

# Over Parish Council

## Minutes Full Council Meeting – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

7.30pm

### PRESENT

Chairman: Absent  
 Vice Chairman: Mr G Twiss – Chairman for this Meeting  
 Councillors: Mrs J Davies, Mr S Couper, Mr R Robinson, Mr A Tranter  
 (3 Vacancies)  
 Parish Clerk: Mrs M Pink

### In attendance

District Councillor: Mr B Handley  
 Parishioners: 3

*In the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chairman Mr G Twiss took the Chair and opened the meeting.*

#### 2021/07-01 To Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence

Mrs A Griffiths, Mr M Conlon, Mrs M Hyde, County Cllr F Thompson, District Cllr D Percival

#### 2021/07-02 Members' Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

- 2.1 Declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda – Registered Interests received from Cllr A Tranter – Trustee of Over Day Centre  
 Cllr R Robinson – Trustees of Over Relief in Need, and The Church and Town Lands Charity, Church and Town Branches  
 Cllr J Davies – Trustee of Over Community Association
- 2.2 Requests to Speak - No requests received to speak on any items as declared above.
- 2.3 To receive requests for dispensations - No requests received.
- 2.4 To grant requests received - The granting of dispensations to be made by Full Council.

#### 2021/07-03 Matters of Interest from County and District Councillors and PCSO

- 3.1 County Council – Report noted
- 3.2 District Council – Report noted
- 3.3 Police – The Clerk informed the Council that a report had been made to the Police concerning some vandalism at the Skate Park. Full, comprehensive CCTV has been given to the Police who are following this up by speaking to the known offender.

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**2021/07-04 Public Participation** – A resident commented that the public footpaths in the Village are becoming overgrown and dangerous. Three footpaths are to be reported to the County Council. The resident was also concerned about some hedges in the Village. District Councillor Handley has agreed to meet with the resident to discuss these matters so that firm site locations can be given to the County Council for action to be taken. Cllr Davies asked the Clerk to put an article in the Over News about overgrown hedges and trees encroaching on pavements and footpaths and to ask homeowners to think about reducing both the width and height of the overgrowth so that access was not impeded.

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#### 2021/07-05 Minutes

- 5.1 **To Approve Minutes of the Informal Full Parish Council Meeting Dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**  
**RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed that the Minutes are approved.  
 Chairman to sign the Minutes. **ACTION CHAIR**

#### 2021/07-06 To Approve the decisions made at the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded, and agreed 4 for 1 against that the decisions made are approved.

#### 2021/07-07 To Approve the decisions made at the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded, and agreed 4 for 1 against that the decisions made are approved.

#### 2021/07-08 Planning – For Discussion and Approval

- 8.1 Application – 21/02538/HFUL - 30 Hilton Street - Two Storey rear extension & 2 additional Gable windows.  
**RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed that the Council comments are noted as no objections.
- 8.2 Application – 21/02311/HFUL - 71 The Doles - Single storey rear extension  
**RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed that the Council comments are noted as no objections.

- 8.3 Application – 21/02289/FUL – 5 Papworths Close – Construction of 1 No. three bedroom Chalet Bungalow  
**RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed that the Council comments are noted as no objections.
- 8.4 Application - 21/01761/FUL – 47 High Street - Single storey side and rear extension and change of use to accommodate a childminding business.  
**RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed that the Council comments are noted as no objections
- 8.5 Application - 21/02714/HFUL - 25 Giffords Way - Two storey front extension & change of materials  
**RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed that the Council comments are noted as no objections
- 8.6 Application - 21/02587/FUL - Land Adjacent 1 Longstanton Road - Erection of three detached dwellings along with new access from King Street and associated works  
**RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed that the Council comments are noted as no objections
- 8.7 Application – 21/02853/HFUL – 31 Chapmans Way - Proposed loft conversion and re-roofing with a dormer.  
 The Council agreed that the height variance of 2m would be an issue and that it was not made clear on the plans so neighbours may not be aware of the significant increase in roof height. The property will have a new outline completely and this would not blend in with the current street scene. The suggested changes would also go against the Village Design Statement, and this should be taken into consideration when a decision is made by the Planning Officer.  
**RESOLVED:** It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed that the Council comments are noted as having an objection to the application and therefore a recommendation to refuse will be made to the Planning Officer.  
**Planning for Information Only or Comments if needed.**
- 8.8 Application – 21/0742/TTCA – 65 High Street - T 1 - Cedar - Fell to ground level – Noted.  
**Appeal Notification**
- 8.9 Application - 20/03254/OUT - Land at and to the Rear Of 30 & 32 New Road - Outline planning with all matters reserved except for access for redevelopment of land for 44 residential units with public open space provision, landscaping, means of access and associated works following demolition of No's. 30 and 32 New Road, Over - Resubmission of S/1279/18/FL.  
**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council authorised Cllr Twiss to make comments on their behalf by the deadline of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2021 so that the comments can be considered in the appeal hearing. Cllr Twiss was concerned that the original layout plans, which the Council regarded as unacceptable, were still listed amongst the appeal documents, and the Parish Council needed to make it absolutely clear that only the revised layout that allowed space for a football pitch adjoining the Recreation ground are acceptable.

