

A Meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue: Village Hall
Date: 16th March 2023
Time: 7:30pm
Vice Chairman: Cllr Dring
Parish Councillors: Ridge, Leitch, Hall, Pine
Clerk / Proper Officer: Sarah Scott
County Councillor: Not present
District Councillor: Cllr Hobro
Members of the Public: 1 Member of the public
Start Time: 7:30pm

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons) – 2 Minutes

Cllr Hatt – previous commitment
Cllr Clements – previous commitment
Cllr McDonald – previous commitment

These were accepted by the Parish Councillors.

2. To receive any declaration of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interest of Councillors

Cllr Leitch as she is a former neighbour of the owner of the Rabbit Residence.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting on 23rd February

These were approved as a accurate account of proceedings and were signed by the chairman.

4. Public Participation.

There was one member of the public who wished to hear about and comment on Bridgefoot Farm.

5. Correspondence Received (already circulated)

Added to correspondence already ready received the Clerk had been in conversation with Cambridge Acre as it appeared that they had left some houses in the Great Chishill survey off the mailing list as well as Little Chishill. They were to rectify this.

6. District and County Councillors Report (already circulated)

Cllr Hall asked about how some of the schemes mentioned in his report are publicised with the tenants – Cllr Hobro to report back.

7. Planning – 15 Minutes

- LDF – Nothing as yet. Cllr Hobro commented that SCDC are looking at water supply. A draft plan will be out for consultation in the autumn.
- Rectory Farm, Little Chishill. Cllr Ridge reported that there was new ownership at the property and they would like to meet with planning to sort out the issues. The Clerk had sent information relating to the compliance report to Cllr Hobro (she had submitted the compliance form in October and had heard nothing since). Cllr Ridge to send the email address of the new owner to Cllr Hobro.
- North Hall Farm. The clerk is still waiting for the information from SCDC (this was promised in January). She had chased. Cllr Hobro to chase too. It was mentioned that if the four day week was contributing to the delay.
- Bridgefoot Farm – Cllr Ridge commented that was totally unacceptable the amount of time taken to sort the access issue out. It was reported by a member of the public that it is now at Director level at highways. She also reported an issues with an ambulance being delayed as a lorry was entering the site from the A505. There was also another accident at Flint Cross recently. Cllr Hobro said it was with Chris Braybrook. The Chairman to email Cllr Bridget Smith as well.
- Rabbit Residence. The issue is that it appears that someone is living in a caravan on the site. Clerk had an email from Cllr Braybrook who said he was looking into this. Cllr Hobro asked if the Clerk had filled out the compliance form, she had not as she was thought that Mr Braybrook had the issue in hand. The Clerk to send this email to Cllr Hobro. The Clerk had also counted seven cars on site which contravenes the planning consent. Whilst investigating this, the Clerk report that one of the houses in Wallers Close had erected an enormous shed in their garden and she will see if it needed permission from SCDC.

8. Finance

- Finance Sheets (already circulated). There were no questions and these were signed and dated by the Vice Chairman.

9. Highways – 10 Minutes

- Outstanding highways issues in Great Chishill (drains, floods, potholes, New Road, Footpath). The Clerk had taken more pictures and sent them to Cllr MacDonald who had replied in an email that he will visit and look at the water. There are numerous potholes on New Road too. The Clerk to pull together historic references and promised actions from highways in previous minutes.
- Outstanding highways issues in Little Chishill. Nothing has been done in Little Chishill.
- Road Closure Signage. A Little Chishill Parishioner had enquired about a road closure in Little Chishill which resulted in bins not being emptied. Cllr Ridge said that there was a road closure set up as BT were going to be installing broadband to his property. They had not advised him as to what precisely they were going to do so the contractors left. It was reported that it was quite easy to arrange for bins to be emptied if they are missed.

