



MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend the meeting of Milton Parish Council to be held in the
Bowls Pavilion on Monday 2 October 2023 at 7.30pm
Members of the Public and the Press are cordially invited to attend

Clerk's signature: *Sarah Coker*
Date of issue: 26 September 2023

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence:** to receive and approve apologies for absence
2. **To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 September 2023 (Pages 1-5)**
3. **Declarations of interest and dispensations:**
To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda;
To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any);
To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.
4. **Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak**
Public Participation of a maximum of fifteen minutes duration for members of the public to address Councillors. A member of the public may speak for up to 3 minutes to make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting in respect of the business on the agenda (Standing orders 3e, 3f, and 3g).
5. **Clerk's/Chairman's Report and see Works Schedule (Pages 6-7)**
Ditch below Tomkins Mead: See Item 9
The Rowans Safety Improvements – Clerk has asked for a costing from Cambridgeshire County Council Highways for extending the double yellow lines further round into The Rowans – awaiting costings
20mph Speed Limit – Application received by Cambridgeshire County Council Local Projects – awaiting outcome
Repton Gate – Open evening to see the gate in situ Tuesday 10 October 2023 6:30pm-8:30pm, North Lodge Pavilion
Milton Youth Building – Offer of a team day with The Connections Bus Project and Astra Zeneca Charity Fundraiser to give the Youth Building some TLC and a lick of paint
Local Council Award Scheme – PE and DW to put together a Village Action Plan.
New Village Entrance Signs – Have now been installed on Humphries Way, Ely Road and slip road by Tesco
A14/A10 Roundabout Resurfacing work Oct-Dec 2023
6. **Planning (Page 8)**
To **RECEIVE** the minutes of the meeting of Monday 18 September 2023
Decisions:
None to date
New:
23/03459/HFUL – 40 Coles Road, Milton – Single storey extension to side and rear
Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/03459/HFUL>
23/03575/HFUL – 68 Fen Road, Milton – Part single storey and two storey front extension, part single storey and two storey rear extension with internal alterations and construction of a garage
Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/03575/HFUL>

23/1058/TTCA (TPO) – 1 Fen Road, Milton – Fir dying - remove as leaning dangerously towards the road and footpath. The tree is very tall

21/1064/TTPO – East Anglia's Childrens Hospice, Church Lane, Milton – Group 6 Holm Oak and Yews at entrance: raise crowns to 4ms over road to ensure emergency and delivery vehicles clearance. T26 Ash – Tree in well used recreational area with frequent branch shedding. Fell to ground level. T21 Holm Oak – reduce lateral growth south by 2.5m to alleviate end weight and prune to clear buildings by 1.5ms. T13 Yew – cut back overhang by grassed area by 2ms and up to full height

23/1095/TTPO – 2 Willow Crecent, Milton – Sycamore – reduction of 3 metres taking it down from its current 24 metres to 21 metres. This work should prolong the life of the tree, ensure there are no dangerous branches that may fall on the many pedestrians who pass underneath, and improve the look of the tree which is currently very overgrown and unshapely

7. Maintenance (Tabled)

To **RECEIVE** the minutes of the meeting of Monday 25 September 2023

8. Bills for Payment and Money Received (Pages 9-13)

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

To **RECEIVE** net position report

9. Milton Brook (Ditch below Tomkins Mead to NLP) (Pages 14-17)

HMS/AB feedback from meeting held on Monday 11 September 2023 and to receive the notes

10. Traveller Incursion (Pages 18-20)

To **CONSIDER** defences

To **REVIEW** Unauthorised Encampment Action Plan

11. Meeting Dates for 2024 (Page 21)

To **REVIEW** proposed Committee meeting dates

12. To Receive County Councillor's Report (Pages 22-23)

13. To Receive District Councillors Report (To follow)

14. Correspondence

Emailed to Councillors

Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership – Milton Road Improvement Project August 2023

Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation Project – List of examination hearing dates

Greater Cambridge Partnership – Waterbeach Greenway Project Councillor and Parish briefing meeting via Teams, Thursday 5 October 2023 6:30-7:30pm

15. Dates of next meetings

Tuesday 3 October 2023 - IT Working Group 2pm

Wednesday 4 October 2023 – Community care 11:30am

Thursday 5 October 2023 – Meeting with Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership: Waterbeach Greenway Project 11-12pm

Monday 16 October 2023 – Planning 7pm

Monday 23 October 2023 – Finance & Administration 7:30pm

Clerk's Office

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 4 September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: HM Smith (HMS) (Chair), JE Coston (JEC), RJ Farrington (RJF), P Ellwood (PE), D Wildman (DW),
L Champion (LC), A Bradnam (AB arrived 8:36pm)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk)

1 Apologies for Absence:

D Owen (Personal)

2 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 July 2023

RJF Proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 July 2023 as a true record – JEC
Seconded **ALL AGREED**

3 Declarations of interest and dispensations:

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda; RJF Item 10 (Relation has
quoted for the work)

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

Year End Audited Accounts 2022/23 – Now completed and signed off by PKF Littlejohn – IT Working Group
agreed to meet at the end of September to follow up requirements for 2023/24: Councillor email addresses.

HMS suggests the web address MiltonCambsPC.gov.uk

Ditch below Tomkins Mead: Meeting with ADC Drainage and Parish residents (County Officer expected) 11
September 2023 at 7pm in the lounge at MCC. HMS and AB have visited all the residents who adjoin the
culvert to inform them of the proposed works

The Rowans Safety Improvements – LHI application was unsuccessful. Clerk has asked for a costing from
Cambridgeshire County Council Highways for extending the double yellow lines further round into The Rowans
(as per LHI specification). Clerk to ask again.

20mph Speed Limit – Application received by Cambridgeshire County Council Local Projects – awaiting
outcome

Repton Gate – Open evening to see the gate in situ Tuesday 10 October 2023 6:30pm-8pm, North Lodge
Pavilion

Local Council Award Scheme – PE and DW to put together a Village Action Plan.

