

MINUTES OF ICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Gordon Woolhouse Meeting Room, Ickleton Village Hall on Wednesday 16th June 2021 starting at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Sian Wombwell, Cllr Terry Sadler, Cllr Tim Pavelin, Cllr Simon Cheney, Cllr Hugh Molloy, Cllr Philly Hamilton, Leanne Smith (Clerk)

District & County Cllr Peter McDonald

011/21-22 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr Edmund Heaney – Apologies received

Cllr Liz Gibson - Absent

012/20-21 Councillors Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda & Requests for Dispensation

Tim Pavelin – agenda item 022/21-22 i.

013/21-22 Open Forum for Public Participation Including Youth Representation

Lucy Davidson – for Parish Councillor vacancy

014/21-22 To approve minutes of meeting held on 19th May 2021

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2021 are approved and signed by the Chair.

015/21-22 Matters Arising /Clerk's report

Clerk's report circulated before the meeting.

No update regarding the Privately Funded Local Highway Initiative relating to the Grange Road/Abbey Street/Coploe Road junction.

Repairs to the road surface on Frogge St to Gt Chesterford have been completed.

016/21-22 Traffic and Highways Issues

i. Speedwatch

Speedwatch resumed in May 2021 after a 6 month break due to Covid. The poor weather meant that 5 sessions out of the scheduled 14 were cancelled, plus another one abandoned halfway through. The hot spot was, as usual, on Abbey Street looking out of the village, with high speeds being recorded in a high percentage of vehicles. Fourteen members volunteered, plus a couple more on the side lines, hopefully to return at some future date. Vehicle numbers are still significantly down compared to pre-covid. Amanda Large, the Coordination Officer, visited the village on Thursday 20th May 2021.

Cllr Sadler also mentioned the following under Traffic and Highways Issues:

Alexander MacGregor was awarded an A grade for his A-level Geography project. The project brief was to carry out an independent investigation of traffic calming measures introduced in Ickleton involving data collection and analysis. Cllr Wombwell thanked Cllr Sadler for assisting with the project, a copy of which should be released next month.

The drains on Brookhampton Street at the cemetery corner are still blocked and we are due heavy rain later this week. Cllr McDonald took note and will pursue the matter.

017/21-22 Rural Crime Report

Cllr Wombwell reported the theft of an IBC container from a meadow on the road out to Gt Chesterford.

018/21-22 Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from Cllr Peter McDonald received ahead of the meeting and circulated to Councillors.

See appendix A.

Thakeham:

Land owners have received correspondence from Thakeham about compulsory purchase and helicopters have been seen surveying the area.

Cambridgeshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Consultation:

A Councillor noted that potential cycle ways finish at Duxford and that the parish would benefit from a cycle way being extended to Ickleton and beyond to Gt Chesterford for users of the train station in particular. Cllr Sadler will submit views on behalf of the Parish Council.

Wild Minds - free outdoor activities to support young people's wellbeing:

A Councillor asked if the programme is being offered on a permanent basis and Cllr McDonald stated that it may be if successful.

A505 study:

A Councillor asked if there was any further information about the A505 study and Cllr McDonald stated that there is a meeting with Greater Cambridge Planning on the 30th of June 2021 at 6pm.

Water supply:

A Councillor raised the issue of water supply in the area and Cllr McDonald acknowledged that it is a serious issue.

019/21-22

Correspondence Received

i. Parishioner on Frogge Street – dangerous trees

A parishioner contacted the Parish Council requesting support to establish the owner of a verge near her house where dangerous trees were of concern. After initially disclaiming ownership, Highways eventually admitted responsibility and have instigated works to reduce the trees.

ii. Licensing at South Cambs District Council (SCDC) - Premises Licence application, Container 9 at Rectory Farm Storage, Grange Road, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, CB10 1TA

Notice has been received by SCDC for alcohol to be stored on the premises. Representations can be made for or against the application in writing. Noted by the Parish Council.

iii. 20's plenty for Cambridgeshire

Request that the Parish Council passes a motion to support the 20's plenty initiative across Cambridgeshire – a call for wide area signed 20mph limits. Cllr Sadler proposed that the Parish Council passes the motion to support it as requested. This was agreed unanimously. ACTION – Clerk to contact the organisation to that effect.

