

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on  
Monday 1 March 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), A Markham (AM), A Latchem (AL), A Bradnam (AB)

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

**Members of the Public:** 1

**1 Apologies for absence**

H Smith (Personal)

**2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 February 2021  
To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 February 2021**

DW Proposed to accept the Minutes above – AGREED (RF Abstain – 1 February 2021) (AM Abstain – 15 February 2021)

**3 Declarations of interest and dispensation**

To receive declarations of interest from councillors for items on agenda: **A Markham – Item 12**

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**

1 member of the public attended to discuss Item 12

**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. **Payment has now been received**

**Deeds missing** – Awaiting delivery of the Coles Road Sport pitch deed from Ashton's – **Clerk is following up MPC deed number with Ashton Solicitors.** 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 know, 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. **Clerk to chase up costing**  
**Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership Active Travel Study** - A plan of proposed cycle improvements in Milton has been seen by MPC but has not been made public. AB and HMS are speaking with GCP to make sure the proposals come to the Parish Council for consultation before being made public.

**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: No update given**

**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. **See AB County Councillor report for update**

**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 (as County Councillor) has written to CC Highways asking for the fence to be replaced and the safety concerns for not having a barrier there. JEC Proposed MPC write a strong worded letter to CC Highways supporting AB's concerns.**

**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

The minutes of the Planning meeting held on Monday 15 February 2021 were received

### **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

The minutes of the Community Care meeting held on Wednesday 27 January 2021 were received

## 8 To Review Membership of the Planning Committee

To **CONSIDER** adding P Ellwood to the Planning Committee – **JEC Proposed to adding P Ellwood – ALL AGREED**

## 9 To Consider a Working Group to Review External Communications

P Ellwood circulated a proposal document to review MPC external communications and to form a working group to discuss how we can integrate new technology with the aim to increase village awareness of what is happening in the community – **DW Proposed to put together a Working Group – ALL AGREED. (DW, PE, AH and JEC put themselves forward as the Working Group)**

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

To pay vouchers 367-397 **RF Proposed – DO Seconded ALL AGREED.**

## 11 Repairs on Humphries Way Play Area

To **CONSIDER** quote from Wicksteed for £967.50 + VAT to replace post on part of the Trim Trail – **DW Proposed to accept the quote – JEC Seconded ALL AGREED. Clerk to ask if MPC can keep the old post and ask Wicksteed to check all the other posts on the Trim Trail during installation of the replacement post**

## 12 Funding Request

To **CONSIDER** request for funding for the Little Library to purchase a second Library from The Phoenix Trust for £300 - **JEC Proposed to support this project (from the Community Grant budget) as the library has been a great success – RF Seconded AGREED (AM Abstain). JEC thanked B Munns for getting this project of the ground - echoed by all Councillors.**

(Item 17 Discussed next – County Councillor Report)

## 13 Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan

To **CONSIDER** views on the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan. Link: [www.scams.gov.uk/WaterbeachNP](http://www.scams.gov.uk/WaterbeachNP) - **MPC has no views**

(AB left 8:12pm – J Rippeth (District Councillor arrived))

**14 The Network Rail Cambridge Resignalling, Relock and Recontrol – Transport and Works Act Order**

To **CONSIDER** views on the consultation on planned works to upgrade the signalling system

Link: [www.networkrail.co.uk/cambridge-resignalling](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/cambridge-resignalling) - **MPC AGREED views to be submitted: 1. Concern that there is insufficient detail on the land use and position of the permanent access. 2. Attention should be given to the preservation of the ancient hedgerows.**

**15 SCDC Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy - Consultation of new Housing Policies relating to Build to Rent**

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 \(scams.gov.uk\)](http://www.scams.gov.uk/consultation-on-new-housing-policies-relating-to-build-to-rent) **MPC Has No Comment**

**16 Milton Community Centre March 2021 Report**

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 13<sup>th</sup> February, there are vaccinations on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February and we are waiting to hear as regards the week commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

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

**17 County Councillor March 2021 Report (Full report on webpage as Appendix 1 on March 2021 Minutes)**

Report Emailed to Councillors – Headings as follows: Council Tax, Flooding, Highways, GCP Financial Investment Strategy – Active Travel Study (WSP), Covid Update, Vaccinations, Education, Deputy Leader of the Council has resigned.

