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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

**You are summoned to the next meeting of Milton Parish Council to be held in the Bowls Pavilion on
Monday 3 December 2018 at 7.30pm**

Members of the Public and the Press are cordially invited to attend

Clerk's signature: *Sarah Coker*

Date of issue: 27 November 2018

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence:** to receive and approve apologies for absence.
2. **To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2018: (Pages 1-4)**
3. **Declarations of interest and dispensations:**
 - a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda;
 - b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any);
 - c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.RJF, TL and DW have been granted a dispensation to discuss and vote as trustees of MCC.
4. **Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak.**

At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the council members unless invited to do so by the Chairman
5. **Clerk's/Chairman's report:**

From previous meetings:

 - **Extra gritting bin** – Location still to be agreed with Milton Primary School.
 - **AED Unit North Lodge Pavilion** - Clerk to look into grant providers (not successful with Tesco Bags for Life grant).
 - **Bus stop Ely Road** - Meeting being arranged with John Finey and Mike Davis from CCC.
 - **A10 Trees dispute** – Update.
 - **Deeds** – Old School Lane ongoing.
 - **Culvert at allotments** – Work now completed by SCDC.
 - **Local Highways Improvements** – Work on improvements to Winship Road are in progress and fence barrier has been erected alongside the verge opposite Tesco to stop Lorries parking there.
 - **CCTV Jane Coston Bridge** – Ongoing.
 - **Zebra Crossing by Tesco** – Awaiting response from Cambridgeshire Highways.
 - **Freedom of Information request** - Update.

New:

 - **War Memorial benches Coles Road** – Installation to start week of 26 November 2018.
 - **Christmas Tree Lights** – To be erected on 10 December 2018 in Horse Chestnut tree opposite Waggon & Horses.
 - **The Sycamores Recreation ground** – Clerk to work with MCC on upgrading the play park equipment and sourcing quotes for the project.
 - **Community Information Exchange** – JEC update.
 - **MVAS** – Milton recorded some 1500 vehicles daily traveling into Milton along Ely Road, with most under 30mph but most speeding events in the morning or late at night and one travelling at 60mph.

6. Planning

To **RECEIVE** the minutes of the meeting on 19 November 2018. **(Pages 5)**

Decisions received:

S/3216/18/FL – 4 Lodge Close, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6UA – Single storey rear extension **APPROVED**.

S/2338/18/LD – 149 The Sycamores, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6ZH – Proposed lawful development certificate for loft conversion to the rear **APPROVED**.

S/2459/18/FL – 90 The Rowans, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6YU – Proposed ground and first floor extension to the rear and side of the property above the existing ground floor garage, as well as small front porch **APPROVED**.

S/2205/18/LD – 20 Cambridge Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6AW – Lawful development certificate for proposed loft conversion and front porch **APPROVED**.

S/2466/18/FL – 57 Old School Lane, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6BS – Replacement single storey extension **APPROVED**.

S/3002/18/FL – 66 Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6BW – Single storey front porch extension **APPROVED**.

S/2312/18/FL – 20 The Rowans, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6YU – Demolition of existing single storey garage and kitchen/utility room. Construction of a two storey side extension and a rear and side single storey extension **APPROVED**.

S/0700/18/FL – 7 High Street, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6AJ – Demolish existing dwelling and replace with 3 no dwellings **APPROVED**.

New:

S/4207/18/FL – 2 Faulkner Close, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6EF – Single storey side and rear extension.

S/3104/18/FL – Camside View, Chesterton Fen Road, Milton, Cambridge CB4 1TU – Erection of a park home and dayroom with garage.

S/4174/18/LD – 66 Coles Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6BW – Certificate of lawful development of a proposed loft conversion/roof extension.

S/4423/18/TC – Tree Work conservation area: 26 Church Lane, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6AB – Fell two ornamental conifers that have overgrown.

S/4197/18/FL – Milton Country Park, Cambridge Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6AZ – Retrospective consent for erection of 11 containers, 1 half-container and 1 ancillary building within the ground of Milton Country Park.

7. Finance (Pages 6-13)

To **CONSIDER** Parish Precept questions for 2019/20.

To **CONSIDER** DW Finance Chairman to be signatory on Unity bank account.

To **RECEIVE** budget to date report **(Tabled)**.

8. Village Pump

To **CONSIDER** tack welding the top of the Village Pump - JEC

9. Replacement Office Laptop (Pages 14-23)

To **CONSIDER** quote received £273 + VAT for V110 pre-installed with Windows 10 to be used by the Community Care Warden.

