

A Meeting of GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Venue:	Village Hall
Date:	12 th January 2023
Time:	7:30pm
Vice Chairman:	Cllr Pine
Parish Councillors:	Ridge, Leitch, Hall, Hatt
Clerk / Proper Officer:	Sarah Scott
County Councillor:	Via Google Meets
District Councillor:	Via Google Meets
Members of the Public:	Four members of the Public
Start Time:	7:30pm

1. Apologies for Absence (and reasons)

Cllr Dring – previous commitment. This was accepted by the Council.

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

There were none declared.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting on 17th November 2022

It was agreed that these were a true and accurate account of the meeting and were signed by the Vice Chairman.

4. Public Participation.

John Arthur introduced himself as Chairman of Heydon Parish Council. He spoke about the Local Plan which Heydon had produced. A sub committee was formed to produce it and of particular interest was the landscape appraisal which was undertaken. John explained that it was not a Neighbourhood Plan which was produced (which is different to Parish Plan). Although it does not carry the same weight as a Neighbourhood Plan, SCDC does have to take it into consideration when for instance, looking at planning issues. The Council will invite the Alison Farmer (Landscape Appraiser) to a meeting, this cost Heydon Parish Council £7.5k but they obtained grants to help for this. Mr Arthur also spoke about our two Parish collaborating and working together. The Clerk had already been on contact with Heydon PC on some items and hopes to continue to work with them. Mr Arthur also spoke about speed watch and the fact that Heydon PC have all the equipment to facilitate it. Chishill PC will follow this up. The Parish Council thanked John for coming along to the meeting

Mr and Mrs Dibblee wanted to talk about speeding in the village. They spoke about how their wall issue had hi-lighted the speeding issue to them. Cllr Hall gave them the presentation he had put together to read and there followed a general discussion about speeding and also the safety of the crossroads. The Clerk said that she is to investigate purchasing a mirror to put up at the crossroads.

Mrs Stokes spoke about Bridgefoot Farm. She commented that she took exception to a comment about windows in her daughters application. The Vice Chairman stated that these comments were not made by the Parish Council but by a Councillor in their role as a parishioner and the comments were not connected to the Parish Council. A Parish Councillor can comment on an application as an individual. She went on to talk about the Barn and her wish to have an art gallery and café in it with living accommodation upstairs. She also spoke at her upset at the state of the site which she had sold and her disappointment in the way it is being run and the activities taking place on it.

5. Correspondence Received (already circulated)

Cllr Clements spoke about correspondence received by the PC from County Broadband. He had spoken to a gentleman from County Broadband (CB) who had approach the PC about coming to the village to canvas interest in signing up to a scheme that would be partly funded by an existing Gigabit Broadband Voucher (GBV) Scheme. Cllr Clements raised with CB that Lot 5 of the new 'Project Gigabit' fibre subsidy scheme, which covers our area, is expected to be awarded by the government imminently and that this might affect CB's plans to make use of the legacy GBV scheme. In this context, Cllr Clements suggested that CB determine what the situation around the two subsidy schemes is and report back to us before approaching the village. Cllr Clements to monitor the situation.

6. District and County Councillors Reports

The reports are below. Both Councillors were online for the meeting. Cllr McDonald has done a drive around and spoken to highways about the road situation and he will visit Little Chishill this week. He said that there was an urgent review taking place as it was looking like the dragon machine (pothole repairer) was not up to the job. The Clerk has sent pictures and information to Cllr McDonald re some of the issues in the village. Finally Cllr McDonald reported that the information re 20mph limits will be available in March. The Clerk asked about a width restriction on May Street to help with the straw lorry issues and there is a link that we need to access to apply for this.

7. Highways

- Outstanding highways issues in Great Chishill (drains, floods, potholes, New Road, Footpath) (Cllr McDonald) – see above
- Outstanding highways issues in Little Chishill - (Cllr Ridge) – see above
- Straw lorries (see above)
- Speed and safety

Cllr Hall gave a review of the presentation that he had already circulated. He went onto to say that it is really the entry points into the village that appear to be the problem and we will look at how to address these. The Police Van had been out and the Clerk to see if she can obtain data from the police. Cllr Clements commented that the 40mph zone from the windmill to the 30mph has made an impact on speeding cars. Cllr Ridge said that in his opinion the only to slow cars was to install traffic calming measures such as chicanes and speed bumps.

