



# MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Please note: Due to the current Coronavirus situation, the Parish Council will meet virtually via the Zoom meeting tool.

## TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend the next meeting of Milton Parish Council to be held online on Monday 1 February 2021 at 7pm.

Members of the Public and the Press are cordially invited to attend. For details of how to join the online meeting please contact the Clerk by noon in advance of the meeting and indicate any agenda item(s) on which you would like to speak.

Clerk's signature: *Sarah Coder*

Date of issue: 26 January 2021

## AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence:** to receive and approve apologies for absence.
- 2. To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 January (Pages 1-6)**
- 3. Declarations of interest and dispensations:**  
To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda;  
To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any);  
To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.
- 4. Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak**  
Public Participation of a maximum of fifteen minutes duration for members of the public to address Councillors. A member of the public may speak for up to 3 minutes to make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting in respect of the business on the agenda (Standing orders 3e, 3f, and 3g).
- 5. Clerk's/Chairman's Report:**  
**From previous meetings:**  
**A10 Trees Update** –CCC will remove 15 dead trees and in accordance with our Tree Policy we will be replacing 2 trees for every 1 we remove so in total we will be replacing 30 trees along this section. Pollard 15 trees and minor works to prune some other trees within the belt to the 5.2 over the carriageway and 3 metres elsewhere. These works to be carried out early 2021.  
**Update:** Email Response from CCC Highways (18/12/20) in relation to reimbursement from the fallen tree in the Paddock (from November minutes) – “Please consider this message informal notice that the County Council intends to pay the costs detailed in the letter from Ashton’s Legal dated 4 March 2019”. (loss of paddock fees £320, Legal Fees £960, Fence repair £125, Tree felling £384, Land survey costs £168 and 50% of MPC administration costs £450. Total £2407)  
**Clerk to raise an invoice for the total owed.**  
**Deeds missing** – The Clerk has re-checked the list of the missing deed numbers that was sent to the Solicitor for clarification and noted that the deed numbers relate to leases held with the MCC. Awaiting delivery of the Coles Road Sport pitch deed from Ashton’s. No further action required.  
**A14 Parish Legacy Fund** to improve the crossing by EACH office – Email received (9/12/20): “Over recent weeks I have been having conversations with representatives from CCC and their contractor to try and move forward with the on-highway network projects, of which yours is one. Whilst your project is a little more complex than most in principle it has been agreed that the work to improve the crossing in the village will be delivered by CCC and their contractors. I am now waiting for information from them on timescale and budget”.  
**Double Yellow Lines – The Rowans and Fen Road/Coles Road** – The project has been passed to the CCC Highway Services Team for target costing for the original TRO proposal.

**The Sycamores Rec** – Clerk has applied for grant funding with Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (Amey) – Expression of Interest Form sent 5/10/20 – Email received 25/1/21: Thank you for responding regarding questions about Section 106 funds, maintenance budget and also for supplying a photograph of the existing play equipment. The panel feels it still requires more details about exactly what it is that you are seeking funds for in terms of the play equipment and would like to invite you to submit a more detailed EOI to be considered at the next panel. The deadline for that is the 5 March 2021. See Item 9.

**Fen Road Dirt Track – HMS Update**

**Pop-up cycle Lane, Cambridge Road – AB update:** on request for a copy of the feedback/comments from the consultation and what happens when the TRO expires at the end of the 18-month period.

**Request for 20mph speed limit on Cambridge Road/High Street** – To be discussed at a future meeting

**Flooding** – Works have been completed by SCDC to clear the award drain west along Ely Road. A large piece of concrete headwall was found in one of the pipe's exit, which when removed instantly improved the flow.

**Butt Lane/A10 fence** – On the 24 December it was reported that someone had driven through the fence at the end of Butt Lane. The Clerk reported this to County Highways on 28 December. Response received 21 January from CC Highways: Thank you for contacting Cambridgeshire County Council. At this time we do not feel that any action is necessary. **AB to follow up this up with County Highways.**

## 6. Planning

**Decisions:**

**20/03183/HFUL** – 70 The Rowans, Milton CB24 6YU – Proposed 2 storey front extension, replacement front porch and side extension **GRANTED PERMISSION**

**New:**

Application for Premises Licence – Novotel Cambridge North – Any representations to be made by the end of 12 February 2021. Link: <https://www.miltonvillage.org.uk/novotel-cambridge-north-premises-license-application>

**20/2380/TTPO** – 34 Fen Road, Milton CB24 6AD – TPO 0002 (2014) T1: T1 Horse chestnut – sectionally dismantle to ground level (due to poor crown health, large deadwood in upper crown, weak compression forks and tress potential to damage house). Replant 3.5m Quercus robur with 5ms of Chestnut stump

## 7. Bills for Payment and Money Received (Pages 7-8)

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

## 8. Consider CWWTPr Site Decision (Page 9)

To discuss the outcome of the site announcement briefing to Councillors – Wednesday 27 January 2021

## 9. The Sycamores Play Area upgrade (Page 10)

To **CONSIDER** email request for sharing the cost of the project with MPC and MCC. (**Updated quote from Wicksteed to follow**)

## 10. Greater Cambridge Local Plan – Site Information Survey (Pages 11-14)

To provide any supplementary information MPC may hold about any of the submitted sites in your Parish.

Call for sites introduction

<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greater-cambridge-local-plan/first-conversation-consultation-and-call-for-sites/>

Interactive map

<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greater-cambridge-local-plan/document-library/site-submissions/>

List of sites

<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/media/1655/gclp-call-for-sites-submissions-210114.xlsx>

**11. Foxton Neighbourhood Plan (Pages 15-16)**

To **CONSIDER** views on the Foxton Neighbourhood Plan Link: [www.scambs.gov.uk/FoxtonNP](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/FoxtonNP)

**12. Milton Community Centre February 2021 Report (Page 17)**

**13. County Councillor's February 2021 Report (Page 18)**

**14. District Councillor's February 2021 Report (Pages 19-23)**

**15. Correspondence – Milton (copies on request)**

**General:**

ERTA Voluntary Transport – Newsletter Jan-Feb 2021 (Emailed to Councillors)

**16. Dates of next meetings**

Monday 15 February 2021 – Planning

Monday 1 March 2021 – Parish Council

Clerk's Office

The full agenda papers are available on the website [www.miltonvillage.org.uk](http://www.miltonvillage.org.uk) and at the Parish Council office.