To **CONSIDER** purchasing a 1 year subscription of Office 365 for up to 5 PCs £65 + VAT.

10. Youth Club (Page 24)

Clerk and CD attended The Connections Bus Project AGM.

To **CONSIDER** increase in provision of Youth Service cost to £170 per session from £166 per session.

11. The Queen and Prince Philip Commemorations (Page 25)

To **CONSIDER** how Milton Parish would commemorate the life of The Queen and Prince Philip.

12. MCC Report (Page 26))

13. County Councillor's Report (Page 27)

14. District Councillors' Reports (Pages 28-31)

15. Bills for Payment and Money Received, Budget figures (Pages 32-33)

To **AGREE** bills for payment.

16. Correspondence

To **CONSIDER** request making a financial contribution to Cambridgeshire County Council Bikeability cycle training in schools.

General – copies available on evening

Cambridgeshire County Council – IHMC Incident Report October 2018
Over Day Centre - 2018 Annual Report

17. Dates of next meetings

19 December 2018 – Planning (7pm), Maintenance (7:45pm)
7 January 2019 – Parish Council
16 January 2019 – Community Care (11:30am)
21 January 2019 – Planning (7pm), Finance (7:45pm)

The Parish Council office will be closed on Christmas Eve, re-opening on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

Clerks Office

The full agenda papers are available on the website www.miltonvillage.org.uk and at the Parish Council office.
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**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 29 October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: J E Coston (JEC) (Chair), R Farrington (RF), A Horne (AH), Don Wildman (DW), T Leavens (TL), HM Smith (HMS), A Bradnam (AB), C Duff (CD)

In Attendance: S Corder (SC) (Clerk)
J Barret (Office Support)

1 Apologies for absence
D Owen (personal)

2 To APPROVE the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 October 2018
DW Proposed and HMS Seconded that the Minutes be signed as a true record. **AGREED (CD Abstained)**

3 Declarations of interest and dispensation

- a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors for items on agenda; AH (Payments) Item 19.
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any); None
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate; **To AGREE dispensation request received for Don Wildman, Tom Leavens and continuation of Rob Farrington, who are MCC Trustees. AH Proposed – HMS Seconded AGREED (3 abstain).**

Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak
No public in attendance.

4 Clerk's/Chairman's report
From previous meeting:

- **Greater Cambridge Greenways Cycling Project**– Could not attend meeting - Event on Monday 12 November 2018, 7pm, Waterbeach Salvation Army, 7 Station Road, Waterbeach. Councillors and Public invited.
- **Cambridge Northern Fringe Community Forum** – JEC and CD attended as agreed.
- **Relocation of deeds** – Deeds are now with Ashton's Solicitors being recorded and listed.
- **Land at Old School Lane** – Land to be applied for by Ashton's.
- **Bus Stop Ely Road** – Update JB/AB: AB raised queries, some of which have been responded to by Bellway still awaiting CCC response. Site to be confirmed and precise location of the bus shelter. **Clerk to arrange meeting with John Finney and Mike Davies from CCC, DW, RF, JEC, AB, JB and AH to discuss works.**
- **Culvert at allotments** – Work to be completed 1st/2nd week of November.
- **Local Highways Improvements applications** – Update - The improvements to the Winship Road part of the scheme will be carried out when resurfacing work on Cambridge Road and the RAB, which is currently planned for 10th November for 3 days overnight.
- **Fitness equipment at The Sycamores Rec** – has now been re-installed. Costs covered by Anglian Water.
- **A10 Trees** – update: Ashton's Solicitors quoted £350 + Vat, King & Co Solicitors £250 + VAT to write to CCC Highways on behalf of MPC to dispute ownership of the A10 trees by the allotments. **AB Proposed to use Ashton's as they hold our deeds and if required a second letter to be sent – DW Seconded ALL AGREED.**

New:

- **Bus Stop Landbeach Road** – Costs incurred due to damage to bus stop £484.38 – emergency decision to go ahead with work by JEC and AH as company who repair the bus stops are going into liquidation in December and order needed to be placed.
- **CCTV Jane Coston Bridge** – Police have requested access to the CCTV on the Jane Coston Bridge. JEC has been trying to find out who has responsibility for the CCTV and has been informed it is out of action. **Proposal: Clerk to write to Shared City/HDC CCTV Services requesting the CCTV be reinstated and the Police have details for access. DW Proposed – AH Seconded ALL AGREED.**
- **Request to Share Illegal Encampments Policy** – To CONSIDER sharing policy with Hardwick Parish Council, less any confidential contacts. **DW Proposed to share our policy on the understanding it is kept confidential – AH Seconded ALL AGREED.**
- **Temporary Traffic Order (TTRO)** – Cambridge Road roundabout down to the Country Park resurfacing. 10 to 12 November 2018 8pm to 6am. Outside of College of West Anglia, High Street, Milton, 12 November to 15 November 2018 9am to 5pm for carriageway patching work.
- **Village Benches Coles Road** – On order for delivery end of November.
- **Armistice gathering** – 11am on 11 November 2018 at Coles Road War Memorial.