#### 2021/07-09 Finance

- 9.1 Approval of Payments  
**RESOLVED:** To approve invoices and payments to the sum of £16,191.40
- 9.2 Receipts noted: None.

#### 2021/07-10 Procedure

#### Information & Approval

- 10.1 Internal Audit Report to be noted – The report was noted by the Council and Cllr Tranter congratulated the Clerk on a particularly good report and the Council thanked her for her hard work and commitment.
- 10.2 New Model Code of Conduct to be adopted if agreed – Cllr Couper informed the Council that there is now an amended Code agreed by the Local Government Association on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The Clerk had not yet been made aware of this by the National Association of Local Councils, and it was not yet known if it would also be adopted by the District Council. Cllr Handley will look into this. The Clerk will move this item to the next agenda if more information becomes known. **ACTION CLERK**
- 10.3 Annual Parish Meeting date to be agreed – The Clerk asked the Council to consider calling an Annual Parish Meeting in September if the Hall is free and it is hoped speakers can be arranged to talk about the 20's plenty campaign and Climate Change. The Clerk will check with the Centre to see what dates are available and a date will be set at the next meeting in August. **ACTION CLERK**

- 10.4 Local Govt (Misc. Prov) Act 1982 – Street Trading review to be noted – Noted by Council.  
 10.5 Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Licensing Policy review to be noted – Noted by Council.