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on  
Monday 4 January 2021 at 7pm via Zoom on-line**

**Present:** D Wildman (DW) (Chair), J E Coston (JEC), P Ellwood (PE), R Farrington (RF), A Horne (AH), D Owen (DO), H Smith (HMS), A Markham (AM), A Latchem (AL), A Bradnam (AB)

**In Attendance:** S Corder (Clerk), J Barrett (Assistant Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** None

1 Apologies for absence  
None – Full Council

2 **To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28 September 2020**  
**To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 November 2020** – HMS amendments required to Item 12: Change wording to Poppy Wreaths, Item 15: County Councillor report was verbally given. Headings of report given to be added under Item 10 and remove full report from Item 15.

**To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 December 2020** – HMS: minor amendments required to Item 8: change states to status. Item 14 change to “Consent Street” status and change wording to say by agreement between the landlord and the vendors.

**DW Proposed to accept the Minutes above with the agreed amendments – ALL AGREED (Copies to be circulated to Councillors and updated on the Web Page)**

3 **Declarations of interest and dispensation**

To receive declarations of interest from councillors for items on agenda: None

To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any): None

To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate: None

4 **Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak**

No public attended.

5 **Clerk’s/Chairman’s report:**

**From previous meetings:**

**Coles Road Phone Box update:** Emailed received (9/12/20) from BT Payphone – “The Local Authority objected to the removal of the telephone so adoption by the Parish Council would not be an option”. **JEC thanked HMS for reiterating MPC’s objections to the removal of the payphone to SCDC and getting the decision reversed from their original decision of adoption.**

**A10 Trees Update** – Email received (16/12/20) “Cambridgeshire County Council Highways have now attended the site with our Tree Contractor. Upon our inspection we have noted the following: Along this section there are around 80 trees, these are mainly poplar trees, the course of action that will be undertaken is as follows: Remove 15 dead trees and in accordance with our Tree Policy we will be replacing 2 trees for every 1 we remove so in total we will be replacing 30 trees along this section. Pollard 15 trees and minor works to prune some other trees within the belt to the 5.2 meters over the carriageway and 3 metres elsewhere. These works to be carried out early 2021. Email received 12/8/20 via Astons Legal Solicitors from D Ashman, County Highways – “I should add that the County Council cannot however accept any liability for features that form part of a private property boundary. Accordingly, any trees that the **boundary fence** has been built through or around will remain the responsibility of the Parish Council as landowner”.

**Update: Email Response from CCC Highways (18/12/20) in relation to reimbursement from the fallen tree in the Paddock (from November minutes) – “Please consider this message informal notice that the County Council intends to pay the costs detailed in the letter from Ashton’s Legal dated 4 March 2019”. (loss of paddock fees £320, Legal Fees £960, Fence repair £125, Tree felling £384, Land survey costs £168 and 50% of MPC administration costs £450. Total £2407)**

**Deeds missing** – AB asked for clarification on what Astons have been asked to do - A revised missing deeds list was sent to Ashtons Solicitors via email on 13/10/20 asking them to confirm location of land as the deeds are not held at MPC. JEC reported that the deed for the Coles Road sports field is the only one missing. Council was reminded that there is a file in the office with copies of all the deeds including a coloured map marked with deed numbers.

Response awaited from Solicitor. **DW and Clerk to investigate and report back to Council to MPC in February.**

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with the on-highway network projects, of which yours is one. Whilst your project is a little more complex than most in principle it has been agreed that the work to improve the crossing in the village will be delivered by CCC and their contractors. I am now waiting for information from them on timescale and budget”.

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**The Sycamores Rec** – Clerk has applied for grant funding for play equipment with Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (Amey) – Expression of Interest Form sent 5/10/20 - awaiting outcome.

**Landbeach Road Bus Stop** – See Item 8.

**CCTV Jane Coston Bridge:** Update AB - on enquiry about image quality/night vision and coverage of the CCTV cameras: **Email received from R Burnett (IHMC & Events Manager – Integrated Highways Management Centre) on 4/1/20 – “confirmed that the imagery meets the Public Space Surveillance regulations”.** The CCTV is a shared facility with the Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridge City Council. DW thanked AB for obtaining clarification on this matter.

**Fen Road Dirt Track** – Email received (19/12/20) T Williams – “I need to understand whether an appeal has been lodged, I will wait for the Enforcement Officer update”. **HMS has chased up this matter again as it has been over 3 months since the enforcement notice was served.**

**Pop-up cycle Lane, Cambridge Road – request for removal update:** AB was informed that there is currently no funding available to remove the cycle lane lines and they will fade in time. **AB to ask County Highways for copy of the feedback/comments from the consultation and for confirmation on what happens when the TRO expires at the end of the 18-month period.**

**Request for 20mph speed limit on Cambridge Road/High Street Update: AB** – County Highways Officer had responded to this request (28 July 2020), saying: "I will arrange for a speed survey box to be put up to check vehicle speeds, however I do have concerns with compliance. To be enforceable we would need a stretch of at least 800 linear m's for a 20 zone, and average speeds would need to be 24mph or less to be installed. This wouldn't depend on the removal of any parking spaces, which I think would be difficult to sell to local residents. Without physical temporary measures this isn't something we would look to install as a temporary measure either, again due to issues with compliance."