5 Planning

The minutes of the meeting on 15 October 2018 were received.

NEW:

S/0559/17/OL – Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield Site, Waterbeach - Outline application for up to 6,500 dwellings (Amended plans). **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS. (AB Abstained)**

6 Finance and Administration

The minutes of the meeting of 15 October 2018 were received.

To **CONSIDER** co-opting Colin Duff as a member of the Finance Committee. **DW Proposed to co-opt CD onto the Finance Committee – AH Seconded ALL AGREED.**

To **CONSIDER** recommendations:

- To **AGREE** to increase bus shelter budget by £1.5k (from £1,600 to £3,100).
- To **AGREE** to increase play area budget by £5k (from 4,000 to £9,000).

DW Proposed to accept the above increases – TL Seconded ALL AGREED.

7 Community Care

The minutes of the meeting of 10 October 2018 were received.

To **CONSIDER** referral:

- To **AGREE** request for purchase of a laptop for the Community Care Warden - £375 + VAT Lenovo 15.6” plus £106 + VAT for MS Office 2016 plus costs for setup.

DW suggested that we find out how, what for and where the laptop will be used and what security will be required.

DW offered to research laptops for the requirements needed and suitable Office packages.

HMS Proposed in principle to provide a laptop – AH Seconded 3 In Favour, 1 Against, 4 Abstain - AGREED

8 Maintenance

- **Tomkins Mead** – Meeting on 5 November at 11am to discuss works required. **JEC, DW and AH to attend.**
- To **AGREE** ongoing maintenance proposal accepted in 2013. **Defer to December meeting.**
- To **CONSIDER** Playsafety to carryout ROSPA inspections on all 3 play parks at £68.50 + VAT per park. (Not £66.50 total as recorded in 1 October 2018 minutes). Total £205.50 + VAT. **AH Proposed to accept the quote – DW Seconded ALL AGREED.**
- **Village Tour report – Due to wet weather tour was cancelled.**
To **CONSIDER** cropping of tree on the Bund to allow sunlight onto property in The Sycamores. **AH Proposed to leave the tree as is for the time being – ALL AGREED.**
- **Community Gritting** – To order a new grit bin for Butt Lane, £95 + VAT. **HMS informed the Committee that due to the surface of the A10 footbridge salt cannot be used. Clerk to check with Primary School if bin can be located near the school entrance on Butt Lane.**
- **Litter Pick** – arranged by HMS for 28 October 2018 – **15 volunteers attended. Clerk to order his-vis jacket for the volunteers.**

9 Milton Landfill FCC Liaison Meeting 15 October 2018

Minutes not available at present. Issues regarding recent fire were reported.

10 Replacement Office Laptop

To **AGREE** request for purchase of a laptop for the Office generally used for meetings - £375 + VAT Lenovo 15.6” plus £106 + VAT for MS Office 2016 plus costs for setup. **DW Proposed to upgrade the memory for the office laptop to help it perform more efficiently and this could be passed to the Community Care Warden. DW and AH to source quotes for an efficient laptop for office use and the cost of subscription to Office 365. To come back to December meeting.**

11 Mapping Software

To **CONSIDER** subscription of £100 per year from Ordnance on-line Service to record land and property we own or maintain to be used mainly for maintenance contracts. **JB informed the Committee that the cost is £200 per calculated by Milton’s population. To be discussed at Maintenance meeting.**

12 Christmas Tree Lights

To **CONSIDER** paying up to £200 for Town and Country to put up Christmas lights on the tree at the junction of High Street/Ely Road and take down after Christmas. Offer from resident to cover costs again. **RF Proposed – AH Seconded ALL AGREED. Clerk to confirm dates with Town and Country.**

13 Parish Council Dates 2019

Planning meeting dates have been amended. **DW Proposed to accept the changes – TL Seconded ALL AGREED.**

14 Zebra Crossing

To **CONSIDER** request for a zebra crossing by the Tesco roundabout. **Awaiting response from County Highways of cost, viability and funding. Defer to December meeting.**

