

Babraham Parish Council:

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Babraham Parish Council held on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 18:30 at Babraham School

Present:

Denise Dear

Richard Bandy

Jane Goody

Charlotte Rogers -Previous Vice Chair to open meeting

Clerk: Anne Charteris

	Part I: Non-Confidential Information
2205/01	To receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies received from Peter McDonald and Damon Stamwell-Smith
2205/02	To elect a Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing year Denise Dear was proposed by Richard Bandy and seconded by Jane Goody, All in agreement.
2205/03	To elect a Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing year Deferred until the next meeting when hopefully all Council members will be present
2205/04	Co-option one new member of the Parish Council Charlotte Rogers was proposed by Jane Goody, seconded by Denise Dear. All in agreement, CR then joined Parish Council members
2205/05	For Councillors to sign their Acceptance of Office forms All Councillors present signed their forms and handed to Clerk
2205/06	To elect Council Representatives to outside bodies Richard Bandy: Neighbourhood Plan and Village Hall committee.
2205/07	To receive members' Declaration of Interest for items on this agenda CR- Cheveley Park
2205.08	To sign and approve Minutes of Meeting dated 10th March and 14th April 2022 Minutes were approved and signed off
2205/09	Exclusion of the public To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. None .
2205/10	Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed No members of the Public present
2205/11	Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald Full report available on website and sent to Councillors prior to the meeting. In brief: Ukraine Supporting people from Ukraine seeking refuge. Reminder of the South Cambs District and Cambs County Council efforts to support people seeking refuge from the war in Ukraine. The SCDC website contains practical information on what you can do: https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/support-for-ukraine/

2205/12	<p>Cambs County Council's information includes a useful FAQ: https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-for-the-people-of-ukraine.</p> <p>Business Rates Relief</p> <p>Businesses in South Cambridgeshire which have been adversely affected by the pandemic, but unable to access COVID-19 support linked to their business rates, may be eligible for the latest financial support. South Cambridgeshire District Council is now welcoming applications for its discretionary COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF).</p> <p>Cambridgeshire County Report</p> <p>Thousands of people across Cambridgeshire have been offered a large discount on installing solar panels on their roofs thanks to an innovative scheme taking place across the county.</p> <p>Solar Together Cambridgeshire is a partnership between Cambridgeshire County Council, the district councils of East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire, and the city of Cambridge, which offers homeowners high-quality solar PV panels through a group purchasing scheme.</p> <p>Following the auction, three winning bidders to cover the county were chosen. These were: Greenscape Energy, Green Energy Together UK and Everyone's Energy.</p> <p>All registered homeowners were then offered a deal which was on average 34% below the typical market price. The number of people who have taken up the offer has yet to be finalised with the offer remaining valid until 13 May. To register your interest for the next round of the scheme, visit: https://solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire/home</p> <p>Mobile Library</p> <p>Mobile Library routes across the county are changing from Tuesday 3rd May, to include new stops and changes to visiting days and durations</p> <p>For further information on route changes please go to Mobile libraries - Cambridgeshire County Council. Find a mobile library stop - Cambridgeshire County Council <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/mobiles/find-a-mobile-library-stop></p> <p>No Mow May</p> <p>Local wildlife will thrive along Cambridgeshire's roads this spring as grass cutting will be paused to support animals and plant life.</p> <p>Cambridgeshire County Council will stop cutting grass on its road verges during May this year to support local biodiversity, with a particular focus on pollinators such as bees.</p> <p>'No Mow May' is run by Plantlife – an organisation that promotes the maintenance and growth of wildflowers, plants and fungi. According to Plantlife, more than 700 species of wildflowers grow on road verges in the UK - this is almost 45% of the total wildflower species found across the country.</p> <p>For more information on Plantlife, visit: https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk or https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/no-mow-may</p> <p>Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors Brian Milnes and Maria King</p> <p>Full report available on website and sent to Councillors prior to the meeting.</p> <p>In brief:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Since May 2021 a new Joint Administration of Liberal Democrat, Labour and Independent councillors has been running the Council, and the three groups have signed an Agreement including a policy framework, protocols for working arrangements, and a new committee structure. 1.2 Brian Milnes' role in the Administration focuses on the issues of Highways & Transport: Brian is a member of the Council's Highways and Transport
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	<p>Committee, of the Highways Improvement Board and of the Greater Cambridge Partnership Assembly.</p> <p>1.3 The County Council's move from Shire Hall in Cambridge to Alconbury Weald finally took place in the autumn - but not yet for Full Council meetings</p> <p>1.4 The new Joint Administration has been taking stock of the Council it inherited. We invited in a panel of expert councillors and council officers from the Local Government Association (a "peer-challenge" group) to look at the operation of the Council and advise on priorities</p> <p>1.5 The Council's Chief Executive retired during the year, and we appointed a new Chief Executive Stephen Moir who started in post in February 2022.</p> <p>2. Strategy & Resources</p> <p>2.1 The new Council inherited a budget gap of £22.2M for this year. We managed to balance the budget this time, but very significant financial challenges lie ahead. The budget gap we inherited was set to rise to £86M by 2027, and our 'peer-challenge' team identified this as an issue 'of significant magnitude'.</p> <p>2.2 The Council increased its portion of Council Tax in February, by 1.99 percent for general services, and three percent for adult social care.</p> <p>2.3 The Council's budget for this year included a £14M 'Just Transition Fund' to tackle inequality, improve lives, and care for the environment.</p> <p>3. Highways and Transport</p> <p>3.1 The Highways & Transport Committee met on 26 April and awarded funding to the successful Local Highway Improvement bids from parishes.</p> <p>3.2 We have established a new funding pot for local communities to bid into for 20MPH zones, to make these more widespread and easier to obtain.</p> <p>3.3 Traffic in Cambridge is set to grow by 30 per cent in the next ten years, and there is a serious lack of funding for public transport.</p> <p>4. People and Communities</p> <p>4.1 Huge congratulations to Siobhan Rouse, Headteacher at Harston & Newton Primary School, on celebrating 25 years of working as a Headteacher.</p> <p>4.2 A motion from a Fenland councillor calling for a network of mental health hubs to meet the needs of young people received unanimous support from the Council. Work is beginning on putting this into practice.</p> <p>4.3 Senior leaders in Children's Services at Cambridgeshire County Council have responded well to the challenges of COVID-19 and have ensured children stayed safe, according to Ofsted inspectors</p> <p>4.4 As noted by Ofsted, recruiting and retaining social workers remains the single biggest issue for Children and Adult services across the Council. A special project to consider all aspects of working life of social workers and their remuneration has been started by the Council,</p> <p>4.5 More children offered first choice primary school. The proportion of children in Cambridgeshire offered a place at their preferred primary school for this September has risen.</p> <p>4.6 Admissions to the area's secondary schools have been broadly successful although we appreciate more work could be done to improve communications to both parents and children before the process starts (</p> <p>4.7 Household Support Fund During 2021/22 the Council administered the Household Support Fund scheme to support those most in need over the winter months, primarily with food and fuel costs.</p> <p>4.8 We are delighted to welcome over 300 guests from Ukraine into Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>4.9 #LetsGetOutdoors The County Council has launched a #LetsGetOutdoors campaign which is encouraging people to make use of Cambridgeshire's fantastic</p>
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	<p>parks. The campaign is highlighting a new online map https://www.cambsopenspace.co.uk/ which lists all the main green spaces across Cambridgeshire.</p>
2205/13	<p>Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative. Chris Chapman apologised for missing the last meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New building: work to begin in July, hoping to be completed by August 2023. Archaeologists will be looking at the plot before work begins. 2. Estate: paths which were created during the lockdown will now be closed off, this still leaves all the original paths open. The reason they will be closed is to protect the conservation areas and complies with the Country Stewardship scheme. It is hoped that more permissive paths will be opened later on. A lot of work has been done on the river and this is running really well now. 3. Groundsmen from the BRC will be going into the churchyard to help with the clearing up. They will then go in twice a year to continue with the clear-up. 4. It has been noticed that there is a lot of dog mess along the new cycle/walkway BPC agreed to purchase two new dog poo bins and put these up either end of the path. To be delivered to Jane Goody.
2205/14	<p>Clerk's Report Nothing to report</p>
2205/15	<p>Year End and Annual Governance and Accountability Return Cllrs to reviewed and approved the Year-End documentation and Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). This will be submitted to internal and external auditors.</p>
2205/16	<p>Forest Garden Project Report from Hannah Thomas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forest Garden – A watering and mulching party was held on Saturday May 7th. Six families came along and were fantastically helpful, so that we managed to mulch and water over 50 trees. 17 remain, so another event will be held inviting school parents to bring their children after school, as this was very popular for the tree planting. 2. Rebuilding the School raised beds The raised beds are now finished and the school have expressed their enthusiasm for the new facility. 3. Reporting – The 'end of grant' report has been drafted and a text-only version is attached (see appendix). If there are no issues raised by Parish Councillors with regard to the report content, I will submit via the required online portal to the Zero Carbon Communities Grant officer. 4. Forest Garden Year 2 project management contract – this will be drafted and presented to Councillors at the next meeting.
2205/17	<p>Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Cambridge South East Transport (CSET) Nothing to report.</p>
2205/18	<p>Roads & Traffic The speed sign was turned off as it was showing the wrong speed limit. Someone should be coming out to reset the sign to 20mph.</p>
2205/19	<p>Policies to be reviewed/adopted: None</p>
2205/20	<p>Platinum Jubilee celebrations Update on plans.</p>

