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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 March 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: 23 February 2021

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence:** to receive and approve apologies for absence.
- 2. To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 February 2021 (Pages 1-5)**
To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 February 2021 (Pages 6-8)
- 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 – Email received from N Burdon (CCC), Network Management Officer, on 16/12/20 – “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: Clerk has sent invoice to CCC (27/1/20) for costs incurred due to A10 tree damage caused: 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 – Awaiting delivery of the Coles Road Sport pitch deed from Ashton's. No further action required. Clerk can confirm that a signed copy of the sale of land relating to 26 Old School Lane/Tomkins Mead and amended title deed has been received and is located in the deed file.
A14 Parish Legacy Fund to improve the crossing by EACH office – Update: further email received (9/2/21) from P Hobson – Stakeholder Director – “As you are aware, your project is one which was agreed would be more cost effective if CCC's highways team were able to deliver on our behalf. Since my last communication I have been working with Josh Rutherford (cc'd in) and our internal governance team to agree timescales and budgets for the individual legacy projects. After what feels like an eternity, I am pleased to say we finally have all the ticks in all the right boxes to allow CCC to plan the works into their schedule. To improve the efficiency of delivering the individual schemes it has been agreed that CCC will co-ordinate them wherever possible with village LHI bids, which you may or may not be submitting. This basically means they will be delivered on the ground during the 2021/22 financial year. Prior to delivery there are

however several other steps that will need to be undertaken to follow CCC protocol (e.g. design, consultation, TRO and safety audit) and Josh and his team hope to be able to at least start this process in the coming weeks prior to the end of this financial year. I'm sure as the process develops, and once the extent of the LHI bids become known, he will be able to provide you with a better idea of timescale for the work to begin and will update you accordingly. Hopefully you'll agree that this is good news in what has been, and remains, a testing time for everyone".

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 – An order has been placed with Wicksteed (9/2/21) for The Sycamores play area project – awaiting confirmation of delivery and start date.

Fen Road Dirt Track – HMS Update:

Pop-up cycle Lane, Cambridge Road – AB further 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 – Being discussed via the Working Group

Flooding – As District and County Councillor AB is drawing together information on the award drains and flooding issues, which she will share with the Clerk. This information will be used to put a file together on the award drains and flooding issues.

Butt Lane/A10 fence – Update AB

Coles Road Phone Box – Email received from BT Payphones Customer Services (9/2/21) "I have raised a job for the kiosk to be attended and glass repaired and a clean to take place as long as the engineer feels it is ok to complete the works and no one comes into his or her zone they will be able to complete the works".

6. Planning (Pages 9-10)

To **RECEIVE** the minutes of the Planning meeting held on Monday 15 February 2021

Decisions:

No decisions received

New:

S/4133/19/COND5A – 7 High Street, Milton CB24 6AJ – Submission of details required by condition 5 (Renewable energy statement) of permission S/4133/19/VC **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

7. Community Care (Page 11)

To **RECEIVE** the minutes of the Community Care meeting held on Wednesday 27 January 2021

8. To Review Membership of the Planning Committee

To **CONSIDER** adding P Ellwood to the Planning Committee

9. To Consider a Working Group to Review External Communications (Page 12)

10. Bills for Payment and Money Received (Pages 13-14)

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

11. Repairs on Humphries Way Play Area (Page 15)

To **CONSIDER** quote from Wicksteed for £967.50 + VAT to replace post on part of the Trim Trail

12. Funding Request (16-19)

To **CONSIDER** request for funding for the Little Library to purchase a second Library from The Phoenix Trust for £300

13. Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan (Pages 20-21)

To **CONSIDER** views on the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan. Link:
www.scams.gov.uk/WaterbeachNP

14. The Network Rail Cambridge Resignalling, Relock and Recontrol – Transport and Works Act Order (Pages 22-23)

To **CONSIDER** views on the consultation on planned works to upgrade the signalling system
Link: www.networkrail.co.uk/cambridge-resignalling

15. SCDC Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy - Consultation of new Housing Policies relating to Build to Rent (Pages 24-25)

To **CONSIDER** comments on the draft policies. Link: [Consultation on new housing policies relating to Build to Rent, Clustering and Distribution of Affordable Housing and Affordable Rent Setting. - South Cambs District Council \(scambs.gov.uk\)](#)