15 Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed Sign

The notes of the meeting on 8 October 2018 were received and the notes of the meeting of 24 October 2018 were tabled. To **CONSIDER** position of Milton Parish Council in relation to this group. **JEC Proposed the set-up of the Joint MWAS Working Party Group with Waterbeach and Landbeach and AB as the Milton Parish Council representative. TL Proposed – CD Seconded ALL AGREED.**

16 Milton Community Centre Report November 2018

Bookings: We now have Qigong (Chinese relaxation and energy) in the main hall on a Monday at 6.00pm

Youth Building: All is going well with Eddies Artworks using the building daily and the Youth Club + Young Carers + Calvary Chapel continuing with their existing evening bookings.

North Lodge: Used by Colts at a weekend, French classes on a Wednesday morning and Inland Waterways for their monthly meeting.

Joint meeting with MCC to discuss security of all recreation grounds held on 22 October 2018 – discussed MCC adding a mounded area and gate between car park and sports pitches at North Lodge Pavilion.

To **CONSIDER** request for purchasing an AED unit for NLP Pavilion £1,595 + VAT from Cardio Cabinet and agree future responsibility. **JEC Proposed that the Clerk applies for the Tesco Bags of Life grant to fund the AED and check with MCC they are happy to be responsible for the unit – CD Seconded ALL AGREED.**

17 County Councillors Report – November 2018 Anna Bradnam (Full report on website)

Covering the following:

The County Council Budget overspends.

At Full Council in October - Recognising the risks of air pollution on human health, Council agreed to support Clean Air Day 2019. The Monitoring Officer was brought back under the employ of the Council.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2018 - Parish Councils have been contacted by Peterborough City Council, which is leading a review of the Plan. Milton PC is strongly objecting to any of the proposed new allocations at the Butt Lane site being carried forward into the new plan (including waste transfer, a materials recovery facility and in-vessel composting). We were told it would be closed by 2020 and the landscape restored by 2026. Parish Councils need to respond by 31 October.

Buses and Transport - Poor service in Landbeach, Horningsea and Fen Ditton.

If you drive and have some free time, the Beaches Community Car Service welcomes volunteer drivers.

<http://www.horningsea.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Beaches-Community-Car-Service.pdf>.

Mental Health Matters – Contact The Samaritans (free call 116 123) or CPSL Mind (01223 311 320).

DW raised concerns over the bus service to Milton which again has been cut.

18 Joint District Councilor's Report - October 2018 (Full reports on website)

Covering the following: Judith Rippeth

Waterbeach SPD: JR is working hard to ensure a new settlement is brought forward that prioritises walking and cycling over the use of private cars for short journeys. The delivery of sustainable public transport options – such as a relocated railway station and frequent and affordable bus services is key to this. JR also attended a briefing on Healthy New Towns which covers areas such as public health and the need to encourage exercise and looking at the issues of air pollution.

Waterbeach Greenway: This is now out for public consultation and is a really positive step towards cycle connectivity between Cambridge, Milton and Waterbeach. The consultation closes on **Monday 3rd December**. There will also be an event where you can look at the plans and ask questions at the Waterbeach Salvation Army Hall on **Monday 12th November** between 5pm and 7pm.

Recycling: JR is hoping to get into Milton and Waterbeach primary schools before Christmas to promote better recycling and ways in which we can all reduce our consumptions of single use plastics.

Covering the following: Hazel Smith

Cambridge Northern Fringe community forum: Council Officers are expecting an answer on whether the sewage works will move in February 2019. In the meantime they are working on all the different strands of planning for the case that it does move, Urban design, Strategic vision, Transport, Environment, Housing, Employment, and Retail and commercial facilities. They have commissioned studies on visual impact, landscape and transport (though the most important aspect of this, the future for the A10, is being decided elsewhere under the Combined Authority). If the sewage works move goes ahead they expect development will start in 2024. The Science Park is an important part of this planning as Trinity intend it

to be much more intensively developed in future, and the planners in the joint planning team are now talking with Trinity College and Bidwells about their plans.

Greater Cambridge Partnership briefing: The main projects that affect us are the Waterbeach Greenways and Milton Road proposals.

Milton Road proposals: The latest ideas have now been fully worked up, and the exhibition in Milton showed extended bus lanes and a segregated route for bicycles most of the way in to Mitcham's Corner.

Amey liaison meeting: The company staff were clearly unhappy that their incinerator application had been rejected: they will go ahead with the Environmental Permit application which had already been submitted to the EA. So it is likely that they will appeal the planning decision.