iv. Greater Cambridge Shared Planning – A505 study update

To date the study has recommended a number of options for further investigation, assessment and development, with a view that the next phase of work would move towards selecting a preferred option. The Combined Authority (CPCA) is undertaking an independent review of the study. Following confirmation of the review, the intention is to take reports on the outcomes of the study and proposed next steps to the relevant Cambridgeshire County Council and CPCA committee later in the year. Noted by the Parish Council.

v. South Cambs District Council (SCDC) - Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1982, Street Trading

Legislation relating to the provision of Street trading is set out in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1982. The Act requires Local Authorities to specifically adopt the provisions relating to controlling street trading if they are to be relied upon. The Act was never adopted District-wide by SCDC, and to address this, a report will be taken to the Council's Cabinet in the near future to consider if it wishes the Council to adopt the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 for the whole of the district, and not just part as current. The Parish Council is able to make representation to the proposal, which would be referred back to Cabinet for decision. Should a decision be made to adopt the legislation fully, then a review of the existing Street Trader Policy would be undertaken which the Parish Council would be formally consulted on. Noted by the Parish Council who support the proposal.

020/21-22

Planning Information

i. For consideration

Reference: **21/01226/LBC**

Proposal: Remove existing chimney pot and cement benching, install 2 x ventilation bricks into stack. Install new 900mm buff chimney pot and bench in chimney pot.

Site address: 48 Frogge Street, Ickleton, CB10 1SH

Applicant: Mr Edmund Harcourt.

The Parish Council support this application.

ii. Planning Decisions

Reference: **21/01177/HFUL**

Proposal: Demolition of attached garage. Single storey side and rear extension.

Site address: Larkhill House, Grange Road, Ickleton, CB10 1TA

Applicant: Mrs Fiona Spinks
Permission granted. Noted by the Parish Council.
Reference: **S/3650/19/CONDA**
Proposal: Submission of details required by conditions 3 (Hard and Soft Landscaping), 5 (Boundary Treatments) and 10 (Ecology) of planning permission S/3650/19/VC
Site address: 43 Abbey Street Ickleton CB10 1SS
Applicant: Mr Peter Macdonald
Discharge condition in full. Noted by the Parish Council.

iii. Planning Appeals

None.

iv. Tree Works

None.

v. Applications for consideration by the Planning Committee

Reference: **S/2896/19/FL**

Proposal: Construction of a 168-bedroom hotel with ancillary facilities associated access gates car parking (including reconfigured conference centre car parking) cycle parking and landscaping.
Site address: Imperial War Museum, Royston Road, Duxford, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4QR

Applicant: Propiteer Hotels Duxford Limited, 1 Olivers Barn, 2 Maldon Road, Witham, Essex
Permission granted by SCDC Planning Committee on 9/6/2021. Noted by the Parish Council.

021/21-22 Reports from Councillors

Clr Pavelin:

A request has been made to the Parish Council for a marquee to be erected on the recreation field by the village hall to accommodate wedding reception guests on 26/6/2021. This is because the Government has not lifted all restrictions as planned on the 21/6/2021. The village hall is booked for the wedding reception and kitchen and toilet facilities will be used, but to make the occasion covid safe the hosts would like the addition of an outdoor marquee. The Parish Councillors were concerned about the public right of way between the village hall and the marquee but the size of the marquee means that there will be plenty of space. The Parish Council agreed to the proposal due to the exceptional circumstances.

Clr Hamilton:

Has noted pot holes on Royston Lane near to Chrishall Grange that would be particularly dangerous for cyclist as well as vehicles.

Clr Cheney:

His application for the Community Chest Fund Grant was successful and £2,000 has been awarded. He proposed that the money is accepted and it is discussed further at the July 2021 Parish Council meeting to progress. Clr Molloy seconded the proposal. ACTION – Clerk to include on the July 2021 agenda.

Clr Sadler:

Tom Clarke has been replaced by Caroline Foster as the Planning Director at The Wellcome Trust. She moves to the post from Urban and Civic who were bought by the Wellcome Trust in 2020. The National Planning Awards 2021 results have been announced. The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service received two awards; promoting economic growth for the Wellcome Genome Campus expansion and best housing scheme (500 homes or more) for Great Knighton.

Clr Wombwell:

The public house has a new landlord and is opening on 16/6/2021.