16. Milton Community Centre February 2021 Report (Page 26)

17. County Councillor's February 2021 Report (To follow)

18. District Councillor's February 2021 Report (Pages 27-29)

19. Correspondence – Milton (Pages 30-32)

Email Received: Litter around the Village – what can be done

Email Received: Land under the A10 footbridge – Litter and neglect of the area

The Connections Bus Project – Update letter

General: Copies on request

Cambridgeshire County Council – IHMC Incident Report January 2021

20. Dates of next meetings

Monday 15 March 2021 – Planning 7pm – Maintenance 7:45pm

Wednesday 7 April 2021 – Community Care 11:30am

Monday 12 April 2021 – Parish Council 7pm

Clerk's Office

<p>The full agenda papers are available on the website www.miltonvillage.org.uk and at the Parish Council office.</p>

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 1 February 2021 at 7pm via Zoom on-line**

Present: D Wildman (DW) (Chair), J E Coston (JEC), P Ellwood (PE), 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

R Farrington (Personal)

2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 January 2021

HMS – a few minor amendments required: Item 5 change to “Email”, Item 11 “Internal Audit report received” and Item 8 “Proposal to a future meeting”.

DW Proposed to accept the Minutes above with the agreed amendments – ALL AGREED

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:

A10 Trees – Email received from N Burdon (CCC), Network Management Officer, on 16/12/20 – “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. **Clerk to check if MPC has received signed copy of the confirmation of sale of land relating to 26 Old School Lane/Tomkins Mead and amended title deed. Clerk to use a project list, suggested by the Internal auditor, listing the progress of ongoing works.**

A14 Parish Legacy Fund to improve the crossing by EACH office – Email received (9/12/20) from P Hobson – Stakeholder Director – A14 Integrated Delivery Team: “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”. **Awaiting further update.**

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: T Williams (SCDC) is waiting for the flood water in the field to go down

before the mounds can be removed.

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. **No reply as yet**

Request for 20mph speed limit on Cambridge Road/High Street – To be discussed at a future meeting. **AM asked if a Working Group could be formed to discuss what changes can be made along Cambridge Road/High Street to help towards a 20pmh zone. AM, AL, JEC and AH to be the Working Group.**

Flooding – Works have been completed by SCDC to clear the award drain west along Ely Road. A culvert feeds under Ely Road and emerges on the east side, on the southern boundary of Woodside Farm. A large piece of concrete headwall was found in the culvert by Woodside Farm just East of Ely Road. It was reported that when removed instantly improved the flow. **AB reported that the water table is high all around Milton and Landbeach at present. AB is checking the local network of award and riparian drains to ensure water is getting away as it should. As District and County Councillor AB is drawing together information on the award drains and flooding issues, which she will share with the Clerk. This information will be used to put a file together on the award drains and flooding issues.**

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 – No reply as yet**

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 Hotel Cambridge North – Any representations to be made by the end of 12 February 2021. **NO COMMENT**

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 tree's potential to damage house). Replant 3.5m Quercus robur with 5ms of Chestnut stump. **OBJECT: pending outcome of AB (Tree Warden's) investigation and comments.**

7 Bills for Payment and Money Received, Monthly Budget report

To pay vouchers 317-366 **AH Proposed – DW Seconded ALL AGREED.**

(Item 13 and 14 discussed next)

(AB left 8:12pm)

8 Consider CWWTP Site Decision

To discuss the outcome of the site announcement briefing to Councillors – Wednesday 27 January 2021
No action needed – chosen location of the CWWTP is Horningsea/Fen Ditton

9 The Sycamores Play Area upgrade

To CONSIDER email request for sharing the cost of the project with MPC and MCC. (Updated quote from Wicksteed emailed to Councillors) Clerk: The grant applied for from the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (Amey) has asked for us to reapply and supply more detail on this project – outcome of next grant round would be late May. **AH proposed to accept the revised Wicksteed quote of £22,400 and to share the cost between MPC and MCC. HMS Seconded ALL AGREED. Costings to ratified at the next MPC meeting. Clerk to ask M Elsome to provide a quote to project manage and check with Wicksteed who carries out final checks on completion of the project.**

DW Proposed to suspend Standing orders to extend the meeting time to 9pm – ALL AGREED

10 Greater Cambridge Local Plan – Sites Information Survey (Pages 11-14)

To provide any supplementary information MPC may hold about any of the submitted sites in your Parish.
DW provided the Council with comments raised in relation to the proposed site suggested for Milton – The Council discussed sites listed and expanded on the comments previously made. To be completed at the

next MPC meeting – Monday 15 February 2021 at 7:45pm after Planning.

(PE and AM left 8:50pm)

(DO left 9pm)

11 Foxton Neighbourhood Plan

To **CONSIDER** views of the Foxton Neighbourhood plan. **MPC has no comments.**

12 Milton Community Centre February 2021 Report

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 20th January, these should continue on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd, 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-U's 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.

13 County Councillor February 2021 Report (Full report with Agenda)

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. 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. AB sits 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 AB. 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. 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> 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 AB so she 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>.