10. Speed and safety - 10 Minutes, Cllr Hall / Clerk

- Mirror. The Clerk to meet with members is the Parish Council to more this forward.
- Cllr Hall has looked at the criteria for a 20mph zone in the village. On the major criteria for it is the number of RTA's that have occurred and there have been none reported in the village. Cllr Hall has been liaising with Cllr Arthur from Heydon re speed watch. Heydon volunteers cannot train Chishill volunteers and there has to be risk assessments of the areas where speed watch would take place. The clerk to see if the historic speed watch sites would still be suitable .

15. Lock-Up

There is no further updates.

16. Children's Playground – 5 Minutes

The Chairman and Clerk had received an email from the new playground committee which gave an overview of they are at. There is a question of PL insurance which the Clerk will look into.

17. County Broadband

Cllr Clrments was not present so there was no update.

18. Promotion of Parish – 5 Minutes, All

The Clerk mentioned the working document which she had put together. Cllr Hall asked that the Twitter Page is changed from Gt to Great, he suggested promoting events (being careful not to be promoting commercial events). Finally all Councillors were asked to contribute items to the Clerk so that she can post them.

19. Coronation Celebrations / Gifts for Children

The clerk is still working on this. Cllr Leitch asked what was happening in the village that weekend and it was pointed out that all plans were in the newsletter.

20. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:25

County Report for Parish Councils – March 2023.

Secondary School Places

The number of pupils offered a place at one of their preferred Cambridgeshire secondary schools has risen. In total, 6459 pupils have been allocated a place at their first-choice secondary school for September 2023, compared to 6285 last year.

This represents 87 per cent, compared to 90 per cent last year – but the total number of places allocated has increased from 6983 last year to 7413 this year. The percentage of pupils offered a place at their second or third choice school has also risen – from 7.2 per cent (501 pupils) in 2022 to 8 per cent (619 pupils) in 2023. Year 6 students will hear 1st March which secondary school has offered them a place for September 2023.

Highways Update

The March Highways Committee has a number of updates relevant locally:

https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccc_live/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1925/Committee/62/Default.aspx

1. Civil Parking Enforcement

Final stages of this now being implemented and so we will write to the SoS to ask for implementation this year.

[Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

As discussed the Enforcement Team from Cambridge will enforce parking regulations.

2. Highways Capital Programme

The proposed programme for 2024/25 is as below:

[Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

South Cambridgeshire Works Programme**Carriageway & Footway Maintenance including Cycle Paths**

Road Number	Parish/Town	Street	Location	Works	Budget 2023/24 £	Budget 2024/25 £
Contact Officer: Josh Rutherford						
Drainage schemes						
C232	Fulbourne	Station Road	Various locations through road	Drainage investigations/design	included	£ -
Unc	Fulbourne	Geoffrey Bishop Avenue	Throughout road	Drainage investigations/design	included	£ -
A1198	Shingay cum Wendy	Ermine Street	At Shingay turn	Drainage improvement scheme	included	£ -
B1053	Linton	High Street	Nr PH and no. 54	Drainage improvement scheme	included	£ -
Unc	Linton	Lambsfair	Throughout road	Drainage improvement scheme	included	£ -
C186	Willingham	Over Road	Various locations through road	Drainage improvement scheme	included	£ -
C210	Waterbeach	Chapel Street	From Londis	Drainage improvement scheme	included	£ -
Footway/Cycleway schemes						
C210	Horningsea	High Street	Through village	Footway resurfacing	£ 180,000	£ -
Unc	Willingham	FP6 at rear of church	Full length of footway link	Footway resurfacing	£ 30,000	£ -
Unc	Castle Camps	High Street	Through High Street	Footway resurfacing	£ 90,000	£ -
Unc	Swavesey	Whiton Close	Full estate	Footway resurfacing	£ 220,000	£ -
Unc	Horseheath	Haverhill/Linton Road	Full length	Footway resurfacing	£ 110,000	£ -
Unc	Cottenham	Pelham Way	All length	Footway resurfacing	£ 92,000	£ -
C284	Whittlesford	Duxford Road	Village to Royston Rd crossroads	Footway resurfacing	£ -	£ 190,000
A1303	Bottisham	Newmarket Road	Bell Road to High Street	Footway resurfacing	£ -	£ 200,000
C236	Fulbourne	Cow Lane	full length	Footway resurfacing	£ -	£ 175,000
B1102	Stow cum Quy	Church Road	From traffic signals to/including Orchard St	Footway resurfacing	£ -	£ 105,000
C273	Steeple Morden	Station Road	From Ashden Road to end of houses	Footway resurfacing	£ -	£ 23,000
A1307	Little Abington	Cambridge Road	From 17 to 49 and from 10 to 6	Footway resurfacing	£ -	£ 130,000
Carriageway schemes						
A10	Milton	Milton Interchange/Bypass	Interchange over A14 to Butt Lane	Carriageway resurfacing	£ 1,458,406	£ -
A1307	Little Abington	Cambridge Road	Between speed limits through village	Carriageway resurfacing	£ -	£ 433,000
A10	Milton	Ely Road	From Denny End to just past Waterbeach Lodge	Carriageway resurfacing	£ -	£ 425,000
					£ 2,180,406	£ 1,681,000

