

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 5 December 2022 at 7:30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: H Smith (Chair) (HMS), J E Coston (JEC), D Wildman (DW), P Ellwood (PE), R Farrington (RF) D Owen (DO)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

A Bradnam (SCDC business), A Markham (Personal)

2 To APPROVE the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 November 2022

HMS amendments: Item 5 Stagecoach - to say "south bound" side. Item 10 "to ratify" move to Item 11
HMS Proposed to accept the minutes with the above 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 on attendance

5 Clerk's/Chairman's Report and Works Schedule

Ditch below Tomkins Mead: See Item 11

The Rowans Safety Improvements – PE and Clerk applying for an LHI and have asked residents for their comments on the proposed works via Facebook, Milton Chat, Village View and mail drop

Revamp of The Rowans Play Area – Quotes and plans received from Proludic, Sovereign and Eibe. Awaiting quotes and plans from Wicksteed. **Update: Wicksteed quote now received, Clerk, JEC and AM to review**

Landbeach Road Bus Stop Art Competition - Entries being considered. Chris Thomas putting together a layout proposal

Christmas Tree Lights: Quote of £350 £330 by Town and Country to put up/take down the lights has been accepted by HMS and Clerk (Budget of £600 agreed) **Lights to be put up on Wednesday morning.**

SCDC 6 Free Trees – Clerk has applied for 6 free trees

Repton Gate Bench – JEC has provided an article by Ken Humphries in 1962 in which he is asking readers of Country Life to help him prove that the gate was designed by Humphry Repton. He was not sure so we cannot be sure – **PE and DW carried out further research and located an article and picture from 1794 confirming Humphry Repton did design the gate to Milton Rectory**

Local Council Award Scheme – Councillors to provide picture and short introduction about themselves

Cemetery Complaint – Response received, MPC agreed the complaint is now closed

6 Planning

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 21 November 2022 were received

Decisions received:

22/02368/CONDB – Land rear of 49 Cambridge Road, Milton – Submission of details required by condition 3 (surface water drainage), 8 (parking plan), 9 (ecological enhancement) and 17 (traffic management plan) of planning permission 22/02368/S73 **DISCHARGE CONDITION IN FULL**

22/03823/HFUL – 2 Fen Road, Milton – Single storey side extension **GRANTED PERMISSION**

New:

22/03967/HFUL – 321 The Rowans, Milton – Two storey extension to front. First floor extension to rear. Amendment of plans **Has no further comments on the amendments. Previous objections still stand**

22/05108/SCRE – Vitrum Building, St Johns Innovation Park, Cowley Road, Cambridge – EIA screening opinion under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for the proposed development to provide up to 12,442 sqm of employment floorspace in a building up to 34 meters in height with associated car parking, cycle parking and landscaping

Milton Parish Council OBJECTS to the proposal for an office block 34 metres high in this location, next to the Jane Coston Bridge. This will be extremely visible from Milton, and will dwarf the iconic bridge which was designed to be a gateway by the Science Park.

It is much higher than the 22 metres height allowed on land adjacent as specified in the NECAAP (p102), with max height in this area of 25m.

We also have concerns that it is a prime site to generate excessive parking within the southern end of Milton. It provides over 9,000sqm of the 30,000sqm extra office space envisaged in the NECAAP in Area B

This could be the tallest building in Cambridge (so far). For these reasons we request that a full Environmental Impact Assessment be submitted.

22/05032/HFUL – 5 Goding Way, Milton – Single storey front porch, part single storey, part two storey extension to side and rear Link: **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

7 Bills for Payment and Money Received

To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment - DW Proposed payments for invoices 264-301 – RF Seconded **ALL AGREED**

To **PAY** The Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust Grant - £1,250 – DW Proposed – RF Seconded **ALL AGREED**

8 Local Government Finance Act 1992 – Parish Precept 2023/24

To **CONSIDER** response to consultation question A - **NO COMMENT**

9 Emergency Plan

To **REVIEW** plan – currently being updated. **Deputy Clerk to put an article together for the Village View asking if any residents have specialist equipment, are nurses, builders etc who would be willing to volunteer to be added to the Emergency Plan list**

10 Village Pump Photo

To **CONSIDER** quote from Big Printing for £488.00 + Vat for size 1500h x 3000w picture panel plus £650.00 + VAT for delivery and fitting **JEC Proposed to accept the quote – RF Seconded ALL AGREED (from the S106 Arts budget)**

HMS: A quote from CJ Murfitt to install the sculpture for £1,580.00 + VAT has been received (within the agreed budget of £7,300) **HMS Proposed to accept the quote – RF Seconded ALL AGREED (To ratify at January MPC meeting)**

11 Tomkins Mead ditch Culvert Jetting

To **CONSIDER** quote of £750.00 + VAT for silt sampling and taking of levels from Old School Lane to North Lodge Park **DW Proposed to accept the quote – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED. To be taken from Maintenance budget**