Action points:

- Reinvigorate speed watch and work with Heydon (Westcotech Speed watch equipment)
- Continue working on options
- Piece re speeding in newsletter
- Look at putting together a survey to the village re speeding / preferable calming measures

8. Planning

- LDF – there is no further news
- Rectory Farm, Little Chishill. This is to be followed up.
- North Hall Farm. The Parish Council had had a meeting with SCDC re the site and is awaiting further information so that the Clerk can follow up actions agreed at the meeting.
- Bridgefoot Farm
 - 22/05474/FUL Bridgefoot Farm. Bridgefoot Barn Farm Shop and Tea Room Barley Road Change of use of farm shop, tea rooms, conservatory and agricultural storage and conversion to live-work unit. The Parish Council still have reservations about the site as a whole and will see what Melbourn Parish Council have recommended, share this with the PC and then make comment.
 - 22/05200/FUL Bridgefoot Farm. Change of use of Land/Buildings from Agricultural Use to B8 Use Class (Storage and Distribution), Upgrade of access to the site and Retrospective Application for Erection of 3 no. Extensions to previously Approved Poultry Sheds. The Parish Council still have great reservations about the site, the access onto the A505 and activities that are taking place. The PC will see what Melbourn PC have recommended, share this with our PC and will respond accordingly.

9. Cambridge Acre Survey

The Clerk had forwarded the latest email from ACRE. It was agreed to let the clerk give the co-ahead to ACRE.

10. Finance

- Finance Sheets (already circulated). These were approved, signed and dated.
- Precept for 2023-24. After a short discussion is unanimously agreed to keep the precept the same.

11. Email Policy

This was approved by the Council and the Chairman reported via the Vice Charman that email address would be set up.

15. Lock-Up

Clr Pine knew first hand, the struggles schools were having re funding school trips. There were potential issues offering money to the school, in that, it is not our catchment school and not every child from the village goes there. There was also the question of if the PC could legitimately fund these types of things.

16. Children's Playground

The Clerk had heard nothing. The Clerk to ask the Chairman to see if he can ascertain more.

17. Heydon Parish Council Parish Plan

See above (public participation)

18. Coronation Celebrations / Gifts for Children

After discussion it was decided that the Clerk should source an appropriate gift for primary school aged children in the village. A wooden ruler with the monarchs names was a suggestion that the clerk will investigate.

19. Chrishall School Trips

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20. Health Care Contingency

The Clerk had received an email relating to the ambulance strikes and asking if the Parish Council had a contingency. It was felt that this was a national issue and not something we could help with as a body and it raised more issues such as when to move a sick person and the logistics of transport.

21. To Accept Notices & Matters for the next Agenda – 5 mins

Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 s12 10(2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for discussion.

- Broadband
- Communication and promotion of the Parish Council

There being no further notifiable business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 21:20

Report for Parish Councils – Jan 2023. Cllr McDonald

Cambridgeshire County Report

The new 20 mph scheme will launch in February as outlined in the Committee paper from December.

https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccc_live/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1923/Committee/62/Default.aspx

Furniture Re Cycling

All nine household waste recycling centres in Cambridgeshire will accept upholstered household seating again from Saturday 7th January, the County Council has confirmed

An interim solution for accepting waste items such as sofas, upholstered chairs, cushions, and beanbags at all the recycling centres, will also allow bulky waste collections offered by all of the county's City and District Councils to resume. Please check their websites for further details. Staff will be available at each of the recycling centre sites to advise and show residents where they can dispose of upholstered household seating

Residents are also reminded that there are alternatives to taking upholstered household seating to recycling centres.

Please consider asking the retailer to take your old furniture away when new items are delivered, (companies like John Lewis, Marks and Spencer, DFS etc all operate take-back schemes). Or give it a new lease of life by donating it to a charity, sell it or giving it away on social media or online auction sites.

Bus Service Update

Discussions continue of funding of services beyond March 2023 so we have a breathing space at least for now.

Great Chesterford Hardcore Site : ESS/109/22/UTT

The deadline for comments on the new planning application is end January.

<https://publicaccess.titlesford.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RMXOZAQN01O00&activeTab=summary>

Planning Appeal:

<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?CaseID=3306988&CoID=0>

Foxton Hub

Im still waiting for an update from GCP and draft papers for the hub.

Peter McDonald

Jan 5th 2023

District Council Report for January 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 cldr.hobro@scams.gov.uk.

Greater Cambridge Local Plan

The First Proposals for the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan were published in 2021. Following a full consultation on these proposals, the planning authority has been moving towards producing a draft Local Plan this year. A report with an update on the development strategy has just been published by the Joint Director of Planning, and this will be considered by the District Council's Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 12 January and by Cabinet on 6 February.

