

Longstanton Parish Council

# Meeting Papers

Full Council Meeting, 13th January 2020



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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting, held at  
Longstanton Village Hall, 24 High Street, Longstanton CB24 3BS  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Burns (Chairman), Cllr McPhater, Cllr Mrs Brash-Hall, Cllr Ms Harrison, Cllr Mrs Wilkins, Cllr Owen  
Clerk: Libby White, Parish Clerk  
D Cllr Malyon  
In attendance: 5 members of the public

## 19-20/125 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE<sup>i</sup>

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr delaMare-Lyon, Cllr Owens, Cllr Street (work commitments) and Cllr Ness (personal).

## 19-20/126 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**Declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda:** none

**Requests to Speak:** None required

**To receive requests for dispensations:** None

**Grant of dispensations:** None.

## 19-20/127 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION (10 min)

Planning application for 1 Over Road - refers to the building as a 'workshop' which is actually a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Chapel and one of the only remaining historic buildings in the area of the village.

Second resident also stated that it is a historic and was the place of worship for non-conformist religion. Would make a hole in the social story of the village.

Bemusement at the way the CGR is being run. Information provided in Longstanton Life where the D Cllrs have spoken about is factually correct but does not give enough information. In the long run Longstanton will be completely dominated by Northstowe. The first question on the submission form has been worded incorrectly that residents are filling the form out in contradiction to the views of the resident.

## 19-20/128 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) It was **proposed** by Cllr Mrs Brash-Hall, seconded by Cllr Owen and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 be approved and signed.
- b) It was noted that the trees on Home Farm Road were being planted from today.
- c) Clerk's Report - *circulated with meeting papers prior to meeting*

## 19-20/129 NORTHSTOWE MATTERS

- a) The Clerk noted the report from Jon London, Community Project Officer for Northstowe as follows:
  - By the time of this Parish Council meeting we will probably have just surpassed 500 occupations in Northstowe Phase 1.
  - Many thanks to the Parish Council and Phase 1 housebuilders for helping to organise (and fund) the Christmas Tree. We had a fantastic community lighting on Sunday 1 December.
  - The Northstowe Community Wing is in constant use now 6 out of every 7 days, by community groups in Northstowe, birthday parties, etc.
  - Next Northstowe Community Forum is 22 January 2020.
  - The Northstowe Social Committee has organised for food vans to come to Northstowe every week - this has proven incredibly popular with residents.
  - Boggy weather has delayed the contractors installing paths / water troughs in the allotments land, so that is now delayed until the new year when weather improves.
  - Pioneer Park works are now underway, the outline of the MUGA (mini-football court) is now clearly visible, pieces of playing equipment are on site and it should be open in the Spring 2020.

- b) Following the Public meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 it was noted that councillors had requested a printed copy of the Submission Form and Terms of Reference be delivered to every household in Longstanton. South Cambs have agreed to this on the condition that a) they are delivered to every household in Longstanton, Oakington & Westwick and Northstowe (they must have people ready to deliver) and b) that the councils make a contribution towards the costs. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Brash-Hall, seconded by Cllr Owen and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the forms be printed and delivered to all households in all communities.

**Action:** Clerk to order the printing of the documents.

#### 19-20/130 FINANCE MATTERS

- a) The Clerk noted that the 'one page' report has not been prepared due to commitments in the office which has delayed it. There will be a report for the next meeting. In the meantime she confirmed that the current funds held by Longstanton (at the end of October) stood at £506,332.86. This does not include the long-term investment which is held as an asset.
- b) The correspondence from the Cambridgeshire Police Shrievally Trust asking for a donation towards their work undertaken in the village was considered by members. It was **proposed** by Cllr Mrs Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Owen that there be a donation of £500. It was **proposed** by Cllr Mrs Brash-Hall, seconded by Cllr Burns that there be a donation of £1,000.

3 in favour for the first motion to donate £500.

3 in favour for the second motion to donate £1,000.

The casting vote by the Chairman was to donate £1,000

**Action:** The Clerk to contact the charity.

- c) The Clerk noted that the Practitioners Conference previously attended by her is now open for bookings for February 2020. The programme of workshops includes: crime prevention and community safety, setting up a Community Interest Company and simple and cost effective steps to tackle the climate crisis. The conference has proved to provide some useful background information for the council in the past including: Youth provision, GDPR, protocol for the death of a senior head of state, budgeting, to name just a few. After some discussion it was **proposed** by Cllr Owen, seconded by Cllr McPhater and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to book the Clerk to attend the Practitioners Conference at a cost of £375.00 + VAT.

**Action:** The Clerk to book a place on the conference.

#### 19-20/131 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) S/3328/19/OL - outline planning permission with some matters reserved except for access and layout for the construction of 2 three-storey buildings to form 10 dwellings with associated car parking following the demolition of the existing buildings at 1 Over Road, Longstanton CB24 3DW for Mr Harris.

The Clerk noted that comments have been received from residents in the area around the proposed development. After some consideration it was **proposed** by Cllr Owen, seconded by Cllr Wilkins and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that this planning application be recommended for Parish Council strongly Having considered this application at the full council meeting on 9th December 2019, Longstanton Parish Council have recommended this application for REFUSAL on the following material planning considerations: initially it is considered that this development is OVER DEVELOPMENT of the site which is relatively open, it is felt that the change of use from business premises to residential is not required in the village with the development of Northstowe in the parish and residents have expressed their desire to see the business use retained especially with its long history. In addition, the site is prone to flooding (most recent in 2001) and the flood review is not reducing the likelihood of flooding but suggesting ways in which the properties can be protected from 'likely' flooding. One resident has detailed many highway issues with you which Longstanton Parish Council fully support including visibility splays. The location of the property is directly opposite the Village Green and in close proximity to the Recreation Ground and playground. Councillors have expressed concern over HIGHWAY SAFETY with the number of vehicle movements this development would create on a busy stretch of road used by vulnerable members of the community. Finally, it is noted that one of the buildings is an old chapel and should development be permitted, it would be preferable to see this building renovated and reused rather than demolished to the historic nature of the building.