**To be discussed further at a future MPC meeting on what speed measures could be implemented through a LHI request with the outcome of the speedbox survey conducted 30 July to 10 August 2020."**

**Cemetery Flooding:** JEC reported serious flooding at the Cemetery on the morning of 24 December 2020 to District Councillor Hazel Smith. See District Council report for more information.

## 6 Planning

The minutes of the Planning meeting of 21 December 2020 were received.

## 7 Maintenance

The minutes of the Maintenance meeting of 14 December 2020 were received.

To **CONSIDER** recommendations:

**Store Cupboard** – To **ACCEPT** the quote from Pro-Serv for £2862.50 + VAT to replace and widen of the entrance door to the back-store cupboard. **RF Proposed to accept the quote – HMS Seconded 6 In Favour – 2 Against – 2 Abstain AGREED**

## 8 Landbeach Road Bus Stop – Extension of tarmac area and reposition bus shelter

Email received from County Highways in relation to the project (Questions raised from December Maintenance meeting). **AB: A drawing of what is planned is required showing the relocated bus shelter and new tarmac area and to carry out a survey of any underground service cables.**

To **CONSIDER** quotes from: GW Shelter Solutions £2,600 + VAT, CJ Murfitt £2,998 + VAT, Gaskin Brothers £3,485 + VAT

**AH Proposed for GW Shelters to carry out a site plan and underground services check before moving ahead with the project (costing required) – JEC Seconded ALL AGREED. JEC Proposed that this item should go back to Maintenance for them to progress and make a proposal for a future Parish Council meeting.**

## 9 Finance

The minutes of the Finance meeting of 21 December 2020 were received

To **CONSIDER** recommendations:

To **ACCEPT** request from MCC for grant of £40,000 for 2021/22 – **AH Proposed – JEC Seconded ALL AGREED**

To **CONSIDER** grant request from Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust for £20 per household (Total £35,230 based on Band D properties) – **PROPOSED** grant suggested by the Finance Committee of £10k to be considered.

**DW Proposed to suspend Standing Orders meeting time to 9pm – ALL AGREED**

**RF Proposed to Decline the grant request from Cambridge Sports Lakes Trust – JEC Seconded ALL AGREED. AM suggested the following wording: MPC feel that CSLT should apply to larger Councils as the Country Park supplies a wider community. It was also suggested that the Country Park should put out a request for donations/support via Facebook and Milton Chat and explain the current financial situation. ALL AGREED**

To **CONFIRM** budget figures for 2021/22 **Defer to 18 January MPC meeting**

To **SET** recommended precept for 2021/22 to £133,000 **Defer to 18 January MPC meeting**

**10 Bills for Payment and Money Received, Monthly Budget report**

To pay vouchers 295 to 316 **DW Proposed – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED.**

**11 Internal Audit**

The Internal Report was received and actions to be taken from the report will be discussed at the 18 January MPC meeting.

**12 Trees on the Bund (The Sycamores)**

To **CONSIDER** email received “to have the trees of the bund assessed for disease and to remove any dead trees – can new trees be planted: to help with the sound buffering from the A10 traffic”. **Defer to 18 January MPC meeting**

**13 Inappropriate Parking and Siting of Street Food Vans (From December meeting)**

To **CONSIDER** extending the whole of Milton to a “Consent Street” status. **Defer to 18 January MPC meeting**

**14 Sunnica Energy Farm**

Consultation for a new solar energy farm and battery storage facility. MPC to consider comments on questionnaire. **Defer to 18 January MPC meeting**

**15 Milton Community Centre January 2021 Report**

The Community Centre re-opened on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, but only a few of our groups were permitted or chose to return. It is hoped that more will return in the New Year, although this may well be wishful thinking. However, even if we are in lockdown, I expect Kids Club and Eddies to still operate as these are seen to provide an essential service.

Interviews for the role of Centre Manager have not yet taken place, we hope to carry these out in January if allowed.

**RF noted that the plans need to be revised for the new Covid-19 lockdown regulations.**

**16 County and District Councillors Reports for Parishes, January 2021**

Both District and County Councillors reports were emailed out to Parish Councillors and received

**County Councillor Report - Cllr Anna Bradnam – See Appendix 1**

**District Councilor Report – HMS, AB and JR – See Appendix 2**

Any questions raised from the reports to be discussed at the 18 January MPC meeting

**17 Correspondence – Milton (copies on request)**

Email received regarding The Sycamores Play Area upgrade – Request for sharing the cost of the project with MPC and MCC. **To be brought to MPC February meeting with updated quote from Wickstead.**

**General:**

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority – E-bikes coming to Cambridge and Peterborough soon.

Greater Cambridge Partnership – December 2020 Newsletter

**18 Dates of next meetings**

Monday 18 January 2021 – Parish Council to include Planning and Finance & Administration 7pm

**Wednesday 13 January 2021 Community Care 11:30am – Update: Date change to Wednesday 27 January 2021**

11:30am

Monday 1 February 2021 – Parish Council 7pm

Meeting closed at 9:08pm Signed: ..... Date: .....

## Appendix 1

### **County Councillor Report for Parishes January 2021 - Cllr Anna Bradnam**

**Flooding - AB** spent most of Christmas Day monitoring flood risk in Milton, Landbeach and Waterbeach.

**Covid-19 - Notes from the Strategic Coordinating Group (responsible for Covid-19 response Cambs&Pet)**  
**Schools:** Most Primary schools will open as planned w/c 4 January, many Secondary Schools will have a staggered start, with students studying for exams returning on 11<sup>th</sup> and other pupils returning on 18<sup>th</sup>. Independent schools and special schools will open next week. Please check your own school's opening arrangements.

It is hoped that lateral flow tests will be delivered in schools from 4th Jan. Testing will be in three stages (if understood correctly) 1) Test all pupils on return 2) Thereafter - twice within 3-day period. 3) Aim for weekly testing through Jan and Feb. Where confirmed positive, there will be weekly testing of known contacts. Q - What to do if staff or parents do not consent?