	Plans are well underway. There will be a tea held in front of the George between 3 and 5. Cheveley Park Farm have donated a barrel of beer. The grant from SCDC Community Chest has been agreed and a new bench to be ordered- to be delivered to Charlotte.	
2205/21	Neighbourhood Plan Deferred until the next meeting.	
2205/22	General Village Matters and new items for discussion Thanks were given to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that Stuart Laurie and Rob Attwood had given to the village.	
	FINANCE	
2205/23	Receipts (as of 6th May 2022)	SCDC Precept £8072.23
2205/24	Payments (as of 6th May 2022)	
2205/25		
	Clerk	Salary/Tax/Expenses- £530
	Hugo Fox	Website provider £35.99
	Brookfield	Bins/grasscutting £279
	Ionos	Email subs £22.80
	Brookfield	Bins grasscutting £468.00
	Yorks Tax Bureau	Payroll £144
	Hannah Thomas	Neighbourhood Plan £900
	Alison Morris	Jubilee items £335.69
	Drax	Street lighting £6.37
	Stuart Laurie	Print cartridge £81.47
	Gallagher	Insurance £826.44
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A full list of payments were circulated and signed off. 	
2205/26	Balances and Bank Reconciliation at 6th May 2022	
	Balances held	
	Unity Current A/C balance	£23029.41
	Unity Savings A/C balance	£61,279.84
	Cambridge Building Society	£80,038.58
	PLANNING	
2205/27	Planning Applications None	
2205/28	Planning decisions (as of 6th May 2022) None received	
2205/29	Correspondence.	
2205/30	Items for inclusion in the next meeting	
2205/31	Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th June 2022 at 7:30pm	
	Part II: Confidential Information	

	<p>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.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.30pm</p> <p>Signature: <i>Anne Charteris</i> 18th May 2022</p> <p>10 Duxford Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 1RB 01799 531827</p>
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