**Action:** Clerk to pass comments to SCDC.

- b) S/3758/19/FL – single storey rear extension at 15 Ladywalk, Longstanton for Mr & Mrs Smethurst.  
It was **proposed** by Cllr Owen, seconded by Cllr McPhater and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that this planning application be recommended for Parish Council SUPPORT as long as materials are matching.  
**Action:** Clerk to pass comments to SCDC.
- c) S/3875/19/DC – discharge of conditions pursuant to planning permission S/2077/19/FL concerning the land at The Retreat, Few's Lane, Longstanton  
It was **proposed** by Cllr Mrs Brash-Hall, seconded by Cllr McPhater and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that this planning application be recommended for Parish Council OBJECTS following the detailed information provided by Few's Lane Consortium. Information to be forwarded to SCDC.  
**Action:** Clerk to pass comments to SCDC.
- d) S/4004/19/FL – single storey side and rear extension, repositioning the garden wall and removing the central pier in the garage at 41 Eaton Way, Longstanton for Mr & Mrs Journoux.  
It was **proposed** by Cllr Mrs Wilkins, seconded by Cllr McPhater and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that this planning application be recommended for Parish Council SUPPORT with the comments that the application should have been treated as two applications: single storey side and rear extension as one, repositioning of garden wall as the other. They are concerned that the new wall would become a highway concern as it would cause a visual obstruction for pedestrians and also cause hiding places which goes against the 'safer by design' objectives.  
**Action:** Clerk to pass comments to SCDC.  
**Northstowe Planning Matters for comment**
- e) S/3499/19/RM – hybrid planning application for Phase 2A, Northstowe Phase 2 for Urban Splash House Limited.  
It was **proposed** by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Harrison and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that this planning application be recommended for Parish Council OBJECTION as Cllrs noted that the original discussions were for work to start next to Rampton Drift and move away, therefore reducing the impact of construction on existing residents. These plans are showing construction to come in from the outside of the parcel and get closer to Rampton Drift. Cllrs are clear that construction needs to be less disruptive to Rampton Drift residents. Building height also needs to be considered more carefully with two storey buildings closest to Rampton Drift and the taller buildings being further away. It was noted that the plans have changed quite a bit from those given at the public consultations and there had been no contact from the developer to come and present at the parish council meeting. A further comment is that there are too few bird and bat boxes as part of properties. It was finally noted that there is no inclusion of a play area and they are relying on the one in Rampton Drift.  
**Action:** Clerk to pass comments to SCDC.  
**Planning matters for information only**
- f) It was **noted** that the appeal for S/0766/19/FL at Oakdene House, Station Road, Longstanton had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.  
**Northstowe Planning Matters for information only**
- g) It was **noted** that S/3504/19/DC Discharge of Conditions 3 (details of ancillary structures) and 4 (details of lighting) of planning permission S/3018/15/RM at Northstowe Phase 1 for Gallagher had been received.

#### 19-20/132 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- a) It was **noted** that C Cllr Hudson's report had been received and circulated with the meeting papers prior to the meeting.

#### 19-20/133 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

- a) The report from the two district Councillors had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Mrs Brash-Hall asked how the D Cllrs are gathering residents feelings with respect to the Community Governance Review. D Cllr Malyon noted that they are representing the three communities and need to represent them all though Officers are the most impartial. D Cllrs have been attending the public drop ins to understand the views of residents.  
Early Years Childcare issues was raised by Cllr Owen. D Cllr Malyon believes it is not sufficient for the parish to discuss and is an issue for County Council.

- b) It was **noted** by Cllrs the monthly e-bulletin and planning reports had been circulated by email by the clerk.

#### **19-20/134 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

- a) A written report had been circulated within the meeting papers from Cllr McPhater following his attendance at the CAPALC HR Forum which had an HR expert and case studies for consideration. CAPALC will be offering HR services through their membership from 2020.  
*Action: Clerk to find out from CAPALC if there is an alternative book.*
- b) The Clerk noted that Cllr delaMare-Lyon had been unable to attend the CAPALC AGM due to work commitments. Though offered to other councillors no response was received. The Clerk noted that she had been able to attend and was able to report back that CAPALC have a business advisor in to review their work and help them become more efficient. It was noted that CAPALC have been offering more training including cemeteries, allotments, finance, etc. and will be looking at developing this further in 2020. In addition they are looking to become incorporated as currently CAPALC as a body is unable to enter into contracts or employ staff. It means that all liability is with the Chairman. There would be a membership fee of £1 for each council which would be held in a separate account in perpetuity. Finally, councillors attending the meeting had voted in favour of an increase in fees for 2020/21 which will equate to 8.9p per elector for Longstanton or around £80.
- c) A document received by the Clerk at the Cambridgeshire Conference about Climate Change was considered by Councillors. Cllr Burns noted that the council seems to struggle to spend money. Do we need to consider areas where we can invest and get a return potentially on renewable energy.

*Action: for future consideration.*

#### **19-20/135 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH MATTERS**

- a) Home Farm Phase 2: Helen from Vine Technical Services has reported:  
*From the updates I have received recently it would appear that the various solicitors are in communication with each other and are responding to a number of enquiries and comments raised on both the CoS transfer and the Deed of Release. The developers have asked if there are any plans by the Administrators' solicitors to propose a further extension to the deadline in the Courts and a response is awaited*
- b) It was **noted** that correspondence had been received from Highways at County Council detailing that that the closure of Wilsons Road Bridleway will be continuing until June 2020.
- c) The Clerk noted correspondence had been received showing that Highways England have revoked the DCO submitted in January and the upgrade to the A14 will no longer be categorised as a motorway. Having enquired with Highways England, they have informed the Clerk that they will be applying for restrictions on what can legally travel on the A14. This is yet to be confirmed.

#### **19-20/136 COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- a) The Clerk provided the presentation she gave as part of her assignment for the Community Governance course through the year on the potential requirement for a Community Warden in Longstanton. Following discussion, the item of a Community Warden was requested to be added to the agenda for January.  
*Action: Clerk to add to the agenda.*
- b) Cllr Mrs Brash-Hall provided a brief overview on the Loneliness Conference she attended. It was clear that the event was aimed at health care professionals but there were some interesting ideas to get men to communicate better including 'Men Sheds'.

#### **19-20/137 POLICE MATTERS**

- a) The Clerk noted that there had been nothing to report from the police themselves. It was noted that the clerk had arranged for the offensive graffiti to be removed and the police had caught the perpetrator and discussions were ongoing about whether the council could be reimbursed for the costs incurred.

#### **19-20/138 COMMITTEE MATTERS**

Draft minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were **noted**.

#### **19-20/139 MOTION TO EXCLUDE**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Owen, seconded by Cllr McPhater and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the public (including any members of the press) be excluded during consideration of the following item 140

as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The meeting closed at 9.58pm.

**19-20/140 EMPLOYMENT MATTERS**

It was **noted** that the item should have read 'for council to consider recommendations from the Employment Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019'

Item 19-20/140 was discussed during the period of exclusion and it was agreed to pay the Clerk the 6 days holiday owed to her for 2019.

**19-20/141 MOTION TO RE-ADMIT**

To resolve that the confidential business having been concluded, the press and public be readmitted to the meeting.

Meeting reopened at 10.03pm.

**19-20/142 CORRESPONDENCE (for information only)**

It was **noted** that various NALC, CAPALC and SCDC newsletters have been forwarded to Cllrs since November.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in Northstowe.

Meeting closed at 10.04pm.

Signed: .....

Chairman

Date: .....

<sup>i</sup> LGA 1972, s.85

## ONGOING

**Community Governance Review** – public meeting held. Investigations into possible printing of Submission Forms for every dwelling in Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe

**Website** - updated as and when necessary to share ongoing PC news and activities, community news, etc.

**A14 help with car park** – weather dependant – though work started 30<sup>th</sup> September – waiting for break in weather to reassess.

**A14 Funding** – met with David to discuss our requirements. Now need to send links and specs of items we are looking for.

**Longstanton Spice Museum** – information received from Baby Cow Productions. Given go ahead on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Electrical disconnection to be carried out first week in Jan with collection of kiosk for restoration shortly after. 50% of cost of refurb now due.

**Longstanton Big Weekend** – Cinema booked for 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and deposit paid

**Meeting with Stephen Kelly** meeting held with SCDC and landowner. Waiting for landowner to make some decisions on what he wants to do going forward. Village Hall Charity has asked for a letter to be sent to Mr Kelly which has been sent to Mr Stroude for his approval as it is stating his wishes

**Central Open Space** – ongoing communication with Vine Technical. Deadline of 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 now passed

**Gravel Pit** – Pre-planning meeting held with SCDC. Public Consultations held 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September. Quality panel 4<sup>th</sup> December and landowners meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**Finance** – ongoing ensuring work is carried out in time for Finance and/or Full Council meetings.

