

Draft until signed

Minutes of Madingley Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 24th May 2018 at 7.00pm, Madingley Village Hall

Present: S Hawkins (SH) (Chairman), J Stevenson-Hinde (JSH) (Councillor), D Ousby (DO) (Councillor)

Attending: S Meech (SM) (Clerk/RFO), C Baldwin (CB) (Madingley Village Hall), Cllr L Joseph (LJ) (County Councillor), Cllr D DeLacey (DD) (District Councillor), Cllr T Bygott (TB) (District Councillor), 9 members of the public

1. Introductions

SH introduced the members of Madingley Parish Council (MPC) to the attendees.

2. Apologies for absence

No apologies received.

3. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 25th May 2017

Original minutes were signed and approved at the July meeting following the May 2017 Annual Parish Meeting.

4. Chairman's Report

See Appendix 1

5. County Councillor Report

See Appendix 2

6. District Councillor Report

See Appendix 3 – DD introduced himself and advised that together with TB they will be District Councillors for MPC. Parish issues raised by DO included refuse collection recently being missed, responses to reports regarding fly tipping being slow and the biggest issue Madingley has is for permanent closure of The Avenue to occur which MPC have been working hard to achieve. DD advised for DO to send him an email so that he has all these details to investigate these issues further.

7. Councillor reports

LJ advised MPC of Highways funding 1.6 million to Cambridgeshire County Council. DO queried if this fund would support an application for a TRO, LJ advised that she will find out if this would be considered, however, she advised that a large proportion is for pothole repairs.

8. Local organisation/club reports

Madingley News – Roger & Lesley Buckley read out the Madingley News Report - See Appendix 4

Madingley Village Hall Management Committee – CB advised that the village hall is used by MPC, local groups, classes, elections and highways meetings to name a few. The Stephen Perse School now hold a weekly children's dance class there also. Villagers receive special rates and Madingley Village Hall Management Committee are very grateful to MPC for the maintenance grant they receive from them.

History Group – See Appendix 5

Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene – See Appendix 6

Cricket Club – See Appendix 7

Cllr T Bygott Report – See Appendix 8 – TB thanked the parish for the election and gave his congratulations to DD. TB advised that he has been opposed to the Park & Ride at Madingley and will do his best to protect the village.

9. Parishioners questions, suggestions and comments

The public asked councillors whom the best contact would be for issues with HGV's through the village and LJ advised that she would be the point of contact.

Meeting closed at 7.53pm

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Appendix 1

Chairman's Report

Madingley Annual Parish Meeting – 24th May 2018

In preparing this report it has been a great opportunity to take stock of the last year in the Parish Council, and it does feel like it has been a very positive and successful twelve months.

Highways and traffic matters have been a major theme throughout the year, and rightly so because increasing traffic and ill-considered local road schemes have the potential to truly blight the village. That is why we have focussed so much on this. Last autumn we carried out a major consultation on the potential permanent closure of The Avenue, of which 72% of respondents were in favour. We followed this up with a week-long Automatic Traffic Counter vehicle survey to gain an accurate picture of traffic volumes. We were also successful in getting a 40mph buffer zone installed on the Church Lane entrance to the village. The other major transport theme has been the ongoing Cambourne to Cambridge Busway proposal. If nothing else, this has demonstrated its ability to consume inordinate amounts of time attending meetings and workshops, reading and absorbing hundreds of pages of reports and writing lengthy responses to each round of consultation. However, it does now feel that these efforts are beginning to pay off as a Park and Ride site at Madingley Mulch roundabout is *potentially* looking less likely than it once did.

We have also made big strides on the financial front. We now have the clearest and most accurate financial tracking that we've had for a long time – this is a recovery from the low-point we inherited a couple of years ago when the Annual Return that had been submitted *literally* did not add up. In response to repeated audit observations we have been actively managing down the Council's surplus. This has allowed us to make significant grants to the Village Hall, Speed Watch and Madingley News, amongst others. And whilst here, I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone involved with these particular organisations and initiatives for all their hard work and dedication – it really is truly appreciated. We have also invested in both traffic calming and Playground safety measures, as well as buying a phone box! And to aid our finances we were successful at winning significant grant funding through the year. These grants have contributed towards the costs of the 40mph buffer zone, new dog waste bins, a new website and a replacement Parish notice board for opposite the Three Horseshoes.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome new faces. First and foremost, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Sarah who joined us a year ago and has certainly hit the ground running. It's (almost) a pleasure for us all to be kept in check by her! It may have gone pretty-much unnoticed, but we also had a Parish Council election a couple of weeks ago. This returned three of the previous Councillors and we said goodbye to Mark and John who chose not to stand this time around. I'd also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all my fellow Councillor's, new and old, for all their hard work last year. We're actively recruiting to fill the empty places and look forward to being able to welcome two new Councillor's shortly.

In the May election we also welcomed two new District Councillors – Douglas de Lacey and Tom Bygott – to represent us in the newly extended Girton Ward. We very much look forward to working with them. And completing the picture, we're very appreciative of the support we enjoy from our new County Councillor, Lina Joseph. With all these new faces it really does feel like the beginning of a new era.

Finally, we've quietly got on with all the behind the scenes stuff – producing budgets, creating and reviewing statutory policy documents, monitoring legislation, reporting and tracking faults, looking at planning applications, responding to correspondence, etc. It's not quite as sexy as traffic consultations, but just as important!