This report confirms the development strategy from the First Proposals, with its focus on delivering the required housing and infrastructure in a sustainable manner, and on environmental protection, in particular with regard to water supply. It confirms key strategic sites in Northeast Cambridge, East Cambridge and near the Biomedical Campus.

As required by the National Planning Policy Framework, the report includes an objective assessment of development needs for the plan period. This has identified an increase in

the expected number of jobs of around 8000 over the First Proposals, principally due to the unexpected resilience of our local economy throughout the pandemic, with a corresponding increase in the housing requirement.
There will be a Zoom webinar to provide information on this update on Wednesday 18 January at noon, to which all residents are invited.

Grants for new community electric vehicle chargers

A new grant scheme has been set up by the District Council to help provide more public charging points for electric vehicles (EV) at village halls and other community buildings. Grants of up to £5,000 are available towards the cost of installing an EV charger at a community building in the district.
Once installed, people can use the EV chargers by downloading an app and buying charging time on their mobile phone.
Grant applications will be assessed on deliverability and positive impact. Chargers must be publicly accessible and funding will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Projects must demonstrate there is a demand for an EV charger.
Initial funding of up to £20,000 is available to be awarded before the end of March 2023. If the initial fund proves successful, South Cambridgeshire District Council will seek to continue funding support for community charging points after that date.

Tribute to Cllr Dr John Loveluck

I am very sorry to report that Dr John Loveluck, District Councillor for Cottenham Ward, died suddenly on New Year's Day. John had recently retired to focus on his family and District Council commitments. I sat with John at several recent council meetings and will greatly miss his good humour, courtesy and dedication to his role as councillor. His loss is a real tragedy and my thoughts are with his family.

GCP Making Connections Consultation

In September the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) published their first proposal for a more comprehensive bus network to be rolled out from 2023, with more frequent services, a simpler, lower fare structure, and a Sustainable Travel Zone in Cambridge.
A consultation on the plans was launched in October and closed on 23 December. More than 23,000 responses were received via the online response form, the largest response to any GCP consultation so far. In addition, nearly 900 emails were received and over 100 stakeholder responses submitted following over 100 public meetings, virtual and outreach events as well as 50 focus group events. Work will now begin to analyse the huge amount of information collected, including the many written answers which were an important feature of the survey.
The results of the consultation will be included in a final report on the proposals and next steps, scheduled for the GCP Board in June 2023. At that time, the GCP Board will make a recommendation to Cambridgeshire County Council on how to proceed. In the meantime, the conversation about how we should be improving transport for our area will of course continue. As always, I would be very happy to hear your views.

Planning compliance consultation

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning team plays a vital role in managing development, but it can only achieve its objectives alongside an effective planning compliance service. As part of their commitment to delivering an efficient and effective planning compliance regime, the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service has drafted a new Planning Compliance Policy that will serve South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council.
We are now consulting on this policy for a period of six weeks. The consultation will close on 20 January 2023. You can read and comment on the policy online or email compliance@greatercambridgeplanning.org if you have any questions.

£1.76 million secured under Shared Prosperity Fund

Eight projects that will benefit communities and businesses and increase job opportunities in South Cambridgeshire have been awarded around £1.76 million in Government funding. The money has been secured from the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.
During the summer, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, working with the local city and district councils, submitted to Government an investment plan detailing how a range of projects across the area could be funded under the scheme. It has now been confirmed that 40 projects across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will receive a total of around £10 million in funding.
Projects funded for South Cambridgeshire include:

- £300,000 towards improving South Cambridgeshire's High Streets, with the District Council planning to consult with parish councils and residents of larger High Streets, along with community building and village hall committees, to implement changes that are agreed following those discussions.
- Around £270,000 towards skills training for small and medium sized businesses.
- £150,000 towards a scheme to improve community gardens and green spaces in communities, improving quality of life and health. This project will allow communities in areas of identified need to acquire, design, build and maintain community parks and growing spaces with professional support coordinated community action.
- £100,000 funding for a scheme based in libraries to support business start-ups, including a focus on females and ethnic minorities looking to establish and grow their own enterprises.
- £100,000 to support new business start-ups with grant funding.

The funding is now due to start being received this financial year, ending by March 2025.