12 Cambridge Congestion Charge Consultation - Deferred from November MPC meeting (this item was taken at the end of the meeting)

To **CONSIDER** responding to the consultation. Weblink: <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhg.com/making-connections-2022>

1. Better bus service must precede the STZ introduction
2. Buses will need to be going to a variety of destinations – not just the city centre and Addenbrooke's
3. Trips to Addenbrooke's site for emergencies, medical appointments or visiting in-patients should not incur a charge.
4. Exemptions and concessions will be essential
5. Exemptions for people who cannot use public transport or cycle, through health conditions/hours of work/not just based on Blue Badge eligibility which is not responsive enough
6. Cambridge North Station is close to the A14 and the route to it from the North should not be in the STZ

7. Voluntary car schemes and taxis (catering for those unable to use public transport) should be exempt.
8. Our residents on Fen Road Chesterton would be unable to use their cars without crossing the STZ area (in common with City residents). They are some of the most poorly housed and vulnerable people in the area. The nearest bus is currently ½ mile away (Fen Estate) and taxis refuse to cross the railway.
9. Care should be taken not to encourage people working at the Science Park to park in Milton, indeed to stop those who do it now.
10. People working at the Science Park, if they have parking allocated, and approaching from the North, are not contributing to congestion in Cambridge and should not be charged.
11. Cambridge's edge of town retail parks were developed for car drivers (Newmarket Road, Kings Hedges Road) but will be costly to reach.
12. The congestion charge should only apply to a central area of Cambridge City and exclude Addenbrooke's Hospital, Milton Science Park and Cambridge North Station

13. Received County Councillor's Report – December 2022 (Full report on MPC webpage)

Headings included:

County Council Budget for 2023/24

GCP - Making Connections: A Consultation on City Access, Public Transport and a Congestion Charge.

Have your say

You can complete the survey online or contact the GCP by post, phone, email or social media until midday Friday 23rd December. Find out more about the ways to respond online: www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022

Milton Warm Hub – All Saints, Tuesdays in December, January and February, 10am-4pm

Help for Households campaign – social tariffs

The government has worked with a range of Internet Service Providers (IPs) and Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) to deliver low-cost broadband and phone service packages, called social tariffs, for those on low incomes. Social tariffs are available for people claiming Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits, with some providers offering deals from £15 a month.

Warm Home Discount scheme reopened

The Warm Home Discount scheme will provide a discount of £150 off electricity bills for three million low-income households this winter. Most households will receive the discount automatically.

Anglian Water

Anglian Water offer a range of financial assistance, including discounted tariffs, assistance schemes if you've fallen behind with payments and affordable payment plans. Call Anglian Water's specially trained Priority Services team on 0800 232 1951.

Housing Issues

If you rent a home from a private landlord and you are concerned about mould or damp which have not been resolved by your landlord, we would urge you to seek help from the Council. In South Cambridgeshire, the District Council has a role in ensuring that homes in the private sector and the Council's own properties do not contain health hazards. Private Sector and Housing Association tenants can make a complaint about the condition of their home by emailing env.health@scambs.gov.uk

White Ribbon Day – ending male violence against women and girls

The charity aims to end male violence against women and girls.

A new leaflet explaining how to support a friend or family member who is experiencing domestic abuse is being sent out to a range of businesses, doctors, dentists, places of worship across Cambridgeshire.

The charity offers support to people of any gender or sexuality across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and can be contacted on freephone 0300 373 1073 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) or by emailing DASSReferrals@impakt.org.uk.

14. To Receive District Councillors Report – December 2022 (Full report on MPC webpage)

Headings included:

Cost of Living Crisis support: Last month Cabinet approved a range of measures to help residents and businesses during the Winter months in the current climate of rising bills and inflation. The help will be targeted at those who are most vulnerable and residents who until now have been 'just about managing,' alongside those who run community groups through an increase in various grants available.

More news from the Grants Advisory Committee: First Electric Vehicle Charge Point grant approved. Parish councils of any size can apply to the EV charge point scheme for a grant of up to £5000. Parish councils within the 'Milton & Waterbeach' ward may wish to consider making their own application. For more information visit the South Cambs website. The deadline for 2022/2023 applications is 31st March 2023.

Support For Ukrainian refugees: South Cambs have launched the 'Got a Spare Room' appeal for anyone to get in touch who thinks they may be able to help. In the first instance, residents can text ROOM to 88802 to make contact and to find out more information. We have some laminated flyers to help advertise the scheme which we will be seeking permission to display in key locations across the ward.

Energy Prices – Potential Help for Parish Councils:

15 To Receive Milton Community Centre Report – December 2022

Maintenance/Improvements: All planned electrical improvements have now been completed and repairs have been carried out in the gent's toilets at the main building following some vandalism. We have also repaired a broken radiator valve in room 2.