**18 District Councillor's March 2021 Report (Anna Bradnam, Hazel Smith and Judith Rippeth)**

**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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting)

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.scams.gov.uk/isolation](http://www.scams.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](mailto: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. 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 date for CEV people to shield has also been extended from 21 Feb to 31 March (for the existing and new CEV categories.)

**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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> March to 11<sup>th</sup> April. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>-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 10<sup>th</sup> March will be the first in a new series of meetings now that the AAP is through its consultation phase.

(JR left 8:28pm)

**(DW proposed to suspend the Standing Order limiting meeting time and continue to 9pm – ALL AGREED)**

**19 Correspondence – Milton**

Email received: Litter around the Village – what can be done - **Litter pick organised by AB will resume when regulations allow MPC to do so.**

Email received: Land under the A10 footbridge – Litter and neglect of the area – **Fly tipping has been reported to SCDC. Clerk to ask the County Council to clear rubbish further back in the field and under the footbridge. Horse field – illegal fly tipping on private land to be reported to SCDC and the County Council (Minerals and Waste). Concerns the horses could eat some of the dumped rubbish. Clerk to report back at future meeting on progress.**

The Connections Bus Project – Update letter. Clerk to ask for update on restart of building/bus based services given recent publication of the Government roadmap, and request further details on the new venture proposals

**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

**Meeting closed at 9:01pm    Signed: .....    Date: .....**

## Appendix 1

**Council Tax** : The annual budget setting meeting of the County Council on 9th February decided the budget changes and the council tax increase for the coming financial year 2021/22. The pattern is that opposition groups propose alternative budgets which are not accepted and the majority group's budget inevitably wins the final vote. It is, however, an occasion for airing different views and for speeches as the leading group's Committee chairs have the opportunity to report on what a great job they have been doing.

The Council plan to spend £29.7 million on highways over the budget period (£6 million/yr), £20 million of footpath maintenance (£4 mill/year), £2.73 mill on flood attenuation (£0.5 mill/yr) and just under £7million on improvements to the B1050 (between Willingham, Earith and Chatteris – which is falling apart).

There were lots of congratulations and rightly many thanks to CCC staff for their resilience in the Covid crisis.

The scope for radical new ideas is very limited as most of the CCC budget is already committed to essential statutory services such as adult social care, children in care as well as highway maintenance.

This year's budgetary process has been overshadowed, inevitably, by the Covid pandemic which has required much flexibility from council employees, with extra costs, partially offset by extra grants from central government.

The County element of Council Tax will increase will be 1.99% for general expenditure and 1% for Adult Social care so the County Council component of your tax bill for next year will be:

<i>Housing Band</i>	<i>Ratio</i>	<i>Amount £</i>
A	6/9	933.18
B	7/9	1,088.71
C	8/9	1,244.24
<b>D</b>	<b>9/9</b>	<b>1,399.77</b>
E	11/9	1,710.83
F	13/9	2,021.89
G	15/9	2,332.95
H	18/9	2,799.54

For people living in the Band D benchmark house, the increase amounts to £40.59 per year, or £3.38 per month.

County council tax accounts for 70% of our overall council tax bill, the rest being levied by Fire, Police, District Council and Parish Council.

The new investments for the coming year are an extra £4 million on Footpaths and Pavements, £170k on saving the B1050 (between Willingham, Earith and Chatteris, which is in danger of collapsing) and £1 million on flood attenuation and biodiversity. **Funding will be transferred from reserves to balance the budget.**

The **Liberal Democrat** alternative for 21-22 (1.99% **plus 1.5% for Adult Social Care**) would have added an additional monthly charge of £0.57p for a Band D household, above the Conservative proposal. The Lib Dem improvement schemes included £600k for Community Support Hubs, £200k for Green apprenticeships and small businesses to enable business recovery after Covid, £40k for Junior Travel Ambassadors and capital investment in energy-saving measures, road improvement and enhancing and increasing biodiversity, with a revenue implication of £51k. In addition we proposed to save £105k by streamlining council committees and reducing the Special Responsibility Allowances for councillors.