#### 2021/07-11 Village Matters

#### Information & Approval

- 11.1 Asplins Close parking area update – The Clerk has reached a stumbling block with this item and is not sure what else can be done as she cannot contact the land developer as the company is listed as being dormant on Companies House. Cllr Twiss suggested asking the District Council legal team for advice and Cllr Couper asked the Clerk to see if CAPALC can refer this item to NALC as CAPALC stated that they did not have the correct legal expertise to answer the query. **ACTION CLERK**
- 11.2 Protection of Overcote from Illegal Encampments update – The Clerk has completed the online training and links have been sent to the Chairman and Cllr Hyde. The Toolkit has not yet been released for action to be taken. Cllr Davies asked the Clerk to keep this as an agenda item going forward so that the Council will be able to act when the Toolkit has been issued. **ACTION CLERK**
- 11.3 Update details re possible toilet facilities at Overcote – Temporary facilities to be discussed – Cllr Tranter had provided an information sheet, for the Council to consider, listing costs for temporary facilities and costs for possible permanent facilities at the Manderson Trust site for use by the public. Cllr Twiss shared his concerns with the Council regarding providing temporary toilet facilities as a trial as he thought that it would be providing the public with the expectation that the Council would do this all the time. He was concerned with security, siting of the temporary facilities on the Highway verge, supervision of the toilets and the area and opening and closing of the facility and other related items already experienced by the Carnival Committee when they provide temporary facilities during their event. Cllr Davies was also concerned about this. Cllr Tranter said that he would meet with the Manderson Trust to jointly explore the issues raised and he would report back at the meeting in August. Cllr Couper also queried the legal liability aspects of the area and use at Overcote and asked the Clerk to clarify the legal liability of the Council for the riverside location at Overcote. He was also concerned about the actual usage of the facilities both temporary and permanent. Would people take the time to walk to the facility and use it if it is provided. **ACTION CLERK & AT**
- 11.4 New Life on the Old West update – Cllr Tranter informed the Council that he, together with the Clerk and Dave Bridgman had met with Howard Jones from ACRE for a site visit to discuss what would be happening on the Green and at Giffords Way. The sloping section of the Green running along Long Furlong is to be made into a wildflower section and Dave is going to be given guidance on how to establish the flowers and how to maintain them going forward. Some bug hotels and habitat piles will also be established. A small corner section of Giffords Way, where the bench is located is also going to be left to establish itself as a wildflower area. Three fruit trees are also to be planted. The two trees given to the Parish Council by the County Council will also be planted in this area. Other habitat enhancements will be made to the Gravel and Duces Pond. A wildflower expert will be giving a talk on wildflower enhancements on the Green for anyone who would like to attend. The date is not yet known at this point.
- 11.5 White lining in the Village update – The Clerk informed the Council that all 15 areas in the Village will be receiving new white lining. Yellow lines will also be reapplied at the school. Cllr Davies asked the Clerk to inform the school that the lines will be reinstated. All sites have been checked and marked out in the Village by the A14 Team. **ACTION CLERK**
- 11.6 Highways Meeting update – Notes circulated by email – Noted by Council.
- 11.7 Dangerous driving at Overcote – quotes for signage to be discussed – The Clerk provided a quote for 2 warning signs to state 5mph caution children playing to be installed at Overcote. The cost if all items are still available is £209.55 plus installation. The Clerk is to organise this. **ACTION CLERK**
- 11.8 Refurbishment of Village Pump to be discussed – Cllr Robinson asked the Clerk to add this item to the agenda as only one water pump remains in the Village on Station Road, and it needs to be refurbished. A quotation of £1,225.00 to include moving the pump onto a concrete base was agreed. The Clerk is to provide a Purchase Order and Cllr Robinson is to organise the installation. **ACTION CLERK & RR**

#### 2021/07-12 Village Reports

- 12.1 To receive Village Handyman Report and consider any maintenance items – The skatepark ramps have all been refurbished and a small area of ground needs to be reinstated. The Clerk is to organise this. Other small repairs have been carried out and the equipment is all being monitored on a regular basis. Some small holes have been refilled on the Green but some further topsoiling may be needed. The bin

at the Centre playpark needs to be replaced/removed. The Council agreed for it to be replaced. Some grassed areas in the Village are being left to encourage wildflower growth. **ACTION CLERK & DB**

- 12.2 To receive Groundsman Report re the Green – The Groundsman asked the Council to consider replacing the Dogs on Leads signs on the Green as the tree growth is beginning to obscure the signs and more people are walking their dogs on the Green. The Council agreed that three new signs should be installed at the three entrance points to the Green: Willingham Road, T junction end and at the slope opposite the school. **ACTION CLERK & DB**

**2021/07-13** PC representatives on Village Charities and other bodies – Matters of interest **Information**

- 13.1 Hanson Aggregates – No report.  
 13.2 Over Relief in Need, and The Church and Town Lands Charity, Church and Town Branches – No report  
 13.3 Over Community Association – Cllr Davies reported that a short meeting had been held and the Centre is doing a good trade now that some restrictions have been lifted.  
 13.4 Over Day Centre – Cllr Tranter reported that new client assessments are under way to welcome some new clients to the Day Centre and the Centre will probably now be open for three days per week.  
 13.5 Community Warden – No report.  
 13.6 Speed Watch – No report.

