

Madingley Parish Council

I hereby give notice that the Parish Council Meeting of Madingley Parish Council will be held on Thursday on
16th March 2023 at 6pm

Members 5
Vacancies 0
Quorum 3

Attendees: Councillor Crichton-Stuart (CCS), Councillor Naughton (FN), Councillor Stevenson-Hinde (JSH), Councillor Keevil (VK), Councillor Wallace-Hadrill (AWH), Councillor Garvey (CG) and Councillor Stobart (RS) and 6 members of the public

MINUTES

- 160323/1 Chairman's Welcome**
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 160323/2 To Accept Apologies for Absence**
No apologise were received.
- 160323/3 To approve the minutes of previous meeting – 19th January 2023**
CCS proposed, FN seconded to approve the Full Parish Council Meeting Minutes of 19th January 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Motion carried.
- 160323/4 To Accept Parish Councillors' Declarations of Interest for Matters on the Agenda**
Members of the Council are subject to the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) Regulations 2012 following adoption of the Code of Conduct. **ALL dispensations requests much be made to the Clerk prior to the meeting.**
There were no declarations of interested made.
- 160323/5 To Agree to hold a Public Forum**
Councillors with pecuniary interests must leave the room immediately prior to any discussion on a disclosed interest. This could be during the public forum or elsewhere on the agenda. Councillors cannot remain in the room to hear the representations of others nor make any representation to the meeting. Please note: When the Council starts to discuss any item on the agenda in which a member has an interest, the member with that interest must have regard to the Code of Conduct and make the necessary disclosure (if not done in Item 2) and leave the meeting. At the close of this agenda item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council.
A member of the public raised urgent concerns about the recent road traffic accidents, concerns over the clearing of the play area ditch, and supported the Council researching the Neighbourhood Plan process.
Another member of the public wished to know if the new "number plate recognition speed cameras" are a possible LHI Application.
Another member of the public raised concerns over road condition and drainage matters, all of which the council reiterated should be reported to Cambridgeshire County Council using the online reporting system [Report a highways fault - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)
- 160323/6 To Accept Reports from County and District Councillors**
Councillors Garvie and Stobart provided a brief overview of their reports (attached to minutes). County Councillor Atkins was not present but provide a written report (also attached)

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Matters for discussion/correspondence received.

- a) 20mph Scheme
CCS advised that the Parish Council had been notified that applications are now being taken up until 30th April 2023. CCS proposed, FN seconded that the Parish Council will submit an application and support with co-funding of £5000 council reserves. Motion carried unanimously.
- b) Vandalism to Madingley Play Area
CCS noted the Council's disappointment in the recent play area vandalism. The Parish Council have notified their insurance provider of the incident and an insurance claim has been started, with quotes being sought for repair works. Cllr Keevil mentioned the danger and upset such vandalism causes to the users of the area and members of the public. If anyone witnesses any such acts, they are urged to report them immediately to Cambridgeshire Police on 101 or [Report a crime | Cambridgeshire Constabulary \(cambs.police.uk\)](https://www.cambs.police.uk)
- c) C2C Update
CCS advised the Parish Council had received notice of the proposed bus route between Cambourne and Cambridge that is due for discussion at County Council on 21st March 2023. The Council awaits the outcome.
- d) Active Travel Scheme
CCS reminded the room that comments can still be submitted until the end of March 2023 and encouraged anyone who had not already done so, to comment should they feel it necessary.
- e) Madingley Hall/Farm Permissive pathways
CCS advised the Council of the imminent closure of two permissive paths in the parish. The first runs from Park Farm Farmhouse towards Dry Drayton Road and this track is closed temporarily, due to dangerous trees. A further permissive path running adjacent to this path will also be closed permanently or until the landowner can make safe the pathway.
- f) The current danger of the Avenue junction with The A1307
CCS advised that after the two recent road traffic accidents at the junction Councillor Naughton (FN) had been working with Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Dept and the Parish's District and County Councillors to try and find urgent solutions. CCS noted that the junction does not fall within Madingley Parish and is within Girton's boundary. CCS requested that the District Councillors take back to Girton Parish Council the concerns and findings of Madingley to enable a joint approach to resolving the danger. District Councillor Stobart is to put CCS in contact with the Chair of Girton Parish Council.