The **Labour** alternative was for a 2% rise for Adult Social Care and 1% for general expenditure with a withdrawal of £13M from the Transformation Fund, and spending of £700k on the Innovate and Cultivate Fund, £4,393k on a Covid Recovery Fund, £100k on the Bikeability Scheme, £1m contingency fund for help with return to school and £300k extra investment in adult social care. Plus £7k to ensure that all CCC employees receive as a minimum the 'Real Living Wage'.

**Flooding** : The County Council is the Lead Flood Authority for Cambridgeshire and has been extremely busy since Christmas. **Quinton Carroll is Joint Interim Assistant Director, Environment & Commercial Services. His most recent update on flooding was issued on 22 February, which I copy here in full:**

- The number of reports we are receiving related to the flooding in December and January is slowing now so we are hopeful we have captured most of the information. The total number of flood reports received by the Flood Risk team now stands at 760. This includes both internal and external (garden/highway) flooding. Where reports relate to highway related issues, we have forwarded them on directly to highways.
- We have attended 12 community flood meetings (Godmanchester, St Ives, St Neots, The Offords, Brampton, Houghton/Hemingfords, Ramsey, Alconbury, March, Swavesey, Broughton, Buckden) to discuss the recent flooding and identify any required actions

- We held an extraordinary meeting of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Flood and Water Partnership on 3 February 2021 and the next meeting is scheduled for 2 March 2021.
- We have commenced discussions with the Environment Agency regarding the best way to start setting up flood groups and writing flood plans. We are aware that communities across the county are at different stages e.g. some already have groups, some have started but stalled and others don't have anything. We will therefore be adapting the approach accordingly and this local engagement will be a key part of our plans moving forwards.
- The formal flood investigations are in their early stages and we are currently recruiting additional resource to enable us to deliver these effectively and efficiently
- Anglian Water have offered to meet to discuss the issues around new development and planning responses
- Thanks to the information provided by residents and members we have developed a database of locations where we understand additional watercourse maintenance is required. We plan to write to all relevant landowners in the coming weeks to remind them of their riparian responsibilities and we will assess as to the appropriateness and extent of any enforcement action
- We would like to thank all members that have continued to send through details of flooding that has occurred and we would request you continue to make us aware of any flood related issues in your area

Our intention is to provide regular updates like this to you over the next few weeks, either weekly or fortnightly depending on what has progressed. However please contact us on [floodandwater@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:floodandwater@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) if you have any other questions.

**Flooding in Landbeach:** I have visited residents of Waterbeach Road and Ely Road, Landbeach who suffered from flooding in their rear gardens and disruption to their sewerage services at Christmas, which is ongoing. The water table remains very high. On the Environment Agency mapping at <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk/risk> several gardens in this area are identified as being liable to flood from surface water.

The Chairman of the Waterbeach Level Internal Drainage Board has advised me that “between September and November 2020 the Ouse catchment had had 154% of its normal long term average rainfall and was already very saturated. The Environment Agency estimate that on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> December 2020 the equivalent of about 62 Wembley Stadium's full of rainfall fell. It was the wettest Dec/Jan on record. The sheer volume of water was hard to accommodate in rivers, channels and ditches, even where flood flows are not limited by bridges. The Great Ouse catchment also has its challenges in terms of conveyance because of its topography. It is very flat, so flows are slow and water takes a long time to 'get away'. In addition it is affected by tidal flow right up to between Earith and St Ives.”

Locally in the Old West Level, water drains north in a series of ditches which zig zag north westwards towards and beside Green End and then across to the Beach Ditch which runs toward the A10 at Chittering and then north-westwards again until it joins the Engine Drove (a ditch) which the Chear Fen Engine pumps into the River Great Ouse, which crosses under the A10 near the Lazy Otter. From here the River Great Ouse flows north eastwards and joins the River Cam east of Stretham and then northwards through Ely and towards the main control sluices at Denver.

Drainage in the Fens is obviously complicated and the IDB recognises that(my underline) , “if we increase pump capacity, we will only push flooding further downstream. We need to increase our capacity and willingness to hold water in the catchment in which it falls, along with more pumping capacity. In some places we may need to accept flooding of land to protect other areas” i.e. dwellings.

It is reassuring that the Lead Local Flood Authority is undertaking to write to all relevant landowners in the coming weeks to remind them of their riparian responsibilities and assess the appropriateness and extent of any enforcement action.