**2021/07-14** Correspondence received – None.

Invoices for approval to date - 30th June 2021						
Village			Total Payments	Total Receipts	Powers	Type of payment
<b>Direct Debits:</b>						
British Gas Lite	The Pavilion - Electricity	128.44			LGHA 1972, s.133	DD
<b>Invoices received:</b>						
D Bridgman:	Handyman tasks, June - Village	434.00				online
	Handyman tasks, June - Pavilion	98.00				online
			532.00		LGA 1953, s.4	
Clerk's Salary - June 2021	Gross £1337.19	1,004.97			LGHA 1989, s.7	SO
HMRC	PAYE and NI June	415.05			LGHA 1989, s.7	online
Auditing Solutions Ltd	Internal Audit	318.00			A&AR 2003 SI2003/533 reg 9	online
R Fenwick	Grass Cutting	75.00			OSA 1906, s.10	online
MSP Services	Overcote maintenance	95.00			OSA 1906, s.10	online
Full Circle Leisure Ltd	Skate Park Repairs	6,949.92			Local Govt (Misc Prov) 1976, s.19	online
Jaydee Living Ltd	2 x bins Overcote	367.08			OSA1906, s.10	online
Activ Insulation Ltd	Insulation in Pavilion roof	790.02			LGHA 1972, s.133	online
<b>Grant requests</b>						
Over Day Centre	Grant amount as per budget	5,000.00			LGA 1972, s.137	online
	<b>Total Payments for the Village:</b>		<b>15,675.48</b>			
<b>Costs relating to The Green (Registered Charity 300418)</b>						
D Bridgman:	The Green, June maintenance work	513.93			LGA 1953, s.4	online
	<b>Total Payments for The Green:</b>		<b>513.93</b>			
	<b>Total Payments to be made for June</b>		<b>16,189.41</b>			
<b>Payment made by D Card</b>						
Optimum Card	monthly charge x 1	1.99			LGA 2003. s.93	Dcard
	<b>Total Payments already made for the Village:</b>	<b>1.99</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>						

**Next meeting dates:** Full Council Meeting – 7.30pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 10.01PM

These minutes are unadopted.

Signed & dated Chairman.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT: DAWN PERCIVAL AND BILL HANDLEY

#### UPDATE ON THE LOCAL COVID SITUATION

Nationally infection rates are flattening but, in Cambridgeshire, cases are still rising and are predicted to rise further. The largest increases are in the 18-30 year-olds, mostly related to retail, the construction industry, education and the night-time economy. Rates in the over 60s are reassuringly low and the increases in infection rates are not translating into increases in hospital rates or deaths.

Most of Cambridgeshire has a high uptake of the Covid vaccines but there remain pockets of low uptake. It is considered very important that people have their 2nd jab at week 8 (i.e., 8 weeks after the 1st). Anyone above week 8 who has an appointment in the future should re-book to bring it forward or use a walk-in centre. The number of vaccination sites has been increased, with pharmacies adding around 10% to capacity, and vaccination centre opening hours have also been increased. In an attempt to reach out to younger people and encourage them to get vaccinated the NHS has launched a new marketing campaign today called 'The Vaccinators on Tour' <https://www.thevaccinators.co.uk/>. There will also be a fully branded 'Tour Bus' as part of the campaign. For help with transportation to vaccination centres, email [communitycv@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:communitycv@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or phone 0345 045 5219.

The NHS is *extremely* busy, from GP surgeries right through to intensive therapy beds. People are presenting now when they felt unable to do so during the lockdown and, as a consequence, tend to have more complex health issues. Hospitals are seeing a higher percentage of A&E presentations become in-patients and elective work is still being disrupted.

#### GREATER CAMBRIDGE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

The work on this is now at the stage where a rough idea of spatial strategy is beginning to take shape. The guiding principles are reducing climate impacts through compact development located where active and sustainable travel can be maximised; making the best use of suitable brownfield land and existing transport infrastructure and supporting rural communities to thrive. A further public consultation will be held later this year.

#### GROWTH FUND GRANT SCHEME

Businesses based in our area looking for help to scale and grow can now apply for financial support from the new South Cambridgeshire Growth Fund. The scheme is open to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises from any sector. They could be "pandemic" start-ups or established businesses looking to expand. A one-off grant of between £1,000 to a maximum of £50,000 will be awarded to successful applicants. <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/growth-fund-grant-scheme/>

#### SIGNAGE ON THE DOLES

I have been pressing for an improvement to the signage on The Doles, following reports from residents of parcels being misdirected by national carriers. New signs have now been installed but, unfortunately, not quite in the right place and containing an error which I will seek to have rectified.