Milton Cemetery – Cambridgeshire Churchyard Conservation Award: working towards the silver level. The
Explorer Scouts have offered to build a compost bin for the Cemetery. Some councillors are preparing
theground tomorrow.

New Village Entrance Signs – Due to be installed week of 11 September 2023

A14/A10 Roundabout Resurfacing work Oct-Dec 2023

Email was received from a Councillor for March North – asking the PC to consider signing a petition to the
County Council in relation to change in policy for the weedkilling on pathways and cycleways and why weed
spraying is no longer taking place. HS explained there is a review into that policy.

6 Planning

The minutes of the meeting of 14 August 2023 were received

Decisions:

23/01407/HFUL – 68 Fen Road, Milton – Single storey front extension, part single storey and two storey rear
extension with internal alterations and construction of a garage – **GRANTED PERMISSION**

23/01519/HFUL – 26 The Rowans, Milton – Single storey front extension, single storey rear linked extension
with internal modifications, convert garage into single storey annexe **REFUSED PERMISSION**

22/02094/nma1 – 1 High Street, Milton – Non material amendment on application 22/02094/Ful for alterations
to approved window arrangement and entrance canopy **GRANTED PERMISSION**

New:

23/03033/HFUL – 121 The Rowans, Milton – Single storey extension to side **HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS**

23/02647/HFUL – 1A Church Lane, Milton – Removal of an abundant (“a redundant” was understood) flue and chimney. Replacement front door **SUPPORT**

7 Finance & Administration

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 31 July 2023 were received

8 Maintenance

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting on Wednesday 2 August 2023 were received

To **VIEW** The Rowans play area revamp plans and quotes from Wicksteed, Eibe and Proludic
Defer to Maintenance on 25 September 2023 – only one updated quote received so far

To **CONSIDER** quote from Warrilow & Sons for £2,355.00 for shrub/tree clearance work at The Rowans play area and removal of the wooden fence **RF Proposed to accept the quote – DW Seconded ALL AGREED**

To **CONSIDER** quote from Warrilow & Sons for installation of new wooden fence £844.60 + £720.00 labour –
Clerk to ask him to requote for wooden fencing on the right hand side only and leave the front fence and gate in situ and also to plant some bay laurel in front of the neighbours wall

9 Bills for Payment and Money Received

To **RATIFY** payment of vouchers 132-165 paid in August 2023 **DW Proposed – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED**

To **CONFIRM** and **AGREE** bills for payment **DW Proposed to pay vouchers 166-177 and tabled 178 to 182 – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED**

The net position report was received – HMS queried a payment of £900 grant received for the Trolley Bus which was put in as a negative payment and not a receipt – **DW to check the cost code**

10 Pond Green – Electrical Work and Christmas Lighting

To **CONSIDER** quote from Abbott Electrical £165.41 + £50 contingency to fit a control box and wiring to the pole **JEC Proposed to accept the quote – HMS Seconded AGREED (RJF Abstain)**

To **CONSIDER** quote from Christmas Direct for Christmas lights on a controller £915.78 + VAT

To **CONSIDER** Abbot Electrical offer of putting the Christmas lights up for free and £170.00 for Jiffy cherry picker hire fee (2 visits)

HMS Proposed to accept the lighting quote and the quote from Abbot Electrical – JEC Seconded AGREED (RJF Abstain) (PE and Deputy Clerk to confirm and order what lighting is required up to £915.78)

(AB arrived)

11 Management of Records Policy and General Data Protection Regulations (Pages 23-36)

To **REVIEW** amendments made to the Management of Records Policy and General Data Protection Regulations **DW Proposed to accept the amendments, suggested by the Internal Auditor – PE Seconded ALL AGREED**

12 Parish Council Committee Members

To **CONSIDER** co-opting L Champion to the following Committees: Community Care, Maintenance, Staffing and the Milton Air Quality Working Group **HMS Proposed – ALL AGREED**

To **CONSIDER** renaming the Milton Air Quality Working Group to Milton Environmental Action Group

AB suggested changing the name to Milton Environmental Working Group

AB Proposed the change of name – HMS Seconded ALL AGREED

13 Armistice Day Arrangements

To **CONSIDER** to

- a. arrange the Armistice gathering for 11:00am on 11 November 2023 at the War Memorial with bugler
- b. to ordering two poppy wreaths, one for a village representative who would speak and the other for the Vice Chairman to lay on behalf of the PC
- c. to donate £75 to the Poppy Appeal for the wreaths

DW Proposed to the above – AB Seconded ALL AGREED

(Clerk and HMS to meet with new Rector and arrange the village representative and bugle player)

14 The Connections Bus Project

The quarterly term report April to June 2023 was received. AB commented on how pleasing it is to see the increased attendance at the Youth Club

15 County Councillors Report – Received (Full report on MPC webpage - Agenda)

Highways: Milton – I have reported a number of deep potholes (again) on Landbeach Road. AB notes that some of the deep potholes on Cambridge Road and High Street have been repaired, particularly the crazed area outside The White Horse pub, where the children cross to Butt Lane

Butt Lane - footways have been resurfaced 23/24 August - big improvement in surface and safety.

White lining – has been replaced at junctions on Landbeach Road, Humphries Way.

Cycle paths – Milton to Landbeach and Milton to Impington – I have asked for 'hedges' and vegetation to be cut back before the start of the new school term, so by Monday 4 September.

Road re-surfacing - Around £5m is being invested into a programme of surface dressing, which will prevent damage and prolong the life of the county's roads, as well as ensuring they continue to be safe for all road users.

Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation (CWWTPR): The Planning Inspectorate (PINs) have recently appointed a lead examiner for the DCO who, having reviewed the submitted documentation, has requested clarification and amendments from the applicant for several areas including Transport, Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage. The deadline that has been set for Anglian Water to submit this information to PINs is 29th September.