**Village Hall** – ongoing looking after bookings, invoicing, general admin and actions from meetings, etc.

**Highways** – addressing ongoing concerns where possible

**Flood Action Group** – attendance at meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Finding out what maintenance plan says about ponds on B1050 and checking with SCDC what they are doing about maintenance of watercourse through village.

**Pavilion Working Group** – Follow up meeting held with tenant on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Further meeting to be arranged.

**Planning** – ongoing monthly responses to SCDC with comments from LPC following review of plans at full council meetings

**Playground Risk Assessments** – weekly inspections of playground and Duddle Drive LEAPs. New swing seats purchased. Remedial work will be required to surface in playground. New triangular net for the junior multiplay needs to be sorted. Playmaintain carried out service on zipwire – new break cable ordered and chased 6 Jan 20.

**Annual Playground Inspection** – getting quotes on medium risks

**Northstowe** – ongoing as usual.

**Reading** – ongoing reading and keeping up to date with any changes in legislation or items we should be aware of

**Kingfisher Pond** – SCDC officer attended the September meeting and due to come back with more information following discussions held. D Cllrs chased 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Sustainability Working Group** – Initial ideas adopted and supported by LPC – ongoing discussions for other/future projects to be passed to LPC for support. Attendance at Sustainability Day in Northstowe 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Some residents pledged to reduce plastic waste. Couple of businesses keen to improve their single use plastic usage.

**Mobile Speed Sign** – to be returned to Oakington.

**Bird Diverters** –received feedback from UK Power Networks – as no evidence of bird strike they are not prepared to put up any bird diverters as a preventative measure. Resident (manufacturer of diverters) has offered to install free of charge. Message sent to UK Power Networks – as yet no response

**Transfer of Management of Streetlights** – contract with Opus with documentation received. SCDC contacted LPC about the lights owned by SCDC as they are planning to change to LED by March 2021.

**S106 Northstowe Phase 3** – draft document sent to Andrew Thompson for his actioning

**Trees for Home Farm Road**- trees planted and 50% funding received from County Council. Excellent feedback received from residents.

## OUTSTANDING

**Audit of burial ground** – found that map is incorrect

**Quality Council** – application for Quality or Gold Status (if we can get it) – still awaiting profiles from 3 councillors.

**Risk Assessments** – organise the risk assessments to be carried out by Councillors

**Community Led Plan** – report and findings to be presented to residents and plan made for village

**Emergency Plan** – started but not completed with few volunteers having come forward

## COMPLETE

## MEETINGS HELD

Brookfield Groundcare – discussion on public open space maintenance for 2020/21 – 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

## CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCILLORS

South Cambs Weekly Bulletin – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 x 2, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

CAPALC December Bulletin – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Local Plan – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire Archives – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

December's Draft minutes – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Greater Cambridge Planning Policy Update Jan 20 – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

NALC Spring Conference – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### 19-20/147 Northstowe Matters

- a) Quentin Carroll from Cambridgeshire County Council will be attending the meeting to provide a presentation on the proposed Northstowe Heritage Facility to be built near the Homes England Offices, Northstowe Phase 2.
- b) To receive an update on Northstowe matters from Jon London, Community Project Officer.
- c) Following receipt of the letter from Mike Sinclair, Chair of Northstowe Secondary School's Governing Body, LPC are to consider a formal response to the consultation on the college officially becoming part of CMAT (**appendix 1**).

**Recommendation:** for Longstanton Parish Council to complete the online survey and make comments on the question '*Please give us your comments regarding the proposal that Northstowe Secondary College joins CMAT*'.

- d) Following the Public Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November and the council's meeting to discuss the responses received in response to the Community Governance Review (CGR) held on 8<sup>th</sup> January, council members are to consider the formal response as set out in **appendix 2**.

**Recommendation:** to approve the letter to be sent to South Cambridgeshire District Council as LPC's formal response to the initial consultation on the CGR for the parish.

### 19-20/148 Finance Matters

- a) To receive an update on the financial position of the council from the Clerk.
- b) As responsibility of the Recreation Ground and Pavilion is handed over to the Longstanton Village Hall and Recreation Ground charity from April 2020, members will need to consider the possibility of helping the charity with the ongoing maintenance required for the public open spaces. Information on this will be sent under separate cover.

**Recommendation:** to consider an annual grant to the charity which will be reduced over time as the charity settles into its new role.

- c) The budget for 2020/21 (sent under separate cover) is to be considered for approval. There is supporting documentation with this explaining any variances to the budget from 2019/20.

**Recommendation:** for the budget to be approved and the Precept request sent to SCDC.

### 19-20/149 Planning Matters (links to all planning applications can be found on the website:

[http://www.longstanton-pc.gov.uk/Planning\\_Applications\\_22977.aspx](http://www.longstanton-pc.gov.uk/Planning_Applications_22977.aspx))

- a) To consider the letter received from Fewes Lane Consortium re Planning Decisions at SCDC (**appendix 3**)  
**Planning Matters for comment**
- b) S/4420/19/TC – tree work at 43 St Michaels, Longstanton  
**Northstowe Planning Matters for comment**
- c) S/3894/19/DC – Discharge of conditions 2 (details), 4 (maintenance of proposed streetlights), 5 (detailed plans of roads, footways, cycleways, foul and surface water drainage), 10 (revised modelling of the strategic network), 19 (bird and bat boxes), 20 (boundary treatment) and 21 (hard landscaping) at Parcel H8, Northstowe Phase 1 for BDW
- d) S/4123/19/DC – Discharge of condition 11 (fire hydrants) of planning permission S/3405/18/RM at Parcel H5, Northstowe Phase 1 for Bovis Homes
- e) S/4169/19/DC – Discharge of conditions 3 (materials), 9 (scheme for the provision of street furniture), 10 (hard and soft landscaping), 12 (plan to illustrate the provision of

adequate swept paths), 16 (details of proposed first floor rear windows for plots 57, 58, 74 and 75), 18 (scheme for the provision of wooden bollards), 26 (tree planting) and 35 (refuse strategy layout) at Parcel 10, Northstowe Phase 1 for Taylor Wimpey.

#### **19-20/150 County Council Matters**

- a) To receive the report from the County Councillor (**appendix 4**).
- b) Following receipt of the letter from Cambridgeshire County Council in November, LPC have been invited to provide feedback on the Climate Change and Environment Strategy documents. These documents can be found at:  
<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/climate-strategy>

**Recommendation:** having read through the strategy for the council to complete the questionnaire as per the attached **appendix 5**.

#### **19-20/151 District Council Matters**

- a) To receive the report from the two District Councillors (**appendix 6**)
- b) Following the launch of SCDC's 'Three Free Trees' Scheme, there is an opportunity for Longstanton Parish Council to apply for a voucher of £60 towards the cost of three small trees (or can be used to fund one or two larger trees) which must be planted before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 on parish owned land (**appendix 7**).

**Recommendation:** to apply for funding to purchase a larger tree to be planted on the Village Green.

- c) To note the receipt of weekly SCDC bulletins and the monthly planning emails which have been circulated to members by email (see list on Clerk's Report).