Support for Ukraine

Last month the District Council launched a major campaign to appeal for more hosts in South Cambridgeshire and the city of Cambridge to support families from Ukraine. Anyone who can offer a spare room and warm welcome is being asked to text ROOM to 88802 so that the councils can support them through the process and match hosts to guests who have already started to settle in the local area.
The government is now offering an increased 'Thank you' payment of £500 a month for Ukrainian guests who have been in the country for over a year. 'Thank you' payments will also be extended from 12 months to two years, so that guests who may not yet be ready to move into independent accommodation can stay in sponsorship for longer where sponsors are willing to extend arrangements. Extra funding has also been made available to help councils support Ukrainian guests to move into their own homes and reduce the risk of homelessness.
For more information, please see the council's Support for Ukraine page.

Cost of living support

A support package worth around £400,000 has been put into place by the District Council to help address the cost of living crisis. This was agreed at a Cabinet meeting on 14 November to offer additional support measures, especially to people who are most vulnerable, to help address the impact of the rising cost of energy and food bills on individuals, families, and businesses across the district. It is jointly funded with the

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System, who are providing funding to ensure support is co-ordinated effectively and directed at those in need locally.

In addition, the Council is working closely with various local partners to ensure residents know where to go for advice and help, and a ring-fenced sum of £20,000 has been made available for new Community Chest grant applications relating to the cost of living crisis. A new emergency fund has also been created by the District Council to provide help for vulnerable residents who have been hit hardest.

The Go Fund Me page was officially launched on 29 November with money raised being added to Council support for people just about managing. The money raised will ensure that lower cost alternatives to cooking and staying warm, such as slow cookers and electric blankets, can be distributed to people in need.

These initiatives add to the range of support initiatives set up by the District Council in recent months, including Housing Payments, Council Tax discounts, Warm Hubs, Warm Packs for Council tenants, and food parcels for those most in need.

The council's information on cost of living support is available on a single web page, which contains a range of advice and information on different support options.

Mould in rented properties

Residents of South Cambridgeshire who rent homes in the private sector are being urged to seek help from the Council if mould issues are not resolved by their landlords. The reminder follows the tragic case of Awaab Ishak, a two-year-old boy who died following chronic exposure to mould at the family home in Rochdale.

The District Council has a role in ensuring that homes in the private sector and the Council's own properties do not contain health hazards. Most properties within the private rented sector in the district are in good condition, but the Council's Environmental Health team investigate any complaints. Private Sector and Housing Association tenants can make a complaint about the condition of their home by emailing env.health@scams.gov.uk. The Council has the power to take the appropriate enforcement action if there are issues that need to be resolved. This could include writing to the landlord to ensure the issue is resolved, but the Council can also serve a legal notice to instruct works to be carried out.

The Council manages around 5,500 Council homes. Leading councillors have said that the Council takes reports of mould seriously and does not assume that damp is a consequence of the lifestyle of tenants. The Council had already planned to carry out a stock condition survey on all Council-owned homes next year which will identify any issues with mould, or risk of mould developing to ensure proactive action can be taken.

New repairs reporting system for Council homes

Council tenants can now report repairs needed to their home via a new and simple online form. This system is part of the arrangements that have been made under our new and improved maintenance and repairs contact with Mears. It is available to all tenants to log a repair either for a property or communal space. However, please note that this has not been rolled out to properties at Ermine Street or Shire Homes yet.

The new form will be the preferred tool to book a routine repair, rather than via emails or calls to Mears direct, as it will free up time and capacity within the Mears call centre to provide a better service there. As part of this new process, tenants will receive text progress updates, so they are kept informed about their repair, who will attend at their home and when. Tenants are also able to change their repair appointment online or by phone, if needed.

If any tenant does not have internet access, more routine repairs – and also emergency repairs – can of course be reported by calling 0800 085 1313. However, the online form mentioned above is the preferred and most efficient reporting route as it will capture all the necessary information in one go, at a time most convenient to the tenant.

Government fund to support collaboration in farming communities opens

The government has announced that the latest round of the Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund has opened today, to encourage groups of farmers and landowners in England to work together and share knowledge to protect and enhance the local environment. The £2.5 million fund encourages collaboration between farming groups and supports the government's efforts to improve the environment. The funding allows facilitators, for example local farming and nature groups and charities, to give advice and share knowledge with groups of farmers and other land managers on activities such as restoring habitats for wildlife and improving biodiversity, creating woodland, improving air and water quality, or restoring historic environments.