At the County Council: Anti-racism Charter - Chief Executive, Stephen Moir was a guest speaker at the UNISON Eastern webinar on Monday 14 August, where he discussed the implementation of the Anti-Racism charter. The council signed the Charter in May 2022, becoming the first upper tier local authority to do so.

Could you volunteer with home to school transport? The Education and Social Care Transport Service has a small team of fantastic volunteer drivers as part of their home to school transport provision. They're hoping to increase the team of volunteer drivers to provide this service to more local families.

***What does it involve?** - Volunteer drivers collect allocated children/young people from their home, school or other pre-arranged location and deliver them safely to their destination. You will meet a range of children and young people and their families, provide a warm welcome and make each person feel comfortable on their journey.*

If you would like to find out more or have any questions, please email ed.engagement@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 07880473917. You can [download a role description, application form and see FAQs](#) on the Cambridgeshire County Council website.

Festival of Stories February 2024: The next Festival of Stories will run from **21-28 February 2024** with a focus on Caring for Our Planet.

If you'd like to get involved with our festival in some way, please do contact Helen at helen.wootton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk .

Funded storytellers: We have been able to offer Talking Together in Cambridgeshire funded face-to-face storytelling sessions to families of children aged from birth to five, via our partners, over the last two Festival of Stories. We are going to do this again for our next Festival of Stories.

Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund: This enables groups and organisations from across Cambridgeshire to apply for funding for projects that will make positive changes in local communities. The CPCF is designed to support local communities - by helping to upgrade and improve community buildings and assets to better meet the needs of the families, households and communities who use them.

All applications must support the Council to achieve its vision, and proposals should support the delivery of at least three ambitions in our [Strategic Framework 2023-2028](#).

[Find out which groups and organisations are eligible to apply](#) on the County Council website.

Details on how to apply are also available on the webpage. It's a two stage process, the first being an expression of interest. All Expressions of Interest must be completed by 24 September 2023.

Have you thought about becoming a foster carer? Carers who support and love these children and offer them a stable home, for a while or long-term, so they can grow in confidence and follow their dreams. You can find details about the different type of fostering here.
[Fostering in Cambridgeshire - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Update:

Some years ago the County used to spray weeds pro-actively but following the government budget last November we had to make saving and in February Highways and Transport Committee agreed to reduce the spraying of weed-killer to areas where weeds would impair visibility - as well as prior to any re-surfacing. Following the wet weather in July there has been a substantial growth of weeds and I have received a lot of complaints. We have requested a review of the weed control programme to come to H&T Committee in October.

If weeds have been sprayed (and died) then the District street sweeping programme will sweep them away. However, the brushes cannot dislodge large, healthy weeds. Some villages are planning to cut the base of weeds with hoes and spades immediately before the next District sweep, to enable the sweepers to remove the weeds.

Here is the link to the SCDC page about street cleaning - with the schedule
[Street care and cleaning - South Cambs District Council \(scambs.gov.uk\)](#)
Milton, Landbeach, Waterbeach and Horningsea area in Zone 1, Fen Ditton is in Zone 2.

- 16 **District Councillors Report – Received (Full report on MPC webpage - Agenda)**
Zero Carbon Community Grant Success: Congratulations to Landbeach Village Hall and Milton Community Centre that have both been successful in their applications for Zero Carbon Community grants. Milton Community Centre has been awarded £8,321.67 to upgrade to energy efficient lighting throughout the community centre and recreation ground.

Bin collection changes: Bin collections for many residents of South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City will change from the week beginning Monday 18 September 2023. The Council will write to everyone that has a change to their collection in advance. The councils are also moving to collect bins over four weekdays, instead of five. This means that, from the week beginning Monday 18 September, household bins will not be collected on a Monday. One benefit of this is that it avoids the disruption to collections that has previously happened after bank holiday Mondays throughout the year as crews catch-up

Grants for EV charger at community buildings: South Cambridgeshire District Council's Electric Vehicle Charge Point Grant is helping to support the transition to electric vehicles. Up to £5,000 per project is available, towards the capital costs of purchasing and installing public EV chargers at community buildings and village halls. To be eligible for funding, EV chargers must be publicly accessible, and projects should demonstrate that there is likely demand for an EV charger at the chosen location.

Funding for new council homes: The Council has been awarded significant funding to provide 13 additional homes from phase 2 of the Local Authority Housing Fund for refugees. The latest award, together with Council borrowing, will be used to provide 10 homes for refugee families from Afghanistan, plus 3 additional properties which can be used for temporary accommodation to reduce the use of bed and breakfast type accommodation. The Council is working with the Strategic Migration Partnership to understand the housing needs of refugees.

Greater Cambridge Planning Area Teams: When parish councilors have queries about planning the first port of call is the Area Teams. The Area Team Manager for our villages is Jane Rodens, jane.rodens@greatercambridgeplanning.org

The Development Manager is Toby Williams toby.williams@greatercambridgeplanning.org

When contacting either of them with a query please copy us in.

- 17 **Milton Community Centre Report – Received**
Maintenance/Improvements: General ongoing repairs have been completed across the 3 sites.

Routine fire extinguisher, fire alarm and building alarm servicing has been completed at the 3 sites.

The pot holes at the entrance to the main car park at Coles Road have been filled and the drains have been cleared.

Pot holes at the Sycamores are being filled in on a regular basis.

Bookings: Both the Annexe and the Main Hall remain popular for children’s parties and the Main Building is now in use 7 days a-week for regular bookings.

Hard Courts: The Hard Courts are in use 7 days a week with 10 bookings for the 5 aside court and Milton Tennis Club using the 3 Courts.

Youth Building and Sycamores Pavilion: Eddies Artworks continue to use the building Monday to Friday and Youth Group on a Thursday evening.

North Lodge: We still see very low interest in hiring the facility due to the size of the main room being too small for exercise classes and the flooring not suitable for dance classes.

Milton Colts and Milton Cricket are still the main users of the facility.

Vandalism and Crime: We have generally seen a decrease in vandalism and anti-social behavior however we have had a few occasions of damage being caused to football pitches at all 3 sites by motorcycles or eScooters being ridden over them and doing 360-degree spins and skids.