#### **19-20/152 Highway and Footpath Matters**

- a) The following response has been received from Vine Technical Services about the adoption of Phase 2 roads on Home Farm and the transfer of the Central Open Space:

*I have now received an update from the developers and I regret to advise that whilst the developers and the landowner signed the engrossed documents to allow the Deed of Release and the highway & CoS transfers to be completed, the administrators failed to sign before the expiry of the deadline. I understand that the developers are now exploring their options with their solicitors and are also in contact with the County Council.*

*I will come back to you as soon as there is any further news*

#### **19-20/153 Council Administration Matters**

- a) The Clerk has been contacted by Cambridgeshire ACRE inviting a Longstanton Parish Councillor to speak at their event they are holding with NALC to explain the benefits of the council obtaining the 'Foundation' Level in the Local Council Award Scheme.

**Recommendation:** for a Councillor to volunteer to present (with the Clerk's assistance) to other Cambridgeshire Councils on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

- b) Following the resignation of Mr Sinclair, the advert for the vacancy has been advertised and no election has been requested meaning the post can be filled by Co-option. This is the opportunity for council members to vote on any applications received for the post. At time of writing one application has been received.

#### **19-20/154 Community Matters**

- a) Following the discussion at the December meeting, it was requested that the Community Warden (CW) idea be brought to the January meeting to consider looking at looking to introduce the CW to the village. (**Appendix 8 – documents from Age UK**)

- b) It should be noted that it may not be possible to retain a bar in any new community build on the Recreation Ground. Bearing this in mind, the Black Bull Public House is the last pub in the village and it is proposed to register it as an Asset of Community Value. This is defined as:

*a building or land where the use has recently been, or is presently used, to further the social well-being or social interests of the local community and could do so in the future.*

**Recommendation:** to register the Black Bull as an Asset of Community Value to protect from development in future years.

**19-20/155 Police Matters**

- a) To receive an update on police matters from the Clerk.

**19-20/156 Committee Matters**

The draft minutes for the Finance Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December were circulated to members and available on the website.

18 December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Northstowe Academisation Consultation**

We are writing to you at the start of a consultation process with a view to Northstowe Secondary College officially becoming part of CMAT (Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust).

You may not be aware that Northstowe Secondary College was opened as an LA (Local Authority) maintained school and is currently the only LA maintained secondary school in Cambridgeshire. This anomaly is as a result of the significant delay between the awarding of the competition to open the school in 2008 and the actual opening of the school in 2019.

The intention has always been for Northstowe Secondary College to be part of a federation with Swavesey Village College within the Cambridge Meridian Education Trust (CMET). Since 2011 when Swavesey Village College founded CMAT the academy trust became the vehicle for this relationship and CMET continued to function alongside CMAT. The benefits of working within CMAT have been apparent already with the capacity provided by the trust, economies of scale and educational benefits of having subject specialist staff working between the two sites as the new school opens and grows.

We have now had confirmation from the Department for Education that this process can formally take place, as they have acknowledged that CMAT and CMET (Cambridge Meridian Educational Trust) are effectively the same entity, created by the Governing Body of Swavesey Village College to enable schools to work in partnership with one another. It is our intention for Northstowe Secondary College to officially join the Trust by September 2020; which will support the continued effective running of the school by allowing benefits such as consistent financial years and staff to be employed directly by the school, rather than being seconded from the Trust.

Although the Department for Education have acknowledged already that the formal process can take place, they have requested that we still follow the normal process of academisation. To enable parents and wider stakeholders to discuss the detail of what this would involve and express any views we would like to invite you to attend a consultation event or provide your comments via the online survey:

**[Please click here to be taken to the online survey form](#)**

The consultation period will run from **20<sup>th</sup> December 2019** until **23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**.

## **Consultation Events**

We will host two consultation events that will cover the same materials but provide different timings, to enable all interested parties to attend.

Consultation Events at Northstowe Secondary College –

8<sup>th</sup> January 8am

15<sup>th</sup> January 6pm

Thank you very much for your time and support.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Sinclair  
Chair of the Northstowe Governing Body

13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

By Email and Post

The Partnerships and Sustainable Communities Team  
South Cambridgeshire District Council  
South Cambridgeshire Hall  
Cambourne Business Park  
Cambourne  
CB23 6EA

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Community Governance Review of Longstanton and Oakington and Westwick**

Following a public meeting hosted by Longstanton Parish Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and comments made from residents to Councillors both at the meeting and at times between this date and today's date, Longstanton Parish Council would like to submit this letter as their response to the Community Governance Review for both Longstanton and Oakington and Westwick.

- It was clear from the 70<sup>+</sup><sup>i</sup> attendees to the public meeting that the majority of residents attending would like Longstanton to remain a village in its own right and for the borders to remain the same.

Longstanton Parish Council understand that the boundaries cannot remain the same if the three communities are to remain separate. LPC would like to stress that it is imperative that when reviewing comments, Officers are aware that the initial question on the questionnaire was misleading if the reader is not 100% aware of a CGR, and that some responses may say that the boundaries are to remain the same, but they wish the village to be separate from Northstowe.

- Residents of Station Road (north of the Guided Busway) strongly feel that they belong in Longstanton and do not wish to be part of Northstowe or Willingham.
- From the small representation of Rampton Drift residents attending, who appeared to be newer residents, they expressed their desire to be part of Longstanton.
- Many residents have expressed their strong desire that the Conservation Area remain in Longstanton which means that the boundary would run along Long Lane (bridleway).
- During a separate meeting of Northstowe residents, it is clear that they wish to have their own Parish or Town Council and that the development to the west of the B1050 be included in the boundary of Northstowe itself.

Yours faithfully



**Libby White CertHE PSLCC**  
Parish Clerk/Proper Officer

<sup>i</sup> Of 2,500 electors

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DIRECTOR

Fews Lane  
Longstanton

3 January 2020

Longstanton Parish Council  
Longstanton Village Hall  
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Dear Councillors

### Proposed changes to planning decision procedures at South Cambridgeshire District Council

A proposal is currently under consideration at the South Cambridge District Council that would change the way decisions are made on whether planning applications are referred for determination by the council's planning committee or are referred by determination by a single officer.

As you will be aware, under the present arrangements, when a parish council or local member requests that a planning application is determined by the planning committee, the chairman of the planning committee makes the final decision as to whether or not the application will go before the committee.

The current scheme of delegation was devised by the district council only two years ago after an extensive, two-month public consultation involving parish councils and local residents had been carried out.

The new proposal is for the district council to adopt the scheme of delegation currently in place at the Cambridge City Council, with whom the district council recently entered into a shared service agreement for planning. Under the terms of proposed scheme, the final authority to decide whether or not applications are determined by the planning committee would shift from the chairman of the planning committee, who is democratically elected and publicly accountable for his decisions, to a single officer, the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development, who the public have no way of holding to account for the decisions taken and the impacts those decisions have upon local villages.

### About us

The Fews Lane Consortium is a community action group based in Longstanton that campaigns for sustainable, context-sensitive development within local villages and promotes high-quality decision-making and democratic accountability in local government. The Consortium does not sell any type of services and is funded entirely by contributions from its members and supporters.

### Action steps for parish councils

The Consortium is asking parish councillors across South Cambridgeshire to consider placing a motion on their council's next agenda calling on the district council to ensure that local elected leaders are able to call-in planning applications for consideration by the district council's planning committee and that this

power not be transferred to a single officer, who is unaccountable to local residents through the democratic process.