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To Discuss Planning Matters

New Application for consideration

23/00538/HFUL 19 Church Lane, Madingley

New access from Church Lane and gravel parking/turning area.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application.

Applications responded to and pending consideration.

23/0197/TTCA Sub-Department of Animal Behaviour, High Street, Madingley

T1 – Ash remove to ground level, T2 – Ash – remove to ground level.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application – pending consideration.

Decisions received.

22/05191/HFUL 16 Church Lane, Madingley

Retrospective timber shelter to front.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application – Approved.

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Finance and Policy

To accept bank reconciliation up until 28th February 2023 and other matters as detailed below.

i. Income received	£0	
ii. Payments made and records retained:		
January		
HMRC, Wages and Expenses	£711.04	BACS
Southern Electric – Street Light Energy	£42.64	DD
Vision ICT – Web domain	£21.60	BACS
February		
HMRC, Wages and Expenses	£711.04	BACS
Southern Electric – Street Light Energy	£39.21	DD
CCS proposed, FN seconded to approve all bank reconciliation and payments.		
Motion carried.		

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To accept notices and matter for the next agenda.

Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 s12 10(2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore, the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for discussion.

None were raised.

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Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 18th May 2023 at 6pm – Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 18th May 2023 at 6.30pm – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Meeting closed at 18.59

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K Peck

Karen Peck
Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Madingley Parish Council

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C Crichton-Stuart

Charles Crichton-Stuart
Chairman
Madingley Parish Council

Dated: 18/5/2023

District Councillors' report for Dry Drayton Parish Council, January 2023

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Cllr Richard Stobart, mobile: 07950 934793, email: cldr.stobart@scambs.gov.uk

The “Making Connections” consultation

The Making Connections consultation detailing proposals to transform how people travel in and around Greater Cambridge has now officially closed. Over ten weeks, the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has received more than 23,000 responses to an online survey about the proposals. In addition, nearly 900 emails have been received with various questions and over 100 stakeholder responses have been submitted following over 100 public meetings, virtual and outreach events as well as 50 focus group events. Work will now begin to analyse the huge amount of data and information which has been collected, including the many written answers which were an important feature of the survey.

The results of the consultation will be included in a final report on the proposals and next steps, scheduled for the GCP Board in June 2023. At that time, the GCP Board will make a recommendation to Cambridgeshire County Council on whether to proceed with the scheme. Between now and then, some of the conversations that have begun with stakeholders around potential exemptions, discounts and reimbursements for the proposed Road User Charge will continue.

Cllr Elisa Meschini, Chair of the GCP's Executive Board, said: “There has never been a more important time for us to find ways to create and provide a modern transport network that is fit for our growing and thriving region, so I would like to thank the thousands of people that contributed to the debate over the last ten weeks. It has been incredibly important to us to hear from as many residents, businesses, voluntary groups and organisations as possible so to have had 23,000 surveys completed reflects the wide nature of the engagement.”

The GCP put forward a package to transform the region's bus network with low cost £1 and £2 fares, operating longer hours to more locations, alongside significant investment to improve walking and cycling routes. The upgrades will be funded by the GCP and phased in over four years ahead of the proposed introduction of a Sustainable Travel Zone with a road usage charge. The aim of the charge is to cut congestion, free up space for people and buses, and fund the network.

An extensive package of exemptions, discounts and reimbursements for the STZ is being proposed to help those on lower incomes, blue badge holders, NHS patients and others who have special transportation needs.

For more information about the GCP's programme visit www.greatercambridge.org/mc-2022

Disposal of furniture

On 1st January 2023, Household Recycling Centres had to suspend the collection of any furniture item with cushioning or padding such as sofas, settees, sofa beds, dining and office style chairs, futons, pouffes, floor and seating cushions and beanbags.

The County Council has, after discussions with partners, identified a solution and can now dispose of these items. They do ask people to recycle them if possible using free sites like Gumtree or Freecycle or arranging with furniture retailers like John Lewis or Marks and Spencers to remove the unwanted furniture.