Additionally there will be surface treatments for Whittlesford (Church Lane) Fowlmere (Chrissal Rd) and Footway Slurry sealing in Foxton (Station Rd).

3. Highways Maintenance Programme

The works programme for S Cambs for 25/56 is as follows:

South Cambridgeshire Works Programme

Carriageway & Footway Maintenance including Cycle Paths

Road Number	Parish/Town	Street	Location	Works	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Contact Officer: Josh Rutherford							
Drainage schemes							
Further highway drainage and flood prevention schemes will be identified and programmed following assessments of flood reports and drainage investigations							
Footway/Cycleway schemes							
Years 3 to 5 of the footway and cycleway programme are being developed to identify and prioritise those busier routes in poor condition							
C232	Fulbourne	Station Road	From bend to level crossing	Footway resurfacing	£		110,000
Unc	Barton	Kings Grove		Footway resurfacing	£		88,000
Carriageway schemes							
B1050	Willingham	Earith Road	From Caravan Pk to village	Carriageway resurfacing	£		558,000
A1303	Madingley	St Neots Road	At A428 roundabout, approach and old alignment	Carriageway resurfacing	£		345,000
A1301	Great Shelford	Tunwells Lane/High Green	From Grahams Road to traffic signals junc	Carriageway resurfacing	£		351,000
A505	Pampisford	Causeway	From Pampisford junc to joint nr Babraham junc	Carriageway resurfacing	£		470,000
A603	Barton	Cambridge Road	From layby past B1046 junc	Carriageway resurfacing	£		290,000
C178/Unc	Boum	Alms Hill/High Street/Caxton End	Various sections of failed carriageway	Carriageway resurfacing	£		258,000
C186	Over	Station Road	Traffic calming at busway to Church End	Carriageway resurfacing	£		380,000
Unc	Croydon	Croydon Hill	From High St to reservoir on top of hill	Carriageway resurfacing	£		335,000
C192	Longstanton	School Lane	From village to B1050	Carriageway resurfacing	£		250,000
C184	Borworth	High Street	From traffic calming to Manor Lane	Carriageway resurfacing	£		71,000
C178	Boum	Broadway	From Sunday Market to FILCRIS	Carriageway resurfacing	£		130,000
					£		3,636,000

There will be re surfacing of Pampisford Causeway in this programme.