We are also asking that parish councils ask their clerks to write to the leader of the district council, Cllr Bridget Smith, and the vice-chair of the civic affairs committee, Cllr Claire Daunton, to share your views about the importance of local elected officials retaining the ability to have planning applications referred to the district council's planning committee. Cllr Smith can be contacted by email at <cllr:bridgetsmith@scambs.gov.uk> or by post in care of Gamlingay Parish Council, Stocks Lane, Gamlingay, Sandy SG19 3JR, and Cllr Daunton can be contacted by email at <cllr:daunton@scambs.gov.uk>.

Thank you very much for taking action on this issue of great importance to the future of our district's villages.

Kind regards

Director

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08 January 2020

### **Items referred to Planning Committee**

Dear Parish Clerk/Parish Meeting Chairman,

We've been contacted by a number of people expressing concerns about possible changes to how we decide which applications are referred to planning committee following a request from a parish council.

What I would like to stress to parish councils is that, in practice, the process for determining which applications go before planning committee would remain the same as they are now. At the moment the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Planning Committee meet with a planning manager every week and consider requests for referral to planning committee.

I have spoken to the Chairman of the committee and he has reassured me that since taking on the role in May 2018 there has not been a situation where agreement has not been reached.

Once the Chairman and officer jointly conclude their deliberations a record is signed by the Chairman and officer confirming the outcome.

As you may be aware, we are looking to change the wording of our constitution in this area. We think this is really important as we were recently challenged on how it could be interpreted.

I understand your concerns and the need for reassurance that elected members will continue to play a similar role as they do now.

To try and give you some reassurance, I am going to recommend that in the unlikely event there is a disagreement between the Chairman of Planning Committee and the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development on any application, it is

automatically referred to Planning Committee for it to be considered and determined.

I am sorry that you did not hear about these proposed changes from us directly and I hope my letter reassures you.

The constitution review task and finish group will consider this matter in February and subject to their views, I would anticipate it will be referred to planning committee shortly after to make the change.

If you still have any questions or concerns please talk to your District Councillor so they can feed this into the review, or contact me directly.

Finally, just to reassure you that the practice of this Council will remain unchanged.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bridget Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Cllr Bridget Smith  
The Leader, South Cambridgeshire District Council

### Have your say on the draft Climate and Environment Strategy

Following its declaration of a Climate and Environment Emergency in May 2019, the Council agreed on Thursday 19 December, to launch consultation on ambitious plans to reduce its own and the County’s carbon footprint, and to support others in their efforts.

The consultation begins on 20 December until 31 January during which time the council will be gathering feedback at a range of events across the county, and via an [online survey](#).

### DRAFT Climate Change and Environment Strategy:

#### Consultation Information

##### The Consultation

Climate Change action is a shared responsibility, the Council must have inputs from business, communities, and local authorities to plan for this. Many of the actions proposed will require multiple different stakeholders to take part if they are to be successful.

The Consultation asks for views on:

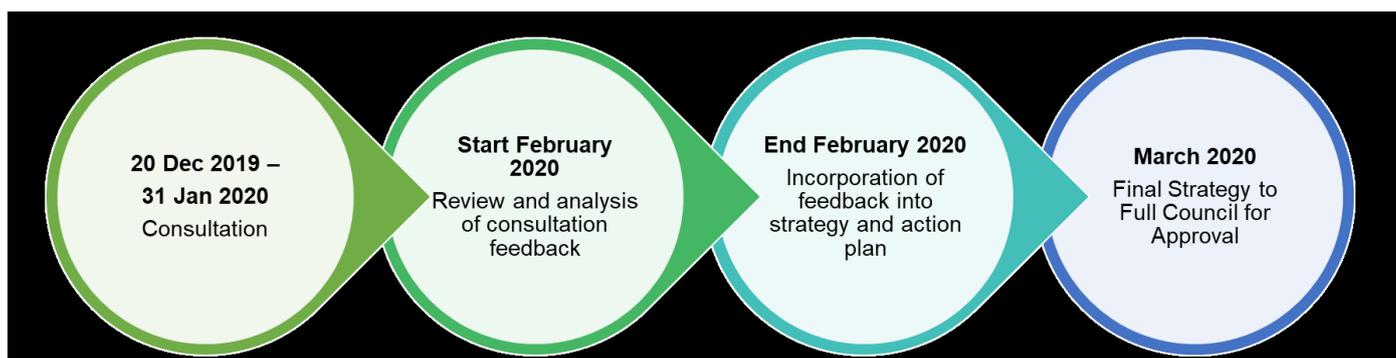
- CCC priority areas
- CCC targets
- What you are already doing
- Any comments, ideas, criticisms

The draft Strategy will be open for consultation from **20 December 2019 to 31 January 2020**.

Everyone is invited to take part: individuals, businesses, community groups, governmental organisations.

The consultation is online at <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/climate-strategy> (can direct public to search “ConsultCambs” and it will come up)

Following feedback from stakeholders, a final version of the Strategy and Action Plan will return to Full Council for approval, timeline below:



### Why have a Climate Change and Environment Strategy?

Cambridgeshire County Council declared a Climate and Environment Emergency in May 2019. This was unanimously agreed by Full Council and was in response to the growing sense of urgency around undertaking significant action on human-driven Climate Change.

### What the County Council already does?

Cambridgeshire County Council is already working on reducing its own operational environmental impact, primarily through renewable energy projects, and energy efficiency measures. However, to achieve widespread benefits, action must be embedded into how the Council operates and close strong collaboration with our local authority partners, businesses and communities developed.

## **Vision and Objectives of the Strategy**

Our vision is to deliver net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050 in partnership with all stakeholders, whilst supporting our communities and Cambridgeshire's biodiversity and environmental assets to adapt and flourish as our climate changes.

## **Cambridgeshire social workers win top national awards**

Two social workers from Cambridgeshire have been honoured for their contribution to the profession at the national Social Worker of the Year Awards.

Ella Waughman and Dan Grimes, who both work for Cambridgeshire County Council, were named the winners of the **Newly Qualified Adult Social Worker of the Year** and **Newly Qualified Children's Social Worker of the Year** awards respectively at the prestigious event which took place last week (Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November) in London. Mary Carter, a social work student at Anglia Ruskin University was also named **Student Social Worker of the Year**. The awards are organised by The Social Work Awards charity, which aims to improve public awareness and understanding of social work by showing the positive impact of social workers in the wide range of roles they undertake.

Since graduating from Anglia Ruskin University in 2018 with a master's degree in social work, Ella has worked in the Council's Huntingdon Older People's Team, supporting people living with conditions such as dementia or mental health issues. The judging panel commended Ella for her commitment to personal learning and development and said she shows "great potential for her future career." Speaking about her award, Ella said: "It's an amazing feeling to have been recognised by the judges in this way. Cambridgeshire County Council really does support its social workers, encouraging professional learning and development and I'd like to thank my team for all their help and support they've given me as a newly qualified social worker."