We continue to receive numerous complaints about dog owners not clearing up dog mess and not having dogs on leads and ignoring the signs regarding this particularly at Coles Road. An additional sign was put up on the entrance to Coles Road leading from the Country Park but this was damaged and removed with 2 days.

We have had reports that drug dealing has been observed in the car parks at Coles Road and the Sycamores mainly in the evenings.

Discussion about dog mess on the recreation grounds PC agreed that a joint approach with MCC was appropriate, highlighting the issue in Facebook posts and on Milton Chat and News. Are more prominent notices required?

18 Correspondence

Community Gritting Scheme Application – Request for volunteers – Clerk to promote via social media
Emailed to Councillors

Greater Cambridge Partnership Milton Road Improvements Project – July 2023 update

Waterbeach Greenway Update – Tuesday 5 September 2023 at 7:30pm via Teams

(Clerk arrange a meeting with GCP for 2 October 2023 at 7pm – MPC are disturbed by what we have heard so far about the proposed Waterbeach Greenway)

19 Dates of next meetings

Monday 18 September 2023 – Planning 7:30pm

Monday 25 September 2023 – Maintenance 7:30pm

Monday 2 October 2023 – Parish Council

Meeting closed at 9:35pm

Signed: Dated:

Milton Parish Council

Work/Project Schedule List (as of 26 September 2023)

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 – A traffic order will be required. Tree fallen onto Allotment land and Paddock Wood with fence damage. Awaiting date for removal and repairs. Emailed response 2/8/3 – awaiting costings for removal
Improve crossing point at High Street/Fen Road	A14 Legacy Fund	Updated email received 27/7/23 – County Highways We do have a scheme identified for resurfacing on the C282, High Street/Ely Road, Milton, with a description of ‘from Butt Lane to outside 1 Ely Road. This scheme has an estimate of £125,000 but is not featured in the current published 2-year programme, or the priority list for the following 3 years. That is not to say it cannot be re prioritised in the future, but that would be in consideration with other scheme priorities countywide. The difficulty we are having at the moment is that a lot of major roads, especially in the East Cambs and Fenland areas, where we have climate related issues with drought damage, are needing to be prioritised. I have asked the LHO for the area to re-inspect and arrange to locally patch if the section meets intervention criteria. I appreciate this will be disappointing for the Parish, but unfortunately at this time we don’t have any other budget which we could draw from to deliver this.
IN PROGRESS		
Power to Edmund Green	Maintenance	On hold until plans agreed
New Village Signs	Capital Project Group	Installed

Willow Crescent transfer of deeds	MPC	Awaiting updated plans with amended areas
Old School Lane adoption of land		Ashtons Solicitors putting together an application with information for adoption of land from the Crown HMS, DW and JEC looking into questions raised by Ashton on previous land owner

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 18 September 2023 at 7:30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

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

In Attendance: J Barrett (Deputy Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

J Coston (personal)

2. To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 August 2023

DO Proposed to accept the minutes of Monday 31 July 2023 as a true record – HMS Seconded **AGREED**

3. Declarations of interest and dispensations:

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda; DO declared an interest in 12/03249/FUL being the Chair of All Saint's PCC

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 members of the public in attendance

5. Decisions Received:

None

6. New:

23/0992/TTCA – Milton Hall, Ely Road, Milton – Tree Work – T1 Silver Birch to front left of entrance in decline – top and fell to ground level.: **Consideration might be given to seek a replacement tree being planted**

23/03357/CL2PD – 53 The Oaks, Milton – Certificate of lawfulness for the erection of a single storey rear extension. For information only. **COMMENT: Noted**

12/03249/FUL -All Saints Church, Church Lane, Milton -Replace like for like the boundary wall of the churchyard. **SUPPORTS**

7. Dates of next meeting

Monday 16 October 2023 – at 7:00pm

Meeting closed at 7:45pm Signed: Date:

Milton Parish Council PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
183	05/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Microsoft 365 Business Licence	IONOS Cloud Ltd	S	6.99	1.40	8.39
184	05/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Brightpay Connect	BrightPay	S	2.04	0.41	2.45
185	06/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Mobile phone Clerk	EE Limited	S	5.70	1.14	6.84
186	06/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Electricity	British Gas	L	65.66	3.28	68.94
187	07/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension Admin Charge	Smart Pension	E	18.00		18.00
188	18/09/2023		Lloyds Corporate Card	DD	Bank Charge	Lloyds Bank	E	3.00		3.00
189	15/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Mobile phone (Warden)	Tesco Mobile	E	19.44		19.44
190	12/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	E	70.35		70.35
191	12/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension Payment (employer)	Smart Pension	E	70.35		70.35
192	12/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension payment	Smart Pension	E	66.52		66.52
193	12/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank	DD	Pension Payment (employer)	Smart Pension	E	66.52		66.52
194	25/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Salary	S C	X	1,197.40		1,197.40
195	25/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Salary	T E	X	977.33		977.33
196	25/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Salary	J B	X	264.05		264.05
197	25/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Salary	P A	X	325.18		325.18
198	25/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank	DD	1&1 Mail Pro Licence	IONOS Cloud Ltd	S	3.99	0.80	4.79
199	26/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank	DD	1&1 WP Plus and domain	IONOS Cloud Ltd	S	30.98	6.20	37.18
200	23/08/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Removal of wasp nest	Command Pest Control	S	85.00	17.00	102.00
201	06/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Agency	Elms Health Solutions	E	468.58		468.58
202	06/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Bus shelter repairs	GW Shelter Solutions	S	854.16	170.83	1,024.99
203	19/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Engraved plaques	Cambridge Engraving	E	56.00		56.00
204	19/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Engraved plaques	Cambridge Engraving	E	137.60		137.60
205	31/08/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Allotment	Buchans Landscaping & Gro	S	17.50	3.50	21.00
206	31/08/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Cemetery	Buchans Landscaping & Gro	S	226.63	45.33	271.96
207	31/08/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Grass Cutting	Buchans Landscaping & Gro	S	1,567.90	313.58	1,881.48
208	31/08/2023		Unity Trust Bank		MCC Costs Contribution	Buchans Landscaping & Gro	S	1,171.12	234.22	1,405.34
209	31/08/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Paddock Wood Maintenance	Buchans Landscaping & Gro	S	65.46	13.09	78.55
Total								7,843.45	810.78	8,654.23