022/21-22 Financial Matters

i. **To Approve Payment of June 2021 Accounts:**

Clerk's salary (confidential)

Clerk's expenses – £57.50

Tim Pavelin (empty bins) – 80.00

Red Shoes Accounting (payroll) - £45.00

The following invoices were received after the publication of the agenda:

John Williams (Icene printing) - £68.90

Essex Cares Ltd (Icene printing April 2021) - £124.00
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It was resolved that all the payments listed be made.

ii. Hundred Parishes Society membership renewal

It was resolved unanimously that the membership would be renewed at a cost of £20.00.
Cllr Wombwell has seen the Society's hardback book, The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction, in the Saffron Walden book shop and reports that it is a very interesting read.
The book introduces readers to each of the Hundred Parishes with an outline of its history and a generous selection of photos depicting its heritage. In all, there are almost a thousand pictures. The 400-page hardback book costs £25 a copy. It can be viewed and purchased at the Tourist Information Centres in Bishop's Stortford, Saffron Walden or Thaxted, at Great Bardfield's bookshop, Between The Lines, and at Saffron Walden's Hart's Books, or by contacting the author Ken McDonald on hundredparishes@btinternet.com.

iii. Magpas donation

It was resolved unanimously that a £50.00 donation would be made to Magpas.

iv. Bank reconciliation (bank accounts) – 31st May 2021

Unity Current account - £22,640.79
Unity Instant Access account - £25,088.12
Total - £47,728.91

It was resolved that the bank reconciliation for May 2021 is approved by the Parish Council.

v. Bank reconciliation (Equals cash card) – 31st May 2021

Total - £233.59

It was resolved that the bank reconciliation for May 2021 is approved by the Parish Council.

vi. Review Icene advertising fees

It was resolved unanimously that due to the ongoing effect of Covid -19 the fees will remain the same but be reviewed next year.

vii. Cricket club pitch hire fees

Cllr Wombwell proposed, Cllr Pavelin seconded and it was resolved that no annual fee would be charged to the cricket club for hire of the cricket pitch, largely due to the extent of the maintenance of the pitch carried out by the club.

viii. Quote for installation of bollards

Quote received from Dominic Pallett for the removal of the old gate and installation of two fixed and three removable bollards at the Back Lane entrance to the recreation field - £400.00.
Cllr Wombwell proposed, Cllr Sadler seconded and it was resolved that the quote was accepted and work is carried out.

ix. Quotes for repairs to skate ramp, bus shelter and bench

Quote received from Bob Calladine as follows:
Replace damaged panel on skate ramp - £200.00
Repaint skate ramp - £350.00
Repair damaged wooden panel on bus shelter - £50.00
Repair to wooden bench - £100.00

It was resolved unanimously that the quotes were accepted and work is carried out.

x. Quotes for Coploe Pit fencing

Two quotes received as follows:
Dominic Pallett – remove old gate and erect fencing - £220.00
Bob Calladine - remove old gate and erect fencing - £200.00

It was resolved unanimously that the quote from Dominic Pallett was accepted and work is carried out.

xi. Purchase of water butt for cemetery

It was resolved that a water butt would not be purchased at this time as the current one is in working order.

023/21-22 Recreation Field and Play Area

i. Parish Consultation – keeping dogs on leads on the recreation field

The request to keep dogs on leads on the recreation field was re-assessed by the Parish Council in April 2021 and the request was suspended for a period of consultation. The Parish Council noted the unprecedented response to the consultation and would like to thank all those who made contact to communicate whether they opposed the idea or were supportive of allowing dogs on the recreation field on leads only. The great majority were against keeping dogs on leads. The Parish Council, whilst withdrawing its request, asks that full consideration is given to other users of the recreation field, in particular children and the infirm, if dogs are let off their lead. The situation will be monitored and reconsidered in future if necessary.

024/21-22 Maintenance

i. Church tidy

Request from the Church wardens to prepare the church yard for the summer fete on Saturday 26th June 2021. Dominic Pallett was aware and the work has been scheduled. However due to Covid-19 restrictions continuing beyond 21/6/2021 the summer fete has been cancelled. The annual churchyard tidy carried out by the Parish Council did not go ahead last year due to Covid-19. The Councillors felt that the tidy up this year would be a big task because it wasn't carried out last year and would therefore like to obtain a quote from Dominic Pallett to assist with a view to carrying out the work in the autumn. ACTION – Clerk to obtain quote.

ii. Autumn planting

Cllr Pavelin proposed that hedging is planted along the new path by the railway line. The Parish Council are conducting a walkabout in the village on 21/6/2021 to consider locations for a proposed cherry tree circle so will also discuss this matter. Cllr Cheney stated that applications to The Woodland Trusts free trees for communities can be made now for the next delivery period in the autumn. It was agreed that he would make the application.

iii. Back Lane

MOT material still needs to be laid on the track surface. ACTION – Cllr Wombwell.