Housing Issues

Those who rent a home in the private sector, are entitled to seek help from the Council if mould or associated issues are not resolved by the landlord. In South Cambridgeshire, the District Council has a role in ensuring that homes in the private sector and the Council's own properties do not contain health hazards. Most properties within the private rented sector in the district are in good condition, but the Council's Environmental Health team will investigate any complaints. Private Sector and Housing Association tenants can make a complaint about the condition of their home by emailing env.health@scams.gov.uk. The Council has the power to take the appropriate enforcement action if there are issues that need to be resolved. This action could include writing to the landlord to ensure the issue is resolved, but the Council can also serve a legal notice to instruct works to be carried out.

Do not hesitate to contact the Council if you come across an unresolved issue in either Council owned or private rented accommodation.

Raising Awareness about Disabled Facilities Grants

Cambs Home Improvement Agency (HIA) wanted to remind all residents about the range of grants available to people with disabilities living in South Cambridgeshire, to help adapt homes. This may be particularly relevant to those who are elderly, vulnerable or have family members with disabilities; friends.

The Disabled Facilities Grant is a mandatory Government grant aimed at people with disabilities and older people on low incomes or low-income benefits, which helps towards the costs of making changes to their home to allow them to continue living there safely and comfortably. Each year Cambs HIA enables around 300 older people and people with disabilities to adapt their homes. Although some work such as ramps, stairlifts, specialist toilets, automated door entry systems and level access showers require an Occupational Therapist's referral, other work such as new boilers, roofing repairs, new doors and windows do not. The agency can help homeowners or those in housing association properties make a wide variety of adaptations and repairs (www.cambshia.org). We can also help self-funders who are unable to organise and oversee the work themselves.

You can reach Cambs HIA at hia@cambshia.org or take a look at their Facebook page (Cambs Home Improvement Agency | Cambourne | Facebook) for more information.

Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund

Village halls in England can now apply for grants to improve and modernise their facilities through the Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund. Village halls interested in applying for this national scheme can request grants from £7,500 to £75,000, and up to a maximum of 20 per cent of eligible project costs. Capital grants will be allocated to support infrastructure improvements, the refurbishment of facilities, such as kitchens and toilets, and measures to improve energy efficiency.

The application window opened just before Christmas and will close on **20th January 2023**. Successful applicants being able to draw on the funding from:

<https://acre.org.uk/platinum-jubilee-village-halls-funds/>

Local Plan Update

Leading councillors say 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. The report from the Joint Director of Planning for the city of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire says:

- The environment and water supply must be protected alongside a need for new homes – including addressing the shortage of affordable homes.
- Greater Cambridge is one of the most important research and innovation employment locations in the UK and is growing fast as new jobs are created.
- National planning policy says significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth – but Councils say the environment must be protected at the same time.

The Councils' latest evidence points to an expected need for more homes and jobs than previously envisaged due to the success of the economy and expected increase in job numbers.

Leading members of South Cambridgeshire District (SCDC) and Cambridge City Councils however say that before plans can be finalised, greater clarity is needed about where water will come from in future, and assurances are required that providing the necessary water will not cause unacceptable environmental harm. The report also notes that getting developers to increase the number of new homes built, including affordable homes, may not be straightforward.

The update published today also re-affirms the long-term vision of the Councils to bring forward new homes and jobs on sites that support low-carbon living, including at North East Cambridge, at Cambridge East and on the allocated area at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, with a possible extension of the site. These significant sites are seen as the most sustainable for future development but because of their characteristics, they would also not see significant new development come forward until the next decade – when indications are that water supply concerns should have been addressed.

The Leader of SCDC, Cllr Bridget Smith, said: “We have said from the very start of our work to develop this Joint Local Plan that it cannot be growth at all costs and that the environment – particularly the water supply – must be a central consideration. We are also however aware of the

consequences of not meeting local needs – including potential increases in housing costs and commuting which will add to our impact upon climate change. We already have a pipeline of new homes and employment sites across Greater Cambridge through the 2018 Local Plans. But we now need assurances about our future water supply before we can even consider bringing forward any more new homes than we have already planned for. Noting the Government planning policy expectation that we should plan to meet our housing needs, right now it is not possible for us to say with certainty how many new homes we should have in the next Plan. There is a delicate balance to be struck between ensuring that we are providing the new homes – including affordable housing – that our children and grandchildren will need, and the protection of our environment. It is however impossible to ignore the strength of the Greater Cambridge economy – which has continued to grow apace despite the pandemic – and created this need for housing and space for jobs required to support it.”