14 District Councillor's February 2021 Report (Anna Bradnam, Hazel Smith and Judith Ripeth)

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 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 \(scambs.gov.uk\)](https://www.southcambs.gov.uk/coronavirus) 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>

Shops: Milton and Waterbeach are so much more fortunate than many other villages because they have good high quality local shops. 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.

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. 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.

For more details see Cambridge Online, email 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.

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.

GCS Planning Service Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) published

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.

(DW lost internet connection 9.15pm – HMS (as Vice-Chair and Co-host) continued the meeting.)

15 Correspondence – Milton (copies on request)

General:

ERTA Voluntary Transport – Newsletter Jan-Feb 2021

16 Dates of next meetings

Monday 15 February 2021 – Planning (7pm) Parish Council (7:45pm)

Monday 1 March 2021 – Parish Council

Meeting closed at 9:17pm Signed: Date:

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 15 February 2021 at 7:45pm via Zoom on-line
(started at 7:50pm – Planning over run)**

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

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

Members of the Public: None

1 Apologies for absence

A Markham (Personal)

2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 January 2021

DW Proposed to accept the Minutes of Monday 18 January 2021 as a true record – **ALL AGREED**

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 The Sycamores Play Area upgrade

To **RATIFY** agreeing to sharing the cost of The Sycamores play area between MPC (Capital Projects budget) and MCC, quote from Wicksteed for £22,400 (£11,200) **DW Proposed to ratify the agreement made at the 1 February 2021 MPC meeting to share the cost of the project between MPC and MCC – ALL AGREED**

To **CONSIDER** quote from M Elsome (The Roger Driver Partnership) for £500 + VAT to project manage The Sycamores play area project. **JEC Proposed to accept M Elsome's quote – AB Seconded ALL AGREED**
It was agreed that the Clerk will ask MCC to share the cost of project management.

6 Greater Cambridge Local Plan – Sites Information

Over 650 sites were submitted to Greater Cambridge Planning through the "Call for Sites" for consideration as part of developing the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan. MPC has been asked to provide any supplementary information MPC may hold about the submitted sites in the Parish

DW provided the Council with notes raised at the previous meeting for further information to be added to each site. Clerk to fill in the survey of each site with the information agreed. See Appendix 1.

7 Dates of next meetings

Monday 1 March 2021 – Parish Council

Monday 15 March 2021 – Planning 7pm – Maintenance 7:45pm

Meeting closed at 9:02pm Signed: Date:

Appendix 1 - Greater Cambridge Local Plan – Site Information Survey.

URN 578: OPUS 2 ref 47943: Land South of Milton, North of A14

1. The current usage listed as being for the A14 roadworks equipment is incorrect. The land is greenbelt and has now been reinstated to pasture as required in the planning permission for the temporary usage for the A14 roadworks.
2. An application for a hotel on that site was rejected in 2009. The decision was appealed to The Planning Inspectorate references -
Appeal A Ref: APP/W0530/A/09/2108314
Appeal B Ref: APP/Q0505/A/09/2108317
Both appeals were rejected by the Inspector on several grounds including that: "The proposal constitutes inappropriate development which is by definition harmful to the Green Belt. Substantial weight must be attached to that harm. I have found that there would also be very significant harm to the openness of the Green Belt and considerable harm to its purpose of checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas."
3. Several unground services run through the site including mains water, and a large sewage pipe at a relatively low depth continuing under the A14 to the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant.
4. Possible issues arise from proximity to Fire Service training site.
5. Concern about drainage issues further compromised by compaction of the site.
6. Development would obscure the iconic bridge design of the landmark Jane Coston Bridge.
7. The site is unsuitable for housing being within 400 metres of the Sewage Works.

URN 497: OPUS 2 ref 40513: Land to the east of Ely Road - College of West Anglia

1. Loss of open aspect.
2. Access road limitations along Ely Road for motor vehicles and cyclists.
3. Already short of open space for recreation and paths with significant pressure from major developments near to Milton Parish.
4. There is potential to link the development through to Fen Road including the monument/heritage site to create further open space and parkland.
5. There are already drainage issues on the site with significant surface water after heavy rain.
6. A major riparian drain runs along the southern and eastern boundary.
7. Potential for important archaeology all around the Milton area in addition to those already identified in Landbeach, Milton Fen Road, and the P&R site.

URN 330: OPUS 2 ref 40345: Ely Road, Milton (Foot-golf centre)

1. Loss of a well used footgolf sporting facility.
2. Loss of open aspect.
3. Access road limitations along Ely Road for motor vehicles and cyclists.
4. Already short of open space for recreation and paths with significant pressure from major developments near to Milton Parish.
5. There are already drainage issues on this site with significant surface water after heavy rain.
6. Major award drain on the northern boundary.
7. Potential for important archaeology all around the Milton area in addition to those already identified in Landbeach, Milton Fen Road, and the P&R site.