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4. County wide Programmes

There is £41m allocated to County wide programmes:

Countywide Works Programme

Carriageway & Footway Maintenance including Cycle Paths

Works	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	
Contact Officer: Jon Clarke				
Countywide capitalised road patching	£		2,474,312	
Minor capital schemes	£		1,546,785	
Countywide Surface Treatment programme - current schemes listed under District/City areas. Schemes for future years to be confirmed	£		8,056,524	
Preparation for surface treatment schemes, as above	£		1,726,398	
Additional surface treatment programme - Schemes being identified	£		5,802,808	
Countywide Retread programme - Schemes being developed	£		2,855,600	
Countywide safety fence renewals - programme for future years to be developed from latest condition inspections	£		1,200,000	
Countywide footway slurry seal programme - current schemes listed under District/City areas. Schemes for future years to be confirmed	£		1,500,000	
Additional footway slurry sealing programme - Future schemes being identified	£		6,000,000	
Additional footway resurfacing programme - Schemes for future years to be confirmed	£		6,000,000	
Contact Officer: Josh Rutherford / Barry Wylie				
Drainage Improvements - Schemes listed under District/City areas. Schemes being designed or under development for later years.	£		3,000,000	
Survey, Investigation and design for schemes	£		960,000	
£ 41,122,426				

Details of this has been published.

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5. 20 MPH Programme

There will be £100k in 2023 and £150k in the following 2 years.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-the-local-highway/20mph-funding>

6. Other Work

There will be £40k for improvement access to Whittlesford Station.

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7. Active Travel Strategy

There is a new Active Travel Strategy for the County including a Strategy for New Developments.

[ATS \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

Peter McDonald
March 5th 2023

Councillor James Hobro
District Councillor for the parishes of Foxton, Fowlmere, Heydon, Great Chishill & Little Chishill.

I am always happy to hear from residents with any questions about these or other issues relating to the District Council. Please contact me by telephone on 07768 706670 or by email at clr.hobro@scambbs.gov.uk.

Further £200,000 proposed for cost of living support

Plans for a further cost of living support package for residents, worth more than £200,000, have been published by South Cambridgeshire District Council. The proposals include a roadshow of cost of living talks, support to transform some Warm Hubs into Community Wellbeing Hubs, increasing awareness of Council Tax support, more free energy saving appliances and the creation of a South Cambridgeshire Sustainable Food Network. The plans will be presented to Cabinet on 20 March.

The proposals build on a package of almost £400,000 of support agreed by the Council in November. Just over half of that initial funding came from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System (ICS) to support community-based programmes. The new plans set out the Council's next steps for cost-of-living support. The ICS have indicated that they will provide further grant funding that the Council will bid for, to continue projects for the next financial year. These will continue to focus on prevention of poor health resulting from financial hardship and living in cold homes.

The roadshow of cost of living talks, organised in partnership with parish councils, will highlight support available to the most vulnerable, to improve the reach and uptake of grants and other support services.

25 Warm Hubs have been running across South Cambridgeshire this winter, with more than 2,000 visits recorded up to the start of February. Run by Cambridgeshire ACRE, they are free cosy spaces which residents of all ages can visit to socialise, work, and catch up with friends. Some would evolve into Community Wellbeing Hubs, offering more services.

A large-scale Council Tax communications campaign is being proposed, to increase the awareness of financial help towards Council Tax bills.

There are also plans to expand the scheme to provide free energy-saving appliances next winter to residents who are only just managing. So far this winter, more than 300 residents have been provided with either a slow cooker, electric blanket, or both by the Council. A charitable giving fund, which residents can donate towards as part of this scheme, has raised nearly £2,000 and remains open.

Funds are also being proposed for a Sustainable Food Network. The idea would be to link- up all the existing foodbanks in the district, creating a support network to distribute food that would otherwise be thrown away. The network would also team up with local farmers to donate excess food that is not suitable for supermarkets, encourage communities to grow fresh vegetables for the most vulnerable, and promote healthy, more sustainable eating.

Budget and business plan for 2023/24

The District Council's goals to help residents and businesses, and the budget for 2023/24 were approved in a meeting of the Full Council on 21 February.