Bookings: We continue to see high demand for the Main Hall with several bookings for the Main Hall in 2023. The Hall is booked most weekends for the rest of the year. Bookings for Children's parties in both the Annexe and the Main Hall are remaining popular.

I am in discussion with the charity HSS about hiring the Annexe on a Sunday evening for members of the local community to attend.

Hard Courts: The tennis courts are in use 7 days a week and most evenings with people playing Tennis. We also have adult friendly netball bi-weekly. We have seen an increase in use of the 5 aside court with both 5 aside football and netball.

Youth Building: Eddies Artworks continue to use the building Monday to Friday and Youth Group have moved to a Thursday evening.

I am in discussion with a group that may look to hire the building on a bi-weekly basis on a Sunday afternoon.

North Lodge: The Red Cross have now finished at North Lodge so there is limited use of the building. I am in discussion with a department at Addenbrookes that is looking to provide after care meetings for patients and families who have had a family member in long term critical care that may be interested in using the facilities.

The inverter on the solar panels is due to be changed in December and a battery installed. This will mean that the solar panels will finally be working having not worked since the building was completed.

Sycamores Rec: Outspoken cycling are using the tarmac 5 aside area for training and Milton Football Club are using the pitch areas.

Vandalism and Crime: We have had a few issues at the main building with petty vandalism but have seen a reduction in instances of vandalism outdoors at Coles Road and the Sycamores. With the night's drawing in and the recent poor weather we have seen a reduction of alcohol cans and bottles and NOS canisters being left behind.

16 Correspondence

Via email:

Have your say on the Horningsea Greenway – public engagement programme with people encouraged to share their views of the proposed designs – closing 16 December 2022 Link: <https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/gcp-horningsea-greenway>

CAPALC – November 2022 Bulletin

Speed Limits in Milton – Email received with concerns of speeding in the village. Support for 20mph within the village especially by the Primary School **Clerk to reply: MPC have adopted the 20s Plenty scheme and is looking into applying for 20mph within the village**

17 Dates of Next Meetings

Monday 19 December 2022 – Planning 7pm – Maintenance 7:45pm

Monday 9 January 2023 – Parish Council

Wednesday 11 January 2023 – Community Care 11:30am

Monday 16 January 2023 – Finance and Administration

Urban & Civic – Meeting date to be arranged to discuss further works on the cycle paths (dates to follow)

Cemetery Advisory Committee – Meeting to be arranged for January 2023

Meeting closed at 9:33pm Signed: Date:

Milton Parish Council

Work/Project Schedule List (as of December 2022)

Works Required	Committee	Progress
Removal of Trees by Allotments/A10 and planting of replacement trees	Carried out by County Highways	The 15 trees due to be removed Allotment/A10 side – works to be rescheduled for 2022 as a traffic order will be required. Email sent to N Burdon on 14/11/22 asking for update and 6/12/22
Improve crossing point at High Street/Fen Road	A14 Legacy Fund	28.11.22 Response from CCC Highways: This has been added to our forward maintenance programme for resurfacing. At this stage however we aren't certain given budgets whether this will be next year (23/24) or the following (24/25). Once confirmed someone from the county will be in contact in due course to make you aware. The proposal will be to surface a wider extent than just the vicinity of the crossing itself.
Gunnell Close Cycle barrier	Maintenance	Works was booked in with Pro-Serv. Awaiting an updated quote from sub-contractors
Extension of double yellow lines – The Rowans. Proposed new crossing point and extension of current footpath to meet new crossing point further into The Rowans	Parish Council	LHI applied for.
IN PROGRESS		
Power to Pond Green	Maintenance	Completed
Edmund Green		On hold until plans agreed
New Village Signs	Capital Project Group	Order placed

Bench/s on Pond Green, Cemetery and Edmund Green	Capital Project Group	Order placed
Village Pump Renovation	Capital Project Group	Renovation of pump works being carried out. Sculpture delivered and to be installed. Photo wording to be agreed
Willow Crescent transfer of deeds	MPC	Action with Ashtons Solicitors to apply for transfer of the land to MPC from current owners. (could take up to a year for transfer to complete (from March 2022)
Old School Lane adoption of land		Ashtons Solicitors putting together an application with information for adoption of land from the Crown

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 19 December 2022 at 7pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: D Owen (DO)(Chair), H Smith (HMS), P Ellwood (PE)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

R Farrington (personal), J Coston (personal)

2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 November 2022

DO Proposed acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting on Monday 21 November 2022 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 in attendance

5 Decisions Received:

22/04323/HFUL – 93 The Sycamores, Milton – Two storey side extension **GRANTED PERMISSION**

22/04140/HFUL – 169 The Rowans, Milton – First floor extension to side, two storey extension to rear
GRANTED PERMISSION

6 New:

22/05315/HFUL – 14 Faulkner Close, Milton – Single storey extension to rear **HAS NO RECOMMENDATION**