Resources - need 13 staff to deliver per school over a week. County Council officers will be made available. Community Covid Volunteers and Local Youth Workers may be asked to help with testing in their local schools.

It is unclear what to do with school transport. Worries about children being withdrawn.

Health and Safety overrides government guidance so the Strategic Coordination Group may close schools if that is judged the best thing to do. Reviews of each school's public health risks are being planned (which vary according to the architecture, size and layout of the buildings).

Need to focus much more on Long Covid, to understand its long-term effects.

**People must continue to use face coverings, wash hands regularly and allow space – to reduce transmission. Must not be complacent.**

AB has listed a selection of the business which the County Council will consider in January 2021:

On 13<sup>th</sup> **Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee** will consider - Young People's Participation in the sub-committee, - Quarterly Performance Report, - Report from the Cambridgeshire Foster Carer's Association, - Virtual School: Results (this is the way the Council monitors how our the education of our children in care is going), - Siblings Forever Annual Report (this programme helps keep siblings in care in touch with each other), - Action Plan to support children in care not in education, employment and training.

On 14<sup>th</sup> Jan - **Environment and Sustainability Committee** will consider the CUSPE (Cambridge University Science and Policy Exchange Group) investigation into Policy Challenge #4: Business Investment in Carbon Emission Reduction.

**Highways and Transport** – in December the committee decided to seek the extra money required for the Chisholm Trail and Abbey Chesterton Bridge as additional Section 106 funding of £2.063m for the Abbey Chesterton Bridge through the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board.

A cross-party working group has been set up to improve the **Local Highway Improvement Scheme** system, reporting initially in January. Members want to make the system simpler and more efficient. The **Cambridgeshire Heavy Goods Vehicle Plan** is to be reviewed. AB shall be taking a keen interest with the B1047 in mind.

In January the committee will be looking at – Commuted sums, - the **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan**, Risk Register Review, - Utility Company interface and provision of accurate and timely information relating to highway schemes, - Transport Investment Plan, - A14 Legacy Fund, - Highways England Non-Motorised User Routes, - **Local Highways Improvements Member Workshop Report**, - Finance Monitoring Report.

**Health** Committee will meet in Feb to consider: - Trend Analysis of the Impact of the first COVID-19 wave on childhood vaccinations, - Further report on the actions being taken to support children young people and families during covid-19, Covid-19 Issues Report from Liz Robin, - Scrutiny 1) Further report on Dental Services 2) Upgrade at the Princess of Wales Hospital Finance Monitoring Report

**Adults** Committee will be considering - Asset Based Area Proposal for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Cam&Pet Foundation Trust Annual Report, - Service Directors Joint Report (Commissioning / Adults including Adults Positive Challenge and Think Communities)

### **Anglian Water – Wastewater Treatment Centre – relocation**

The results of the initial consultation can be found here, [Document Library – Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation Project \(cwwtpr.com\)](#) at the bottom of the list. We have been aware of residents' concerns and worries; we are raising those questions and issues with the planners at South Cambs.

## Appendix 2

### **District Councillors Report to Milton Parish Council – January 2021**

**Flooding:** On Christmas morning AB received a report of a potential flood risk and spent most of the day in Waterbeach, Landbeach and Milton checking drains and ditches. AB believes no homes were flooded but please let me know if you did suffer flooding.

AB has received a report from the Waterbeach Level Internal Drainage Board that the water level in the River Cam was very high and that the bank downstream from Bottisham Lock in Waterbeach was seeping. The surrounding land and the IDB pumping station lie some 10-15 feet lower than the river, with water from the IDB drain being pumped up into the river, to flow away to the sea at Denver Sluice. Concerns were raised that the seepage could de-stabilise the river bank which might fail. AB met Environment Agency officers and the Police at the lock and they confirmed that in the prevailing conditions, the bank was safe and would not fail. AB visited a number of residents to keep them informed. The District Council is the Coordination Hub for Emergencies and liaise with the Police and Fire Authorities as well as the Environment Agency and other relevant agencies. The situation was monitored for 36 hours. Elsewhere the Rivers Great Ouse and Nene had broken their banks, causing very severe flooding.

There were many emails over the holiday period about flooding around Milton. Luckily no homes were involved here. SCDC had done a thorough job recently on clearing out and recutting the drain from the back of the P&R site through the Sycamores Rec and the Country Park - the 13<sup>th</sup> Public Drain. However on the northern part of that drain there was still a lot of water unable to get away, from around Woodside Farm area. HS and AB are meeting the Drainage team there to work out what needs to be done.

**Covid-19 – Case rates and Vaccines:** We have received an update on 31 December from the **Strategic Coordination Group**, which is responsible for Covid-19 response over Cambridgeshire and Peterborough: Rates of infection have increased. As of 25 December the case rate in the East of England was 523 per 100,000. Peterborough had 367 per 100,000 and Cambridgeshire had 221 per 100,000.

South Cambs had 231 cases per 100,000. By 29 December this had increased to 299 cases per 100,000. The increase could impact care homes without the preventative work that is going on. Some managers are 'cohorting' homes, to reduce risk.

Authorities have been in touch with high-risk workplaces and offering asymptomatic testing and will be setting up new joint-working with Universities next week.

Strategic Director of Public Health advises – **We must be even more vigorous about social distancing as the variant is much more transmissible.** We need to maintain and improve safe behaviour.

**Test and Trace** – County Council will lead on providing additional telephone support for people told to isolate.

On 30 December there were nearly 100 people with Covid at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Patients needing advanced support are being transferred from neighbouring counties but this is being balanced with local resources and being reviewed every day. It is anticipated that the outcome of Christmas socializing will arrive at our hospitals by 7 January.

**Vaccination** – Two large scale vaccination sites have been identified but this is decided centrally, not locally and it depends on the supply of the vaccine, and which vaccine is available – and when.

The BioNtech vaccine requires ultra-cold refrigeration but the AstraZeneca vaccine requires special instruction and training. The vaccine cannot survive long outside a fridge and must not be shaken.