Milton Landfill (FCC) Liaison meeting: The Fire Authority is writing a report on the cause of the fire. There had been a 'Gold Command' set up, and the councils and relevant authorities were all communicating about the response to it. Schools and known vulnerable people were given advice, but there was a criticism in the village that for those not on Twitter, Facebook, Parentmail, Milton Chat and unable to access the Fire and Rescue Service website there was little information.

Covering the following: Anna Bradnam

South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

The recent Police Review in April 2018 generated many changes – from six divisions down to two (north and south) with a consolidated 'command hub' at HQ, emphasis on continuity of leadership, service differentiation between threat, harm and risk and a switch to neighbourhood policing (being able to deploy a force at short notice), They also aimed to increase cooperation between Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Previous priorities had been hare coursing and associated violence, cyber-crime, dwelling burglaries and theft. At this meeting those priorities were revised to domestic abuse, child abuse, modern slavery and dwelling burglaries.

Milton Air Quality Working Party

Since the last liaison meeting there had been a number of odour incidents reported by. Following reports from the EA about their reporting system, we are advised to report odour incidents directly to the FCC weighbridge, instead of to EA.

19 Bills for Payment and Money Received.

To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment.

JEC Proposed to pay all 1 & 1 bills listed. HMS Proposed – DW Seconded **AGREED (AH abstained)**

HMS Proposed to pay all the other bills – AH Seconded **ALL AGREED**

20 Correspondence

From Milton residents

- Letter received to ask that the tree height be lowered and cut back by 47 The Sycamores – **Clerk and AB to investigate and add to Town and Country tree work.**
- Email received parking issue in Lander Close – cars parking on the footpath. **AB to inform resident to contact 101 when this occurs.**

22 Dates of next meetings

Monday 19 November 2018 – Planning

Monday 3 December 2018 – Parish Council

Meeting closed at 10:17pm Signed: Date:

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 19 November 2018
at 7.00pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: R J Farrington (Chair) (RJF), D Owen (DO), T Leavens (TL), H M Smith (HMS)

In attendance: S Corder (Clerk), J Barrett (Office Assistant)

Members of the public: None

1. Accept Apologies for absence:

J Coston (personal)

2. Approve the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 15 October 2018:

RF Proposed and DO Seconded that the Minutes of 15 October 2018 be signed as a true record. **AGREED**
(HMS Abstained).

3. Declarations of interest and dispensations:

None.

4. Decisions Received:

S/2524/18/FL – Milton Chiropractic Clinic, 2 Ely Road, Milton, Cambridge CN24 6DD – Retrospective application for the extension and part resurfacing of hardstanding. **APPROVED**

5. New:

S/3957/18/FL – 26 Fen Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6AD – Construction of two one bedroom semi-detached dwellings. **OBJECT:** 1. Overdevelopment of site. 2. Overbearing to property at rear and detrimental to the historical/listed building next door due to proximity. 3. Parking for existing flats will be too close to the entrance of Hall End and cars would reverse out onto a blind corner. 4. Tree would need to be removed from proposed car parking space at front (application stated no trees to be effected). 5. Existing window in No 26 would be 1 metre away from proposed building – overlooking. 6. Query on land being in conservation area (SCDC map of Milton conservation extension area in 1999).

S/3280/18/FL – The Black House, Chesterton Fen Road, Milton, Cambridge CB4 1UN – replacement dwelling then rebuild house with 2 storey extension: amendments – Revised site to include access to public highway and revised ownership certificate, revised flood risk assessment. **NO OBJECTIONS**

6. Date of next meeting

Monday 17th December 2018 at 7pm.

Meeting closed 7:25pm

Signed:

Date:

Recommendations summary from the report:-

Subject to satisfactory testing of the tuned current laptop (to be completed before the Parish Council Meeting, retain the existing laptop for the Parish Office.

Consider providing a laptop for the Warden. If approved, purchase of the standard Lenovo V110 pre-installed with Windows 10 from WOC at £275 ex-vat. A web search shows that this is a competitive price compared to several online suppliers.

Purchase a 1 year subscription of Office 365 licensed for up to 5 PCs/laptops and budget for annual renewal of the subscription. Obtain recommended version either directly from Microsoft, or from WOC to handle renewals.

Installation and configuration to be done by DW/AH.

Approve an investigation into suitable NAS systems to come back to council with recommendations and costs.