CCC/22/131/FUL – Cambridge Water Recycling Centre, Cowley Road – Installation of two containers to house plant and electrical control equipment at Cambridge Water Recycling Centre **HAS NO COMMENT**

22/1452/TTCA - 6 Fen Road, Milton (Tree Work conservation area) – T1 Sycamore – reduce height and spread by approximately 3m down to previous reduction points. T2 Robina – reduce height and spread by approximately 4-5m down to previous reduction points **HAS NO COMMENT**

7 Dates of next meeting

Monday 23 January 2023 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 7:15pm Signed: Date:

**Minutes of the Maintenance Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 19 December 2022 at 7:45pm held in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: P Ellwood (PE)(Chair), HM Smith (HMS), D Wildman (DW),

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence:

A Markham (personal), J Coston (personal), A Horne (non-voting member)

2 To APPROVE the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26 September 2022:

PE Proposed to approve the Minutes of the meeting of Monday 26 September 2022 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:

No public in attendance

5 Allotments

Clerk's Update: All allotment plots are now occupied. No one on the waiting list. Plots are being cleared down for the winter season

6 Paddock Wood

Clerk/PE Update: On recent inspection of the tree saplings, we are hopeful that not as many saplings as previous thought suffered in the extreme summer heat. Clerk applied for 105 free tree saplings from Woodland Trust – due to delivered in March, to replace the ones that have died and other areas needing replacement trees.

7 Cemetery

Update: Clerk/PE – From previous meeting location plan of new benches received. **Art bench to be located by central hedge on the right hand side and black bench to be located by rows P and Q on far left hand side**

To **CONSIDER** purchase of a noticeboard for current Cemetery Regulations and Plan:

The Parish Noticeboard Company - £1,095.00 + VAT – Classic range 1630mm x 1210mm (2 x 9xA4)

Greenbarnes - £585.29 + VAT 1330mm x 1080mm (18 x A4)

KBS Depot - £582.00 + VAT – 1000mm x 1350mm (18 x A4)

Clerk to source full quote from Greenbarnes to include cost of legs and delivery charge with a heading added to the noticeboard.

8 Play Areas:

To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** Wicksteed Play Inspection Reports for Froment Way, Humphreys Way, The Rowans and The Sycamores fitness equipment **Received – To look at removal of unsafe parts of the fence at The Rowans play area**

Faulker Close Play Area – To consider revamp ideas (previous idea to change area to wildflower grassed area with new fence surround) **Deferred to next Maintenance meeting**

9 Parish Council Office

To **CONSIDER** quote received from MFT Prestige Construction Ltd for £1,050.00 + VAT for remodelling and repairing of Parish Council office roof to eliminate water damage and potential damp ingress to the Scout Garage **PE Proposed to accept the quote – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED**

10 Village Maintenance Walkabout

The report compiled by Clerk on maintenance tasks required within the village was received

Tour 1: Cemetery and The Bund

Clerk to arrange for Town and Country to cut back overhanging branches of graves (left hand side)

DW: suggested an extra bench to be placed on the left hand side by rows O and P

The Bund: Clerk to arrange for Town and County to remove small dead trees on first part of the Bund.

Tour 2: The Village

Clerk to contact SCDC to clear ditch alongside Cambridge Road/Edmund Green and MCC Car Park/Coles Road

Fen Road: Clerk to write to resident to cut hedge back as obstructing the footpath

Dog Poo Bin/Fen Road – Clerk to ask SCDC to relocate the bin **Update: response from SCDC is bin location has been passed as acceptable (not the only bin in that location/height)**

Clerk to ask SCDC about installation of a direction sign to the Community Centre, Parish Council (located on Cambridge Road/top of Coles Road)

11 The Village Sign – Pond Green

To **DISCUSS** possible renovation works to the post and sign

Clerk to look up who made/installed the signpost, who painted the village sign picture and source a company to quote to restore the post and investigate having the picture repainted

12 Dates of Next Meeting

Monday 21 March 2023 – 7:45pm

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed: Date:

Milton Parish Council PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
302 Tomkins Mead	08/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank		Grant Paid	Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust	X	1,250.00		1,250.00
303 Electricity	06/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Electricity	British gas	L	109.80	5.49	115.29
304 Website	06/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Microsoft 365 Business Licence	IONOS Cloud Ltd	S	6.99	1.40	8.39
305 Smart Pension Admin Charge	07/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension Admin Charge	Smart Pension	X	18.00		18.00
306 S137: Warden's Phone	15/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Mobile phone (Warden)	Tesco Mobile	X	18.89		18.89
307 Office expenses	16/12/2022		Lloyds Corporate Card	DD	Zoom	Zoom Video Communications	S	11.99	2.40	14.39
308 Bank charges	16/12/2022		Lloyds Corporate Card		Bank Charge	Lloyds Bank	X	3.00		3.00
309 Payroll Asst Clerk	22/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank		Salary	JB	X	285.27		285.27
310 Payroll Highways	22/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank		Salary	P A	X	296.30		296.30
311 Payroll Clerk	22/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank		Salary	S C	X	1,216.52		1,216.52
312 S137: Warden Salary	22/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank		Salary	T E	X	977.13		977.13
313 Youth Workers/Courses	13/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank		Youth Club Sessions	The Connections Bus Project	X	1,074.00		1,074.00
314 MCC cleaning	01/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank		MCC Costs Contribution	Atkins Gregory (The Cleaning	S	1,193.85	238.77	1,432.62
315 Play areas	30/11/2022		Unity Trust Bank		Play bank	Buchans Landscaping & Gro	S	656.00	131.20	787.20
316 Allotment Maintenance	30/11/2022		Unity Trust Bank		Allotment entrance	Buchans Landscaping & Gro	S	234.00	46.80	280.80
317 Photocopying	28/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank		Photocopying	CBS Office Solutions Ltd	S	25.28	5.06	30.34
318 Trolley Bus	21/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank		Dial-a-Ride	Cambridge Dial-a-Ride	X	114.00		114.00
319 Telephone / Broadband	28/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Mobile phone Clerk	B T	S	22.79	4.56	27.35
320 Website	28/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	1&1 WP Plus	IONOS Cloud Ltd	S	6.99	1.40	8.39
321 Website	23/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	1&1 Mail Pro Licence	IONOS Cloud Ltd	S	3.99	0.80	4.79
322 Telephone / Broadband	22/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Office Phone & Broadband	B T	S	152.07	30.41	182.48
323 Bank charges	31/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Bank Charge	Unity Trust Bank	X	1.80		1.80
324 Bank charges	31/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Payment charges	Unity Trust Bank	X	38.85		38.85
325 Payroll Pension (Employee)	28/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	X	68.85		68.85
326 Payroll Pension (Employer)	28/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	X	68.85		68.85
327 S137: Warden's Pension (Em	28/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	X	66.52		66.52
328 S137: Warden's Pension (Em	28/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	X	66.52		66.52
Total								7,988.25	468.29	8,456.54

Milton Parish Council RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
158	28/11/2022		CBS General Purpose		Community Care Fee	A M	X	78.00		78.00
159	08/12/2022		CBS General Purpose		Allotment Rent	F6	X	22.00		22.00
160	02/12/2022		Hampshire Trust Bank		Interest	Hampshire Trust Bank	X	949.38		949.38
161	06/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank		Ashes interment	AA7	X	50.00		50.00
162	02/12/2022		Santander S106 Arts		Interest	Santander	X	95.31		95.31
163	09/12/2022		Unity Trust Bank		Memorial inscription	G6	X	30.00		30.00
164	16/12/2022		Redwood Bank - 95 di		Interest	Redwood Bank	X	1,181.97		1,181.97
Total								2,406.66		2,406.66

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County Councillor Report for Parishes – January 2023 – Cllr Anna Bradnam

Best wishes for 2023 to all residents in Waterbeach Division.

FULL COUNCIL

Full Council meeting 13 December

Of the five motions for debate, one was withdrawn, two were passed, and two were defeated. The two motions passed were

- A motion calling for managed divestment from fossil fuels by the Cambridgeshire Local Government Pension Scheme and a timeline to reduce carbon emissions with an aim of reaching net carbon zero earlier than the Paris Accord;
- A motion committing to the development of a local, county-wide 'Place of Safety' pledge, which supports the right of all to seek services, advice, support and representation without fear of adverse consequences; establishing a councillor 'migrant champion' role; and asking the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary to highlight the challenges faced by asylum seekers and refugees in Cambridgeshire and to call for safe and legal routes for asylum and adequate funding for local authorities to support resettled communities in Cambridgeshire.

Staffing

The full council meeting appointed a new Service Director Legal and Governance (Emma Duncan) and a new Executive Director of Finance and Resources (Michael Hudson). Frank Jordan will also join Cambridgeshire County Council in the Spring as the Council's new Executive Director of Place and Sustainability.

Government settlement

Just before Christmas the Government issued its 'provisional local government finance settlement'—the annual indication to councils of the money they will have available for local services next year. The Government proposes that Cambridgeshire County Council's 'core spending power' (the overall revenue funding available for council services) should increase by 9.5 %. So far so good...

However

- That is less than the current rate of inflation, so overall it will buy less.
- Half of the 9.5 % is from the council's power to raise council tax—in other words, the Government expects local tax-payers to shoulder a lot of the extra costs.
- Some of the remainder replaces lost business rates income.