Aircraft Noise from Luton Approach AD6: Public Meeting

CLLr Noushin Rostami, Chair of Little Gransden Parish Council, is calling a Public Meeting on the topic of the Luton Airport stacking trial, AD6. MPs or their representatives will attend and there will be an opportunity for all those to bring their evidence and opinions. It is on Thursday February 23rd at 7.30 pm at Little Gransden village Hall and it can be in person or on zoom. Contact nrostami@gmail.com to book a place.

Changes about Voting in Elections

The Government has made changes. You will need **PHOTO ID** in the future to vote. These can be a driver’s licence, passports and the Senior’s bus pass and there may be some others. If you do not have any photo ID contact: electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call 0800 328 0280. Please do not lose your right to vote.

There will be further guidelines and fortunately there are not elections soon as far as we know.

And some sad news from the District Council

It was with heavy hearts that we learnt of the sudden death of fellow Councillor Dr John Lovelock who was Member for Cottenham and Rampton. Newly elected last May, John was highly regarded by both Members and Officers. He will be greatly missed.

Report: County Councillor (Hardwick div.) District Councillor (Harston & Comberton) Cllr Michael Atkins March 2023

Highlights

- 20mph applications now open
- Secondary school places offered
- Festival of stories
- Cost of living support
- Contact details

News from the County

20mph Applications open

Applications are now open to introduce 20mph zones in our villages. This has been a key focus of our work at the Council and I'm delighted this is now available. I will be happy to support zones within our district and I can also be contacted for any advice. Applications are open until 30th April via this website: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/20mph-funding>

Easter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Children in receipt of Free School Meals, families who are struggling financially, and refugee families, can access a holiday scheme for 16 hours including activities, meals and snacks over the Easter break. <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/haf-provider-directory> has further details.

Secondary school places offered

Year 6 pupils should now have received offers for their secondary school place. 87% of pupils have been offered a place at their first choice school, and most of the remainder within their top 3 choices. If you have any concerns or want to find out more about the appeals process, please get in touch.

Mill Road Bridge Closure

The Council has decided to close the bridge on Mill Road, Cambridge, to all motor vehicles, except for buses, taxis, emergency services and blue badge holders. This follows a lengthy consultation in which 72% of respondents favoured restricting motor vehicles. It will be enforced via bus gates with number-plate recognition cameras.

Madingley footpath repairs

Footpath repairs in Madingley are due to take place later this month from 16th-24th, potentially alongside other highway repairs.

Comberton Village College heat pump switch on

The innovative heat pump solution at CVC will be officially 'switched on' later this month. This replaces an aging oil boiler, will reduce carbon emissions at the site by 70%, and save the college around £50,000 per year.

Festival of Stories

'Talking Together' are delivering a programme of events across Cambridgeshire around the theme of stories, from the 2nd to 20th March. More details on their website:

<http://www.bit.ly/FestivalOfStories>

News from the District

Cost of living support

The Council has announced a further support package to help families struggling with the cost of living. Some £200,000 has been put aside to help with the following measures:

- Transforming the existing warm hubs into Community Wellbeing hubs
- Increasing awareness of help with paying council tax
- Creation of a sustainable food network
- Providing energy saving appliances, such as slow cookers and electric blankets, free of charge to residents who need them

If you or someone you know would benefit from help, please get in touch.

Ukraine – new hosts needed

There are currently 500 hosts for Ukrainian refugees in the greater Cambridge area, but with the continuation of the war, there are some hosts unable to renew the arrangement after the initial six months. Anyone who might be able to provide a spare room for a guest is asked to text ROOM to 88802 or go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/spareroom> - about 200 are needed over the next few months.

Contact Details

Councillors and residents are welcome to contact me on any issue which is concerning them:

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