

Babraham Parish Council:

Minutes of meeting held 12th January 2023

Present:

Denise Dear; Chair
 Damon Stanwell-Smith
 Jane Goody
 Charlotte Boast
 Clerk: Anne Charteris
 Cllr Peter McDonald
 Chris Chapman (BRC)
 1 member of the public

	<p>Part I: Non-Confidential Information</p>
2301/01	<p>To receive and approve apologies for absence: Richard Bandy</p>
2301/02	<p>To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda : none</p>
2301/03	<p>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 10th Nov 2022: Chris Chapman had two small amendments to be made, which were made, then Minutes approved and signed off</p>
2301/04	<p>Exclusion of the public To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.</p>
2301/05	<p>Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald. Cllr McDonald had sent in his report beforehand, this is available on the website but in brief:</p> <p><u>Updated Local Plan</u> Plans for more homes and jobs under the new Local Plan for Greater Cambridge can only go forward if there is certainty on water supplies, and evidence they will not cause unacceptable environmental damage. This follows the publication of an update about the development strategy of the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (Wednesday 4 January). https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s129785/230206-CabinetReport-GCLP-FINAL.pdf</p> <p><u>EV Charging Grants</u> Electric vehicle charging will become easier across the district thanks to a new grant for public charging points for village halls and community buildings. Grants of up to £5,000 each are available from South Cambridgeshire District Council towards the cost of installing an EV charger at community buildings.</p> <p><u>Shared Prosperity Fund</u> 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. The funding is now due to start being received this financial year, ending by March 2025.</p> <p><u>Wellcome Genome Campus</u> A second round of meetings included Hinxton, Ickleton Parish Councils. The Community Forum will meet again soon especially as the proposed new bridges are submitted for approval.</p>

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

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.Uttlesford.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RMXOZAQN01000&activeTab=summary](https://publicaccess Uttlesford.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RMXOZAQN01000&activeTab=summary)

Planning Appeal:

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

2301/06

Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors Brian Milnes and Maria King**Government settlement**

Just before Christmas the Government issued its 'provisional local government finance settlement'—the annual indication to councils of the money they will have available for local services next year. The Government proposes that Cambridgeshire County Council's 'core spending power' (the overall revenue funding available for council services) should increase by 9.5 per cent.

Director of Public Health annual report

The annual report of Cambridgeshire's Director of Public Health to the Adults & Health Committee in December argued strongly in favour of universal, rather than targeted, approaches to health inequalities. She observed that targeted public health interventions risked missing the majority of people needing these services. Her conclusions and recommendations were as follows.

The renewed interest and commitment to tackling health inequalities as a result of the pandemic, is very much welcomed. Historic approaches at tackling these inequalities have not been successful, in fact inequalities have widened.

The automatic response to tackling inequalities is to target, however, as demonstrated in this report, universal approaches can be far more effective at reducing inequalities, than targeted approaches. Universal approaches are also necessary in identifying those individuals who are in need of further intervention. Targeting has also often been carried out on geographical basis or using IMD [Index of Multiple Deprivation] quintiles, as argued in this report, this can often lead to the majority of individuals in need, being missed.

To be fair to our residents we need to successfully reduce inequalities in health outcomes.

To be successful in this we must be more intelligenceled and evidence-based.

We need to:

- Keep a focus on universal interventions as a key way of improving outcomes, reducing inequalities in health in our population.
- Make sure that any universal offer is systematically planned and delivered to enable access to all and give additional support according to need.
- Start early (pregnancy and childhood) before inequalities become entrenched.
- Ensure that any targeted intervention is based on need, ideally through universal identification of need or risk rather than grouping by easily available information such demographics or geography evidence-led as to approach.
- Be transparent and explicit around considerations for interventions clearly articulating the proposed individual and population benefits, draw first on evidence-based approaches with proven cost effectiveness and where evidence is not available, research and evaluate the impact of new and innovative approaches.

Mobile library service review

A review of the Council's mobile library service took place last year, resulting in a number of improvements. Twenty-one additional stops were added and routes were rearranged, enabled by storing vehicles within communities, rather than centrally.

- Mobile libraries are now available to the public nearly 20 per cent longer, due to reduced driving between stops.
- Travel has been reduced, with over 150 fewer miles travelled a month and so less fuel used.
- The service visited several events around the County, such as Thriplow Daffodil weekend, Ely and Cambridge Prides, fetes in Sutton, numerous outdoor The Library Presents events, Our Place in Space, and many more summer fetes by local staff using the new book bikes.
- 300 new members joined between May and September; and there were 6,296 visits to the vehicles and over 20,000 items issued—a stronger recovery than many of the service’s static libraries to pre-pandemic levels.
- Bessie the book bike and Jessie the Jubilee bike attended twelve events to raise awareness for the service, including a royal reception at Cambridgeshire Day.