URN 462: OPUS 2 ref 40478: Land to the north west of Ely Road (College of West Anglia.)

1. Removes separation between Milton and Landbeach through erosion of greenbelt. The Planning Inspectorate decision in 2009 on the importance of greenbelt regarding site URN 578: OPUS 2 ref 40345 references APP/W0530/A/09/2108314 and APP/Q0505/A/09/2108317 has relevance to this site. Both appeals were rejected by the Inspector on several grounds including that: "The proposal constitutes inappropriate development which is by definition harmful to the Green Belt. Substantial weight must be attached to that harm. I have found that there

would also be very significant harm to the openness of the Green Belt and considerable harm to its purpose of checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas."

2. Loss of open aspect between the communities.
3. New housing would be separated from the main local facilities by a major road.
4. There are already drainage issues on the sites with significant surface water after heavy rain.
5. Major award drain runs across the site.
6. Potential for important archaeology all around the Milton area in addition to those already identified in Landbeach, Milton Fen Road, and the P&R site.

URN 677: OPUS 2 ref 54906: Land at Rectory Farm

1. Removes separation between Milton and Landbeach through major loss of greenbelt. The Planning Inspectorate decision in 2009 on the importance of greenbelt regarding site URN 578: OPUS 2 ref 40345 references APP/W0530/A/09/2108314 and APP/Q0505/A/09/2108317 has relevance to this site. Both appeals were rejected by the Inspector on several grounds including that: "The proposal constitutes inappropriate development which is by definition harmful to the Green Belt. Substantial weight must be attached to that harm. I have found that there would also be very significant harm to the openness of the Green Belt and considerable harm to its purpose of checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas."
2. Loss of open aspect between the communities.
3. Intrusive development inappropriate for the open flat landscape.
4. Loss of valued summer Maize Maze and other activities for families.
5. New housing would be separated from the main local facilities by a major road.
6. There are already drainage issues on the site with significant surface water after heavy rain.
7. Faster storm water runoff would increase the flood risk for Milton.
8. Major award drain and riparian drains run across the site.
9. Surrounds Milton Cemetery and would detract from the peace of the area.
10. Opportunity to comment is restricted by lack of documents on the portal. However we are likely to strongly oppose such a significant development.
11. Potential for important archaeology all around the Milton area in addition to those already identified in Landbeach, Milton Fen Road, and the P&R site.

URN 350: OPUS 2 ref 40365: Land off Butt Lane (Diocese of Ely)

1. Removes separation between Milton and Impington through major loss of greenbelt. The Planning Inspectorate decision in 2009 on the importance of greenbelt regarding site URN 578: OPUS 2 ref 40345 references APP/W0530/A/09/2108314 and APP/Q0505/A/09/2108317 has relevance to this site. Both appeals were rejected by the Inspector on several grounds including that: "The proposal constitutes inappropriate development which is by definition harmful to the Green Belt. Substantial weight must be attached to that harm. I have found that there would also be very significant harm to the openness of the Green Belt and considerable harm to its purpose of checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas."
2. Loss of open aspect between the communities.
3. Intrusive development inappropriate for the open flat landscape to the North.
4. NW and SW boundaries are adjacent to landfill site still under active management including gas turbine activity.
5. New housing would be separated from the main local facilities by a major road.
6. There are already drainage issues on these sites with significant surface water after heavy rain.
7. Faster storm water runoff would increase the flood risk for Milton.
8. Major award drain runs along two sides of the site boundary.

Potential for important archaeology all around the Milton area in addition to those already identified in Landbeach, Milton Fen Road, and the P&R site.

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 15 February 2021 at 7pm via Zoom on-line**

Present: R Farrington (Chair), D Wildman (DW) (Ex-officio), D Owen (DO), H Smith (HMS), J Coston (JEC),

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk), J Barrett (Assistant Clerk), A Bradnam (Non-voting Councillor)

1 Apologies for absence
None – Full Committee

2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 December 2020
RF Proposed to accept the Minutes of the meeting on Monday 21 December 2020 as a true record
ALL AGREED.