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Milton Parish Council
RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
51	11/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Community Care Fee	T G	E	130.00		130.00
52	21/09/2023		Unity Trust Bank		Precept	SCDC	E	66,500.00		66,500.00
53	02/09/2023		Santander S106 Arts		Interest	Santander	E	102.64		102.64
Total								66,732.64		66,732.64

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Milton Parish Council Net Position by Cost Centre and Code

Cost Centre Name

<u>Admin (Fixed Overheads)</u>		<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	2 Chair Allowance				100.00		100.00
	3 Councillor expenses				100.00	3.60	96.40
	4 Elections				250.00		250.00
	7 Clerk employment costs			19,450.00	9,199.28		10,250.72
	8 Payroll Dept Clerk			5,500.00	1,910.24		3,589.76
	22 Payroll Highways			4,750.00	2,503.08		2,246.92
	72 Clerks expenses			250.00			250.00
	113 Agency Contingency			3,000.00			3,000.00
					33,400.00	£13,616.20	19,783.80

<u>Capital Schemes - Projects</u>		<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>	
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
	54 Capital Schemes		50,000.00		90,000.00	597.45	39,402.55	
					50,000.00	90,000.00	£597.45	39,402.55

<u>Contingency</u>		<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	105 Contingency (Legal Costs)				5,000.00		5,000.00
					5,000.00		5,000.00

<u>Fees</u>		<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	18 Allotments Rents		2,620.00				-2,620.00
	20 Cemetery Fees			800.00			800.00
					2,620.00	£800.00	-1,820.00

<u>Grants and Donations</u>		<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	87 Community grant / Donatic				500.00		500.00
	88 Milton Charities						
					500.00		500.00

<u>Interest</u>		<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	77 Interest CBS General Purp		18.00	51.04			33.04
	80 Interest CBS Council Save		1,000.00				-1,000.00
	81 Interest Hampshire Trust		3,188.00				-3,188.00
	91 Interest United Trust Bond		1,800.00	1,793.50			-6.50
	104 Cambridge and Counties F		3,230.00				-3,230.00
	112 Interest Redwood Bank		2,210.00				-2,210.00
					11,446.00	£1,844.54	-9,601.46

<u>Maintenance</u>		<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	17 Allotment Maintenance				4,000.00	273.08	3,726.92
	19 Cemetery Maintenance				3,200.00	2,866.35	333.65
	21 Bus Shelters			758.16	500.00	1,106.16	152.00
	23 Seats and Bins				500.00	494.00	6.00
	24 Cleaning and Sundries				100.00	18.15	81.85
	44 General Grounds Mainten.		1,211.00		14,500.00	7,839.50	5,449.50
	45 Play areas				10,000.00	360.00	9,640.00
	48 Tomkins Mead				1,500.00		1,500.00

Current Balance = Balance B/Fwd - (Receipt Budget - Actual Receipt) + (Payment Budget - Actual Payments)

Milton Parish Council
Net Position by Cost Centre and Code

<u>Cost Centre Name</u>						
53	Tree Maintenance			4,500.00		4,500.00
94	Equipment Maintenance			250.00		250.00
95	Highway Maintenance			50.00		50.00
107	Shrub Maintenance			1,000.00		1,000.00
108	General Maintenance			3,000.00		3,000.00
110	Paddock Wood			1,000.00	327.30	672.70
		1,211.00	£758.16	44,100.00	£13,284.54	30,362.62

<u>MCC Costs Contribution</u>			<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
25	MCC Bills Paid	-831.89			11,000.00	9,245.00	923.11
85	MCC grounds maintenanc				17,000.00	6,060.60	10,939.40
86	MCC cleaning				17,000.00	7,845.62	9,154.38
		£-831.89			45,000.00	£23,151.22	21,016.89

<u>Office</u>			<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
9	Photocopying				500.00	159.86	340.14
10	Postage				40.00	61.55	-21.55
12	Stationery				200.00	78.15	121.85
14	Office Sundries				150.00	122.99	27.01
15	Telephone / Broadband				1,200.00	363.44	836.56
16	Website				225.00	131.81	93.19
28	Office expenses				1,500.00	432.00	1,068.00
83	Electricity				1,100.00	522.02	577.98
					4,915.00	£1,871.82	3,043.18

<u>Other Income</u>			<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
103	Other income		3.45				-3.45
			3.45				-3.45

<u>Precept</u>			<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
56	Precept		133,000.00	133,000.00			
			133,000.00	£133,000.00			

<u>Professional</u>			<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
1	CAPALC				950.00		950.00
5	Insurance				1,000.00		1,000.00
11	Training				1,000.00	30.00	970.00
13	Subscriptions				1,500.00	766.04	733.96
29	Audit Fees				1,000.00	544.25	455.75
30	Legal/Land/Survey Solicit				2,500.00	1,590.06	909.94
82	Consultancy				200.00		200.00
					8,150.00	£2,930.35	5,219.65

<u>Running Costs</u>			<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
47	Trolley Bus		900.00		2,000.00	-159.00	1,259.00
99	Bank charges				200.00	117.50	82.50
			900.00		2,200.00	£-41.50	1,341.50

Milton Parish Council
Net Position by Cost Centre and Code

Cost Centre Name

S106	Code	Title	Bal. B/Fwd.	Receipts		Payments		Current Balance
				Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	78	Interest CBS S106		50.00				-50.00
	79	Interest Santander S106 A		500.00	696.12			196.12
	109	S106 Arts	4,560.00			10,000.00	9,354.60	5,205.40
	111	S106 - Comm Fac				5,000.00		5,000.00
			£4,560.00	550.00	£696.12	15,000.00	£9,354.60	10,351.52