#### FLOODING IN FEN END

I have written to senior managers at the Environment Agency requesting proper maintenance of Dockerel Brook. Parish Councillors will be aware of the flooding and waterlogging that Fen End residents have had to endure in recent years, which is a consequence of the waterway being constricted by silting, fallen branches and vegetation. Residents have helped me prepare the case with testimonies of their experiences and with photographs. I have yet to receive a response to my letter and will let the parish council know of its contents when I do. If I do not get a positive response, I will escalate via local authority communication channels and our MP.

## HIGHWAYS

At the last Quarterly highways meeting on 18 June, all the Parishes within my division: Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington & Westwick and Over, met at Longstanton Village Hall (thank you to Cllr Dan delaMer-Lyon for hosting). Present were: Two Local Highway Officers (LHO) and Parish Chairs/Vice Chairs and Clerks. All back-dated and current issues were discussed and prioritised where possible. Going forward I will meet with LHO fortnightly and next quarterly meeting will be in September. I have also put in place a collaborative highways document with the Parishes to update on all raised issues so that they are all in one place and we will look to using this to track issues going forwards.

Residents are kindly reminded to report any problems on Highways using [Highways Reporting](#), as it will then be picked up by the LHOs to bring to these meetings. Please note: A pothole must be deeper than 40mm and wider than 75mm in any horizontal direction for the Council to intervene and fix. Further details can be found on the following link: [How long does it take to fix a road fault - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

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## OVER

**POTHLES:** Several potholes across Over have been marked and works will be complete within 21 days. It is confirmed that potholes are filled in Station Road, Glover Street and Long Furlong.

It has been noted that Glover Street and Long Furlong may require longer-term solution.

**GULLIES:** To be cleared within the next 12 weeks in the High Street, Station Road, Glover Street and Long Furlong and West Street. Middle of June during the downpour an emergency call out was sent to West Street to drain the gully. Local Highway Officer has reported that the nearby tree roots may have caused drain damage.

**MEADOW LANE:** Manhole has been inspected and there is a chamber underneath, Local Highway Officer will be looking in to replace the lid.

## DISTRICT AND COUNTY WIDE NEWS

### NEW GROWTH FUND FOR GROWING BUSINESSES

A new grant scheme has launched for South Cambridgeshire based micro and small to medium sized businesses looking to scale and grow.

The Growth Fund scheme, using funding provided by Government, is designed to support businesses' growth and expansion plans in the district. Eligible applicants for the scheme must be South Cambridgeshire based start-ups who are looking to scale and grow quickly, or they can be established South Cambridgeshire based companies who can clearly demonstrate ambitious growth plans in the District. Businesses in any sectors can apply, including, sole traders and partnerships. One- off grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 may be awarded to successful applicants.

Cllr Peter McDonald, Lead Cabinet Member for Business said: "As Government Coronavirus restrictions ease, the Council is keen to support businesses from all sectors that may have put their growth ambitions on hold during the pandemic and help businesses recover and thrive in the District.

"The Growth Fund scheme is aimed at supporting local micro and SME businesses, with plans to expand. The scheme is open to businesses from all sectors affected by local and national restrictions. In particular, we will be prioritising those who were ineligible for the rate paying schemes such as the Local Restrictions Support Grant and Restart Grant. We also really want to encourage businesses with strong green credentials to apply, to kickstart a green pandemic recovery in South Cambridgeshire."

All grants require an online application form to be completed. Full details and eligibility criteria on the Growth Fund Scheme, along with information about how to apply, can be found on our website:

<https://www.scamsb.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/growth-fund-grant-scheme/>. A handy 'How to Apply' guide is also available on the website.

The scheme will end when all funds have been allocated.

## ADULTS AND HEALTH

**THANK YOU TO OUR GP SURGERIES:** GP surgeries are under unprecedented pressure with an enormous backlog of patient need, in many cases with medical conditions having worsened through time and Covid-inflicted delay. We would like to say thank you to everyone supporting our GP practices, from nurses and GPs and dispensary staff to receptionists answering incoming calls.

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE'S MULTI-MILLION GOVERNMENT FUNDING GAP FOR SOCIAL CARE:** Adult social care is overwhelmingly the biggest financial obligation of the County Council, with need steadily increasing as our population ages and requires more complex care.