Dan Grimes currently supports and advocates for vulnerable young people and families in South Cambridgeshire. Alongside his main role, Dan has also volunteered in the past for Cambridgeshire's 'Siblings Forever' programme that supports siblings in care to spend time together. The judges praised Dan for going above and beyond to connect with families and build trust. Dan said: "There's lots of talented social workers where I work who have really inspired me and supported me. The awards come at a time when Cambridgeshire County Council has a campaign to recruit more social workers. To find out more about the #welovesocialworkers campaign click here <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/jobs-and-careers/we-love-social-workers/>

## **Golden win – campaign scoops hat trick by winning at international awards**

A social care recruitment campaign has continued its winning streak by being awarded Gold at the 2019 [International Content Marketing Awards](#). [See the difference](#), a social care recruitment campaign for Cambridgeshire County Council, resulted in 52 new appointments - 130% ahead of its original four-month target. Almost 150 agencies and companies from 23 countries entered the awards, which were held in London on Tuesday 26 November. The campaign's focus was to recruit reablement care workers, a high priority area of recruitment for the council. Reablement workers play a very valuable role in helping people to regain their independence by supporting in the community and helping them to leave hospital in timely way and become independent again. They help people be where they want to be – in their own homes – and avoid people having to go into a care setting or receive personal care at home. Most importantly they focus on increasing confidence and independence.

## **Work starts in Alconbury**

Cambridgeshire County Council's new Alconbury Weald Administration building is set to open in spring 2021. An event to mark the first spade in the ground on site was held on 16 December where councillors and contractors celebrated the start on site of a building which aims to deliver environmental excellence – as well as unlocking in excess of £45m to spend on local services. To lessen the building's environmental impact:

- The car park includes more than 20 spaces with electric car charging points, and below ground infrastructure ready to link up all spaces to electric charging points in the future.
- An increased number of photo voltaic (PV) panels on the roof will provide a renewable energy source to improve the energy efficiency of the building,
- A business case to install a solar array within the car park is currently being developed by the Council's Energy Investment Unit.

And to help support the local economy

- The council is planning a café in the HQ to be run as a social enterprise, helping to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
- 95% of the first £6.6 million of orders placed for the project so far have gone to local businesses.
- The new building will also massively reduce the council's building maintenance bill – from an annual £1.3m for Shire Hall to less than £500k a year for the new Administration Hub.

**Peter Hudson**

**County Councillor**

**Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington, Westwick, and Over**

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## Our priorities +

Across the strategy and action plan there are a number of priority areas outlined. These describe the Council's ambition and key areas on which we intend to focus. These are broken down into three sections: mitigation, adaptation and natural capital.

1. **Mitigation** – These are the areas we will focus on to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
2. **Adaptation** – These are the areas we think we can change to build the County's resilience to the effects of climate change. Eg. Actions to prevent flooding
3. **Natural Capital** – These are the areas where we want to improve and increase the amount and quality of green space in Cambridgeshire and reduce air and plastic pollution

7. How important do you think it is to implement each of the Council's priority areas for MITIGATION? (section 3.3) \*

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**NEARLY ZERO ENERGY BUILDINGS -**  
 Improve the energy efficiency of all Council owned buildings, build new buildings to higher policy standards and install (where possible) renewable heating in place of gas or oil

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**TRANSPORT -**  
 Manage the local highway network to prioritise walking, cycling and public transport, install electric vehicle infrastructure

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**WASTE MANAGEMENT -**  
 Increase carbon saving targets for waste treatment, review opportunities to reduce carbon emissions from transporting waste materials, improve carbon capture from closed-landfill sites.

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**AFFORESTATION  
AND LAND USE -**  
Plant woodlands on  
county land, develop  
energy projects to  
help provide carbon-  
free heat and power  
for the County

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8. How important do you think it is to implement each of the Council's  
priority areas for ADAPTATION? (section 4.5) \*

	Not at all important	Not particularly important	Quite important	Very important	Don't Know
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**CLIMATE CHANGE  
RISK STRATEGIES -**  
Develop approaches  
to ensure all  
statutory and  
discretionary  
Council services are  
prepared for the  
impacts of climate  
change, minimising  
service disruption

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**THE COUNCIL'S ASSETS** - To make our buildings and land holdings resilient to the impacts of climate change, supporting staff to work effectively and to ensure continuity of service

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**FLOOD RISK** - Utilise innovative approaches to prevent the risk of flooding from increasing with unpredictable weather events and sea-level rise.

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**HIGHWAYS MANAGEMENT** - Explore the use of new materials and technologies to enhance the resilience of our roads, develop new approaches to road maintenance that provide benefits for users

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**IMPACTS ON VULNERABLE PEOPLE** - Impacts of severe weather on vulnerable people will be managed through our Public Health, Social Care and Emergency Planning recovery functions, including care homes

9. How important do you think it is to implement each of the Council's priority areas for NATURAL CAPITAL? (section 5.5) \*

Not at all important      Not particularly important      Quite important      Very important      Don't Know

**HABITAT RESTORATION** - enhance our minerals and waste planning policy to ensure restoration proposals reflect local and strategic objectives for countryside enhancement

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**LAND**

**MANAGEMENT FOR NATURE** - Shift our land and asset management approach to place greater emphasis on positive environmental outcomes

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**BIOSECURITY** - Shifting to a more pro-active approach to identification of disease or invasive species across our estate, ensuring tenant farmers are able to react speedily should a disease or invasive be identified on County land

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Engagement with tenant farmers - Provide support through rapidly shifting governmental policy and regulation governing agriculture in the UK

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Reducing plastic pollution - Improve how the Council procures its goods and services to minimise single-use plastic and work with our supply chain to find more sustainable alternatives

### 10. Do you have any comments on our priority areas?

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# DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

JANUARY 2020

CLLR SARAH CHEUNG JOHNSON & CLLR ALEX MALYON

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The first phase of the public consultation for Community Governance Review for Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe is ongoing.

The review process involves consultation with the community, and we hope that residents will take the opportunity to share their views and let the Council know how they feel about the future of our communities. Residents will be able to submit views online via the link below until 15th January. Paper forms are also available. Draft recommendations based on this initial consultation will be published in March 2020 and this will be followed up by further public consultation when you can again express your views on any proposals. A number of extra dates for drop in sessions and public meetings were added and have been quite well attended.

As District Councillors we will be seeking to represent the views of the whole communities we represent and don't have any preferred outcome at this stage. If a preferred option emerges from the consultation, we will support this going forward.

The review will finish in September 2020. If any changes are proposed the Council will make something called a Reorganisation Order and then changes would come into force in May 2021.

For more information, the terms of reference for the review or to submit your views as part of the consultation go to: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/community-governance-reviews>

ANGLIAN WATER WORKS, LONGSTANTON

Anglian Water works on School Lane/Rampton Road Longstanton. We have just received the below update from Anglian Water. Unfortunately the works will not now be completed until end Jan 2020. They have said:

## **Reinstatement**

We will soon begin our works to reinstate the roads and verges affected by our works. We will also be completing a reinstatement of the 'hump' in the School Lane area; this section will be completed in the New Year.

Some manhole covers currently have temporary covers in place and these will also be permanently reinstated in the New Year.

### **Mud on Rampton Road**

We are very sorry for the condition the roads got into during our works, which were not helped by the wet weather periods. We did try to keep on top of this with a special sweeper on one of our vehicles but at times it wasn't able to keep up with the changing conditions.

### **The new sewer pipes**

We have been testing the new pipes but unfortunately found that one of them isn't water tight and has failed its pressure test. We are therefore conducting a series of tests to try and locate the section in need of a repair. It is important to do this so that we don't have to come back again and complete any repair when the pipe becomes operational.

We also have two air valves to install around School Lane and Woodside and we hope to have these done this week.

### **The route of the pipes**

We have received several questions about the route that the new pipes take. It wasn't possible to send the pipe through the surrounding fields and around the village as these are earmarked for development. Should Anglian Water ever need to access these pipes the last place they want them to be is under someone's house.