The A10 acts as a divider between the Old West Level and the Waterbeach Level, so properties living alongside the A10 also are subject to water draining off the road, which should be intercepted by gullies but many of these are blocked, despite requests to clean them. Longstanding problems in the centre of Landbeach, where water floods across the crossroads (instead of under), into the sewage pumping station and onto the meadow continue to cause concern. I've just heard from the Local Highway Officer that a job has been raised to clear the gullies along Waterbeach Road and at the crossroads. I'll let you know as soon as the work is scheduled.

Even understanding this, it is concerning that the water level has not started to drop until the last week in February. There are concerns that land-raising on a local development may have contributed to the problem. I am seeking advice from the **Local Planning Authority** on this. Meantime I have asked **Anglian Water** to advise me on how their pumping stations area functioning and explain what actions they are taking to improve the situation for residents. Anglian Water have just advised me they send me their drain network mapping for the area around the crossroads pumping station and for the Cardyke Road pumping station (shortcode WTBPSP)

**Flooding in Chittering:** I have also visited residents in School Lane Chittering, whose private septic tanks have been struggling with the high water table. I've also attended while a local farmer pumped water from the overflowing ditch beside the A10, across fields in an irrigation pipe to the Upper Mill Drain to the east. All this to save residents at Denny Lodge Cottages from being flooded in January. This risk seemed to come from water draining off the A10 into a ditch that did not seem to go anywhere, which overflowed.

## Highways

### Milton – Pop-up cycle lanes

I've finally received a response to the questions I originally asked in June 2020 and asked again in January 2021:

**From:** Bradnam Anna Cllr <[Anna.Bradnam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Anna.Bradnam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 28 January 2021 20:47

**Subject:** RE: Milton - Pop-up cycle lanes

Dear ...

Since the pop-up cycle lanes were installed without prior warning or consultation on 22 May 2020, we understood that the first six months was to be the consultation period.

I was asked by the parish council to convey their request to you that the southbound lane should be removed. That was the content of my email in June 2020.

The reason the parish requested removal of the southbound cycle lane is because it makes Cambridge Road too narrow for two cars to pass without one having to divert into one of the cycle lanes on either side of the road. The northbound lane has a solid white line – which drivers must not cross but the southbound is marked with a dashed line, which drivers must not cross unless it is unavoidable. However drivers are reluctant to cross either solid or dotted white line, which has the effect of causing last minute confrontations between cars and a final give-way into an arbitrarily chosen cycle lane, often at the last minute, sometimes without checking if there is a cyclist in it.

The parish council feels it is dangerous, which is why, when the northbound cycle lane was installed, many years ago, the parish council opted for southbound cyclists to have a marked lane on the pavement.

When the parish council asked me again at their January meeting if the southbound cycle lane could be removed, I told them that I had been advised that there was at that time no funding available to remove the cycle lane line. Also that if the dotted line was regularly driven over, it was likely to fade in time.

The parish council asked for further clarification:

- 1) Please could you tell me if the Council will remove the southbound discretionary cycle lane, as requested by the parish council?
- 2) Could you provide a copy of the feedback you have received about the pop-up cycle lane since it was installed?
- 3) Please would you confirm what happens when the Experimental TRO expires after 18 months (November 2021)?

Kind regards

Anna

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After a lot of passing from one person to another, I received a reply from Brian Stinton:

*My comments are below in italics*

**From:** Stinton Brian

**Sent:** 24 February 2021 16:26

**To:** Bradnam Anna Cllr <[Anna.Bradnam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Anna.Bradnam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Milton - Pop-up cycle lanes

Dear Cllr Bradnam,

Apologies for the delay in responding to you. The ongoing revision of a few of the trials from Tranche 1 of the programme has inevitably rolled forward into tranche 2, impacting on the funding available. I have been pulling together any on-going requirements in order to get a clearer idea of the funding requirements for tranche 2. We are now in a position to confirm that the marking can be removed, so providing you support the PC's request we will put this in hand. (1)

There has been limited response, (2) with a total of 8 emails regarding schemes at Milton, none of which I can find that comment directly on the southbound cycle lane

In your message you refer to the experimental order, but I cannot find reference to such an order (no order is needed for the advisory lane). Are you able clarify please? (3)

I am happy to discuss further if you wish to call.