S137	Code	Title	Bal. B/Fwd.	Receipts		Payments		Current Balance
				Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	31	S137: Warden's Mileage				850.00	363.60	486.40
	34	S137: Warden's Phone				275.00	115.54	159.46
	37	Community Care fees		6,000.00	3,528.00			-2,472.00
	38	Community Care Grant		4,500.00	4,500.00			
	46	S137: Sundries				250.00	411.85	-161.85
	92	S137: Warden Employmm				17,375.00	8,722.14	8,652.86
	93	S137: Agency Holiday Cov				2,000.00	934.32	1,065.68
				10,500.00	£8,028.00	20,750.00	£10,547.45	7,730.55

VAT repayment	Code	Title	Bal. B/Fwd.	Receipts		Payments		Current Balance
				Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	69	VAT						

Youth Services	Code	Title	Bal. B/Fwd.	Receipts		Payments		Current Balance
				Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	49	Youth Workers/Courses				6,500.00	1,746.00	4,754.00
						6,500.00	£1,746.00	4,754.00

Z - unused codes	Code	Title	Bal. B/Fwd.	Receipts		Payments		Current Balance
				Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	35	Youth Building						
	59	Payroll Pension (Employer						
	60	Payroll Pension (Employer						
	66	S106 POS						
	70	S137: Comm Care sundry						
	74	Christmas						
	89	Trees & tree maintenance						
	98	GJK - RFO						
	100	S137: Warden's Pension (
	101	S137: Warden's Pension (
	106	MCC-NLP grass cutting						

NET TOTAL	£3,728.11	210,230.45	£145,126.82	275,515.00	£77,058.13	137,081.35
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MPC meeting with neighbours of the “Milton Brook” ditch

Monday 11th September 2023 7pm in the Lounge at Milton Community Centre

Attending:

MPC: Anna Bradnam (AB), Hazel Smith (HMS), Lawrence Champion (LC), Assistant Clerk (JB)

CCC: Hilary Tandy (HT), Brian Heffernan (BH)

ADC Drainage: apology from James Carter

About 30 village residents (attendees signed a sheet at the door)

AB: Opened the meeting, thanked residents for attending. She then explained the types of ditches in the village – Award Drains and ordinary watercourses, and the legal responsibilities that applied to the different types of drain in terms of the maintenance and upkeep. The ditch through Milton is an ordinary watercourse and the responsibility for maintenance lies with the adjoining landowners. She explained the routes of flow from the ditches, the Award drain from Butt Lane opposite the landfill site to the College of West Anglia and on to the River Cam (Award drain cleared by SCDC) and in the other direction beside Tesco and through the Country Park.

The Milton Brook ditch runs from inside the A10 on Butt Lane, via High Street and Cambridge Road to Coles Road, through Tomkins Mead then under Old School Lane and Fen Road and through to the lake at North Lodge Park.

She explained the ditch survey work carried out by ADC, a CCC approved contractor.

Attendees' Queries and Comments:

Ditches are not usually full to capacity.

Culvert in Old School Lane is blocked.

Q -What route does the water take from the NLP lake to the river?

Ans: the level is set by a weir at the outfall from the lake, and from there is the responsibility of the farmers with a similar riparian responsibility to maintain the ditch.

Q Who owns the ditches running from and through Tomkins Mead?

Ans: Tomkins Mead is owned by the Parish Council and maintained by the Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust, on behalf of the parish council.

Q Has a survey by a hydrologist been completed?

AB stated that ADC drainage had completed a thorough survey and complete walkthrough of all ditches and culverts and taken levels.

Q Is there any conflict with properties that are in a conservation area?

Ans: AB was not aware of any different responsibilities for properties in the conservation area.

Q Where could arisings be taken – are they contaminated?

Ans: Since the silt will contain runoff from roads, samples of silt were taken by ADC Drainage and analysed for contamination, in order to determine whether FCC Environment Ltd would accept the arisings. ADT had the samples tested at an approved laboratory and FCC Environment will accept them at Milton Landfill Site, and in general they could be spread on gardens without any problems if neighbours were willing to accept them.

Q - How would machinery access the ditch?

Ans: ADT can park their vehicles on a road or drive, and their pipes can reach up to 50m in each direction to suck out silt. We think it would be wise for any trees, shrubs or reeds to be cleared from the ditch first.

Some residents have been kind enough to offer parking on their drive, access to the ditch by removing one or two fence panels etc.

We think after 1965 Chesterton Rural District Council had carried out ditch clearance work by hand, and then charged house owners from 1968 to 1974 to do the work on their behalf. We have papers to confirm this. In 1974 Chesterton RDC merged with South Cambridgeshire Rural District Council to form South Cambs District Council and it seems likely this arrangement was forgotten.

Some residents stated that they had, on occasions tended to their parts of the drains and culverts themselves. Some residents were physically unable to undertake this work themselves

It was also suggested that mini excavators could get to some parts of the ditches in residents gardens and that would benefit greatly the speed of the works. The contractor had advised that their suction pumps could reach to 50m each side of the culverts. Between those lengths the contractor recommended that digging out was easiest done by hand, as it would be hard to get machinery close enough and it was harder to control the depth of machine digging.

AB: I initially alerted residents to the proposals to work on the ditch in an article in Village View in September 2020 but Covid prevented us from having meetings or setting up work parties. I put another article in VV in December 2022. There have been some delays in progressing the survey but ADC's survey has investigated the levels at the culverts, the falls and water flows. Some cautious estimates have been provided for the culvert jetting and digging out but the parish council is taking advice on works before proceeding.

HT and BH:

Explained the responsibilities that apply to landowners with riparian responsibilities for ditches, and the responsibilities of CCC where ditches pass under adopted highways. Explained that ditches would remain the responsibility of property owners even if the ditch was outside the fence line. Properties on either side of a ditch would share the liability to maintain and keep the ditch clear. HT provided a leaflet explaining the responsibilities. AB explained that under riparian rules land owners were permitted to stop their properties from flooding, but not their gardens. Therefore if unusually high water levels occurred, gardens could be allowed to flood to protect properties elsewhere.