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-fund-to-support-collaboration-in-farming-communities-opens>

Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund and guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/facilitation-fund-2023-countryside-stewardship>

Flood guide:

<https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/plan-ahead-for-flooding>

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/flood-action-week-households-urged-to-prepare-in-2022-year-of-extremes>

Toolkit to maximise the benefits of trees and woodlands

A new Trees and Woodland Strategy Toolkit has been published, funded by Defra, and co-created by The Tree Council, Forestry Commission, Fera Science, and Forest Research.

Released during National Tree Week, it aims to help councils create or update Trees and Woodland Strategies (TAWs) and includes guidance and case studies from councils in England. It also highlights how councils can draw on current government funding for tree planting, to enhance treescapes for local communities and respond to climate change and biodiversity loss. The Tree Council and partners will be hosting an online event to introduce the toolkit to councils on 16 January 2023. The event will be followed by a series of face-to-face regional workshops to further support councils develop their strategy.

Participants can register for the online launch event at the link below.

Councils who are interested in participating in these events and the ongoing programme of research, should get in touch with The Tree Council at scienceandresearch@treecouncil.org.uk

Toolkit:

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/what-we-do/science-and-research/tree-strategies/>

Sign-up:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-introduction-to-the-newly-published-trees-woodland-strategy-toolkit-tickets-474293242857>

Promoting Pension Credit toolkit – reminder

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is aware that some people may not be getting Pension Credit when they might be eligible for it. DWP has created a toolkit to help councils and other organisations raise awareness of Pension Credit and dispel some common misconceptions that might deter people from claiming it by highlighting that: People of State Pension age may be entitled to Pension Credit even though they may have modest savings, a retirement income or own their own home.

An award of Pension Credit can provide access to a range of other benefits such as help with housing costs, council tax, heating bills and for those aged 75 or over a free TV licence.

Councils are encouraged to share this information as appropriate.

Pension Credit toolkit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pension-credit-toolkit>

More information:

<https://pensionawarenessday.com/>

Energy Prices – Potential Help for Parish Councils

Some parish councils are experiencing extraordinary increases in energy costs. There is a framework which parish councils can use to reduce their energy costs. Eastern Shire Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) work with number of parishes across the East of England as part of their energy framework portfolio. Their contact details are as follows:

Rowena Reid

Customer Relationship Manager - Energy

Mobile – 07747 868021 | Email – r.reid@espo.org

ESPO, Barnsdale Way, Grove Park, Enderby, Leicester, LE19 1ES

New measures to help households insulate their homes and reduce consumption

On 28 November, the Business and Energy Secretary, Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP, launched a new £1 billion Energy Company Obligation Plus (ECO+) scheme that will extend funding to those who do not currently benefit from any other government support to upgrade their homes. Around 80% of the funding will be made available for those households who are in some of the least energy-efficient homes in the country (those with an energy performance certificate rating of D or below) and in the lower Council Tax bands. The government has also expanded its public awareness campaign to help reduce bills for households by offering technical tips and advice for people to cut their energy use. With £18 million of funding, the campaign will complement existing government support schemes, such as the Energy Price Guarantee and the Energy Bills Support Scheme. Further information is available on the existing Help for Households website.

On 27 November, the Business and Energy Secretary wrote to chief executive officers of domestic energy suppliers in Great Britain asking them how they intend to make sure direct debit systems do not over-estimate charging.

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-joins-with-households-to-help-millions-reduce-their-energy-bills>

Help for Households campaign:

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/help-with-your-bills/energy-saving-advice/>

Correspondence:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/energy-bill-direct-debits-letter-to-domestic-suppliers>

'Enough' campaign to tackle violence against women and girls

Last month, the Home Office announced that victims of crimes such as domestic abuse and sexual assault will be better protected following arrests of perpetrators under new provisions collectively known as 'Kay's Law'. The reforms, which came into effect last month, will mean police have a duty to take into account the views of victims before releasing someone on bail. Police will be encouraged to use pre-charge bail instead of releasing suspects under investigation, where it is necessary and proportionate. Kay's Law is part of additional measures to support victims of crimes. These include the 'Enough' campaign to tackle violence against women and girls, the second phase of which was launched at the end of October. The campaign aims to provide bystanders with a range of safe ways to intervene if they witness an incident of violence against women and girls. Councils are encouraged to share this announcement and to make use of the collection of 'Enough' campaign assets and resources.