Kind regards  
Brian Stinton

(1) *I note that the request that met with universal support from the village was the request for a 20 mph limit on High Street/Cambridge Road. You will remember that the Highways Engineer ran a speed box survey which indicated that the ambient speed was too high to warrant the installation of a 20 mph zone. (Zones rarely work unless engineering works or physical features have reduced the ambient speed such that the zone speed is no less than 85% of the ambient speed.) One effect of the discretionary southbound cycle lane has been, now that drivers know the cycle lanes are on both sides of the road, they are tending to drive more slowly through the village – because they are aware of the narrowing of the road. It occurs to me that this lower ambient speed may in turn justify the request for a 20 mph zone in due course. Although I did not welcome the peremptory introduction of the discretionary cycle lane, I do feel that it may have had the effect of slowing traffic down. It may be in the village interest to maintain the cycle lane, as a precursor to asking again for a 20 mph zone. I think if the parish maintains its request to **remove** the discretionary lane, it may weigh against a subsequent request for a 20 mph zone – for the same reason as now – that the ambient speed of traffic will be too fast. I'm not sure about this but you may wish to consider.*

- *Please would the parish consider this aspect in its consideration? You may wish to put this on a later agenda.*

(2) *I am not aware of any public consultation having been advertised to the residents of Milton. How would they have known to respond?*

(3) *I have sent him the link to Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders on the County website – which are the guidelines under which the work was done in Milton in May 2020*

### **GCP Financial Investment Strategy - Active Travel Study (WSP)**

From: Bradnam Anna Cllr  
Sent: 23 February 2021 00:03  
To: Hughes Graham, Paul van den Bulk  
Subject: FW: GCP FIS - Active Travel Study - 210210-1.pdf

Dear Paul and Graham

Milton Parish Council has not been consulted about either of the plans involving Milton. Equally why has a modal filter been proposed for Butt Lane between Milton and Impington, when this is the only alternative route if this section of the A14 is closed?

It is completely unreasonable to dream up and score projects for villages without involving them in considerations.

Please can you advise me when you will be consulting with parish councils?

Kind regards  
Anna

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**Covid Update from Dr Liz Robin Director of Public Health – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**



In the past week we have continued to see a reduction in Covid-19 rates with some areas across Cambridgeshire County now showing infection levels well below 100 cases per 100,000. Rates across the whole patch are reducing, but they remain very high in Fenland where the reduction is slower. We continue to work hard with the District Council and other partners in Fenland to prevent and reduce the spread of the virus.

Although our rates are moving in the right direction, they are still much higher than last summer so it is essential that people continue to follow the lockdown rules for now, as we prepare to implement the Government's Roadmap for Covid-19 Response, published on Monday.. The number of patients with Covid-19 in our hospitals is reducing but still significant, and sadly we are still seeing deaths from Covid although these continue to fall in number.

At the time of writing, the rate of Covid-19 cases in Cambridgeshire is 98 cases per 100,000 population, for the week ending 20th February, which is a 20% reduction on the previous week.

You can view the latest case rates for Cambridgeshire on a daily basis using the Government data website. You can access the website here - <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/cases?areaType=utla&areaName=Cambridgeshire> This week we have continued to support the CCG with the roll-out of the vaccination programme. The NHS are now publishing the numbers of people vaccinated in each lower tier (district or city) local authority area, which is available on [Statistics » COVID-19 Vaccinations \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

Across the whole of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Sustainable Transformation partnership, nearly 230,000 people (based on data up to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021) have received at least one dose of vaccine, with thousands more joining the list each week.

We continue to encourage people to accept the vaccine when they are offered one, which is critical to ensuring we get as many people across the county vaccinated against Covid-19 as possible. If you are able to, please help us to share these important messages. I have attached a toolkit containing messages that you can use on your own social media channels and forums.

In addition, I understand that a few of you have received questions from residents asking how they can vary their vaccination appointment once booked.