"Cambridgeshire's Adult Social Care budget is dependent on over £25m in government grant funding that is not confirmed to be continuing in the long-term, which is nearly 10% of our budget. We are also seeing costs increase each year as demand for our services rises, with around £50m of additional funding needed over the next five years.

Despite being some of the fastest growing local authorities, shire counties have consistently received less funding from government than other types of council. In 2021/22 shire counties received between a third and a half less funding than other councils."

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/local-social-care-champions-support-national-plea-for-more-funding>

**HEALTHY WEIGHT:** The Adults & Health Committee has also made the decision to renew its programme of awareness about healthy weight. In 2018/19 62.8 per cent of people nationally were overweight or obese. The cost of obesity to the NHS each year is £5.1 billion, rising to £27 billion if costs to the wider economy are included. The cost of malnutrition in England was estimated to be £19.6 billion per year in 2011/12, more than 15 per cent of the total public expenditure on health and social care. About half is expenditure is related to older people, and the other half to younger adults and children.

## ENVIRONMENT

**OUSE WASHES EXHIBITION AND WORKS:** The Environment Agency has launched an online virtual exhibition room to provide residents with information about this year's and next year's planned work on the Ouse Washes. The exhibition will be open until the **end of July** at <https://eaousewashesbanks.co.uk/>

Works for this year

- June—July: Haul road repairs and topsoil slip repairs
- July—October: Repair flood damage sustained during the winter
- July—October: Finish the bank raising work between
- Welney and the railway bridge
- Welches Dam and the railway bridge
- A142, Mepal and Welches Dam
- September—October: Install the remaining two bird hides at the RSPB Reserve
- October: Reinstatement of the haul road.

**MINERALS & WASTE LOCAL PLAN:** The Planning Inspector has judged the draft Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Local Plan to be 'sound', provided it includes his main modifications to it. The County Council's Environment & Green Investment Committee agreed to recommend adoption of the Plan to the Full Council on 20 July. Because this is a joint plan, this will only take effect if Peterborough Council also agrees to adopt the Plan as modified by the Inspector.

**MILTON RECYCLING CENTRE CONSULTATION:** The County Council has launched a consultation on plans for the recycling centre at Milton. The centre's planning permission expires in 2026, and it is proposed to enhance and expand the existing facility whilst 'future proofing' it to meet the needs of the local growing population. The consultation closes on **Tuesday 27 July** and is at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/milton-HRC-consultation](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/milton-HRC-consultation)

**CLIMATE STRATEGY:** The County Council's Environment & Green Investment Committee has agreed to review the Council's climate and environment strategies by December 2021 with a view to bringing forward its net-zero target towards 2030. The Committee will develop a Route map to Net-Zero and Doubling Nature Programme by March 2022.

**LOW CARBON SCHOOLS:** The Committee has also agreed a new funding model for projects to move heating at maintained schools off carbon and onto renewable energy. The aim is to make this viable in more schools and use a broader range of technologies, which may in turn allow better long-term management of energy costs.

## HOME IMPROVEMENTS

As you may be aware, each year the district council completes an annual report showing how many home adaptations for disabled and older people have been completed. This year's report is attached and a link to previous reports and our website is here: <https://www.cambshia.org/about-us/plans-and-performance/>.

Given the challenges in 2020/21, I am really pleased to report that although the number of adaptations completed and the spend was lower than in previous years, we still managed to complete 166 adaptations investing over £2m to enabling residents to live more independently in their own home.

Our service works closely with Occupational Therapists who were heavily redeployed to primary care services because of the pandemic – we look forward to a busy year ahead as these critical services resume.

If you or a relative needs help to stay in their own home, please contact [hia@cambshia.org](mailto:hia@cambshia.org)

## SETTLED STATUS

The deadline for EU citizens to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme has now passed. However, the process is difficult, many long-term residents have not realised they need to apply (they were promised in 2016 that their right to remain would be automatic), and there are a large number of residents who have therefore not completed—or even begun—their applications and who are therefore at risk of losing homes, jobs, and basic rights such as healthcare. I have been working with another councillor on a motion to the Full Council meeting on 20 July to ensure the Council continues to support these residents.