Work is being done to identify vaccination centres but we do not know which vaccines we are getting or when. It is centrally prepared programme. There are concerns about the security of the sites and the Police will be involved. No sites have been publicized yet. There are plans to train people to assist in order to free up staff to administer vaccines. Volunteers are being gathered from within communities, particularly in schools. There are details on schools in my County Report.

**Milton phone box saved – for now:** As you'll be aware, the Parish Council discussed the proposal by BT to remove the equipment from our Coles Road red telephone box and decided initially in September to respond that we would like to keep it. Good reasons were given (the proximity of group homes, or people who might want to make a call out of earshot of others in their household, etc). We were then asked at a later meeting that if it were decommissioned, would Council like to adopt it. There were only 45 days given to respond, not long enough to consult the village properly, so we responded "yes" to South Cambs, who were collating responses from 9 villages in the same position. Unfortunately the second response was taken as our only response, and at South Cambs the published decision on the consultation was in agreement with the Parish Council's request to "Adopt" it. HMS followed this up at SCDC and had the first response reinstated, so the amended decision was to "Retain" the phone box in Milton. This change to a published decision had to



be reported to Full Council, which was done in November and BT acted on the recommendations from SCDC saving our phone box for now.

**1000 Christmas meals delivered**

The Christmas meal was delivered to 9 households in Milton. Over the whole of South Cambs over 1000 meals were delivered, cooked and frozen at Over Day Care Centre.

Milton Parish Council  
PAYMENTS LIST

27 January 2021 (2020-2021)

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
317	12/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	E	63.95	0.00	63.95
318	12/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	E	63.95	0.00	63.95
319	12/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	E	58.83	0.00	58.83
320	12/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	E	58.83	0.00	58.83
321	11/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Skip hire	Cirewaste	S	210.00	42.00	252.00
322	20/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Mobile broadband	BT	S	5.00	1.00	6.00
323	20/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Office Phone	BT	S	219.36	43.87	263.23
324	17/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Office Mobile	Three	S	11.98	2.40	14.38
325	22/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Play equipment repairs	Wickstead Playgrounds Ltd	S	225.36	45.07	270.43
326	27/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	E	63.95	0.00	63.95
327	27/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	E	63.95	0.00	63.95
328	27/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	E	58.83	0.00	58.83
329	27/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	E	58.83	0.00	58.83
330	19/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Grease gun	Screwfix	S	19.16	3.82	22.98
331	20/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Insurance Premium	Community Action Suffolk	E	18.08	0.00	18.08
332	22/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Salary	P A	E	272.08	0.00	272.08
333	22/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Salary	T E	E	848.13	0.00	848.13
334	22/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Salary	S C	E	1,122.17	0.00	1,122.17
335	22/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Salary	JB	E	272.08	0.00	272.08
336	15/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Bus shelters	Compass 24 Cleaning Service	E	94.00	0.00	94.00
337	18/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	PAYE/NIC	HMRC	E	535.56	0.00	535.56
338	18/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	PAYE/NIC	HMRC	E	992.64	0.00	992.64
339	18/01/2021		Bond - United Trust B	DD	PAYE/NIC	HMRC	E	225.00	0.00	225.00
340	18/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	PAYE/NIC	HMRC	E	201.60	0.00	201.60
341	15/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Mobile phone (Warden)	Tesco Mobile	S	10.49	1.50	11.99
342	18/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Website hosting	1 and 1 Internet Ltd	S	6.99	1.40	8.39
343	14/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Agency	Elms Health Solutions	E	494.15	0.00	494.15
344	01/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Allotment	Buchans Landscaping & Gro	S	276.78	55.36	332.14
345	01/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Cemetery	Buchans Landscaping & Gro	S	160.94	32.19	193.13
346	01/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Grass Cutting	Buchans Landscaping & Gro	S	724.63	144.93	869.56
347	01/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	MCC Grant Paid	Buchans Landscaping & Gro	S	991.75	198.35	1,190.10
348	01/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	MCC Grant Paid	Buchans Landscaping & Gro	S	192.88	38.57	231.45
349	01/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Orchard clear up	Buchans Landscaping & Gro	S	384.00	76.80	460.80
350	01/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	MCC Grant Paid	Atkins Gregory (The Cleaning	S	98.74	19.75	118.49
351	11/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Dial-a-Ride	Cambridge Dial-a-Ride	E	57.00	0.00	57.00
352	08/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Website hosting	1 and 1 Internet Ltd	S	6.99	1.40	8.39

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PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
353 Website	07/01/2021		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Website hosting	I and I Internet Ltd	S	3.99	0.80	4.79
354 Office expenses	19/12/2020		Lloyds Corporate Card	DD	Zoom	Zoom Video Communications	S	11.99	2.40	14.39
355 Bank charges	04/01/2021		Lloyds Corporate Card	DD	Bank Charge	Lloyds Corporate Card	E	3.00	0.00	3.00
<b>Total</b>								<b>9,187.64</b>	<b>711.61</b>	<b>9,899.25</b>

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**RECEIPTS LIST**

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
142	22/12/2020		Unity Trust Bank		Community Care Fee	D G	E	110.00	0.00	110.00
143	02/01/2021		Santander S106 Arts		Interest	Santander	E	17.88	0.00	17.88
<b>Total</b>								<b>127.88</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>127.88</b>

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**To:**  
**Subject:**

Clerk Milton Parish Council  
SYCAMORES PLAY AREA

Morning Sarah

You are no doubt aware of several complaints regarding the state of the play area on the Sycamores Rec. I know that you have put a lot of effort in designing and obtaining quotes for an upgrade. I took a walk round there recently and I must say it does look very sad and is not a very good advert for the village. It is not a case of unsafe equipment as I know safety inspections are done regularly and any faults rectified but the general look and condition of the equipment and area leaves a lot to be desired.