The National Booking Service allows people to manage their appointments via the main booking page if people want to reschedule or cancel their appointment. For those who have booked via 119, they can call 119 to reschedule or cancel as well. Rescheduling will be subject to availability at the local site. People are also asked to reschedule or cancel as early as possible to enable the slot to be offered to someone else in good time. Details of the CCG's national vaccination programme and some useful Q&As can be found here: [COVID-19 national vaccination programme | Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group \(cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk\)](#)

In other news, the local Community Rapid Testing programme, using lateral flow tests (LFTs), continues to attract good numbers. Please, continue to encourage people aged 18 and over who are key workers or are having to leave home regularly for work, volunteering or training, to access the tests. A good number of businesses have also signed up to take part in workplace testing, but again please let us know of businesses which may be interested in testing on site.

In the coming weeks, we will be looking to offer pop-up testing at different sites across the county, so that we can take the tests to where we know people want to access them. I will be able to tell you more about this soon.

With rates of Covid-19 still well above the levels last summer, high, our Surveillance Cell, Outbreak Management Team, Contact Tracing Service, and the range of support available for more vulnerable people who are self isolating, all remain busy. We continue to work actively with District and City Council Covid-19 Gold teams on prevention and rapid response.

Our Education Team is now working flat out with schools to make sure they are ready for all children to return to the classroom announced as part of the national Roadmap. In secondary schools, all children will be required to wear face coverings whilst at school and have a rapid test twice a week.

Our communications team continues to use a range of tools and techniques to convey the important public health messages.

In the past week, our communications team, working with public health staff and directorates across the council, has:

- Produced an interim toolkit to help promote the new national assets linked to the roll out of the Prime Minister's Road Map announced on Monday, 22 Feb and issued a video blog from Councillor Count.
- Set up interviews with Jon Lewis to react to the news that all schools will re-open.
- Released our fourth #StandFirm film released featuring Kevin Delaney IT trainer for Cambridgeshire County Council, who was so ill with COVID that he slept in an armchair for seven weeks because he was afraid to go to bed. See the film [here](#).
- Publicised the news that more councillors have joined the list of those who have said yes to their Covid job.
- Produced information about preparations being made for covid safe elections in Cambridgeshire.
- Worked with the CCG on vaccine comms encouraging uptake of the vaccine across priority groups.
- Created a video which explains the importance of rapid testing and takes someone through the process. Finishing touches being made so that we can start publicising from next week.

As usual, we are sharing messages with the public about all of this and more. Please support us by sharing information with your family, friends and people in your ward. By doing so, you will be helping to reduce the spread of

the virus. We post information on our social media channels daily and there is a wealth of information that can be shared at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Together we can continue to reduce rates of Coronavirus in Cambridgeshire.

**Vaccinations** : The roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme is well underway in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. We have already vaccinated over 215,000 people (based on data up to 14 February 2021), with thousands more being vaccinated each week. Find out more about the COVID-19 vaccination programme in our area: <https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/covid-19-national-vaccination-programme/>

If you're aged 64 or over, Clinically Extremely Vulnerable, or eligible for Carer's Allowance you can now book your COVID-19 vaccination online here: <https://nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

Ring 119 to book if you don't use the internet.

If you have family or friends who are in a priority group for the #COVID19 vaccination, you can help them by:

- encouraging them to book their appointment
- planning their visit to a vaccination site
- sharing official advice from the NHS

More here: <https://nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>

If you have recently been added to the Shielded Patient List, the NHS will contact you to offer you the vaccine as soon as appointments become available. Visit <https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/covid-19-vaccine-information-for-patients-added-to-shielded-patient-list/> to find out more.

**Education:** A recent report from Jonathan Lewis, Service Director for Education advised:

The second half of the spring term commenced this week and on Monday the Prime Minister announced the plans for reopening fully schools from the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Overall confirmed cases this week relating to children and staff who have been in schools and early years settings continue to fall and have reduced from 81 last week (15-21 Feb) to 59 (w/c 22 Feb). Forty three schools and early years' settings in Cambridgeshire were reported to have confirmed cases in the week until the end of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, none of which were in the Waterbeach Division.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, guidance was released on the reopening of schools. There have been a number of further updates and guidance since this time.