Goals for helping local residents include:

- Reducing fly-tipping through cameras and prompt investigation.
- Civil Parking Enforcement in South Cambridgeshire.
- Helping older people live independently with a new Mobile Warden scheme.
- Bringing forward community buildings at Northstowe.
- Supporting the health and wellbeing of residents with grants for local projects.
- Continued support for the Homes for Ukraine scheme to help guests who have

arrived in the past year to move into more independent living arrangements. Goals for helping business include:

- Supporting small business growth with space at the Council's Cambourne office.
- Advising businesses on how to become greener.
- Promoting local businesses, with funding, tailored support and resources.
- Continuing to support and help establish South Cambridgeshire local markets.

The Council's environmental goals include:

- Address water scarcity in Greater Cambridge.
- Distribute up to £125,000 as part of the Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme.

- Provide grants to villages for more tree planting.
- Award up to £50,000 in grants for electric vehicle charging at community buildings.
- Continue with plans for a solar farm to power electric bin lorries at Waterbeach.
- Replace bin lorries as they come to the end of their lives with greener vehicles.

Council Tax for 2023/24

A below-inflation £5 per year increase in Council Tax for the average Band D home will ensure essential frontline services continue to be delivered effectively. This is an increase of around 10p per week, which maintains the Council's position in the lowest 25% of taxing District Councils in the country.

Housing plans for 2023/24

The Council's Housing Revenue Account is ring-fenced and used to maintain its stock of around 5,600 Council homes. Plans for housing include:

- Having doubled the number of new Council homes built from 35 in 2019/20 to 70 in 2021/22, the new target is for at least 75 new energy-efficient Council homes to be delivered every year.
- During the next two years, more than £2 million has been allocated to continue to upgrade existing housing stock, as part of continuing carbon reduction efforts.

By-election in Cottenham Ward

A by-election for the role of South Cambridgeshire District Councillor for Cottenham and Rampton [will take place on Thursday 16 March](#). This follows the sad loss of Dr John Loveluck, who served as one of the two District Councillors for Cottenham ward.

The person elected on 16 March will represent the ward until May 2026, when all the seats on South Cambridgeshire District Council will be up for election again.

Debate Not Hate campaign

South Cambridgeshire District Council has voiced its cross-party support for the Local Government Association's [Debate Not Hate](#) campaign with a motion that was unanimously supported at the Full Council meeting in February.

The move comes amid local government figures which reveal that nationally seven in ten councillors have experienced abuse and intimidation in the last 12 months and one in ten experience abuse frequently.

Debate Not Hate is raising public awareness of the role of councillors in local communities, and aims to encouraging healthy debate and improve support for local politicians facing abuse and intimidation.

Committee on Standards in Public Life report: 'Leading in Practice'

On 24 January, the independent Committee on Standards in Public Life published 'Leading in Practice', a new report which shares examples and case studies gathered from public and private sector organisations on maintaining ethical organisational practices. Lord Evans, Chair of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, has written an open letter to public sector leaders to prompt reflection and discussion on the importance of ethical leadership in the UK. The report has identified 20 questions for leaders to help them reflect on whether there is more they can do to support their people to think about the Principles of Public Life and integrate them into all aspects of how their organisation operates.

Report:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-committee-on-standards-in-public-life-publishes-new-report-leading-in-practice>

Correspondence:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-letter-to-public-sector-leaders-on-ethical-leadership>

New NHS 'Feel Brighter' Campaign

'Feel Brighter' is a new NHS campaign that aims to reach out to older people aged 65 and over, who may be struggling with their mental health but don't know where to turn for advice, support and to find out what services are available locally. The new campaign aims to encourage older people who have symptoms such as anxiety, loneliness, or low mood to reach out and access free NHS Talking Therapies and other support to help them feel brighter again. NHS Talking Therapies are effective treatments that involve speaking

with an experienced mental health professional to understand feelings and learn ways to manage them. Sessions are totally confidential and can be one-to-one, in a group, online, or over the phone.