ADULTS AND HEALTH

Director of Public Health – Annual Report

The annual report of Cambridgeshire's Director of Public Health to the Adults & Health Committee in December argued strongly in favour of universal, rather than targeted, approaches to health inequalities. She observed that targeted public health interventions risked missing the majority of people who need these services. Her conclusions and recommendations included:

The renewed interest and commitment to tackling health inequalities as a result of the pandemic, is very much welcomed. The automatic response to tackling inequalities is to

target, however, as demonstrated in this report, universal approaches can be far more effective at reducing inequalities, than targeted approaches. Universal approaches are also necessary in identifying those individuals in need of further intervention. Targeting has also often been carried out on geographical basis or using the Index of Multiple Deprivation but that can miss the majority of individuals in need.

To reduce inequalities in health outcomes, proposals included:

- Focus on universal interventions.
- Plan those interventions to give equal access to all, with additional support to those who need it.
- Start early (pregnancy and childhood) before inequalities become entrenched.
- Evidence-based intervention.

COMMUNITITES, SOCIAL MOBILITY AND INCLUSION (COSMIC)

Births, deaths and marriages

A report to the Committee in December on the Council’s registration services included the following information about the numbers of births, deaths, marriages, civil partnership ceremonies, and new British citizens in Cambridgeshire in the last two years.

	2021/22	2020/21
Births registered	7,760	7,135
Deaths registered	5,779	6,115
Notices of marriage / civil partnership	5,417	2,737
Marriage / civil partnership ceremonies	1,925	608
New British citizens	2,322	874

Mobile library service review

Mobile libraries - Cambridgeshire County Council

Mobile Libraries stop monthly in Landbeach (2nd Friday), three stops in Milton (2nd and 4th Friday) and Horningsea and Fen Ditton (3rd Tuesday). Waterbeach has its own Community Library run by volunteers [Waterbeach Library \(cambridgeshire.gov.uk\)](http://Waterbeach Library (cambridgeshire.gov.uk)).

A review of the Council’s mobile library service took place last year, resulting in a number of improvements. Twenty-one additional stops were added and routes were rearranged, enabled by storing vehicles within communities, rather than centrally.

- Mobile libraries are now available to the public nearly 20 per cent longer, due to reduced driving between stops.
- 150 fewer miles travelled a month and so less fuel used.
- 300 new members joined between May and September; and there were 6,296 visits to the vehicles and over 20,000 items issued—a stronger recovery than many of the service’s static libraries to pre-pandemic levels.

ENVIRONMENT AND GREEN INVESTMENT

POPs in WUDS (yes really!)

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are found in various Waste Upholstered Domestic Seating (WUDS) such as sofas and upholstered dining chairs. For this reason, furniture materials should not be landfilled.

The law against landfilling of POPs was introduced in 2007 and the Environment Agency announced in August 2022 that it would soon expect councils to cease landfilling upholstered seating, and instead to incinerate it. However, it published its Final Regulatory Position Statements on this matter on Monday 19 December 2022, with implementation starting on Sunday 1 January 2023. The Environment Agency has not identified facilities that offer an appropriate incineration service.

The short notice over Christmas has provided little time to organise incineration capacity, and the Council is therefore seeking an extension of at least a month while it works through options and liaises with its waste contractor Thalia (formerly Amey) and with the district councils who collect Cambridgeshire's waste. This does however mean that from 1 January 2023 the Council will not be able to dispose of soft furnishings until a method of disposal acceptable to the Environment Agency has been identified and put in place.

Swaffham Prior energy scheme in the spotlight

The flagship renewable energy scheme at Swaffham Prior, initiated by residents and supported by the Council, was covered by BBC Radio 4 in its *Money Box* programme between Christmas and New Year. [BBC Radio 4 - Money Box, Heating the homes of the future](#)

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

20 mph schemes

The Highways & Transport Committee approved the changes to the Council's policy on 20mph speed limits. The proposed timetable for applications for funding for new 20mph speed limits is as follows.

- Go 'live' with application process on-line for new schemes (February 2023)
- Application period (February to April 2023)
- Prioritisation (May to June 2023)
- Committee report for approval (July 2023)
- Programming and delivery of schemes (August 2023 onwards)

Unlike a 20mph limit which covers individual or a small number of streets and requires signs only, 20mph zones typically cover larger areas and require both signs and markings.

The former is more cost effective, but the latter have been found to have a greater effect in reducing traffic speed, especially when accompanied by traffic calming measures.

The committee has already set aside £400,000 up to 2024/25 to introduce new 20mph zones as part of a commitment made by the Joint Administration to make them more widely available to improve road safety, encourage more active travel and to reduce noise and pollution.

Local Highway Improvement (LHI) scheme updates

The deadline for applications for Local Highway Improvement schemes for the 2023/24 round is 5:00PM on Friday 6 January 2023. Applicants can apply for funding of up to either £25,000 for complex projects or £10,000 for non-complex projects. These can include

applications for lorry weight limits. The applicant is expected to provide a minimum of 10 per cent towards the total scheme cost.