The route is also a semi straight line between the pumping station in the new development site and its destination at the Uttons Drove Water Recycling Centre. The route we have taken is therefore the quickest and shortest. If we gone in any other direction we would have most likely had to follow local roads causing even more traffic disruption and been on site for a much longer period.

As mentioned in a previous update we have laid two new pipes at the same time. This is to ensure that the new network has capacity for further development in the local area and ensure we don't have to come back in a few years and lay another pipe along the same route.

### **Our finish date**

Due to the failure of the pressure test and various areas of reinstatement to complete we won't now be fully off site until the end of January 2020. We have completed our main construction work in the village, we just need to repair and re-test the main and complete all the areas of reinstatement.

The suspended activities on Friday 20 December and returned to site on 6 January 2020 to complete the above work.

### **PUMPING OUT WATER ALONG LONGSTANTON ROAD, OAKINGTON**

Residents have been concerned about water being pumped out from the Northstowe site near to the road block for the Southern Access Road across Longstanton Road.

Homes England have now advised us of this:

The permitted design incorporates the roadside swale in this area being connected to the Longstanton Road Award Drain as part of the permanent works. Upon final connection; with the swales fully formed, all outlets at correct level and connecting pipes / headwalls etc. of correct size etc. this will function within agreed and controlled parameters (i.e. appropriate attenuation and at controlled rate of discharge).

This final connection has not yet been formed and is due in circa 2 to 3 weeks. What appears to have happened, due to the significant rainfall recently and the site works recommencing following the holiday season shutdown; is that surface water has accumulated in the swales (as they don't currently flow anywhere) and therefore pumping of water from these (via a chamber) was instigated by Sisk onto adjacent land; to enable construction works to recommence.

Whilst this is standard practice; I have requested that additional steps are taken to ensure that the rate of discharge for this pumping is controlled prior to the final connections being made (in circa 2 to 3 weeks).

#### NORTHSTOWE COMMUNITY FORUM – 22<sup>ND</sup> JAN 2020

The next Northstowe Community Forum is on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020, at the Northstowe Community Wing. Updates will come from Pathfinder School, a Community Governance Review update, CCC History annex, Northstowe updates all phases.

#### GET FREE TREES!

To encourage the planting of trees and to promote the many benefits, the Council is offering every Parish in the district a voucher for £60 to cover the cost of three small trees, in exchange for an undertaking to plant the trees on parish council land.

If you would like to find out more and apply for your voucher, please visit our webpage:

<https://www.scambsgov.uk/three-free-trees>

Please note the deadline for applying for your voucher is 14th March 2020 and the garden centres will only accept the vouchers until 31st March 2020.

#### GRAFFITI INCIDENT – LONGSTANTON AND NORTHSTOWE

A parent asked us to provide the following statement on their behalf on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019. We are following up with the Police regarding their handling of this case.

“More than two weeks after this incident the suspect has still not been interviewed by the police. This evening he has been told that he may be arrested for not attending interview even though he has been given a date to meet with the police for interview.

The suspect is a vulnerable young person with learning difficulties and mental health problems. These have been exacerbated by waiting for the police to contact and interview him. The stress has caused him to consider taking his own life and has meant a stay in a psychiatric unit. He offers his sincere apologies to the community and anyone affected by his misdemeanour, this is completely out of character and would not have happened if he had been in good health and supported by the services that have failed him. He did not understand the impact that his actions would have on those living in the community.

This young person is of previous good character and unblemished record and is responsible for only a small amount of the graffiti, and yet he has been hung out to dry by the community as the only perpetrator and the police have supported this through their wording their original Facebook post.

The backlash from the social media feels like the modern equivalent of putting him in the stocks so the village can take their revenge.

No doubt there will be those of you that want to make more spiteful comments but please think about the impact that this has on the individual and their family. Again, please be aware that the perpetrator gives his sincere apologies for his part in this. He is not the only one involved and the police have acknowledged this but have made no reference to the other suspects.”

#### COUNCILLOR UPDATES

We send out email newsletters and have been posting regular updates on our Facebook group. Details are here:

- Monthly email newsletter - with updates on local news as well as wider district issues which will impact us all. To sign up please go to: [https://www.sclibdems.org.uk/email\\_signup\\_longstanton](https://www.sclibdems.org.uk/email_signup_longstanton) *(Note to help us manage GDPR it is easier for us to host from the LibDems webpage, but we absolutely promise this link will NOT subscribe you to LibDem news)*
- For all the latest news & updates so far please go to: [https://www.sclibdems.org.uk/longstanton\\_news](https://www.sclibdems.org.uk/longstanton_news)
- For those on social media we have a very active Facebook group covering the whole ward here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2066298150052161/>

#### DISTRICT WIDE UPDATES

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##### MODERN SLAVERY INCIDENT

We were very sad to receive this report from Cambs Police on the discovery of a modern slavery operation at Kneesworth. The link at the bottom leads on to more general information about modern slavery in Cambridgeshire and how to become better informed.

*Modern slavery operation finds five men at Cambridgeshire nursery.*

*A nursery business is still employing vulnerable workers in "unacceptable conditions", police investigating modern day slavery have found.*

*Officers found five Vietnamese workers living on site during a follow-up safeguarding visit to an agricultural nursery in Kneesworth, Cambridgeshire.*

*Slavery is a "very true and real occurrence", a police spokeswoman said.*

*The spot check, on Friday, was carried out by a combined team from Cambridgeshire Police, South Cambridgeshire District Council and the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA).*

*The five men were living in "cramped and poor conditions", with one 51-year-old claiming he arrived in the country on the back of a lorry in 2014, police said.*

*He was arrested on suspicion of immigration offences but later released on bail to attend an immigration centre.*

*Sgt Emma Hilson said: "The purpose of this visit was to check on the vulnerable people living within our community and ensure they are protected from any type of exploitation.*

*"While we didn't find anyone actively working at the nursery, the conditions in which the people there were living were unacceptable."*

*Officers found two caravans, washing and cooking facilities, as well as animals "kept in poor conditions".*

*"It's often a misconception that slavery is a thing of the past however, sadly, it is a very true and real occurrence," Sgt Hilson added.*

*"It is a hidden crime that occurs across the county, even in some of our most affluent areas. Increasing intelligence in this area is key to protecting the vulnerable."*

*More information here:*

*<https://www.cambs.police.uk/news-an.../safeguarding-kneesworth>*

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#### **BROKEN OR INEFFICIENT BOILER, HEATING HELP**

South Cambs District Council are offering a discretionary grant assistance to cover some or all of the cost of replacing broken or inefficient household boilers and electric storage heaters. The scheme is available to homeowners whose household income is sufficiently low or those in receipt of a qualifying benefit. The scheme is intended to prevent long term ill health therefore funding will be offered primarily to residents who are more susceptible to cold living conditions including children, older and disabled people.

