

# Babraham Parish Council:

## Minutes of meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Present:

Denise Dear; Chair

Jane Goody

Richard Bandy

Clerk: Anne Charteris

CLlr Brian Milnes

**Members: 5 Quorum: 3**

	<p><b>Part I: Non-Confidential Information</b></p>
2211/01	<p><b>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> Apologies received from Chris Chapman (BRC) and Cllr P McDonald</p>
2211/02	<p><b>To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda</b> None given</p>
2211/03	<p><b>To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021</b> The Minutes were approved by all and signed off.</p>
2211/04	<p><b>Exclusion of the public</b> To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.</p>
2211/05	<p><b>Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald</b> Cllr McDonald was not present but he had sent in his report beforehand, this is available on the BPC website but in brief:  <p><b>Warm Hubs</b> The first Warm Hubs have opened their doors as part of a new initiative to support communities in South and East Cambridgeshire this winter. Warm hub accreditation In South Cambridgeshire, the first Warm Hubs have opened at Gamlingay and Caldecote. Hardwick, Cottenham and Comberton will be the next villages to see Warm Hubs open their doors</p> <p><b>Local Council Tax Support</b> At the Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Cabinet there will be a proposal to consult on a new C Tax support scheme <a href="https://scamb.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s129225/Local%20Council%20Tax%20Support%20Scheme%202023-2024%20-%20Report%20for%20Cabinet.pdf">https://scamb.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s129225/Local%20Council%20Tax%20Support%20Scheme%202023-2024%20-%20Report%20for%20Cabinet.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Fees &amp; Charges</b> A new schedule of charges is proposed <a href="https://scamb.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s129214/Appendix%20A%20-%20Schedule%20of%20Fees%20and%20Charges%202023%202024.pdf">https://scamb.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s129214/Appendix%20A%20-%20Schedule%20of%20Fees%20and%20Charges%202023%202024.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Councillor Award</b> I was very humbled that the LGIU and CCLA announced that I had won the 2022 Cllr Award for Resilience and Recovery. The Cllr Awards are the only national awards to celebrate the vital contributions of local councillors across England and Wales. I was selected for the Resilience and Recovery award for a commercial approach to our work. I was recognised for his oversight of business grant funding which enabled Cambridgeshire's unique business growth fund, supporting 102 local businesses.</p> <p><b>Cost of living support</b> A summary of all the CoL support will be presented Nov 14th. <a href="https://scamb.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s129226/Cost%20of%20Living%20Crisis%20Support%20for%20Residents%20-%20Report%20for%20Cabinet.pdf">https://scamb.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s129226/Cost%20of%20Living%20Crisis%20Support%20for%20Residents%20-%20Report%20for%20Cabinet.pdf</a></p> </p>
	<p><b>Crash Barrier Work A505 Feb 2023</b></p>

12 weeks of work are proposed here for barriers replacement. I've warned County on the possible disruption and will have a call with Officers soon.

#### **Foster Carers Unaccompanied Children**

An appeal has been launched to find more Foster Carers for unaccompanied children who are seeking asylum in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

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#### **Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors Brian Milnes and Maria King.**

CSET carries on, signs have been erected by Better Than Busway action group, some of these have been removed or fallen down in the recent high winds.

A question was asked re congestion charges, these will not start until the bus services are up and running, mainly within the City. Congestion charge should reduce traffic by 50%.

JG asked why nothing had been done regarding the very poor state of the Pavement in the High St, BM replied that sometimes the reports fell off the system especially if not done through the correct method, he said that he would look at what the situation was. Clerk would also report again on the County Council reporting site.

A report from County Councillors was sent in beforehand, this is available on the BPC website but in brief:

#### **Buses update**

The Combined Authority's bus procurement concluded last month, with all eighteen routes which had been cut by Stagecoach, along with all of the five reduced services, seeing some level of service reinstated. Our services are now run by A2B services (as before) and Centrebus (replacing Stagecoach)

[Route 31](#)

[Route 26](#)

[Route 75](#)

The Combined Authority had set aside £1.7M for subsidies to operators to keep them running. Currently, the total cost is expected to be about £1.25M because bus operators were limited in what services they were prepared to provide. The Combined Authority will be monitoring how the new services are working.