There is an agreement that MCC will share the cost of any improvements and I believe money has been put aside for this but it appears that the Parish Council are trying to obtain a grant for their share. These have not been forthcoming to date and therefore the project is on hold. The amounts we are talking about are not excessive I believe £22K was the figure i.e. £11K each. I am sure that under the present circumstances there are far more deserving causes for grants from local businesses therefore I request that PC dig into their funds and get this moving so that we can have a decent play area before the Spring. I think this village has done very well from grants over the last few years and we should not expect any projects to improve the village to be funded by grants.

You may be aware that I am a member of the MCC outdoor recreation committee, but these are my own thoughts on the matter and have not been discussed with the committee.

Please can you bring this to the attention of the Council.

Colin Nunn

## Community Centre Report – February 2021

COVID vaccinations are now taking place in the Community Centre and ourselves + Over Community Centre are servicing the villages to the North of Cambridge. The first session was Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, these should continue on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9.00am to 6.00pm each day. At present, we do not know about next week, as it all depends on when the vaccine will be delivered.

All of our regular groups have been cancelled during Lockdown. Kids-R-Us were running a couple of After School Club sessions each week for children of Key Workers, but these have been cancelled as there were insufficient children

We have 7 applicants for the role of Centre Manager and we are presently interviewing all of them via Zoom, which we will hopefully have completed by the end of January. We then plan to hold face to face interviews with the 2 or 3 most suitable candidates, before deciding on the successful applicant.

Andy Gray  
Community Centre Manager  
20/01/2021

## County Councillor Report for Parishes February 2021 - Cllr Anna Bradnam

### Redeployment of County Council Officers

Please be aware that as Covid-19 figures mount, officers from all parts of the County Council have been deployed to manage various pandemic-related functions e.g. to run temporary mortuary facilities. As of December, there were 360 members of staff available for redeployment of which 18 are currently redeployed although currently most support is to the hub and contact tracing. These redeployment rates are likely to increase in the next few weeks to support mass vaccinations and lateral flow testing which means – apologies – that all other services provided by CCC will take second place in the queue.

### Winter Support Packages

Cambridgeshire County Council will be offering Winter Support Packages to families to make sure that, children have access to food whether they are eligible for free school meals or in a range of other categories, but also that people who might struggle with other essential bills, such as utilities, can be supported. The food support will come via a voucher sent to families automatically, using a system many schools are already using. Each eligible child will receive a £15 voucher for each week of the school holidays (one week for February half term). Those eligible for the voucher will be those eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium, funded two year olds, eligible for Free School Meals (including those not currently on a school roll) and eligible for 16+ bursary.

In addition to the Food Vouchers, the scheme is also available to support these same families and individuals, as well as many more, with other immediate needs, including (but not limited to) other essential supplies and food, household energy and water bills and essential white goods in addition to those listed above, those eligible for this additional support will include: households who receive income-related benefits and households facing financial hardship – who councils are aware of; families identified as ‘just about managing’ by schools, anyone with an Education, Health and Care Plan, Care Leavers, Young Carers and people with ‘No Recourse to Public Funds’ status – such as asylum seekers. Anyone in need of additional support can access it using 0345 045 5219 or going to the website.

### How is my Council Tax spent? Children in Care

Councillors are often asked “What is my Council Tax used for? Here is an example. You may be aware that when a child is taken into care, the County Council becomes that child’s Corporate Parent. This means the County Council has a collective responsibility (i.e. elected members, employees and partner agencies) for providing the best possible care and safeguarding for the children who we look after until they are 25. This is close to my heart as I sit on the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee, which has regular input from the children themselves. Currently we are responsible for 714 children in care. 74 of them are unaccompanied children seeking asylum and 229 are in long term placements or foster homes. Unfortunately the number of foster placements available to us is declining – mostly due to Covid – and so if you are interested in fostering do please get in touch with me. At any one time between 20 and 30 of these children are ‘missing’ which is a major concern for us as it would be for any parent. The good news is that the number of adoption orders granted is up by 15% and increasing. This ensure children are in secure and stable family relationships.

### Flooding

A number of residents have been at risk of flooding around Christmas and in recent weeks. Thank you to those who have taken the trouble to report flood incidents on the County’s ‘Report a Highway Fault’ page here <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults> I know it is frustrating when jobs are closed with little or no explanation but it is important to maintain the record. If you do report, please email me so I can follow it up. If you are in immediate danger to life and limb, please call 999. Otherwise, please call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 or see the Floodline website here: <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings>.

## District Councillors' Report to Milton Parish Council – February 2021

### Anglian Water's choice of site for the new Sewage Works

The announcement is to be made on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January, and parish councillors have been invited to a preview on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> evening.

### East West Rail / CamBedRailRoad

The East West Rail route is now definitely planned to take their original 'northern' route, close to Cambourne rather than Bassingbourn, with development coming in its wake. They also expect it to swing south from there in order to access Cambridge South Station. The pressure group CamBedRailRoad is still pushing for a northern route into Cambridge passing between Landbeach and Milton, and joining the King's Lynn line north of Milton. They have put forward their arguments to support this, and we are strongly arguing the opposite point of view.

### Transport to the Vaccination Centre

Vaccinations are now being booked at Milton Community Centre. This centre covers 8 GP surgeries, so most of those attending are coming by car. The car park is being marshalled and this seems to be working well.

People who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (so it is even more important that they don't get in a car with anyone outside their household) and need transport are able to get a free ride to Milton Community Centre if their GP requests it from Panther Taxis. There is also the possibility of using Cambridge Dial-a-Ride.

### 2021 Lockdown

Although it is really tough having yet another national lockdown it is undoubtedly the right thing to do, in order to reduce the ever increasing burden on the NHS and to save lives. At the start of the month we were seeing over 50% increase weekly in cases in South Cambs and unprecedented pressure on our hospitals. Most of the outbreaks locally appear to originate from workplaces but then they very quickly transfer into family households and into schools. The County Council is working with the NHS to identify high risk workplaces and to roll out Lateral Testing in them to pick up the 20-30% of people who are infected and not showing symptoms.