Public footpath signs will be displayed on the new bollards at the recreation field entrance. Locks need to be purchased for the removable bollards. ACTION – Clerk to liaise with Dominic Pallett.

025/21-22 Cemetery extension

No progress to report. To carry over to the July 2021 Parish Council meeting. The Clerk noted that the budget for the 2022-23 financial year will be set at the end of this year so further detail would be necessary in the next few months if possible.

026/21-22 Councillor vacancy

Two applications were received for the vacancy of Parish Councillor from William Wombwell and Lucy Davidson.

Cllr Wombwell abstained.

A nomination for Lucy Davidson was proposed by Cllr Sadler and seconded by Cllr Pavelin.

A nomination for William Wombwell was proposed by Cllr Hamilton but not seconded.

Therefore, the vacancy was filled by Lucy Davidson.

ACTION – Clerk to complete associated administrative tasks.

027/21-22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 7.30pm

Any business and payments to be considered at the Parish Council Meeting must be delivered to the Clerk for inclusion on the agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.27 pm

Report for Parish Councils – June 2021

South Cambs District Council

1. Grants

As of Friday we had paid out 12,050,994 since November 2020 grants opened (LRSB and ARG/hardship). £4,576,979 out of our £4,594,889 Additional Restrictions (discretionary - hardship), 99.6% of fund paid to 1,653 businesses.

Restart grants, we have paid out £4,270,018 out of our £5,814,090 allocation to 453 businesses (73%).

2. Growth Fund

The South Cambridgeshire Growth fund is opening for applications on 1st July 2021. It is for micro and small businesses operating in/from South Cambridgeshire. Priority applicants will include those who have not previously received government backed (covid related) funding. A one-off grant of between £1,000 to a maximum of £50,000 will be awarded to eligible applicants.

Applicants must:

- Be South Cambridgeshire based start-ups since/during the pandemic who are looking to scale and grow quickly in our region

Or

- Be established South Cambridgeshire based companies who can demonstrate evidence of ambitious expansion/growth plans in our District specifically
- Eligible businesses are sole traders, partnerships and SMEs located in South Cambridgeshire.

South Cambs Investment Partnership (SCIP)

The new South Cambridgeshire Investment Partnership (SCIP) has agreed to purchase land in Cambourne to bring forward new homes – while South Cambridgeshire District Council is also making a major investment in the future of Cambourne Business Park.

The land on the southern edge of Cambourne Business Park being purchased for £12.9 million by SCIP is expected to lead to around 275 new homes. 40% of these will be much needed affordable housing. This will include social housing, such as rented accommodation managed by the Council or a Housing Association. SCIP is a 50:50 partnership between South Cambridgeshire District Council and top 20 housebuilder, Hill Group.

Additional land is also being made available to enable SCIP to improve vehicle and pedestrian access to the adjoining development scheme to the west, including the planned new schools and community facilities. Plans for this site are still being worked on and both Hill and the Council are keen to carry out extensive engagement with the local community before finalising proposals and submitting a planning application.

Additionally, South Cambridgeshire District Council is purchasing a currently empty plot of land at Cambourne Business Park, which is identified for commercial activity, with a view to completing this part of the Business Park. Key parts of the infrastructure of the Business Park are also being purchased by the Council. The total cost of these two transactions is £1.4 million. This acquisition also gives the Council wider control of, and the ability to initiate, carefully considered further development at the Business Park as part of a proactive approach to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first, and largest of the sites, comprises 19.2 acres of brownfield residential land to the south of the access road. It has been purchased by SCIP and is allocated in the District Council's current adopted Local Plan for residential and employment use. It has the potential to deliver around 275 new homes, with 40% affordable.

The residential site marks the maiden land acquisition for SCIP, an innovative joint venture partnership formed in 2020 to generate brand new, long term revenue streams, investment opportunities and assets for the Council, without drawing on any existing landbanks or Council assets. Over the next four years, the Council is actively looking to invest up to £170 million with its investment partners in the acquisition and development of land in South Cambridgeshire and the wider travel to work area, as determined by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER).