#### **Greater Cambridge 'Public Transport & City Access' consultation**

The Greater Cambridge Partnership has now opened its public consultation on its proposals for a significant expansion of bus services in Cambridge and the city's travel to work area, including South Cambridgeshire, to be paid for by the introduction of a congestion charge in Cambridge in 2027/28. It is very important indeed that local residents here in South Cambridgeshire read the proposals, complete the survey, and let the Greater Cambridge Partnership know what the proposals would mean for them.

The survey closes at midday on Friday 23 December. The consultation website, including the survey, brochure, map book, frequently asked questions, and contact details, can be found at <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022>

#### **Household Support Fund**

The eligibility criteria for the third round of the Household Support Fund (October 2022 to March 2023) have been agreed. The amount available for the third round of funding is £3,581,424. This is proposed to be spent once again on school meal vouchers for the school holidays, and on direct one-off grants to eligible households. It is proposed that such grants should be raised from £100 to £110 to reflect increasing inflation.

#### **20MPH scheme**

Proposals for the process to award funding for applications for 20MPH schemes will be reported to the December meeting of the Highways & Transport Committee. I have been pressing for this to be put in place as soon as possible.

#### **HGV policy**

The HGV policy has now been approved with a couple of minor additions about length and width restriction applications.

	<p><a href="https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roadsand-pathways/heavy-or-abnormal-loads-on-the-highway/heavy-goods-vehiclehgv-policy">https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roadsand-pathways/heavy-or-abnormal-loads-on-the-highway/heavy-goods-vehiclehgv-policy</a></p>
<b>2211/07</b>	<p><b>Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative</b> Chris Chapman had sent in an email to say that the Campus Vision was presented to Parish Councillors last December, however, as there were now several new members, he thought it would be a good idea to present this again, especially as the Neighbourhood Plan group had raised some concerns. The presentation could be held either on the Campus or at one of the Meetings, It was decided that on the Campus would be best so that slides could be used.</p>
<b>2211/08</b>	<p><b>Cheveley Park Development Plans</b> One of the Cheveley Park team had been asking to meet with the Neighbourhood Plan group. Babraham's obligation to provide housing was just One house, the CP development would be 3500 houses which is not in line within the Local Plan.</p>
<b>2211/09</b>	<p><b>Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Cambridge South East Transport (CSET)</b> CSET have confirmed that they can attend the Feb 9<sup>th</sup> meeting</p>
<b>2211/10</b>	<p><b>Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed</b> No members of public present.</p>
<b>2211/11</b>	<p><b>Forest Garden Project.</b> To hear and comment on updates from Hannah Thomas Since the last report, we have had regular rainfall so there has not been a need for additional watering parties. The grass is slowly dying back so we will need to strim and clear when there are some drier days. The Babraham Research Institute held its 'Green Impact Award' ceremony on September 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate its sustainability and climate change actions. HT designed a poster for display and Denise Dear attended the event as the Parish Council Chair. A 'get involved' sheet accompanied the poster and several new people signed up to hear more or become volunteers. HT will arrange for the poster to be waterproofed, mounted and put up in the Forest Garden to provide some educational signage for visitors. HT has been invited to hold a Forest Garden workshop for local school children (11-17year olds), one of three workshops being organised as part of a COP-style climate event being run by Sawston Village College in conjunction with two other local schools. The schools want to make pledges to tackle climate (to align with Climate COP27) and are very interested in tree-planting. The event is being funded by the District Council. We are likely to get volunteer support for Babraham's Forest Garden as a result.</p> <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The last remaining trees (five local heritage apple and gage species) that were on order from last year will be ready imminently. Once they are delivered, we will arrange for planting, ideally with the primary school children.</li> <li>- We will place an order for the small shrubs ready for planting next spring.</li> </ul>
<b>2211/12</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> The report is due soon, this will be the biggest weapon against CSET.It should be presented early next year. Meetings to be held with the school to see what they would like to see happen. The Close is to be upgraded-shop, playground, nursery/ The NP group will work with the BRC on this. The Cricket Club have contacted NP to see whether the new Village Hall could be built there, however BRC are not keen on the lease being changed.</p>
<b>2211/13</b>	<p><b>General Village Matters and new items for discussion</b> To discuss any other village matters.</p> <p>One of the dog poo bins had broken along Curch Lane, Clerk to order a replacement.</p>
	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p>
<b>2211/14</b>	<p><b>Receipts (as of 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022)</b> <b>Drax Street Lighting Refund £234.71</b></p>

**2211/15** **Payments (as of 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022)**  
Payments were agreed and signed off.