We cannot emphasise strongly enough how vital it is that if you have either had a positive test or been in contact with someone who has - you must completely isolate yourself and your household for the required time. This is the only way that transmission to vulnerable people who are most likely to die can be stopped. The vaccine is going to take time to roll out and people will die while they wait for it if we do not all do everything we can to protect them. Although the new variant is 50-70% more transmissible, the rules to control it are exactly the same - Hands, Face, Space. The end is in sight but we can get there more quickly if we all play our part.

We are expecting further funding from Central Government to help support local businesses that have had to cease trading or which have seen significant reductions in their income. Please keep a close eye on the South Cambs website, sign up for our newsletter here [Coronavirus information for businesses - South Cambs District Council \(scamb.gov.uk\)](https://www.southcambs.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-for-businesses) or contact either the council or your councillors if you need help. There is a new table on the business pages to explain which grants are available and for whom. Applications are now open for the latest Government grants covering the period of the Tier 4 restrictions from 24th December 2020 - 4th January 2021 and the current lockdown. For more details see <http://bit.ly/3oc1S7U>

Those who have already applied covering the November lockdown period have just received an automated SMS or email asking them to update their application and to check eligibility for the next round; all intended to assist with streamlining the ongoing process.



## **Shops**

Milton and Waterbeach are so much more fortunate than many other villages because we have good high quality local shops. For many of us life would have been so much more difficult without them. It is undoubtedly safer to shop locally as well as ensuring that our shops survive to serve us once the pandemic is over. A big thank you to them all.

## **Support given by the Council to Local Businesses**

### **1. Local Restrictions and Additional Restrictions Grants (LRSO Open, Closed/Addendum for Nov into December)**

- £1,164,904 paid to over 900 businesses to date

**2. Hardship Grants (our discretionary scheme based on ARG "Additional Restrictions Grant" pot funding.** Payments range from £1-3k on average – currently primarily helping many of our micro business not easily supported via other schemes.

- 122 apps received
- 66 authorised for payment
- 20 refused
- 5 out of area
- 18 waiting info
- 13 waiting to be reviewed

Payments authorised to date = **£163,502.00**

### **3. Wet-led pubs (£1,000 one-off Dec payment)**

- 49 apps received
- 28 authorised for payment
- 3 waiting to be reviewed
- 5 refused (not wet pubs)
- 3 out of area
- 10 waiting further info

**Total grants paid (incl. pending payment) to date since Nov - £1,356,406**

## **4. General Commentary**

- Applications are still coming in thick and fast for the Nov/December periods. We continue to do ongoing web updates and social media + press releases to keep businesses up to date with the latest.
- As of noon 22/01/2021, we were live with Tier 4 and national grant applications/process for pay-outs. Those who are yet to apply for Nov/Dec grants must complete an application via the website. Those who have already applied for Nov/Dec grants have today received an automated SMS or email asking them to update their original application i.e. to reconfirm eligibility for latest wave of payments. Automated payment should then shortly ensue. *A handful of operational teething problems still being ironed out but essentially, we are fairly early to the party in opening up Tier 4 payments vs. others.*
- The same, repeat automated process should then apply for the one-off national lockdown payment. A further SMS/email message will be sent to those already in the system about that -likely back end of next week (29/01) /early the following week – tbc.
- New payment allocation for the latest round for SCambs £1,413,000 (ARG top up), £4,293,000 (one-off closed lockdown payment), £2,141,121 (Closed Addendum payment).

- Cash in the short term is essential to keeping businesses alive and viable. Our latest policy clarifies that we will be issuing a top up payment to those in receipt or LRSF closed (similar to what we did during first lockdown) to ensure businesses have access to swift, meaningful funds. **Early modelling suggests we will then have c. £1m remaining for ongoing hardship applications.**
- Our Business Support Team and NNDR Team are largely working as one team to process and get through the volume of payments and queries. We have had to draft in further support from other parts of the Council to help with volume of emails/calls/free up time for core teams to manage the processing and individual case follow ups etc.
- Needless to say, businesses are still very anxious and exhausted from the stop/start modus operandi of the past 10 months. Many are facing that financial cliff edge – cash squeezed, HMRC bills to pay and/or quarterly or annual rents etc.

### **What is the OxCam Arc?**

The OxCam Arc, also known as The Green Arc, is a geographical area stretching from Oxford to Cambridge taking in 5 counties, 10 universities and 4 Local Enterprise Partnerships. 3.8 million people live in the Arc participating with 2 million jobs and contributing £111bn to UK plc. Government sees it as a driver for economic growth which will benefit the national economy.

Local authorities of all sizes need money to do things and the argument is that by working together through the Arc we stand a better chance of attracting significant amounts of investment into infrastructure, including green, water and energy infrastructure, economic growth as well as housing to address our huge problems of housing affordability.

The imminent improvements to the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet is an Arc project. Admittedly this work is 10 years overdue but anyone who has seen how dangerous and how congested it is will know that it's really important. On a much larger scale, East West Rail is an Arc project – at least geographically. See above about EWR and CambsBedRailRoad's proposal.

So it is important that we all engage with the Arc because if not we could end up with things being done to us with little opportunity for influencing it. Cllr Bridget Smith (Leader of South Cambs District Council) leads the work on the Environment work stream and intends to make the greening of the Arc the most significant thing about it. This will mean agreeing to a set of principles for protecting, restoring and enhancing the natural environment. Land returned to wildlife, streams and rivers flowing all year round, clean air and significant biodiversity net gain. We also need low carbon transport accessible for all, greatly reduced car use and ownership and zero carbon homes which are cheap to run. The list is as endless as the ambition is great!

