Madingley Parish Council

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# CHAIRMAN’S ANNUAL REPORT

This year has been another interesting one for the Parish council with many of the big concerns we were facing this time last year still lurking in the background: Covid; The C2C busway; East-West Rail; and Traffic Speed around the village.

In this year’s LHI application we have applied to have warning signs installed on Madingley Road to alert drivers to the fact that there may be pedestrians crossing near the Cemetery. The footpath to Coton requires crossing this bust and fast stretch of road but there is currently nothing to warn drivers of that. The decision of the review panel on this application is still under consideration.

Covid: Is still very much with us. However, although a few of the Parish Councillors have fallen prey to this insidious infection, appropriately socially-distanced public meetings have now resumed and we very much hope to see more of you all at these.

C2C Busway: Major discussion regarding the busway quieted after James Palmer lost his position as Mayor; but the scheme has not entirely gone away and an Environmental Impact Assessment is underway. Whilst the current ‘favoured route’ would not directly impact Madingley it is not clear that the scheme would also solve the issue of morning commuter traffic on Madingley Road which then leads to rat-running thought the village.

East-West Rail: Although not completely scrapped, this rail scheme seems less likely to move ahead. The financial case for this route was weak before Covid and would seem to be even more so now. Additionally, there is considerable concern about the support for new diesel-powered train routes being implemented when the Government is struggling to hit its own carbon-reduction targets. Again, the possible routes for this proposed line would not directly impact Madingley but the ‘preferred options’ were looking likely to put a new station in the as yet non-existent ‘North Cambourne’ (above the A428) suggesting that a significant amount of further development would happen there – which, in spite of the train line, would undoubtedly lead to more commuter traffic heading into Cambridge as well.

Village Traffic: It was disappointing that the Parish Council’s request for a 20mph zone in the centre of the village was rejected. Nevertheless, the plan to install ‘Not Suitable for HGV’ signs at all entrances to the village and a chicane at the end of The Avenue have been approved and are only now awaiting scheduling with the various contractors.

Madingley Speedwatch was required to cease operations during the Covid Lockdown but is now able to meet again. The Speed Indicator Device used by the Speedwatch group is currently being serviced but it is hoped that regular (if not more frequent) traffic measuring/calming sessions will begin again shortly; and we very much hope that all those concerned by traffic in the village will volunteer to be part of the solution.

Parish Council: I am pleased to confirm that following the recent co-option of Andrew Wallace-Hadrill, the Parish Council is once again at full strength. The Parish Council’s term-of office is due to come to an end in May and consequently all of the current Parish Councillors were required to put themselves forward again for re-election in early April. As no other parties were nominated, there will not be a formal ‘election’ and the current members of the Parish Council will continue as before. I would like to thank the members of the Parish Council for once again volunteering their time and effort.

The Parish Council has collaborating with the University to apply for a number of new trees from a scheme being run by South Cambridgeshire District Council. We were given six trees, two Rowans have been planted in the playground to replace and four along Dry Drayton Road, two of which are Oaks.

Charles Crichton-Stuart

Chair Madingley Parish Council

**WHO & WHAT IS THE PARISH COUNCIL?**

Madingley Parish Council has 5 unpaid Councillors representing the electorate. Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years and if they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and may speak during Public Forum on matters that are on that meeting’s agenda. The Parish Council is not permitted to decide on matters that have not been duly advertised to the public unless any matters are considered urgent or are authorised in the Parish Council’s standing orders.

The Parish Council’s major role is to represent the parish on issues affecting us to the District and County Councils, and to regional and central government, and other agencies. It is responsible for the some parish grass cutting, its own street furniture (noticeboards, seats, and some street lighting) and through the Parish Paths Partnership, ensures that registered Rights of Way are open and maintained. It maintains open spaces: children’s play area and the Village Green.

The Parish Council considers and comments to the Local Planning Authority on all planning applications (statutory consultee). The Parish Council supports other charitable groups and organisations which work within the village.

**Madingley Parish Council Year End Account Summary**

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|  | Cash in Hand 31/03/2022 | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | 15,895.63 | | | |  |
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|  | Unity Bank | | | | | | | |  | 31/03/22 | | | |  | 5,465.54 | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cambridgeshire Building Society Savings Account | | | | | | | |  | 31/03/22 | | | |  | 10,430.09 | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Bank Balance | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 15,895.63 | | | |

# Your PARISH COUNCILLORS 2020/21

Charles Crichton-Stuart (Chairman)

Fiona Naughton (Vice Chair)

Joan Stevenson-Hinde Councillor

Victoria Keevil Councillor

Andrew Wallace- Hadrill Councillor

As of April 2022, we have no Parish Councillor vacancies.

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