Making Connections consultation

The Greater Cambridge Partnership *Making Connections* 2022 consultation closed on Friday 23 December. Around 23,000 responses have been received, and the Greater Cambridge Partnership expects to publish a final report on the consultation outcomes and next steps, for consideration by its Board in June 2023.

The consultation is about proposals for public transport improvements, and better cycling and walking options, as well as about the element which has been most talked about—a congestion charge, proposed to be introduced in 2027/28 .

Any decision on a charge for driving on roads in Cambridge—or anywhere else in the county—would be a matter for Cambridgeshire County Council. It is to be expected that the proposals in the consultation, will be modified in the light of the public response.

Civil Parking Enforcement

The County Council is taking the legal steps required to introduce Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) in Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire. (It is already in place in Cambridge City.) This would mean that parking enforcement could be managed by parishes and District Councils, rather than by the Police. It is however, a complicated legal process and once a Designation Order has been made, it cannot be rescinded.

See the agenda report from Highways and Transport Committee on 6 December here [Council and committee meetings - Cambridgeshire County Council > Meetings \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://cmis.uk.com)

Funding - in South Cambridgeshire the Greater Cambridge Partnership has committed to cover all associated set-up costs and also committed to covering an estimated annual operational deficit of £30k-£50k. This is because CPE in South Cambridgeshire has been identified by the GCP as being one of the measures through which travel demand can be managed within the Greater Cambridge Area.

Signs and lines survey - A major part of the preparation for commencing CPE, is ensuring that Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs), signs and lines associated with parking restrictions are accurate, enforceable and comply with current Traffic Regulations. This is to ensure the motorist understands the restrictions in place and traffic orders can be robustly enforced through the appeals process. The signs and lines surveys for all Districts have been undertaken by RTA Associates (RTA) a company who are experienced in Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and have undertaken over 100 similar studies for other authorities. In South Cambridgeshire this survey work was paid for by the GCP and completed in March 2022. The information collated from these surveys form the basis of the Remedial work package design. **Timeline:** In South Cambridgeshire – stakeholder consultation, the review of signs and lines and the review of Traffic Regulation Orders have all been completed.

Other works in S. Cambs include:

Undertake remedial design works (inc. Target cost) – June 22-Apr 23

Development of the draft Agency/Financial Agreements and Approval – Dec22

Development of the Application Approval and Approve (H&T) -Mar23

Submit application to DfT – Mar23

Undertake remedial works – Feb23 – Nov23

Designation Order created and CPE brought into effect – Dec23

Gullies

The Council is in the process of delivering a two-year programme of works to clean and plot all gullies and surface drainage features countywide using the Kaarbontech Asset Management System.

King Charles III coronation street parties

The Council has published guidance for local groups seeking to organise street parties and highways events to mark the coronation of King Charles III in May 2023. All street party applications (to close a road) must be received by the County Council at least eight weeks in advance (Friday 10 March 2023) via the Council's website. Highway Events applications must be submitted at least twelve weeks in advance (Friday 10 February 2023).

More information about the process can be found at

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/highway-events/coronation-events>

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

The Combined Authority is the transport authority responsible for passenger transport across our area, working within a legislative framework and a deregulated bus system. The following is a summary of the various bus workstreams currently being undertaken by the Combined Authority.

The Combined Authority Board agreed a draft **Bus Strategy** on 30 November—consultation is planned to start in the week beginning Monday 9 January for six weeks. The Strategy will then go to the Combined Authority's Transport & Infrastructure Committee and the Board in March. The Strategy will form part of the suite of documents associated with the Combined Authority's emerging Local Transport & Connectivity Plan (LTCP). The Government is expected to issue national LT(C)P guidance for local transport authorities early this year, and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough's draft LTCP will be assessed against that guidance before being presented to the Board.

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough was one of a majority of local transport authorities to be given **no** funding by Government for its **Bus Service Improvement Plan**. This funding is intended to support new approaches to bus provision, not directly subsidise bus routes. The Combined Authority is working with partners to prepare a revised Plan reflecting the priorities of the emerging LTCP and the draft Bus Strategy. This will be presented to the Transport & Infrastructure Committee and the Board in May / June.

Bus franchising is the Mayor's preferred solution for bus services in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. Under this model the local transport authority takes control of the public transport network, specifying and contracting bus services, as opposed to the deregulated arrangement which has prevailed since 1986. Work is ongoing to refresh the outline business case for franchising. This will explore all potential funding options and assess the benefits of franchising against the current system. The business case will also review other issues including geography, contracting, depots, vehicles, and branding. This work will continue in parallel with the Bus Strategy and Bus Service Improvement Plan work above. Engagement with operators and other stakeholders will be vital if franchising is to progress to the next stage following the outline business case work. It will also be essential to identify reliable ongoing revenue funding.