- The [guidance released](#) is similar to previous advice we have received especially when education fully restarted in September. Key areas such as preventative measures including bubbles remain the same. The key headlines are –
- Opening - Primary schools will open fully to all pupils in the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Secondary and special schools will flexibly open during the week commencing the 8<sup>th</sup> March to allow pupils to be tested. All pupils will be in education full time from the 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- Face Covering – In Secondary schools, pupils and staff will wear face coverings in classrooms where social distancing cannot be maintained. This will be reviewed at Easter. Primary school staff will wear face coverings in school where they cannot social distance from other adults.
- Testing – In secondary schools, all pupils will be tested 3 times, 3 to 5 days between tests, in school using a lateral flow test. Testing is voluntary but if a child has consent to be tested, they can only remain in school after their first test. Children not attending can attend when the other pupils attend. Testing will take some time and a staggered start will be required during the first week. After pupils have undertaken 3 tests in schools, they will be given 2 home based tests a week and will be required to report the findings to schools. Staff will also be given these test. Primary schools continue to have home tests for staff.
- Attendance – this is mandatory and schools are advised to follow processes including legal action in the case of non-attendance. Our advice has been to work with parents to get pupils into school and work in the 3 weeks before Easter to build trust and confidence in the protective measures in place. Our focus will be on getting vulnerable pupils to attend and to follow up where pupils are persistent non-attenders.
- Critically vulnerable children – the advice remains that these children should not attend until shielding is lifted on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. We have advised school only to consider children returning where there is a risks in remaining at home or mental health challenges. In these cases a full risk assessment will need to be undertaken.

- Critically vulnerable staff – the guidance recommends the staff work from home. Where staff wish to attend, a risk assessment is required. It is likely that a shortfall in staff will mean some compromise in terms of educational delivery. Schools have been asked to consider redeployment or supply
- Educational visits – The advice continues to remain that schools cannot undertake day trips or residential visits. This will be reviewed in June.
- Wraparound provision and extra-curricular activity - schools should resume all your before and after-school educational activities and wraparound childcare for your pupils, where this provision is necessary to support parents to work, attend education and access medical care, and to support pupil's wider education and training. The financial viability of this sector is under significant pressure.
- Examinations –The government have released its intention for KS4 and KS5 examination outcomes for 2021 – the press release outlines a summary of the consultation. Teacher assessments will be used including the optional use of questions provided by exam boards, as well as mock exams, coursework, or other work completed as part of a pupil's course, such as essays or in-class tests. Results days for GCSE, A level and some vocational qualifications will take place in the week of 9 August – moved forward from the week of the 23 August. These earlier dates provide additional time for appeals to be completed, so students reliant on those outcomes to achieve their university offer have the best chance of accessing a place. Exam boards will conduct their own checks, through a combination of random sampling and more targeted scrutiny where they identify cause for concern.
- Catch up Premium – the government have announced three new strands of funding –
- £302 million Recovery Premium for state primary and secondary schools, building on the Pupil Premium, to further support pupils who need it most. The average primary school will receive around £6,000 extra, and the average secondary school around £22,000 extra.
- £200 to expand tutoring programmes made up of £83 million expansion of the National Tutoring Programme for primary and secondary schools, a £102 million extension of the 16-19 Tuition Fund for a further year to support more students in English, maths and other vocational and academic subjects and £18 million funding to support language development in the early years.
- £200 million will be available to secondary schools to deliver face-to-face summer schools. Schools will be able to target provision based on pupils' needs but the government is suggesting they may want to initially target incoming year 7 pupils. This is alongside wider support funded through our Holiday Activities and Food Programme across the country.
- We will be writing to parents next week to outline how schools will open, set expectations over schooling and remind them to abide by the lockdown rules including outside school and at home.
- We have developed an attendance tool for schools to allow them to compare overall attendance against other schools in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This will support schools in dialogue with Ofsted. Ofsted inspection during the period have been reduced to 1 day and will be suspended for the week of the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Full onsite inspections are expected to recommence in the summer term.
- A briefing was held for schools on Wednesday and 430 school staff attended. In this meeting, the LA gave its interpretation of the government guidance. We have also to meet with trade unions to outline the LA advice on reopening.

We are hoping there will be no further changes to allow our school leaders to prepare for the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Deputy Leader of the Council has resigned**

The Deputy Leader of the County Council, Cllr Roger Hickford has resigned ahead of a report to the Audit and Accounts Committee on 5 March.