AB stated that culverts that run under roads are the responsibility of county highways, and they should foot the bill for these works. BH was of the opinion that clearing the culverts would go a long way to alleviating pooling of water in the ditches and culverts. This would in no way solve the problem completely, but would help to prevent flooding. AB is requesting County Highways take responsibility for the culverts as a matter of urgency. HT stated that any rise in water table should be photographed and uploaded to the highways portal.

AB: A co-ordinated approach needed to be taken. Work parties would be needed, and some owners are likely to need assistance if the ditch was not accessible. Once costs were known there could be a calculation to allocate costs proportionately according to the length of ditch alongside the property.

The meeting divided into three groups for discussion.

Residents of Old School Lane (notes by AB)

28 Mr Wicks had brought his Title Deeds which did not seem to mention the ditch at all. This did not mean the resident has no responsibility. Riparian responsibility lies with the landowners on each side and goes to the centre of the ditch His (over ditch) neighbour at no 26 OSL, years ago had cleaned out the ditch but then planted conifers on Mr Wicks' side of the ditch, hard up against where Mr Wicks has a fence.

29 Russell Griffin was happy to provide parking on his drive and would take fence panels down to provide access to the ditch. He was concerned about levels.

42 Colin Nunn has a culvert on the ditch and ADC had agreed they could jet it out. Some residents were aware of their responsibilities towards the ditch and were prepared to pay to have the ditch cleared. Others were unaware of their responsibilities and were less keen or less able to help.

Residents of Hall End and Fen Road (notes by HS)

Milton House, 28 James Fraser says the ditch is called Milton Brook in the papers he has. If it would help ADC could put their vehicle in his drive to use the suction method further south from his culvert. He's happy to have spoil spread in his woods, by the ditch and along his back boundary.

27 Mr Starling is right, the drain from Pond Green probably goes straight down Fen Road, not interacting with our ditch. I (HS) have a printed plan that suggests that but Roger Day told me it went into the Brook opposite Hall End. The recent burst water main at the Waggon and Horses somehow filled the section by 1 Hall End with water (without the road at Hall End being involved), which suggests it's more complicated. This ditch also fills up if there's excess water on High Street (e.g. near the shops).

Mr Starling's worried that people might dig too deep and undermine buildings on his land and Diana Milne's (25 and 27 Fen Road). He'd prefer to dig or supervise his own section. He says there's a pole in the stream in his section with a mark on it showing the level. Could we get ADC to mark the target levels from Fen Road to NLP Lake, so we'd know in future how deep to dig it?

1 Hall End Davinder Hunjan says he's generally dug it out in June/July every couple of years or so. He wears waders and the silt can be up to 750mm deep. His wife Sarah says they reach the solid gravel bed at different heights at the south and north ends of their garden.

Robin Adams says do the digging when the ground is dry, very sensible.

HT says normally this work is done from November to March. For scrub clearance Nov-Mar is best because of bird nesting and die-back of nettles etc but the dredging could be done at a different time.

Residents of Goding Way and Church Lane (notes by LC)

It was also mentioned that flooding anywhere in the village could affect insurance policies of any property close by.

Geoff Gilfillan, the Ranger from Milton Country Park also attended. He was available to offer help and possibly volunteers should a working party be required. (I didn't hear this offer - was it made later? HS)

There is a small lake at **EACHospice** not on the plans, should be added. EACH also has security fencing that would not allow access from that land. They were happy to do whatever was necessary to assist with ditch maintenance.

All other residents present stated that they were willing to do their bit to help, and would possibly help those that were not physically able to do theirs.

There was a question of liability should something go wrong. [Residents may have insurance for work in their own gardens but perhaps Parish Council insurance could cover supervised volunteers for their personal liability as we do for litter pickers?]

It was noted that a muddy bog had appeared at the end of the ditch by the nature reserve. Should this be allowed to remain and would it become another area of natural interest?
Tomkins Mead always has been wetland area and the intention is to keep it that way. We do not want to accidentally drain it.

North Lodge Park residents pay a service fee which includes maintenance of the lake there. It was suggested that the maintenance company should assure the parish council that they are maintaining the lake levels correctly, and is not affecting water flow in the rest of the village.
Ans: This level is set at the outflow from the lake and is a fixed level. There is a drop from there to the level through the field drains.

It was suggested that residents could cut brambles and hedging in the culverts and place the waste in a designated area of their street to be removed by grab skip lorry. Cheaper than skips.
Ans: This would not be legal (obstructing the highway). Maybe 1m square tonne sacks could be used – it is possible for individual householders to take waste to Milton Landfill free of charge whereas any business has to pay fees.

The question was asked again that if clearing the culverts would alleviate the problems. Could the Parish Council look into this with an expert. BH stated that a survey would be simple enough to organise if requested. This is what ADC drainage have already done for the parish council.

Would local farmers be able to use the silt dredged from the ditches?
Ans: No - because it contains run-off from roads it is considered contaminated (though I'd put it on my garden.)

In essence, the residents are all very much on board with protecting their properties and helping those unable to complete these tasks. Residents were generally not keen on paying or contributing to the costs. I am pleasantly surprised by the community spirit shown this evening.

Residents are looking forward to the next stages, which they hope will be swift!

Attendees started to leave at 8.30pm. AB thanked those for attending.