Community Centre Report – December 2018

Maintenance/Improvements:

Nothing to report

Bookings:

As you would expect, December is a busy month with a number of Christmas parties taking place

Youth Building:

Nothing new to report. Eddies Artworks continue to use the building every weekday, the Youth Club continues on Tuesday evenings, Young Carers are in every other Wednesday and Calvary Chapel use the facilities every other Friday

North Lodge

Nothing new to report. The facilities continue to be used by Colts on Saturday and Sunday mornings, IVC French on a Wednesday and Thursday morning and Inland Waterways on one or two evenings a month.

Vandalism:

Nothing to report

Christmas Closing

The Community Centre will be closed on Christmas Eve, re-opening on Wednesday 2nd January

Andy Gray
Community Centre Manager
21/11/2018

Children and Schools

At recent Children and Young People's Committee meetings it has become clear that the Council cannot afford all the refurbishment, maintenance and building work that we would like to do. The Council has to be careful when new schools are built, to also support and refurbish existing schools, especially where proposed housing developments will generate more demand for school places soon.

We received a rosy report on the recent transformation of Children's Centres into Child and Family Centres or Zones, as in Waterbeach. We are advised that savings are being made and front-line services being maintained but members have received reports of lost services and financial uncertainty. We are seeking more detailed information. I note the Waterbeach Child and Family Zone is running a weekly Midwife Clinic on Mondays, a monthly Baby Clinic on the 2nd Tuesday and occasional workshops. I would welcome feedback from parents.

Council members are Corporate Parents to over 700 Looked After Children, over half of whom are in placements out-of-county. With improving health care, children with greater and more complex needs are living longer, so the Council has consequent increasing expenditure on High Needs pupils.

The Council recently agreed to support CYP overspends to the tune of £3.4 million from the 'Smoothing Fund'.

Shire Hall move - costs increase

In May 2018 the Council decided to up sticks and move to a new 'civic hub' to be built at Alconbury Weald by 2020. The justification was that Shire Hall, whilst historic and of considerable style, is on a valuable site, not central to the County and that new offices would save £45 million over 30 years. I felt it was the wrong time to be spending such a large amount of money on a new build at Alconbury, when a) I found the calculations unconvincing, b) Cambridge is the current hub, with rail and road links radiating out from Cambridge to all parts of the County, c) within that timeframe we might have a Unitary Authority and d) everyone would have to travel to Alconbury by car as there is no railway station there yet. Enough of my concerns. Originally planners thought the civic hub could be built on two acres of land but in a re-think on Friday (23 Nov) the Council's Commercial and Investment Committee admitted that they had made a mistake and four acres would be needed, which would add an additional £1.7 million to the costs, making a total of £18.3 million. The recommendation to approve the additional funding will go to the General Purposes Committee on 27 November.

Ely Southern Bypass

The Ely Southern Bypass has now opened. It is a striking construction – with a viaduct spanning the River Great Ouse and two railway lines. The new road connects the A142 at Angel Drove to Stuntney Causeway and is the fruition of a 20 year plan. The road solves long-standing problems of the low underpass under the railway in Ely and will reduce journey times for drivers. Now work will start to improve the underpass as an access for pedestrians and cyclists.

Highways – Milton

I am delighted that the A10 cycle path between Waterbeach and Milton has (at last!) been 'sided-back', revealing an astonishing width of tarmac, which we'd all forgotten was there.

I'm also delighted to see that long-awaiting re-surfacing has been done, in front of the College of West Anglia – but it is a shame they did not take the opportunity to resurface the north part of Knights Way as part of the same job.

The roundabout outside Tesco and Cambridge Road (down to the Country Park) has been re-surfaced as part of the Greater Cambridge Partnership initiative to improve cycle-ways.

AB 25/11/2018

District Councillors Report – December 2018 – Hazel Smith

Healthy New Towns initiative - Northstowe

I have been to a couple of meetings in the last month about this: Northstowe is a 'beacon' project for the government's Healthy New Town initiative. The generous funding for the planning phase is coming to a close, and the presentation by the South Cambs officer who has been working on it was very impressive. They have managed to influence the developers in Northstowe to make quite a few modifications to design and facilities which will help residents to lead healthy lives. The aspiration always was to prioritise pedestrians and cyclists over cars, and in addition there will be plenty of benches and dog mess bins on the longer walks round the lakes, and hopefully public toilets in the town centre. The NHS has been fully involved, and 5 medical practices from Over across to Milton will join together to support the residents of Northstowe. There will be a new Health and Civic hub in the town centre in Phase 2, but to start with patients are enrolled at GP practices in neighbouring villages, before being also seen in the community wing of the primary school in Phase 1. A new approach to care for those who need to see a doctor may involve video consultations, and a triage system so people can be referred directly to a specialist.