## INNOVATE AND CULTIVATE FUND

The next deadline to apply to Cambridgeshire County Council's Innovate & Cultivate Fund is **Sunday 1 August**. The fund supports projects that strengthen communities and reduce pressure on County Council services. The fund is open to voluntary and community organisations and social enterprises in and outside Cambridgeshire, and public sector organisations in Cambridgeshire. This round is for applications for 'Cultivate' projects (£2,000-£15,000) which build community support networks for vulnerable people. 'Innovate' grants (£15,000-£50,000) are currently suspended.

The Council has advice for seven different off-the-peg project ideas to help people remain independent and active in their community, encourage volunteering, and complement more costly Council services. You can find guidance on how to apply for a start-up grant for each of these projects at <https://data.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/dataset/cultivate-project-ideas>



- Mobile Warden Schemes
- Community Youth Worker
- Digital Inclusion
- Timebanks
- Good Neighbour Schemes
- Dementia-Friendly Communities

You can find application forms and more information on the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) website <http://www.cambscf.org.uk/icf.html>

## HIGHWAYS

LHI BIDS FOR NEXT YEAR: The Highways & Transport Committee have now opened the new application window for Local Highway Improvement schemes to be delivered in 2022/23, details are as follows.

- Application window opened: Monday 30 June 2021
- Application window closes: **Monday 2 August 2021 (midday)**
- Feasibility studies undertaken: August to October 2021
- Panel meetings: December—January 2021/22
- Report to committee including prioritised list for approval: March 2022.

This will mean the winter period can be used to begin designing schemes for delivery from 1 April 2022, making use of the summer weather for delivery rather than design, although formal approval will not yet have been given.

Further details here: [Local Highway Improvement funding - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

## COVID-19 UPDATES

CASES: Nationally and locally COVID-19 cases continue to rise sharply, largely due to the Delta variant, with an expectation of a third wave of infections peaking in early August. The proposed lifting of social restrictions on Monday 19 July come what may can only make this more likely.

Health professionals are concerned at significant rises in numbers of cases in Cambridge, along with low levels of vaccination there. Most cases are in the 18-30 population. A team is working with the city council and universities on this. Cases per 100,000 population at end June Cambridgeshire 92 South Cambridgeshire 101 Cambridge 216 In East Cambridgeshire rates are also rising but remain below regional and national averages.

VACCINATIONS: Further walk-in clinics for those needing their first or second doses of the vaccine are due to be announced by the local Clinical Commissioning Group in the coming days. The walk-in clinics are designed to help drive up vaccination rates ahead of the planned national easing of Covid-19 lockdown restrictions on July 19. Alternatively, appointments can be booked at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

TESTING: Mobile rapid testing vehicles continue to visit sites across the county, offering on-the-spot tests as well as kits to take away and complete at home.

More information about accessing rapid testing can be found online at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting)

INFORMATION: Do check the Council's public health information messages about COVID which are updated regularly.

<https://twitter.com/CambsCC>

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-overview>

## EDUCATION

**COVID TESTING:** Secondary school pupils also need to rapid test twice a week, to try and reduce the spread of the virus in schools. Testing rates in secondary schools have fallen but young people continue to be carriers of the disease even though they may not be aware, so regular testing is important. Schools and colleges can supply students with Lateral Flow Test (LFT) kits to self-swab. These can be taken home to complete and should be done twice a week.

**SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS:** The County Council's Children & Young People Committee and The Strategy & Resources Committee both agreed to provide supermarket vouchers over the summer holidays for families entitled to free school meals. The scheme over the summer holidays is expected to cost around £1.61m, rising to £1.91m including free summer holiday scheme places for 4 weeks. The Government has allocated £1.37m to Cambridgeshire for the summer through the Covid Local Support Grant, meaning the council will provide a further £537k to deliver on its summer support plans.

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS- Holiday Activities and Food Programme:** The programme is aimed at providing healthy food and enriching activities for primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible for benefit related free school meals. During the Summer holidays, eligible children will be able to access four, four-hour sessions for four weeks of the holiday, at no cost. The sessions will include a healthy meal and a variety of exciting activities and sports. Further details can be found, to either check if your child is eligible and book your place, visit

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>.

## LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN CONSULTATION

Cambridgeshire County Council has begun [a consultation](#) on the creation of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Cambridgeshire. Please do add your thoughts and feedback.