To find out more, simply visit the Feel Brighter webpage at www.cpics.org.uk/feel-brighter for more information about NHS Talking Therapies, other support available, and how to refer yourself. Alternatively you can telephone 0300 300 0055 to make an initial referral. Phone lines are available 9am–4pm, Monday to Friday (closed on Bank Holidays).

Environmental Improvement Plan 2023 published

The government has published a five-year delivery plan to restore nature and improve the environmental quality of the air, our waters and land. The delivery plan builds on the vision set out five years ago in the 25 Year Environment Plan, and sets out the government's approach to halting and then reversing the decline in natural habitats. From

November 2023, environmental protection and enhancement will be embedded into the design and development of new policy across government.

Announcement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ambitious-roadmap-for-a-cleaner-greener-country>

Plan: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-improvement-plan> Framework: <https://oifdata.defra.gov.uk/>

Alternative Fuel Payment scheme launched

On 6 February, households across Great Britain who don't use mains gas for heating started receiving £200 towards their energy bills as the Alternative Fuel Payment (AFP) scheme launches. The vast majority will get the £200 AFP credited automatically through their electricity supplier. A small minority of customers, such as those living in park homes or on static houseboats with no direct energy supplier, will need to apply to receive the payment through an online portal that will launch later this month.

From 8 February, energy suppliers have been making payments to businesses and both public and voluntary sector organisations that use alternative fuels to heat their buildings. A credit of £150 will be provided to eligible customers across the UK through the Non-Domestic Alternative Fuel Payment scheme. Energy suppliers will deliver this support up to 10 March, with most customers expected to have received the payment in February.

Announcement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/households-businesses-and-organisations-off-the-gas-grid-to-receive-energy-bill-support-over-the-coming-weeks>

Government announcement: Awaab's Law

On 9 February DLUHC announced that social housing landlords will have to investigate and fix damp and mould in their properties within strict new time limits. The Government has tabled amendments to the Social Housing Regulation Bill to introduce 'Awaab's Law', which will require landlords to fix reported health hazards within specified timeframes. The move comes in the wake of the death of two-year-old Awaab Ishak, caused by the damp and mould in his home. A consultation will be launched later this year to set the timeframes within which landlords will have to act to investigate hazards and make repairs. The new rules will form part of the tenancy agreement, so tenants can hold landlords to account by law if they fail to provide a decent home.

Press release: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-deliver-awaabs-law> **Community Ownership Fund, Round 2**

On 15 February DLUHC announced the third application window of Round 2 for the Community Ownership Fund. The government is providing £150 million over four years to support community groups in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of being lost. Voluntary and community groups can apply for match funding to acquire important assets and run them for the benefit of the local community. The Fund will run until 2024/25 and DLUHC intend to run 3 bidding windows each year for applicants to submit a full application to the Fund. The deadline for applications for this funding round is 14 April 2023 at 11:59am. DLUHC will aim to communicate outcomes of applications in summer 2023.

Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-ownership-fund-round-2-application-form-assessment-criteria-guidance>

Prospectus: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-ownership-fund-prospectus>

Businesses urged to get ready for reforms to cut packaging waste

On 28 February DEFRA announced that reporting requirements for the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme for packaging have now come into force. EPR requires firms that supply household packaging to be responsible for the costs of dealing with packaging waste. Producers will be required to pay an EPR fee towards the costs of collecting and managing household packaging waste, currently borne by councils. Councils are encouraged to share this information with businesses in their area.

Announcement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/businesses-urged-to-get-ready-for-reforms-to-cut-packaging-waste>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/deposit-return-scheme-for-drinks-containers-moves-a-step-closer>

Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-collect-your-packaging-data-for-extended-producer-responsibility>
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/packaging-waste-prepare-for-extended-producer-responsibility>