If you want to know more, there is a growing library of publications including an Economic Prospectus and an Arc Joint Recovery Strategy. The Arc Universities Group has its own report and website, The RSPB has published The Green Arc and we will soon publish the Environment Principles. The Government is starting work shortly on developing a Spatial Framework for the Arc. This is a project that will last decades and it is up to us to make it positive for Cambridgeshire, for South Cambs and for every individual Parish and – most importantly – for YOU!

### **Laptops for Children**

Do you know any family that might need help getting online – especially for home-schooling? South Cambridgeshire District Council is using part of a £30,000 grant allocated to the county to support local charities and community organisations, such as Cambridge Online. The long-established digital charity helps provide data packages and/or devices to children in families who currently have no internet access, enabling them to get online to learn and keep up-to-date with school work and to

socialise. Milton CE Primary School have run a just giving campaign via the local Facebook page with the support of some "IT savvy" parents to collect donations of laptops, refurbish them and install the programmes needed for children to access their lessons from home. Another fantastic example of the community coming together to assist quickly and efficiently.

Digital exclusion creates additional problems for those already experiencing poverty, with nine million people in the UK struggling to use the internet independently. School closures during lockdowns and staggered returns to classrooms have meant that children in households without internet connectivity have been particularly impacted in their education by not being able to access online learning.

In response to the pandemic, Cambridge Online has been providing free computer tablets and internet connections to isolated people across Cambridgeshire, giving them access to the outside world, such as when ordering food deliveries online or keeping in touch with family and friends.

For more details see Cambridge Online, email [help@cambridgeonline.org.uk](mailto:help@cambridgeonline.org.uk) or call the Cambridge Online helpline on 01223 300407, quoting 'South Cambs Winter Support Grant'.

The District Council is also supporting Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service (CCVS) with a £5,000 grant and from 06/01/2021 parishes and community groups will be able to apply for sums of up to £500 for local projects which provide food, fuel and essential supplies.

### **Planning at South Cambs**

South Cambs have welcomed the findings of an independent review of the District Council's Planning Committee, which says members have "a clear understanding of their role" and "good accountability for their decisions". The review by the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) was commissioned as part of continuing work to further strengthen the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) Planning Service, which it shares with Cambridge City Council.

The report praises the Council for reacting quickly to the Covid-19 pandemic and adopting new guidance, protocols and procedures to enable the Planning Committee to meet virtually. It praises the Committee's accessibility, saying accessing it is "relatively easy both in its live form and via web casting". It adds that the size of the South Cambridgeshire District Council's Planning Committee appears to strike the right balance of skills and experience and that "the Council has maintained a good focus on public engagement, especially through maintaining the capacity for public and parish councils to speak at Committee."

In addition, the review also looked carefully at specific processes – including how Parish Councils can provide feedback and make a request for an application to be decided by Committee. This process is covered by the Council's Scheme of Delegation. The Report says the current scheme, which was adopted last year, is "a much more transparent model". As suggested by the report, this scheme will be reviewed this year.

The PAS report endorses existing plans for the service to provide additional training and support to Parish Councils on planning matters to foster closer working relationship and further improve Parish Councils' knowledge and understanding of the planning process. It is also supportive of the service's recently refreshed member development programme as a key way of helping members and officers to explore together the wide ranging challenges facing South Cambridgeshire. A cross-party group has been set up including members from Planning and Scrutiny to investigate ways to develop the service.

### **EU Regional Development Fund supports 'Shop Local' - a South Cambs Directory**

A £140K grant from the EU Regional Development Fund has helped make possible a new South Cambs business directory aimed at encouraging and facilitating patronage of local businesses who are invited to register at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/local-business-directory>

### **Council Finance**

Despite Covid and other financial pressures facing every council, South Cambs District Council is in a good financial position going forward to 2023 and we will be working on plans to meet the need to find some £5million in savings over the course of the coming five years through efficiencies and new income streams which we have every confidence in achieving.

The current Medium Term Financial Plan has taken a worst case scenario approach. It assumes no provision for the Government providing support for the loss of Business Rate income arising from Covid 19 and an expectation that the Fair Funding Review will now happen for the financial year 2022/23 - and that review will result in the council losing a substantial amount in Business Rate income as a result of the redistribution of that income to councils with adult social care responsibilities.

The loss of income has impacted on Commercial Waste and Planning and Government has promised to make good for most of these losses, but the money is slow in coming through. As to additional costs arising from Covid 19 - the Government has promised £1.9m to support us with so far £1.8m received.

The Government emphasises in the Spending Review that spending power for local authorities (i.e. the total amount of money that a local authority has to spend) will increase by around 4.5% for 2021/2022 however the majority of this will be funded by Council Tax. This will worsen the situation in rural areas for rural residents. Already in 2020/2021 rural residents pay, on average, 22.7% (£105) per head more in Council Tax than their urban counterparts due to receiving less government grant and rural residents fund 68% of their Local Government Spending Power through Council Tax compared with urban residents who fund theirs by 55%. So, rural residents pay more, receive fewer services and, on average, earn less than those in urban areas. That is inequitable – don't you think?

The new rules preventing councils from using public money to invest simply to generate revenue to support council services, will stop us from investing in any commercial buildings out of the area now. However our investments as a council (SCDC) to date, have generally had an element of regeneration or investing in the local economy, and these will be able to continue.

### **GCS Planning Service Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) published**

This is a chunky document, SCDC is required by law to produce, to show how well our joint Local Plan (with Cambridge City Council) policies are delivering for the district. It covers the year 2019-20.

- a. Housing: Required 1675 jointly, delivered 1567 dwellings of which South Cambs delivered 1107 against 1152 target. City delivered 460 against a target of 523.
- b. Affordable Housing: 37% of all houses built in South Cambs were affordable housing.
- c. Renewable Energy: 2.4169 Megawatts of renewable energy infrastructure was installed jointly of which 2.4043 MW was in South Cambs.

District Councillors Anna Bradnam, Judith Rippeth and Hazel Smith