The majority of bus services in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough are run commercially by private operators, and the Combined Authority has no control over these. The Combined

Authority currently **subsidises** 73 services across its area. Full support for eighteen services and partial support for a further five began in October 2022 after Stagecoach withdrew from these services. There is an option to extend the contracts for these by one year from the end of March, and final decisions on these will be taken in February or March following the setting of the Combined Authority's budget and taking account of the draft Bus Strategy. Contracts for a further six of the 73 services expire at the end of March 2023 and a procurement process has begun to retender these. The Combined Authority will set its budget for 2023/24, including bus support, at its Board meeting on 25 January.

The Transport & Infrastructure Committee will consider a **Bus Assessment Framework** in January. This will draw on the emerging LTCP and Bus Strategy and be used to inform decision-making on bus subsidies in future.

The GCP **Making Connections proposals** include an enhanced bus network and mechanisms for both upfront investment and ongoing subsidy. The Combined Authority will need to consider the effect of this on its own work. The GCP would develop any necessary outline business case, and any decision on road charging would rest with the County Council.

In an initiative with Stagecoach and the Greater Cambridge Partnership, the Combined Authority secured Government funding for thirty **zero emission buses** for Cambridge. These are expected to be available from March.

The Combined Authority Board agreed on 30 November to extend the contract for the TING **Demand Responsive Transport** service in Huntingdonshire for a further year. The Combined Authority is also exploring the case for further Demand Responsive Transport services elsewhere.

Finally, the Combined Authority is also working with bus operators to understand the scale and effect of **driver shortages** and how it can provide support through its skills programmes.

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Managers' Report, Milton Community Centre, 21st December 2022

Maintenance/Improvements:

A high level clean in the Main Hall has been completed removing cob webs, dust and shuttlecocks from the internal girders.

The 6 monthly fire alarm service had been completed at the Main Community Centre and North Lodge Pavilion.

The Solar Panels at North Lodge are now working and we are just waiting for the work to be signed off.

Bookings:

We continue to see high demand for the Main Hall with several bookings for the Main Hall in 2023. Bookings for Children's parties in both the Annexe and the Main Hall are remaining popular.

I am still in discussion with the charity HSS about hiring the Annexe on a Sunday evening for members of the local community to attend and we now have a 3-month booking for Sunday evenings for a local Ballroom dancing teacher and increased bookings for diabetes prevention workshops.

Hard Courts

With the recent cold weather, we have had a few days where the courts were not playable but expect groups to return after the Christmas break.

Youth Building and Sycamores Pavilion:

Eddies Artworks continue to use the building Monday to Friday and Youth Group have moved to a Thursday evening.

We have had significant damage to the interior ceilings at the Sycamores Pavilion in the changing rooms following 3 burst pipes due to the prolonged cold spell. We are currently dealing with the insurance company but due to high levels of claims is likely to continue into the New Year.

North Lodge

We have had the Cambridge based Charity Rowan use the Pavilion for an art day for their attendees however there has been little other interest in hiring the facility.

Vandalism and Crime:

We have seen a welcomed decrease in unwanted activity across the 3 sites.

With the night's drawing in and the recent poor weather we have seen a reduction of alcohol cans and bottles and the small NOS canisters being left behind. We are still however seeing high levels of litter.

Andy West, Community Centre Manager 21/12/22

Youth Club

There have been 13 youth club sessions run this term and we have seen 9 young people.

Age	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18+
Number Female		1		2	1	2		
Number Male	1			1		1		

Week Commencing	Number	Notes
05 Sep	2	Disappointing attendance, but heavy downpour may have put some off coming out. Conversations about holidays, interest in Manga, gaming. Enjoyed table tennis and Shrinkies.
12 Sep	4	Few new members. Enjoyed scratch art, table tennis, and chatting. Conversations about revision, TV choices, what age they can independently go into town, family, sch uniform and dress code.
19 Sep	1	very low numbers!
26 Sep	3	Good evening playing pool, making scones, colouring and giant jenga. Conversations about school, options, family and names.
03 Oct	2	Flyers supposedly handed out on school bus (IVC would not allow our youth workers to do it). Enjoyed pool, table tennis, bingo and colouring.
10 Oct	1	Publicity has gone out in IVC, on school buses and local Facebook pages. Have suggested a possible evening swap to Thursday if suitable.
17 Oct	0	no young people
24 Oct		Half-term
31 Oct	0	no young people, swapping to Thursday from next week
07 Nov	0	start on new night (Thursdays), no YP
14 Nov	0	no one turned up
21 Nov	2	Returning YP who hadn't known about the change of night! Spent evening playing pool, drinking tea and chatting with youth workers. Conversations about school, careers, family, pets, learning to drive. Keen to come back.
28 Nov	0	no young people
05 Dec	2	same two yp, did lots of colouring and chatting about life, careers etc.
12 Dec		Christmas Trip to Xtreme 360 – no young people signed up from Milton