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/better-protection-for-victims-under-pre-charge-bail-reforms>

Enough Campaign: <https://enough.campaign.gov.uk/>

Resources:

<https://enough.campaign.gov.uk/campaign-resources>

StreetLink service helps rough sleepers

StreetLink is a website, mobile phone app, and phone service which enables members of the public in England and Wales to send an alert when they see someone sleeping rough. Alerts are referred onto the relevant council or outreach team who use the information to find the person and connect them to local support services that can help to end their homelessness. StreetLink has a key role to play in extreme weather, linking people experiencing rough sleeping with appropriate support to ensure that rough sleeping is prevented wherever possible. Councils are encouraged to promote StreetLink as part of their local winter provision campaign. Councils can find StreetLink promotional materials linked below. In August, Homeless Link (which delivers StreetLink in partnership with St Mungo's) published the Winter Provision and Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) Toolkit 2022-23. The toolkit includes practical guidance, tools, and good practice examples for councils and providers of SWEP and winter provision.

More information: <https://www.streetlink.org.uk/>

Resources: <https://homeless.org.uk/knowledge-hub/streetlink-promotional-resources/>

Toolkit:

https://homelesslink-1b54.kxcdn.com/media/documents/SWEP_and_Winter_Provision_Toolkit_2022_JP020822_002.pdf

Guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/keep-warm-keep-well>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/operating-principles-for-night-shelters>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1115873/2022-to-2023-cold-weather-plan-for-England.pdf

Domestic Abuse Housing Accreditation

Two years ago, the Council signed up to complete its Domestic Abuse Housing

Accreditation (DAHA). The accreditation was not limited to Housing Services but covered the whole organisation and involved a thorough review of policies and procedures for staff and customers. More importantly, the accreditation was part of the Council's goal to change the culture around domestic abuse and embed a survivor led approach. This included training for staff and members, publicity and awareness campaigns and the introduction of Domestic Abuse Support Champions within teams.

At the start of December, the Council was officially assessed against the DAHA standards, and has been officially accredited. The Assessor's report stated, "All involved should be incredibly proud of this achievement as it is evident that a great deal of work and commitment has gone into adopting and embedding the standards across the relevant departments, and indeed, wider across the organisation. We are very proud to have awarded South Cambs District Council DAHA Accreditation, thank you for such a positive assessment process and experience – it was a joy to meet with so many passionate and dedicated people doing such great work."

Avian influenza update

The government has launched a new online system for reporting dead wild birds and published guidance on when and how to report them. In November, the government announced mandatory housing measures for all poultry and captive birds to all areas of England. The housing measures legally require all bird keepers to keep their birds indoors and to follow stringent biosecurity measures to help protect their flocks from the disease, regardless of type or size. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), are working to spread awareness of the current England-wide housing order and biosecurity advice that all bird keepers should follow, to help stop the spread of the disease. Councils are invited to spread the word by using the posters, social media videos and images linked below on their channels. Defra and APHA have also included example social media posts and hashtags for councils to use. Councils are also encouraged to download and print the posters to display in their local area.

Guidance and online system:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/report-dead-wild-birds>

Resources:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/shre1kybtbts8of9aa6i/Avian-influenza-2022.paper?dl=0&rlkey=b15r07b5t8pkxd65bzd3o2e0j>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bird-flu-avian-influenza-posters-for-bird-keepers>

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-housing-order-to-be-introduced-across-england>

Latest situation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bird-flu-avian-influenza-latest-situation-in-england>

Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD), the International Day of Remembrance for those murdered in the Holocaust and more recent genocides, will take place on 27 January

2023. Held in January each year on the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, it aims to educate, commemorate and prompt action against discrimination and

hatred in our communities today. Every year, activities take place in a variety of settings across the UK to mark HMD, and in 2022 almost two thirds of councils were involved. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust has made available advice, guidance and free resources to support local organisations, including a 'Get Involved Guide' for councils. Councils are encouraged to share this information as appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact: toni.griffiths@hmd.org.uk or enquiries@hmd.org.uk

Resources:

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/your-local-authority-and-holocaust-memorial-day/Guides>:

Guides:

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/resources/>

Interactive map:

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/letusknow>

How health has changed in each council: 2015 to 2020

Earlier this month the Office for National Statistics (ONS) released a new edition of an interactive tool showing how health changed in each council between 2015 and 2020, according to the Health Index. The start of the COVID-19 outbreak caused widespread changes to health in England. This included a worsening of personal well-being, mortality, mental health, and economic and working conditions, but also some improvements such as reduced air pollution and crime.

Interactive tool and statistics:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/healthandwellbeing/articles/howhealthhaschangedinyourlocalarea2015to2020/2022-11-09>