This work will be embedded in the local systems (NHS, planning for new communities) and we have continued the funding at SCDC so that Waterbeach can also benefit. The New Town Blues should become a thing of the past if community facilities are built at the right time and new developments are mindful of the need to create a community from the start, with adequate facilities. With this in mind (read on)

Waterbeach New Town Planning meetings rescheduled

At the recent meetings about Waterbeach New Town and the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which should guide the development, we've protested about the compressed timeframe, and appealed that more time should be allowed to revise the SPD and to consider the detail in the planning documents. Only then can we consider the Urban and Civic planning application for 6,500 houses with a first phase of 1,600 dwellings. Partly because of protests from ourselves and the parish councils, partly because of the number of representations – 363 representations made by 96 responders, 70 pages with 30,000 words - and partly because of unexpected IT downtime at SCDC, it has been agreed to delay the decision-making. We have pointed out that adopting the SPD on 3rd Dec (then deciding the U&C application on 17th) would not have allowed a proper consideration of the feedback from the public and also from Waterbeach Cycling Campaign and the British Horse Society representative, which deserved to be taken seriously.

Also submitting planning applications before the SPD has been finalised is putting the cart before the horse. Both applications - U&C (for 6,500 dwellings) and RLW (for 4,500 dwellings) have been in for months, so are technically at risk of non-determination. But we feel the current draft of the SPD looks more like an amalgamation of their planning applications than a fresh and inspiring guiding document, with which the developers must comply. We want the SPD to demonstrate a rigorous approach to design and planning – and to be agreed before the applications are considered. In fact the applications should respond to the planning document, not vice versa. In the current proposed schedule the SPD will be considered by the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 22 January 2019 and then by Cabinet on 6 February 2019.

Waterbeach IDB

Anna and I attended the Internal Drainage Board meeting. The Council has representation on this alongside farmers because when farming land is developed for housing, South Cambs pays a drainage rate as the farmer would previously have done. Much of the discussion was about the very dry summer, and the attempted rationing of water allowed to be drawn from the river in that period. The IDB brought in a voluntary daytime ban on drawing water for irrigation, which was not complied with by everyone. If it becomes necessary, the more draconian suspension of rights to draw water (which needed to be brought in by the EA in some neighbouring authorities) is enforceable.

Universal Credit

At South Cambs a few people are going onto this each month. These will generally be single people whose circumstances have changed. There have been no desperate situations at the Council yet, though I attended

a meeting with Heidi Allen MP and heard that many people are worse off than on Housing Benefit, in addition to the initial 5 weeks without a payment: the strong message is “don’t change unless you have to”. There is a useful tool online at www.entitledto.co.uk that will calculate these benefits.

Local rough sleepers

Each year South Cambs attempts to count the people sleeping rough on a particular evening in late November. Accordingly Anna and I had a look at likely places where people seem to have slept in the past. None were there, though there were bundles of bedding in 2 places. It was very cold.

South Cambs Housing Strategy

The new 5-year strategy is being prepared jointly with Cambridge City, and is the first step towards our next local plan which will cover the whole Greater Cambridge area. It will be published for 7 weeks of consultation from 10th December.

An interesting visit – CareRooms UK

This local company provides up to a week or two of convalescent care for people who are leaving hospital and not quite ready to go straight home. They have a number of hosts on their books, many of whom have been carers or medical professionals, and these people dedicate a room in their home with its own bathroom facilities to be a Care Room. The company equips the room with a temperature sensor, a small video console by the bed, and there is a monitoring band, rather like a smart watch, and a lifeline pendant alarm for the patient to wear. They are monitored continuously and have access to a doctor via the video link if they need it.

The host provides company if the patient wants it, and 3 meals a day, etc, the food provided by the company. In return they are paid and have the satisfaction of knowing that their spare room is serving a useful function again.

This seems a really good idea to ease the problem of bed-blocking, and I hope it will be a successful venture.

Hazel

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Waterbeach Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Hazel, Judith and I have been concerned, along with Waterbeach Parish Council and representatives of cycling and equestrian interests, that the Waterbeach SPD seemed to be scheduled for relentless progression through various decision-making meetings with little opportunity for local interests, ideas and suggestions, voiced during the public consultation, to be taken on board. Thankfully we have been afforded a pause. I suspect that was mainly because 96 respondents submitted 363 responses during the public consultation, consisting of some 70 pages and 30,000 words of protest and suggestion. In addition, an IT shut-down for several days meant that work could not be advanced far enough to follow the original timetable. So instead the revised SPD will be brought before Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 22 January and then to Cabinet on 6 February 2019. The SPD will inform the design of the New Town which will be built over the next 30 years and we want it to be as good as it can be, taking account of local views.