20MPH schemes

The Highways & Transport Committee approved the changes to the Council’s policy on 20MPH speed limits outlined in last month’s report. The proposed timetable for applications for funding for new 20MPH speed limits is as follows.

- Go ‘live’ with application process on-line for new schemes (February 2023)
- Application period (February to April 2023)
- Prioritisation (May to June 2023)
- Committee report for approval (July 2023)
- Programming and delivery of schemes (August 2023 onwards)

Plans for Cambridge South Station gain approval from Department for Transport

The Department for Transport has granted permission to build the Cambridge South station and carry out improvements at Shepreth Junction. Work will also take place to create a new connection between existing lines at Hills Road to improve access, but construction cannot begin until full details have been approved by the local planning authority. (More info [Cambridge South infrastructure enhancement: Transport and Works Order - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cambridge-south-infrastructure-enhancement-transport-and-works-order))

Safe and Dry

The Council has used a data interpretation and modelling tool to process information about local flood locations. As a result, it has identified a ‘Safe and Dry’ programme of 115 locations where work is needed to improve flood resilience, and work has begun on the first 50 of these locations. The remaining locations will be kept on a ‘long list’ for future works, which will be added to on an ongoing basis.

King Charles III coronation street parties

The Council has published guidance for local groups seeking to organise street parties and highways events to mark the coronation of King Charles III in May 2023. All street party applications must be received by the County Council at least eight weeks in advance (Friday 10 March 2023) via the Council’s website. Highway Events applications must be submitted at least twelve weeks in advance (Friday 10 February 2023). More information about the process can be found at [Coronation events - Cambridgeshire County Council](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/coronation-events)

2301/07

Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative

Thinning works and clearing back overhanging trees along the High St and A1307- currently at planning approval stage on the public register.

Further hedge planting to happen this month along Rowley Lane.

There will be some change and development on the fields on BI land this year, with more margins and areas being managed for conservation.

Replacement of the fence along the riverbank will happen this year, for public safety along the footpath (with four/five swims for access down to the river, which will also serve the fishing club)

Some sections of the footpaths on the estate will be temporarily diverted over the next 2 months while essential tree safety works take place.

Wild Trout Trust.

	<p>2nd Feb- working with estates team to demonstrate tree hinging in the channel so we can carry this out ourselves.</p> <p>18th April, 10th May, 14th June: For channel and bank works, with possibility for tenant companies to be involved in small groups of five.</p> <p>Cambridge Trout Club: In terms of report upon fish, there are about four members who have been out and have caught fish or returned 60+ Brown trout and also some small Chub.</p> <p>What's noticeable is the size of trout has increased up to round about an average of a pound. They are very distinct from the other arm of the river Granta, being shorter and broader in the shoulders. There are definitely fish breeding below the weir pool where a lot of smaller trout had been caught.</p> <p>Two new dog poo bins to be put up at either end of the path through the campus which runs up to the A1307.</p> <p>Ivy to be cleared from the flint walls.</p>
<p>2301/08</p>	<p>Cheveley Park Development Plans</p> <p>Cheveley Park are keen to speak to the Neighbourhood Plan group, however the group have no authority to do so as the development is outside the Local plan call to sites. It was asked what happened to the plans for this development, did the PC have any or is there an electronic copy available?</p>
<p>2301/09</p>	<p>Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Cambridge South East Transport (CSET)</p> <p>CSET have confirmed that they can attend the Feb 9th meeting, Clerk will contact them to confirm. Better than Busway group have asked if they can distribute flyers throughout the village.</p>
<p>2301/10</p>	<p>Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed</p> <p>Concern was raised about the different speed limits along the Babraham to Sawston Road, which is very confusing and unenforceable. Traffic around the bends at Church Farm is worrying and there is concern that accidents will happen before long.</p> <p>Potholes: this is a problem for every village at the moment following the very hot summer, then the extreme cold then heavy rain. An urgent review is being held at the County Council to improve the quality and frequency of the repairs. Residents are urged to report these on the CCC website. The more people who report them, the higher the possibility of them being fixed.</p>
<p>2301/11</p>	<p>Forest Garden Project.</p> <p>Pc to arrange a meeting with Hannah to discuss the Governance of the Forest Garden once the initial 2 year project ends, needs to be decided as soon as possible.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forest Garden progress <p>There has been no activity needed in the Forest Garden over the November and December. In advance of the spring planting season, the local heritage fruit trees (on order from last year) have been delivered and the second-year shrubs are also ready for delivery next week.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. School's Climate COP Event (16th November) <p>Hannah gave a presentation workshop on the Babraham Forest Garden to 100 local school children (11-17 year olds) from all around Cambridgeshire, as part of a Climate COP-style event run by Sawston Village College in conjunction with 15 other local schools. The Forest Garden workshop presented a way in which local communities could take action to mitigate climate change and raise awareness.</p> <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GA Groundworks will be commissioned to enclose the top end of the Forest Garden to make it rabbit proof prior to planting (Jan / Feb). - Volunteer planting days to be planned (early/mid-February). - Grass protection matting and fixings to be purchased to finish the Babraham School raised bed area (February).

