Parish Council.

iv. Year end budget review

Noted by the Parish Council. No matters raised.

v. CAPALC membership renewal

It was resolved that membership would be renewed at a cost of £335.77.

vi. Donation to Ickleton Cricket Club

It was resolved at the November 2022 Parish Council meeting to make the contribution of £1,000 to Ickleton Cricket Club to install boundary netting in order to protect a neighbouring property. After successfully raising all the funds and obtaining the relevant planning permission, the project will now go ahead and the cricket club have asked for the donation. It was resolved that this payment now be made to the Cricket Club.

vii. Donation received for commemorative trees

A donation was received from a parishioner towards the cost of the commemorative trees recently planted on the recreation field. Noted by the Parish Council, who expressed their gratitude.

211/22-23

Cemetery extension

A recent review of burial plots by the Clerk puts the number of plots available at approximately 17. The Clerk has asked the grave digger to assess and advise. The Clerk suggested that the Council may want to consider temporarily stopping burials of non-residents and the pre-purchase of burial plots, along with forming a working group to move the project forward. The Council will await advice from the grave digger before making any decisions. In the mean time they will look to formalise arrangements in writing with a land owner.

**212/22-23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday 17th May 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

Appendix A

Report for Parish Councils – April 2023

South Cambs District Council

Bank Holiday bin collection changes

The addition of the Coronation to the usual schedule of Bank Holidays for Easter and the two May holidays means that over half the bin collections in April and May will be delayed by one or two days. Bin collection dates can be checked for any postcode in the district at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/binday>, which also provides links to add bin calendars to your mobile phone.

The cardboard, plastic and aluminium foil from Easter eggs can all be placed in the blue bin. The council is also reminding residents that in the UK, around £140 million worth of used but still wearable clothing goes to landfill every year. Please try to keep your unwanted items out of landfill by passing them on to someone who needs them. This can be done through neighbourhood Facebook groups, Gumtree ads, charity shops – some of which offer collections for large items – and even phone apps, like Olio.

New Government funding to decarbonise Council homes

South Cambridgeshire District Council has successfully bid for £1.7 million Government funding, to continue work to decarbonise Council homes. This will be added to the projects the Council has already started to improve the fabric of its Council homes. It will also support other measures being put in place to help the Council achieve its own and the Government's Net Zero targets.

The money is coming from the Government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. The Fund is designed to upgrade a significant amount of the social housing stock across the country, that is currently below Energy Performance Certificate C, up to that standard. The District Council owns and maintains around 5,600 Council homes in South Cambridgeshire. The new funding will go towards energy efficiency upgrades within these homes.

Energy saving measures such as exterior wall insulation, cavity wall insulation, loft insulation, new windows and doors, draft proofing measures, as well as heat pumps and solar panel installation can be provided with the funding. These measures could save tenants between £220 and £400 a year on energy bills.

More than £2 million had already been allocated to continue work to retrofit the Council's existing housing stock over the next two years, as part of ongoing carbon reduction efforts. Solar panels have already been installed on almost 2,200 South Cambs Council homes to help tenants generate their own electricity. Nearly 870 solid wall homes have been fitted with external wall insulation.

English classes for Ukrainians

More than 100 Ukrainian guests have learned English to help them settle into life in a new country thanks to classes funded by South Cambridgeshire District Council. The classes have transformed life for the children and adults of all ages and are part of a wider package of support from the Council since families began arriving from war-torn Ukraine almost a year ago. Guests have received free lessons as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme and have praised the Council for helping them find the confidence to settle into their new communities.

Public encouraged to add Coronation events to digital map

Members of the public and community organisations across the UK have been invited by the government to share how they will celebrate the Coronation on a digital map launched on 4 March. The map can be found on the Coronation website, linked below. The map is designed to encourage people to add their own Coronation Big Lunches, street parties, Big Help Out plans and other Coronation activities so others in the local community can find out about events near them and get involved. The Coronation website also includes information for getting involved, a toolkit including templates, a playlist, recipes, and designs. The Coronation will take place on the morning of 6 May at Westminster Abbey. Throughout the UK, Coronation Big Lunches will bring communities together on 7 May. The weekend of celebrations will end with the Big Help Out on 8 May, which will highlight the impact of volunteering. This will encourage people to get involved with activities run by local community groups, organisations and charities. Digital map to add events:

<https://coronation.gov.uk/events/>

Cambridgeshire County Report

A further £7.1 million will be spent over the next year to support Cambridgeshire households with their cost of living.

The money delivered through the Household Support Fund (HSF) is part of a wider support offer from Cambridgeshire County Council which links families and households with different offers of support, some of which they may not previously have been aware of. The HSF is a government-funded scheme with the latest award to be spent from April until the end of March next year.

More than half of the new round of funding (£4 million) will continue to be spent delivering food vouchers for thousands of families during school holidays through the new Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme. The rest will be used to offer a range of support for households in need, including through 80 ‘trusted partner’ organisations who can make applications directly to the council.

Over the next 12 months, this model will be expanded to prevent people entering poverty, or to help those already struggling financially. This includes working with the NHS to identify more potential recipients.

People eligible for support includes single adults with no children earning less than £20,383 a year, or couples earning less than £27,340 a year. Those figures increase for families with children. Further information on the HSF, including how to apply, can be found on the council’s website.

Cambourne to Cambridge

The recent County Council meeting on March 21st received a good deal of press coverage for the decision to create a public transport link connecting existing and planned settlements at

Cambourne, West Cambourne and Bourn Airfield to Cambridge. These settlements are the best alternatives to development in the green belt, and this clustered development protects the vast majority of South Cambs villages from unsustainable growth. Public infrastructure including good transport links are necessary – and indeed this is a requirement of the local plan and without it the legal planning framework collapses.

The current Cambourne situation, with no decent public transport, is now urgent and critical for young people seeking access to post-16 education and training opportunities in the Cambridge area. The same is true for all those seeking access to jobs, including health and care staff where recruitment is hampered by lack of affordable housing with reliable public transport connections.

A key point of contention for the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge Busway is at Madingley and Coton where different options have been debated. The eight years of consideration included a detailed independent audit in 2021.

Officers have given a clear steer that the proposed on-road route was not good enough to meet the needs of Cambourne and further planned growth, and risks disturbing Madingley Wood, an ancient and hugely biodiverse site. The preferred route involving the loss of trees at Coton Orchard, a private site without public access, is regrettable. The final route will be aligned to reduce to a minimum the number of lost trees, almost or potentially all of which will be commercial fruit trees around 30 years old, currently estimated at one-fifth of the total current area of the orchard. It is very likely that large replacement sites with a wilder mix of native species will be able to more than replace the lost biodiversity, along with other benefits such as public access to wilderness.

The next stage will almost certainly be a public inquiry at which the integrity of the scheme and objections to it will be tested.

After careful consideration of representations, papers and arguments made in the debate, Susan voted in favour of the proposal. You can watch the debate, including my contribution, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwbAi8Q9e5Q>.

The independent audit and other documentation is published at <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/sustainable-transport-programme/public-transport-schemes/cambourne-to-cambridge/cambourne-to-cambridge-independent-audit>

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

Planning Appeal:

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

Peter McDonald

April 2nd 2023