Emergency Response and Recovery

Members were briefed that South Cambridgeshire District Council is a Category 1 Responder under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. Practically speaking, in an emergency, Fire and Ambulance Services would lead any rescue and emergency action, whereas the District Council would lead Community Recovery. This means that in an emergency, the Council has a legal duty assess risk, maintain emergency and business plans, communicate with the public, promote business continuity, share information and cooperate with other responders. We were briefed at how communications would be managed – and limited – to enable those who are responsible for managing events – to do so. This system would interact with our Parish Emergency Plans to reach down to the local community.

Licensing

Following the introduction of new legislation and public consultation, the SCDC Gambling Act 2005 Policy and the Licensing Act 2003 Policy have been revised. These Policies will be discussed and (I hope) adopted at Full Council on 29 November. Any updates will be given at parish council meetings.

SCDC Business Plan

South Cambridgeshire District Council is currently consulting on its Business Plan, which will guide us from 2019 to 2024. Please take the opportunity to have your say at <http://www.scambs.gov.uk/the-council/performance-and-plans/council-plans-and-reports/council-aims-and-objectives-the-corporate-plan/>.

The Administration pledged to put the heart into South Cambridgeshire by:

- Building a range of homes people can genuinely afford to live in
- Helping business to grow – supporting businesses of all sizes
- Being green to our core – putting the environment at the centre of everything we do.

Remembrance

In my capacity as Vice-Chairman of South Cambridgeshire District Council, I attended Remembrance Services, in Huntingdon, at South Cambs Hall and in Peterborough where I, along with others, read five each of the 1,177 names of men and one woman who died as a result of enemy action in WW1. Of 166 Peterborough 'chums' who left with the Northamptonshire Regiment on 1 September 1915 only 16 returned home. On Sunday 11th November I attended services close to home in Milton and in Girton.

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Waterbeach SPD:

I have been working alongside Anna and Hazel to ensure that the SPD is not rushed through without proper consideration given to the many representations submitted during the public consultation process. The 'Urban and Civic' application has now been put back until next year so to avoid a 'cart before the horse' situation. This past month I have been pressing for a meeting to be set up between the planning officers working on the new town, U&C, RLW and ourselves to look in particular at the sections of the two plans which impact both schemes, such as transport infrastructure and access, and the development of the town centre. I have also expressed my concerns about the current positioning of one of the primary schools within 60 metres of the A10 and the need for the SPD to ensure the development of a green and healthy place to live in, not just to aspire to it in language only. We are still trying to find a mutually convenient date for the aforementioned meeting; but, I have met with Andrew Winter and Mike Huntington to propose agenda items.

Cycling:

After many months of campaigning supported by Anna and the Waterbeach Cycling Campaign, the cycle/footpath alongside the A10 between Car Dyke Road and the slip road off to Milton has been cut back and sided out. This means that in places the path is now double the width; its narrowness having posed a real danger. This vital maintenance was long overdue. Medium to long term I would like to see a wider network of cycleways. I am fully supporting the Waterbeach Greenway initiative and working with the Cycling Campaign group. I attended the public consultation event on 12th November and have added my comments and suggestions as I am sure have many other residents.

Recycling Matters:

On 6th November I visited the Waste Management Facility at Amey to look at their recycling processes and at the landfill sites. It was an informative session and certainly enlightened me further on the sheer volume of waste we produce as a society.

Unfortunately, I have had to postpone my meeting with Rebecca Weymouth Wood, Waste Policy, Change and Innovation Manager and also my visits to Milton Primary School, for reasons explained in my email. I will be working on these again in January.

Training:

I attended a Commercialisation Masterclass on 8th November at Cambourne which looked, as the name suggests, at how SCDC could increase its income streams in the future so we are not too reliant on council tax receipts. Some of the ideas suggested would also increase the number of services the council could provide. Very much food for thought.

Remembrance:

I attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at All Saints Milton along with my daughter who is a guide with the 2nd Milton pack. I was particularly struck by the beautiful crocheted poppies along the side of Coles Road opposite the War Memorial. In the evening I joined Anna and Hazel (and marshalled in hi-vis!) at the beacon lighting ceremony in Girton arranged by the Chairman of the Council. Both events were very moving and thought-provoking ceremonies.