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 Decisions Received:
None received

6 New
20/05389/HFUL – 32 Cambridge Road, Milton, Cambridge – Two storey side extension and front extension and single storey front extension. **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

20/0410/FUL – Land South West of Milton Park and Ride, Butt Lane, Milton, Cambridge – “Police Hub” One and two storey building containing offices, custody suite and associated facilities, new access, internal access roads, hardstanding, car parking areas, landscaping, drainage attenuation features, lighting and means of enclosure – Amendment: A further 21 day public consultation due to the red line for the application site being revised in order to accommodate an updated drainage system. The applicant proposed the installation of a new drainage ditch to link the surface water drainage outfall with the 13th public drain to the South. **MPC HAS NO COMMENT ON THE DRAINAGE PROPOSAL – Previous objections still stand (October 2020 Planning Minutes)**

20/03524/FUL – Land in the North West part of the St Johns Innovation Park, Cowley Road, Cambridge – Upgrade to existing access roads and Cowley Road (as part of a wider proposal for the erection of a 5 storey building and a 6 storey building for commercial/business purposes, erection of a transport hub, gymnasium, surface parking, landscaping and associated infrastructure including demolition of the existing building (St John’s House) and associated structures). Amendments: 1. Amended plans and supporting information. 2. Amended description removing reference to engineering works in the highway. **OBJECT. 1. Existing comments still stand (MPC October 2020). 2. Cyclists need segregated cycle lanes. 3. MPC agree with comments raised from CCC Highways Transport Asset Team and J Finney CCC Local Highways Authority. 4. MPC has concerns with displacement parking already occurring in Milton (traffic from Cowley Road parking in side streets) and this will need to be addressed (Civil parking enforcement put in place).**

20/05331/FUL – Cambridge Consultants Ltd, Cambridge Science Park, Milton CB4 0DW – Erection of anechoic chamber building and relocation of existing portacabin together with associated works. **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

7 **Consultation of the proposed June 2021 revisions to: Our Local Validation List Requirements and Local Validation Check List** (Local validations lists set out what information should accompany planning applications submitted to Cambridgeshire Couth Council) **MPC HAS NO COMMENT**

8 **Dates of next meeting**
Monday 15 March 2021

Meeting closed at 7:49pm Signed: Date:

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Milton Parish Council
PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
367	17/04/2021	Office expenses	Lloyds Corporate Card	DD	Microsoft Office Purchase	Microsoft	S	66.66	13.33	79.99
368	19/04/2021	Office expenses	Lloyds Corporate Card	DD	Zoom	Zoom Video Communications	S	11.99	2.40	14.39
369	02/02/2021	Bank charges	Lloyds Corporate Card	DD	Bank Charge	Lloyds Corporate Card	E	3.00	0.00	3.00
370	04/02/2021	Christmas	Unity Trust Bank		Christmas Lights	Town & Country Tree Surger	S	200.00	40.00	240.00
371	01/02/2021	S137: Warden's Phone	Unity Trust Bank	DD	Mobile phone (Warden)	Tesco Mobile	S	12.99	1.50	14.49
372	07/02/2021	Website	Unity Trust Bank	DD	Website hosting	1 and 1 Internet Ltd	S	3.99	0.80	4.79
373	08/02/2021	Website	Unity Trust Bank	DD	Website hosting	1 and 1 Internet Ltd	S	16.98	3.40	20.38
374	01/02/2021	Allotment Maintenance	Unity Trust Bank		Allotment	Buchans Landscaping & GroL	S	276.78	55.36	332.14
375	01/02/2021	Cemetery Maintenance	Unity Trust Bank		Cemetery	Buchans Landscaping & GroL	S	160.94	32.19	193.13
376	01/02/2021	Grass Cutting	Unity Trust Bank		Grass Cutting	Buchans Landscaping & GroL	S	724.63	144.93	869.56
377	01/02/2021	MCC grounds maintenance	Unity Trust Bank		MCC Grant Paid	Buchans Landscaping & GroL	S	991.75	198.35	1,190.10
378	01/02/2021	MCC-NLP grass cutting	Unity Trust Bank		MCC Grant Paid	Buchans Landscaping & GroL	S	192.88	38.57	231.45
379	01/02/2021	MCC grounds maintenance	Unity Trust Bank		MCC Grant Paid	Buchans Landscaping & GroL	S	240.00	48.00	288.00
380	01/02/2021	Cemetery Maintenance	Unity Trust Bank		Cemetery	Buchans Landscaping & GroL	S	170.00	34.00	204.00
381	01/02/2021	Shrub Maintenance	Unity Trust Bank		Shrub clearing	Buchans Landscaping & GroL	S	40.00	8.00	48.00
382	18/02/2021	Website	Unity Trust Bank	DD	Website hosting	1 and 1 Internet Ltd	S	6.99	1.40	8.39
383	17/02/2021	Telephone / Broadband	Unity Trust Bank	DD	Mobile phone Clerk	Three	S	11.98	2.40	14.38
384	22/02/2021	GJK - RFO	Unity Trust Bank		Professional Services	GJK Accountancy Ltd	E	150.00	0.00	150.00
385	24/02/2021	Payroll Clerk	Unity Trust Bank		Salary	S C	E	1,121.97	0.00	1,121.97
386	24/02/2021	S137: Warden Salary	Unity Trust Bank		Salary	T E	E	848.13	0.00	848.13
387	24/02/2021	Payroll Asst Clerk	Unity Trust Bank		Salary	J B	E	230.40	0.00	230.40
388	24/02/2021	Payroll Highways	Unity Trust Bank		Salary	P A	E	286.12	0.00	286.12
							Total	5,768.18	624.63	6,392.81