The second site, being purchased just by South Cambridgeshire District Council, comprises 2.77 acres adjacent to South Cambridgeshire Hall, with detailed planning consent for 48,000 sq ft of office space, set within the Cambridge Compass Enterprise Zone area. The Council has also purchased 3 acres of associated infrastructure land around the access road, including a car park, the marketing office and two electric car charging points. These two smaller parcels of land were purchased solely by, and will be retained by, the Council.

The Council and SCIP will speak with neighbouring residents and businesses, along with the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service, to bring forward detailed planning applications, with a focus on sustainable design in line with the Council's aspirations towards net zero carbon.

Cambourne Business Park is located nine miles west of Cambridge, set in 55 acres of picturesque parkland with lakes, cycleways and footpaths. Part of the park was awarded Enterprise Zone status in 2016.

To find out more about the South Cambridgeshire Investment Partnership and its plans for the site in Cambourne. info@SC-IP.co.uk

East West Rail: South Cambs Response

The plans for this national infrastructure project are being drawn up by the East West Rail Company, which was set up by the Department for Transport in 2018. East West Rail's preferred option would see the railway, if it goes ahead, pass through parts of South Cambridgeshire such as Cambourne, Highfields Caldecote, the Eversdens, Harlton, Haslingfield, Hauxton and the Shelfords before eventually entering Cambridge from the south of the city. The officer report highlights the need for further details on a range of technical issues such as noise and landscape impacts and the local impacts need to be explored and addressed.

The response from South Cambridgeshire District Council to East West Rail's consultation was agreed at a Cabinet meeting yesterday (Monday 24 May). It will now be finalised by the officer and Lead Member, considering members' comments during the Cabinet meeting, before it is submitted to East West Rail.

East West Rail's consultation runs from 31 March, until 9 June and covers a range of topics including the overall customer experience of the future railway, and a range of infrastructure proposals - such as the route, new stations and level crossings. South Cambridgeshire District Council is a statutory consultee and will submit a response as part of the consultation and through the planning process. Members of the public can view the consultation and submit their own comments via the East West Rail website.

'Wild Minds': free outdoor activities to support young people's wellbeing

Wild Minds is our free programme of wellbeing activities to support 14- to 17-year-olds who are suffering mental-health issues such as anxiety and low mood, and/or to build self-esteem and confidence. The programme was set up over the last two years in response to the current context around the mental health of young people within the UK; NHS mental health services have experienced greatly increased referrals over the last 10 years with increased waiting times for specialist support and increasing thresholds to gain access. It offers:

- Free outdoor activities at Milton Country Park (all equipment will be provided free too)
- Group based activities including bush craft, survival skills, paddle boarding, yoga and mindfulness – no experience is necessary for any activities
- Sessions are an hour and a half long, and held each weekend for eight weeks
- Support from both skilled instructors and youth workers.

The course has been developed by South Cambridgeshire District Council together with Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust and is supported by a Clinical Psychologist. The next eight-week course begins on Sunday 6 June and you may wish to share the opportunity within your community – teenagers can register (free) now.

Cambridgeshire County Report

Vaccination

You can see the daily data here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>

New County Council Joint Administration of Lib Dems/Labour/Independents

I sent you all the new administration document with plans & aspirations. Cambridgeshire County Council's Annual General Meeting (Tuesday, 18 May) has agreed a new Joint Administration to lead the work of the council, following a Joint Agreement signed by the leaders of the Liberal Democrat, Labour and Independent groups on Friday.

And as a first step in its new agreement Joint Administration today confirmed an immediate annual saving of £72,000 in Member allowances as a result of changes it has made to the county's committee structure.

At May 18th AGM, held at Duxford to ensure COVID security, Cllr Lucy Nethsingha became Leader of the Council, having been confirmed as chair of a new Strategy and Resources Committee (SRC) responsible for the overarching co-ordination of the council's corporate services, with Cllr Elisa Meschini appointed as vice chair of Strategy and Resources, and Deputy Leader of the Council.

The joint agreement sees the reduction from seven to five of the service and policy committees, with the work of the previous Commercial and Investment Committee now largely within the remit of Strategy and Resources, and that of the Health Committee forming part of the remit of the new Adults and Health Committee – reflecting a new integrated care role for the council working with the NHS.

“Among the commitments from our agreement that we had already honoured by the time today's meeting was over include.