MILTON PARISH COUNCIL**2024 MEETING DATES**

JANUARY	8th	7.30pm	Parish Council		
	10th	11.30 am	Community Care		
	15th	7.30pm	Finance and Administration Committee		
	22nd	7.00pm	Precept Meeting	7:30pm	Planning Committee
FEBRUARY	5th	7.30pm	Parish Council		
	19th	7.30pm	Planning Committee		
MARCH	4th	7.30pm	Parish Council		
	18th	7.00pm	Planning Committee	7:45pm	Maintenance Committee
APRIL	8th	7.30pm	Parish Council		
	17th	11.30 am	Community Care		
	22nd	7.00pm	Planning Committee	7:45pm	Finance & Administration
	29th	7.00pm	Parish Council to approve the Accounts	7:30pm	Annual Parish Meeting
MAY	7th	7.30pm	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council		
	20th	7.30pm	Planning Committee		
JUNE	3rd	7.30pm	Parish Council		
	17th	7.00pm	Planning Committee	7:45pm	Maintenance Committee
JULY	1st	7.30pm	Planning Committee		
	3rd	11.30 am	Community Care		
	15th	7.30pm	Parish Council		
	29th	7.00pm	Planning Committee	7:45pm	Finance & Administration
AUGUST	19th	7.30pm	Planning Committee		
SEPTEMBER	2nd	7.30pm	Parish Council		
	16th	7.00pm	Planning Committee	7:45pm	Maintenance Committee
OCTOBER	7th	7.30pm	Parish Council		
	9th	11.30 am	Community Care		
	21st	7.00pm	Planning Committee	7:45pm	Finance & Administration
NOVEMBER	4th	7.30pm	Parish Council		
	18th	7.30pm	Planning Committee		
DECEMBER	2nd	7.30pm	Parish Council		
	16th	7.00pm	Planning Committee	7:45pm	Maintenance Committee

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

Civil Parking Enforcement Anticipated Works – Signage

Parishes in South Cambs have recently received a letter advising us that “Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC), in partnership with South Cambridgeshire District (SCDC) and the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) have resolved to bring Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) to the District of South Cambridgeshire.”

Currently there is Civil Parking Enforcement in Cambridge City but not in South Cambs, Huntingdonshire or Fenland, some of the very few Districts in the country that were not previously empowered to undertake CPE.

Civil Parking Enforcement allows CCC as the Highway Authority to employ parking enforcement staff, rather than relying on the Police to undertake this duty, which as we know, they cannot do, due to lack of capacity.

For this reason, surveys are under way to assess the condition of lines and signs on the highway, to ensure they are in an enforceable condition.

County Flood Action Conference

I attended this event on Thursday 21 September, in St Ives. Community flood groups, local authorities from across the Great Ouse catchment and surrounding areas, and industry representatives came together on Thursday for Cambridgeshire County Council’s second flood action conference.

With the ongoing effects of climate change, many more communities could be at increased risk of flooding. As different organisations tackle different types of flooding in different places, partnership working is crucial, and the event focused on further strengthening those partnerships.

We heard from speakers including flood resilience champion Mary Dhonau, the Local Resilience Forum and CIRIA (the Construction Industry Research and Information Association), who shared their knowledge and experience of how we can work together to tackle flooding.

Environment and Green Investment Committee

Committee members voted to take part in this innovative trial, funded by the government, intended to improve connectivity at high density venues, where many people are using mobile devices at the same time.

One of 19 projects benefiting from the recent Government announcement of an £88 million investment in innovative open 5G connectivity solutions across the UK, is the **Cambridgeshire Open RAN Ecosystem (CORE)** project led by Cambridgeshire County Council’s digital connectivity programme Connecting Cambridgeshire and a consortium of partners who will harness next-generation technology to deliver a multi-vendor 5G Open RAN neutral host platform to improve mobile capacity in high-density data usage locations.

Iconic sporting venues and tourism hotspots across the UK will see trials of new mobile tech designed to increase the resilience of the UK mobile network and ensure we are not overly reliant on any one form of technology, thanks to £88 million of UK Government R&D investment in innovative connectivity.

The 19 successful projects in the **Open Networks Ecosystem (ONE)** Competition will demonstrate the reliability and feasibility of **Open Radio Access Network (RAN)** technologies and showcase their role in delivering resilient and future-proofed connectivity to UK citizens and businesses.

The ONE competition helps deliver on the UK’s ambition to be a global leader in telecoms research and development, through investment in cutting-edge open hardware and software.

The funding will enable the successful projects to develop and demonstrate a range of innovative technological solutions to improve connectivity in places with some of the biggest demand on mobile services. This includes busy locations like cities, airports, stadiums, or large venues where many people use their devices simultaneously, posing a challenge for mobile networks to handle high levels of traffic.

The ONE competition was designed to demonstrate how this new way of building mobile networks can deliver fast, dependable connectivity in busy places where many people need wireless connections. Instead of using only one company's equipment, Open RAN enables different companies' technology to work together, which can make the network better and more flexible. The projects will initiate trials of open 5G networks across the country, in:

- Major urban centres in Glasgow, **Cambridge**, Liverpool, Bath, and the City of London
- Iconic sports and entertainment venues including Cardiff's Principality Stadium, Sunderland's Stadium of Light, the National eSport Arena, **Cambridge Corn Exchange**, and Shelsley Walsh motorsport venue.

Highways

Fen Ditton - Church Street / Green End pavement – I continue to press for the pavement to be resurfaced. I am advised these are on the LHO's list for assessment.

Waterbeach - Field access opposite 'The Bridge' used as parking – I am advised this area is County land but users are advised that this is not a formal car park and they use it at their own risk.

Milton - nothing new to report

Landbeach - I continue to support the residents in seeking an explanation of when the street furniture reported as damaged and missing in 2020 will be replaced.

Mereway - Cllr Bearpark and I have objected to U&C about the width of the hard path being laid.

Cycle paths – Milton to Landbeach - the grass has been cut. I am advised the hedgerow vegetation will be cut back on this and the **Milton to Impington** route. I asked for this to be done in preparation for the new term at the beginning of September.

Horningsea – I am aware residents remain concerned about speeding through the village – and report to the Police regularly.

Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation Project

You can follow the progress of the project on the Planning Inspectorate website here

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[Register to take part in the Preliminary Meeting, Open Floor Hearing or Issue Specific Hearings](#) by 23:59 on Tuesday 10 October 2023.

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