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Milton Parish Council RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
144	28/01/2021	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose		Community Care Fee	N R	E	78.00	0.00	78.00
145	28/01/2021	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose		Community Care Fee	T G	E	78.00	0.00	78.00
146	29/01/2021	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose		Community Care Fee	J B & M B	E	117.00	0.00	117.00
147	29/01/2021	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose		Community Care Fee	T R	E	60.00	0.00	60.00
148	19/01/2021	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose		Community Care Fee	A H/M H	E	156.00	0.00	156.00
149	25/01/2021	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose		Community Care Fee	J A	E	78.00	0.00	78.00
150	28/01/2021	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose		Community Care Fee	B C	E	78.00	0.00	78.00
151	02/02/2021	Community Care fees	Unity Trust Bank		Community Care Fee	E Hu	E	78.00	0.00	78.00
152	19/01/2021	Community Care fees	Unity Trust Bank		Community Care Fee	J G	E	78.00	0.00	78.00
153	04/02/2021	Community Care fees	Unity Trust Bank		Community Care Fee	C D	E	80.00	0.00	80.00
154	04/02/2021	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank		Allotment fee	J P	E	40.00	0.00	40.00
155	02/02/2021	Interest Santander S106 Arts	Santander S106 Arts		Interest	Santander	E	17.89	0.00	17.89
156	04/02/2021	Community Care fees	CBS General Purpose		Community Care Fee	T S	E	78.00	0.00	78.00
157	06/02/2021	Community Care fees	Unity Trust Bank		Community Care Fee	A H/M H	E	156.00	0.00	156.00
158	05/02/2021	Community Care fees	Unity Trust Bank		Community Care Fee	L C/P C	E	78.00	0.00	78.00
159	08/02/2021	Community Care fees	Unity Trust Bank		Community Care Fee	M B	E	78.00	0.00	78.00
160	31/12/2020	Interest CBS General Purpose	CBS General Purpose		Interest	Cambridge Building Society (E	4.80	0.00	4.80
161	22/02/2021	Community Care fees	Unity Trust Bank		Community Care Fee	E H	E	78.00	0.00	78.00
162	12/02/2021	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank		Allotment fee	F S	E	44.00	0.00	44.00
163	19/02/2021	Allotments Rents	Unity Trust Bank		Allotment fee	D V	E	15.00	0.00	15.00
164	16/02/2021	VAT	Unity Trust Bank		VAT refund	HMRC	R	0.00	3,844.40	3,844.40
165	03/02/2021	Community Care fees	Unity Trust Bank		Community Care Fee	M B	E	78.00	0.00	78.00
166	11/02/2021	Community Care fees	Unity Trust Bank		Community Care Fee	P C	E	78.00	0.00	78.00
Total								1,626.69	3,844.40	5,471.09

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Clerk Milton Parish Council

From: Rachael Cooke <team3@wicksteed.co.uk>
Sent: 18 February 2021 13:48
To: Clerk Milton Parish Council
Subject: RE: Wicksteed Order Acknowledgement 1253949 / 412915

Good afternoon Sarah,

I have good news! I have put together a quotation below for you.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
	<u>Repair work to be done on Fenland Leisure Trim Trail at Humpries Way</u>			
B610-SPEC	Ex 125mm Dia log upto 2.000m fully machined/pressured treated to site dimensions plus fixings	£151.50	1	£151.50
Labour	Costs for replacement of parts as described above, to break out existing post and foundation, prepare foundation hole and re-concrete travel, disposal of waste and for safety barriers whilst work is being done.	£816.00		£816.00
		Subtotal		£967.50
		Total Ex VAT		£967.50

Please note this is not an official quotation.

All prices exclude VAT.

Errors and omissions excluded.

Wicksteed terms of sale apply.

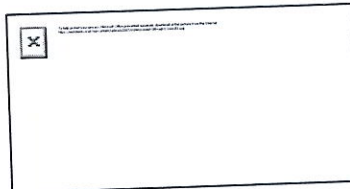
At Wicksteed we are striving to continue to deliver the standards of service that our loyal customer base is used to receiving. Unfortunately in these unprecedented times the company is unable to predict circumstances outside of our control precipitated by the Covid-19 pandemic such as increased government regulation and employee periods of mandatory isolation. Due to this, lead times will be fluctuating with the general Covid-19 situation. It is the responsibility of Wicksteed to ensure that our employees and the general public are at all times being kept as safe as possible and this will sometimes result in delays. If you entrust Wicksteed with your project we will of course keep you informed throughout your works on the current situation and are always here to help with any queries that you may have.