This Plan is an early-stage policy document which seeks to outline new and existing walking and cycling routes and consider which routes should be created or improved, as and when funding becomes available. In many cases, it may be several years before monies come forward for these projects and works can take place. However, identifying the best routes and putting a Plan in place means that the County will be in the best position to bid for future Government funding and progress new cycling and walking routes.

[Please look at the proposals](#). Are these the right routes for the local area? Are there alternatives routes which we should consider? Please let the County Council know your thoughts [via the survey](#). The consultation is available through to the end of the day on **Tuesday 13 July 2021**. Respondents are invited to complete the survey and/or mark cycleways and footpaths they would like to see created or prioritised on our map. This information will then be analysed and presented to the County Council's Highways and Transport Committee for their review.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**APPRENTICESHIP FUNDING:** Cambridgeshire County Council has agreed to transfer £273,000 of its apprenticeship levy fund to K-10, an organisation set up to support apprenticeships in the construction industry.

K-10 will work with award winning housebuilder Hill to find placements for the 21 apprentices in the county, allowing them to gain skills and qualifications in plumbing, electrical, carpentry, groundworks, dry-lining, bricklaying, and painting.

As a levy paying employer, the council is able to transfer 25% of unused, annual levy funds to other employers that wish to utilise apprenticeships to train their staff. As the transfer of funds would support employment for Cambridgeshire residents on major construction projects with Hill, the funding transfer was approved.

All the apprenticeship positions are full time with the first year pay rate being £8.36 per hour. Apprentices will all be studying at colleges or training providers within the county for the duration of their apprenticeships.

K10 is recruiting now, so if you know of anyone aged 18 or above who may be interested in one of these fantastic opportunities, please encourage them to apply at [www.k-10.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.k-10.co.uk/vacancies) or send their CV directly to K10 at [mahbub-uddin@k-10.co.uk](mailto:mahbub-uddin@k-10.co.uk).

**LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP:** The Cambridgeshire Learning Disability Partnership (LDP) brings together specialist health and social care services for people with a learning disability. The LDP is responsible for commissioning and providing these services on behalf of Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust and Cambridgeshire County Council. Some staff are employed by the County Council and some by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mental Health Trust, but they are all part of the LDP.

The roles currently available are: Nurses, Lead Nurse for Adults with Learning Disabilities, Senior Community Nurse, Psychologists, Principal Clinical/Counselling Psychologist, Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist- Huntingdon, Highly Specialist Clinical Psychologist- March, Occupational Therapists, Specialist Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapists, Physiotherapist, Lead Physiotherapist. Please click here for latest vacancies: <https://www.cpft.nhs.uk/latest-vacancies>

#### COMBINED AUTHORITY (MAYOR) UPDATES

The new mayor is moving forward with bus franchising proposals. Currently 90% of bus services are commercial and councils therefore have no control over their routes, frequencies, or fares. We know that we urgently need at least a 24% shift to public transport from cars to reduce carbon emissions significantly. and this will not happen unless we have attractive public transport alternatives.

The draft business case is expected in the Autumn prior to plans going out to public consultation. Bridget and the leader of the county council appealed for subsidised travel for young people as we are well aware that in rural villages getting young people to education or training is a real problem if you do not have access to a car.

The Mayor declined to declare a Climate Emergency but has established a Lead Member role for Climate Change and Environment which he has offered to Bridget Smith. The CPCA Board voted, not unanimously, to accept all the recommendations of the recently completed Independent Climate Change Commission which focused on moving us swiftly to Zero Carbon. It is extremely disappointing that not all members of the board accepted that rewetting peat is absolutely critical to minimising carbon emissions in our region and that future drying out of peat will in fact cause vast quantities of carbon to be released into the atmosphere with all the dreadful consequences we all know so much about.

The Combined Authority has been awarded £172k to run a career hub for next year. It will involve 30 schools and colleges and will hopefully help to get our young people into training and jobs that will well support their futures. councillors' updates

For those on social media we have a highly active Facebook group covering the Over & Willingham here: <https://www.facebook.com/libdems3rdMay18>

#### Contact Details

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about these, or any other matters.

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