- A saving of £20,000 a year to four 'community champions' by deleting those posts from the membership of the Communities, Social Mobility & Inclusion Committee.
- Saving an extra £52,000 a year in total in special responsibility allowances for two Chairs and two Vice Chairs of the Commercial and Investment and Health Committee
- Setting up an immediate appraisal of the county's current arrangements on fighting the pandemic, as a first step towards setting up a Covid recovery plan

You can read full details of the Joint Administrations agreement here

https://d3n8a8pro7vhm.cloudfront.net/cambridgelibdems/pages/5179/attachments/original/1620984611/County_agreement_2021_FINAL.pdf?1620984611

Roles confirmed at the AGM are as follows:

- Chair of the Council Cllr Derek Giles (Ind) / Vice-Chair Cllr Sebastian Kindersley (LD)
- Strategy and Resources – Chair Cllr Lucy Nethsingha (LD) and Vice-Chair Cllr Elisa Meschini (Lab)
- Service and Policy Committees – which will now meet quarterly
- Adults and Health – Chair Cllr Richard Howitt (Lab) and Vice-Chair Cllr Susan van de Ven (LD)
- Children and Young People – Chair Cllr Bryony Goodliffe (Lab) and Vice-Chair Cllr Maria King (LD)
- Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion – Chair Cllr Tom Sanderson (Ind) and Vice-Chair Cllr Hilary Cox Condon (Lab)
- Environment and Green Investment – Chair Cllr Lorna Dupré (LD) and Vice-Chair Cllr Nick Gay (Lab)
- Highways and Transport - Chair Cllr Peter McDonald (LD) and Vice Chair Gerri Bird (Lab).

Summer Holiday Childcare & Activities

A scheme to provide holiday childcare, activities and food for children in Cambridgeshire is about to start taking bookings for the summer holidays.

Any child receiving free school meals, because of an income-based benefit, is eligible for the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme, which ran successfully throughout the Easter holidays and has now been extended into the summer.

Funded by the Department for Education (DfE), it enables local authorities to coordinate free holiday childcare, which includes healthy food and enriching activities for children who receive benefits-related free school meals. The programme will be delivered by approved holiday scheme providers and childminders, co-ordinated by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Up to four weeks of activities will be offered during the school summer holidays. Parents can book places directly with participating holiday schemes from Monday, 7th June. Information about how to book with participating providers can be found at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf.

As part of the HAF programme, eligible children will be able to access:

- Fun and enriching play opportunities that provide children with new skills and knowledge or allow them to try out new experiences.
- At least one meal a day.
- Sessions on healthy eating such as getting children involved in food preparation and cooking, growing fruit and vegetables.
- Support for parents, carers or other family members with guidance on how to source, prepare and cook nutritious and low-cost food.
- Information and signposting to other services and support which might be helpful.
- Each eligible child will be entitled to up to 64 hours of free holiday childcare throughout the school summer holiday period.

Cambridgeshire County Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the HAF programme.

Covid Rapid Testing vans

There are now even more ways for people to take a rapid Covid test in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough following the launch of three new mobile testing vans.

The vans will be stationed at popular public venues giving people the chance to take a rapid test or collect a testing kit for home use.

Fully trained staff will be on hand to discuss issues around testing and answer any questions residents may have.

The vans will initially be stationed at the following locations on a rota basis, subject to change: 1. Sidney Street in Cambridge 2. Scotsdales garden centre, Cambridge Rd, Great Shelford, Cambridge.

For more information, including the opening dates/times, plus any changes to site locations, visit our rapid testing webpage. <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-community-testing>

Consultation: Cambridgeshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure

This is an important opportunity to contribute views – please note closing July 6th.

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/cc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021>

Foxton Travel Hub

We are meeting officers on June 15th.

East West Rail

Consultation finished June 9th. The County Council will agree a response at its June 22nd Committee.

Thakeham

Thakeham has to date not lodged a submission to the South Cambs Call for Sites.

SWCAG has invited Thakeham to a public meeting to answer questions from the public, but Thakeham has yet to agree a date.

The recent SWCAG meeting for parish council representatives with Stephen Kelly, Head of Greater Cambridge Shared Planning, focused on the OxCam Arc and juxtapositions of local authority and central government planning powers. This was an excellent session and we'll be looking to replicate it at a forthcoming public meeting.

A response has been received on an appeal to a Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government's Freedom of Information Act refusal. This will be posted on the SWCAG website.

Updates as usual here: www.swcag.org.uk

Peter McDonald

June 6th 2021