If you need any further assistance I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Rachael Cooke
Customer Advisor

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Community Centre Report – March 2021

Very little to report this month as, understandably, things have been quiet doing lockdown.

COVID vaccinations continue, although these are on a very intermittent basis, which is all down to the supply of the vaccine. There were no vaccinations during the week commencing Monday 13th February, there are vaccinations on Wednesday 24th and 25th February and we are waiting to hear as regards the week commencing Monday 1st March.

Andy West was the successful applicant for the role of Community Centre Manager. He will start on Monday 15th March and will work alongside myself for a short period to ensure a smooth handover.

Andy Gray
Community Centre Manager
22/02/2021

District Councillors' report to Parish Councils – March 2021 – Cllrs Judith Rippeth, Anna Bradnam and Hazel Smith

Covid-19:

There are now six rapid testing centres up and running across the county. The two closest ones are at The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, CB23 6GW and at The Meadows Community Centre, 1 St Catherine's Rd, Arbury, Cambridge CB4 3XJ. Residents who are keyworkers, those who need to leave the home to carry out their job, in training or volunteering, and most importantly are asymptomatic are being encouraged to get tested twice weekly to check they are not unknowingly infected with Covid-19. To book a test go online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting

As we hopefully ease out of lockdown in the coming weeks this will become even more essential with the heightened need to test, track and trace and to identify any outbreaks quickly to keep the case rate down. Anyone who does test positive is provided with information on completing their ten day self-isolation period, and with advice on how to try and prevent other members of the household becoming infected and on the rules regarding isolation within the household. Criteria and information on how to apply for financial support grants of up to £500 for those who will lose income through self-isolation can be found at www.scambs.gov.uk/isolation The financial support on offer includes help for people who have lost income due to needing to care for someone who is self-isolating.

Free PPE is now available for carers to a relative until the end of June 2021. To check eligibility, carers need to email ppe@cambridgeshire.gov.uk and will receive a quick order form to complete and return. If successful, the closest hub from which applicants can collect is in Trumpington. More details on available locations will be sent on receipt of order forms.

An additional 1.7 million UK residents have been added to the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable list. The change follows new research that has shown that when you combine factors such as age, ethnicity, medical conditions and body mass index some more people have a greater level of risk from the virus. In effect the factors are all scored and above a certain threshold the individual is deemed to be CEV. Anyone who has been added to the CEV list should have by now received a letter from Government to give them advice. South Cambs have worked with the County Council to send further local information in the past and will do that again. This will include the local support that can be provided. The support offered to people added to the CEV list will be the same as those on the list. This includes priority supermarket delivery slots. The newly added people to the CEV list will be prioritised for the vaccine as they will be part of cohort 4 who have in the main now already received their first dose of the vaccine. They should receive an invitation within the next few weeks. The letter from Government will also explain that CEV people should work from home and if they cannot do so they should not go to work. Although we expect new people to be added to this list, we should remember that most people on the CEV list have not asked for additional support that has been offered. But we will ensure they are aware. SCDC will also ensure they are aware of their options to vote in the May elections which do not require for them to go to a polling station. The date for CEV people to shield has also been extended from 21 Feb to 31 March (for the existing and new CEV categories.)

Business grants worth £6,932,202 have been paid in total to 3,056 business since November. If you run a small or medium sized business or have any queries about accessing any grant that you may be entitled to please do get in touch.

Survey on Safe Opening of the High St

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthCambridgeshireDistrictCouncil/posts/3766202696771212>

Green Business Webinar Feb 25th

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthCambridgeshireDistrictCouncil/posts/3737306672994148>

Redundancy Support and training

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthCambridgeshireDistrictCouncil/posts/3737369386321210>

Mobile Warden scheme – Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering

Our mobile warden, Melanie Lombardi, continues to provide a vital service giving emotional and practical support to highly vulnerable people in our villages, helping them remain connected with the outside world, reducing loneliness for many. Melanie is supporting ten people at the present time so there is currently capacity within the scheme. The best way to make a referral is either by phoning Melanie directly on 07977 219403 or emailing wardens@ageuk.org.uk For more details of other Age UK mobile warden schemes across the county go to the website www.ageuk.org.uk/cambridgeshireandpeterborough

The draft Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan

The NP has just gone out to consultation and is now at the submission stage; this is the final opportunity for local residents to comment before the plan is examined by an independent planning examiner. The consultation runs until 20th April 2021. After this date the policies within the neighbourhood plan then 'hold some weight' when planning applications are being determined within the parish. Hopefully, within the year, the neighbourhood plan will come to its final stage where Waterbeach residents will be able to vote in a referendum on adoption. Both the 'Cottenham' and 'Histon & Impington' neighbourhood plans have however been delayed due to the pandemic with setting referendum dates so there may still be a while to wait. My thanks go to the small and dedicated NP group who have worked tirelessly over the past six years alongside South Cambs to bring the plan to this stage.