	<p>Invoices for payment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) £160 – Invoice from the East of England Apples and Orchards Project for 6 fruit trees plus tree planting packs 2) £650 – Invoice from Hannah Thomas to cover materials for School raised beds (grass protection matting and fixtures) and for community outreach/signage work completed (poster design / Schools’ presentation).
<p>2301/12</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Design guide report, funded by Locality, has been rejected. This has gone back so a delay has been caused. It should be starting next week. Masterplan- series of options that might be take, Developers can see what is wanted and is a Policy document which gives guidance. The next round of consultation will take place later on.</p>
<p>2301/13</p>	<p>General Village Matters and new items for discussion</p> <p>Fireworks. Friends of Babraham School rep CB asked CC whether BRC would be having a Fireworks display this year. Reply was that the previous organiser has now left so no-one to run it. CB asked if the FOBS could do this, however it would need a qualified person to organise and also the BRC insurance company would need to be happy with everything. There is no problem holding the Colour Run.</p> <p>Footpath outside thatched cottages: Clerk has contacted Highways and sent photos, this is the reply: <i>We have a three year rolling programme of planned highway maintenance works which we regularly review and update to ensure that our resources are targeted at priority areas. The matters you have reported do not require immediate attention and therefore they have been added to a three year rolling programme of work. At this stage we cannot provide any further timescales or specific dates for this work to be carried out. To find out more, please visit https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/transport-plans-and-policies/transport-delivery-plan-and-highway-policies/ Clerk will ask Brian Milnes if there is anything he can do to speed this up as the path is very dangerous.</i></p> <p>Village Hall. The good news was that Planning permission has now been granted. The next step is for the School and Bush and Bennett to meet with the Village Hall Committee. Hopefully building will start in the spring. The School has written a list of benefits which this building will make to the school. Other considerations to be decided such as who has Governance going forward, who will control the bookings-school? An operational framework to be drafted.</p> <p>Coronation of King Charles III. The Church will be open for afternoon teas. BPC will discuss at the next meeting whether they want to join with the Church or hold a separate event,</p>
<p>2301/14</p>	<p>Precept. To discuss Budget and set Precept for 2023/2024 Clerk presented Budget for the next Financial year, this was discussed and the PC were keen to lower the Precept following the rise last year and bearing in mind the high cost of living and current inflation. DD proposed a Precept of E14,000. Seconded by DSS and all in agreement. Clerk to send in request for this amount.</p>
<p>2301/15</p>	<p>FINANCE</p>
<p>2301/15</p>	<p>Receipts (as of 6th Jan 2023)) Interest from Instant Access Acc: £166.63</p>
<p>2301/16</p>	<p>Payments (as of 6th Jan 2023)</p>

2301/17

Paid

Clerk	Salary/Tax/Expenses	£875.98
Hugo Fox	Website provider	£71.98
Brookfield	Bins/grasscutting	£135.00
Ionos	Email subs	£45.60
Hannah Thomas	Forest Garden	£4800.00
KWA Architects	Design fees	£54.00
CAPALC	Councillor Training	£72.00
Groundwise	Building plan checks	£362.72
Drax	Street Lighting	£22.60
Glasdon	Dog Poo bin	£199.69
Unity Bank	Bank Charges	£23.70
Hannah Thomas	Wix- NP Website	£158.40

- A full list of payments was circulated and reviewed at the meeting. This were then signed off.
- Clerk brought along forms to add new signatories to the bank accounts.

2301/18

Balances and Bank Reconciliation at 6th Jan 2023

Unity Current A/C balance	£5,610.51
Unity Savings A/C balance	£51,579.33
Cambridge Building Society	£80,038.58

PLANNING

2301/19

2301/20

Planning decisions: None

2301/21

Correspondence.

2301/22

Items for inclusion in the next meeting

Coronation Plans.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th Feb 2023 at 7:30pm

2301/23

Part II: Confidential Information

Exclusion of the Press and the Public: To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting.

Signature: *Anne Charteris* **17th Jan 2023**
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