Find out more at [www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/home-improvement-grants](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/home-improvement-grants) or contact the Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency on [hia@cambshia.org](mailto:hia@cambshia.org)

In addition - Up to £300 is available for local individuals or families facing fuel poverty, through a Stay Well Grant

The £300 can contribute to future heating costs. For those who are homeless other costs will be considered

For more information or to apply visit: <http://cambscf.org.uk/Stay-Well.html> Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

You can also borrow one of our thermal imaging cameras to find out where your home is losing heat, to cut energy bills and help the environment

Apply to borrow one at [www.scambs.gov.uk/.../the-sustainable.../thermal-imaging-camera/](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/.../the-sustainable.../thermal-imaging-camera/)

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#### ANNUAL REPORT TO TENANTS AND LEASEHOLDERS

The Annual Report to Tenants and Leaseholders 2018/19 has a wealth of information and highlights the impressive amount of work the Council did on behalf of its tenants and leaseholders in 2018/19.

The Report is also available on the Council's website:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/council-tenants/your-tenancy/annual-report-for-tenants-leaseholders/>

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#### CAMBRIDGESHIRE REUSABLE NAPPIES

Cambridgeshire Reusable Nappies is looking for volunteers to help dispel myths about using washable nappies

Disposable nappies make up around 9% of household waste with 22 million+ nappies going to landfill every year

If you've used modern reusable nappies and would like to help raise awareness email [info@camsreusablenappies.uk](mailto:info@camsreusablenappies.uk) to get involved: <https://www.camsreusablenappies.uk/>

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

**Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson**

***District Councillors for Longstanton, Oakington and Northstowe***

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## Three Free Trees

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### What is the scheme?

To encourage the planting of trees and to promote the many benefits, the Council will offer every parish in the district a voucher for £60 to cover the cost of three small trees, in exchange for an undertaking to plant the trees on parish council land. To maximise participation, this could also be used to fund one or two larger trees, or for more than three 'whips' (unbranched tree seedlings) if more suitable for the preferred location.

### Why is the Scheme being launched?

We are supporting the transition to zero carbon by 2050 and the doubling of nature and has committed to delivering a Zero Carbon action plan. As part of this we would like to identify opportunities for tree-planting and habitat creation(biodiversity) to offset the environmental impact of developments in the district.

### How can tree planting help?

**Trees** absorb and store the carbon dioxide emissions that are driving global warming. Trees also help to purify our air, clean and encourage water storage, provide homes and food for wildlife, and make our landscapes green and beautiful.

Our Tree Warden network coordinated by the Tree Council fully support this scheme and provide up-to-date information on local trees and current tree issues. For more information go to our [Tree Warden](#) webpage.

### How can I apply?

If you would like to apply or simply find out more information about how the scheme works, [please read our guidance.](#)

Please note the deadline for applying is 14 March 2020 and all trees need to be planted by 31 March 2020

[Apply for a Three Free Trees voucher](#)

## Tree care and guidance

To minimise the chance of trees planting through the scheme dying, participants are required to undertake to arrange aftercare of trees including spring and summer watering for the first three years. [Download further guidance.](#)

### Contact Details

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- 8 JAN Weekly Bulletin; 08/01/2020
- 15 JAN Planning Committee; 15/01/2020
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- 21 JAN Scrutiny and Overview Committee; 21/01/2020

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Community Warden Service



*Supporting your wellbeing and independence*

## Community Warden Services

The service assists older people to continue to live independently at home by providing daily contact (Monday to Friday) and support, either by a personal visit or telephone call, to ensure a sense of security and wellbeing

### What can we help you with?

- Listening to your concerns and linking you to helpful information and guidance
- Advice on other local community services
- Small items of shopping

- Collecting prescriptions
- Reading post
- Making phone calls on your behalf, if requested
- Ensuring your safety and wellbeing

## Funding

The service is funded by various local agreements.

## Free Trial

You will be entitled to a two week free trial, however after the trial period, we charge a small fee for our service which is payable to the warden. A warden will provide you with daily contact giving you peace of mind and support for independent living, this can be ongoing or short term support depending upon what you need.

**It is important to note that the warden is not a domestic, home help or a carer providing physical care.**

**The Community Warden is employed and paid by Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and must not undertake tasks for you on a private basis.**

Please contact us If you're not sure if the service is delivered in your area, call Information and Advice service on **0300 666 9860** and we can advise you what is available in your location.

## Contact Us

For more information please call our helpline **0300 666 9860** between 9am-3pm Monday to Friday, calls made outside these hours will be transferred to our Age UK National Helpline or email: [wardens@ageukcap.org.uk](mailto:wardens@ageukcap.org.uk)

### **Wardens contact numbers:**

**Team Leader** – Marion Arnold – 07944181307

**Littleport** – Debbie Forsdick - 07970166835

**Waterbeach, Landbeach & Chittering** – Diane Robertshaw 07977219403

**Teversham** – Vacant – 07754107943 (*Please contact Carol Flanders in the interim*)

**Linton** – Melanie Laing – 07931852019

**Small Villages** (*Weston Colville, West Wratting, Balsham, Shudy Camps, Horseheath, Castle Camps & West Wickham*)  
Carol Poll – 07436102865

**Ely** – Jane Freeman – 07918569987

**Stapleford** – Donna Allsopp – 07436102733

**Cambridge City** – Carol Flanders – 07970168046

**Ramsey** – Pam Bates – 07900340265

**Girton** – Fiona Bennett - 07979333963

**Swavesey** – Tracey Booth – 07436102736

**Histon and Impington** – Gillian Berry – 07957608530

**Community Support at Home** – Peterborough area only – Pam Bates – 07900340265 and Kate Selby – 07966282723

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# Swavesey Community Warden Service

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# Supporting your wellbeing and independence

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Our objectives are to help older people to maintain their independence and health and wellbeing, by providing services that meet individual needs.

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## Contact Us

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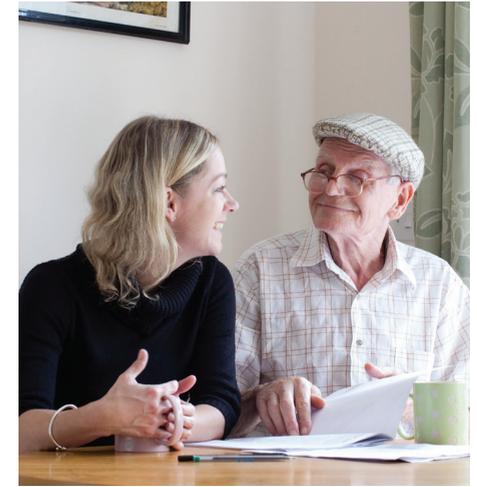
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“I take great comfort knowing someone will **contact me each day** to have a chat”



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## Our Services



Age UK Cambridgeshire & Peterborough offers a variety of services for older people and their carers.

### Information and Advice Services:

Including Visiting Support Service for Older People

### Practical Services:

- Community Wardens and Support at Home
- Homes and Gardens (Housework and Gardening)
- Cambridgeshire Handyman Service

### Social Opportunities:

- Day Services & Friendship Clubs
- Sharing Time
- Volunteering

### We also:

- Campaign on issues that affect older people
- Offer **free** talks to clubs and professionals
- Host General Meeting events – providing information, entertainment and opportunities to gather public views and opinions
- Have meeting rooms available for hire in Cambridge and Peterborough



For more details about any of our services, please call us on: **0300 666 9860** or email **infoandadvice@ageukcap.org.uk**



## Get Involved

Why not get involved and help Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to continue providing high quality services to people in later life.



If you have some spare time, there are lots of things you can do, whether you want to give your time by volunteering, take part in a fundraising event, or help with our campaigns, your help would be much appreciated.

- Volunteering
- Fundraising
- Make a Donation
- Leave a legacy

[www.ageuk.org.uk/  
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