The Grants Committee – Community Chest

A Community Chest Grant scheme has awarded Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum the maximum grant of £1000 to assist this volunteer run organisation with the purchase of a laptop and industry standard museum record keeping software. This will enable them to move over to a digital system for recording the details of each of the museum's artefacts. Not only will this improve the visitor experience by enabling the updating of displays and increase security, it will also aid the museum with making larger grant applications from other grant giving bodies in the future.

Cllr Judith Rippeth

Council APMs – all local council organisations are lobbying the government to extend the legal framework allowing them to hold council meetings online, which is due to expire on 7th May. While some are thinking about holding their Annual Parish Meetings/APCMs in April to get around this, most are confident that the government will make an announcement soon, as it would be irresponsible not to do so.

The OxCam Arc Non-Statutory Spatial Framework is highlighted as a document, alongside our Local Plan, which will have great influence in the way this area develops. The MHCLG officers who are promoting the Arc will be drawing it up, and the timescale we have seen has a very short timeline – it would be given significant weight in planning decisions by late 2022. Watch out for more news of this.

Network Rail have told us they are planning major upgrades of old equipment at both the Station Road Waterbeach crossing and Fen Road Milton one. These will involve safety improvements, replacing the current half-barriers with full width barriers, installing radar for obstacle detection, and changing the signalling. They will require slightly more land to site their new equipment on at Milton, and there is a consultation from 1st March to 11th April, mostly of interest to their

neighbours. The work will be done in 2023-24 and will involve closing each crossing substantially for 4 days (possibly with pedestrian access only during the closures).

The **WSP consultants report** to the Greater Cambridge Partnership has caused some consternation locally. This is about cycle routes to join up commuter travel corridors and encourage more people to cycle to work. The initial analysis brings Milton High Street and Butt Lane in as a 3rd-ranking priority (ie high), while the school route Impington to Milton comes in near the bottom of their list. In our view this is wrong. Our representatives on the GCP Assembly are aware of the proposals and will scrutinise it carefully.

The **North East Cambridge Community Forum** on 10th March will be the first in a new series of meetings, now that the AAP is through its consultation phase.

Cllrs Hazel Smith and Anna Bradnam



February 2021

Detached Youth Work to return

Babysitting Course goes Zoom

Possible New Venture

Coming Up

Babysitting course available to young people from all of the villages we were providing services to in March 2020. Our very popular course (now on Zoom) will be running in the summer term with places available on a first come first served basis. Full details will be on our website shortly:

<http://www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk/?p=1586>



Detached Youth Work

The current lockdown restrictions have meant that our detached youth work sessions have had to stop, but as we see these restrictions lifted we hope to be back out there engaging with young people. These sessions were proving to be popular in some areas prior to lockdown and with the evenings getting lighter again this could be a great opportunity for your village to use our services to make contact with your young people again.

Many young people are struggling with well-being and mental health issues during these unusual times. Last time we were able to carry out a user survey, 88% of young people said that talking to a youth worker about personal issues had helped them.

Please get in touch if this is of interest.

Babysitting Course

The babysitting course has very successfully transferred to Zoom with the last three courses funded by Histon, Oakington and Milton being fully booked. There is a great article on our website about how these are set up and run:

<http://www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk/?p=1563>

New Venture

With the continued requirement of social distancing during this pandemic there is some uncertainty around when our building or bus based services will be able to return. As mentioned before, many young people are struggling and it is becoming more important for them to have a trusted adult to talk with. We are therefore seriously considering investing in a new venture that will enable us to use outside public spaces as a location for our youth services, especially over the spring and summer periods.

The idea would be to have a custom fitted van with basic outdoor activity equipment, gazebo and facilities for making hot drinks, that could be parked at a recreation ground with youth workers present; allowing young people to gather safely under supervision. The cost of this service would likely be no more than the weekly detached youth work service we currently offer but it would be possible to promote this to the young people as an organised youth event.

If this is something your village may be interested in taking up, can you please get in touch with Alan Webb (Project Manager) as soon as possible, so that we can gauge the interest and determine whether the investment required would be worthwhile.