**2211/16** **Paid**

Clerk	Salary/Tax/Expenses	<b>£530.00</b>
Hugo Fox	Website provider	<b>£35.99</b>
Brookfield	Bins/grasscutting	<b>£279</b>
Ionos	Email subs	<b>£22.80</b>
Hannah Thomas	Forest Garden	<b>£150.00</b>
Cambs ACRE	Subscription	<b>£54.00</b>
ICO	Data protection	<b>£35.00</b>
Camb City Council	Building plan checks	<b>£1350.00</b>

- A full list of payments will be circulated and reviewed at the meeting.

**2211/17** **Balances and Bank Reconciliation at 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022**

Unity Current A/C balance	£12,979.98
Unity Savings A/C balance	£51,412.70
Cambridge Building Society	£80,038.58

## PLANNING

**2211/18** **Planning Applications:**

Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council  
Proposal: Erection of village hall including partial replacement of existing side lean-to.  
Site address: Babraham Cofe (vc) Primary School High Street Babraham  
Reference: 22/04237/FUL  
Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/04237/FUL>

For Information only:

Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council  
Proposal: Group of 3 Beech - reduce height and spread by up to 2-3m to shape round into a single communal canopy  
T1 Beech- fell  
T2 Beech- fell  
T3 Beech - reduce height only by 4m  
Site address: Home Farm, Home Farm House High Street Babraham  
Reference: 22/1221/TTCA  
Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/1221/TTCA>

### **Proposed 40mph and 50mph Speed Limits - A1307 Cambridge Road and Haverhill Road, Stapleford**

Cambridgeshire County Council is publishing this proposal on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022. For further details please visit our [permanent traffic regulation orders page](#) and select PR0861.

In summary the proposals are to:-

- Introduce a new 40mph speed limit on the A1307 from just north-west of Haverhill Road, Stapleford south-eastwards to beyond the Wandlebury Country Park access.
- Introduce a new 50mph speed limit on the A1307 from the Wandlebury Country Park Access south-eastwards to the existing 50mph speed limit near Copley Hill Business Park.

- Introduce a new 40mph speed limit on Haverhill Road, Stapleford from the A1307 for a short distance.
- Introduce a new 50mph speed limit on the remaining length of Haverhill Road to meet the existing 40mph speed limit close to Stapleford village.

If you wish to make any comments they should be submitted in writing, as explained in the public notice, to be received no later than 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**2211/19** **Planning decisions: None**

**2211/20** **Correspondence.**

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) and contractors Milestone Infrastructure will be starting construction of an extension to Babraham Park & Ride site.

Site offices and facilities have been installed, with construction starting from the end of October/early November 2022. The works will take approximately 4 months to complete.

These works will also help the installation of Solar Canopies designed to generate green energy which will be supplied to the Addenbrookes site. The GCP are working with the Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Energy Team and their contractors to provide the underground infrastructure for this installation.

Infrastructure for Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers is also planned at the site.

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience these works may cause.

What works will be done?

- Creation of 153 parking spaces
- Provision of CCTV and site lighting to create a safe and well-lit parking facility
- Installation of infrastructure to accommodate solar canopies and EV chargers
- Protection and retention of existing trees and shrubs throughout the site

Traffic Management during construction

All efforts will be made to keep disruption to a minimum. However, for safety reasons there will be traffic, pedestrian and cyclist controls in place whilst these works are carried out.

- The construction site access/egress will be from the entrance to the Babraham Road Park & Ride site.
- No traffic management arrangements are envisaged on the A1307, but traffic control measures while vehicles enter and leave the construction site will be undertaken.
- Cyclists and pedestrians will be always able use the path from Babraham Road to the Babraham Road Park & Ride site during construction but may be asked to wait to ensure access can be made safely.

Please visit the project’s web page at [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/A1307](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/A1307) If you have any concerns during construction, you can get in touch with Milestone Infrastructure by emailing [A1307schemes@milestoneinfra.co.uk](mailto:A1307schemes@milestoneinfra.co.uk) or telephone Cambridgeshire County Council’s Contact Centre on 01223 699906.

**2211/21** **Items for inclusion in the next meeting**

Precept to be set, Clerk to prepare next years Budget for next meeting.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 at 7:30pm

**2211/22** **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* **4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022**

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