Stuart Hawkins

Chair, Madingley Parish Council

Appendix 2



Lina Joseph
Cambridgeshire County Councillor

Annual Report

Overall

A very big difference this year to last year is that the County Council is now back under Conservative control following the election last May. This means that after four years of the Council being in “no overall control”, and the inevitable affects that brings, the Council can now get on with business in a more effective manner.

Budget

The County Council did make efficiency savings in the last year of £32m as per our business plan. However, we had even greater than predicted pressures from our “demand led” services such as Adult Social Care and Looked After Children. This left a gap in the budget of around £4.5m at year end. The Council continued with the 2% Adult Social Care precept, but for the first time in three years the Council raised Council Tax by 2.99%. This will cover the budget shortfall and also allow for some funds to be put into a “smoothing reserve” for the next two years where we can see upcoming budget pressures.

Government continues to reduce the amount it gives to County Councils. Our Revenue Support Grant (RSG) is down from £15m to just under £4m, and taking into account other grants no longer being given, we are down £13m overall from government funding for this coming financial year. This is in conjunction with still being the fastest growing county by population, and an ever increasing demand on our services.

Highways

The Council is aware of the concerns regarding the condition of our roads, and in particular the number of pot holes. Last year we invested an extra £2.5m from our revenue budget for road repairs and maintenance. So this is not a one off funding, but every year an extra £2.5m so we can plan our maintenance going forward to include the extra funding. This is on top of the funding we already put in, and the extra funding from government for following their recommended HIAMP program. This has been the worse winter for roads in the past few years, and the number of pot holes increased dramatically. The Council is repairing more pot holes than before, and has invested in two machines (dragon patchers) which can repair pot holes much quicker than our maintenance/repair groups can. Now the weather is milder, the number of outstanding pot holes needing repair is falling. There is still much to do with regards trying to keep our road system from getting worse with the limited funds available.

Government has also recently committed to further investment for road maintenance, mainly potholes. Cambridgeshire has been allocated over 1.6m.

This year has been a successful time for my parishes regarding the Local Highways Improvement bids. I made sure to make recommendations towards the schemes presented. I

believe others are in the process of working with officers for future schemes and I will be supporting them also along the way.

Park & Ride

As of 1st April the £1 charge at the Park & Rides was removed. This proved to be an unpopular charge. Patronage did fall, but when looking at the situation holistically, the funds received did pay for the upkeep and rates for the car parks. It was an election pledge to remove this charge, and we are pleased to be able to deliver it.

Libraries

Cambridge County Council is fully committed to retaining its libraries, unlike some other top tier councils. There has been much work and many workshops to see how we can modernise the library system and make it work and fit for purpose. We acknowledge that libraries are a community asset, but that as a social space many are still underused. We are investigating how libraries can benefit the wider community. As from the 1st of April CCC introduced a small fee for using the computers – the first half hour is free, then a fee of £1 per hour after that. This doesn't apply to anyone using a computer for the new Universal Credit.

The new Communities & Partnership Committee is proving its importance to community safety and resilience. The committee has four main areas of its delivery plan.

Community Resilience Tackling Deprivation Economy & Skills Partnership Working. The White Ribbon campaign is now well on the way to gain Accreditation in November. The campaign is aimed at tackling violence and domestic abuse. There is now a full 2 year programme in place.

Greater Cambridge Partnership

This year has been a very challenging one for infrastructure and transport network. Still more to come. I have been liaising with parishes regarding busways and greenways. I very much hope that residents have been able to appreciate that I am listening to their concerns and that I will do everything I can for them to be represented amongst key people.

I will keep working with my parishes in order to obtain the best result for everyone. I will keep pressing for a review of the Cambourne to Cambridge busway, Greenways projects across South Cambridge and various other ones.

Commercialisation

The Council's commercialisation program is vital for much needed revenue and income for the future. The housing development program is well under way.

Finally, I would like to say that I am very honoured to serve as your representative and I feel very lucky to be the councillor of this division.

Lina Joseph

Appendix 3

SCDC Councillor Annual Report
For the Parishes of Girton, Madingley and Dry Drayton
May 2018

Following a review by the Boundary Commission, SCDC has been reduced from 57 to 45 Members, and Dry Drayton and Madingley are now parts of Girton Ward. Over the year I have reported my activities each month in the *Girton Parish News*; I pick out some highlights for this annual report.

The Council

The 2017 Annual Meeting demonstrated starkly the danger inherent in a Council where one party has a large majority. The Leader proposed that we should approve his choice of Chair and Vice-Chair posts (all from his party) for all committees in a single vote, without even telling us who they were to be. This approach denies any effective scrutiny of the administration: the annual report from the Scrutiny Committee gave no hint there had been anything amiss in the past year's governance; least of all any problems with the new waste collection regime, which hit Girton particularly badly.

The 2018 Annual Meeting is likely to be rather different. The Liberal Democrats were determined to fight an aggressive election campaign, but even they were astounded by its success: most Cabinet members, the Council Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and many other Conservatives all lost their seats. So, sadly, did most of my fellow-Independents, there are now just two of us. I was very pleased to increase my majority and gain nearly 52%. The Council now consists of 45: 30 Liberal Democrats, 11 Conservatives, 2 Independents and 2 Labour. Since the Liberal Democrats vehemently objected to the Conservative hijack of the democratic process I expect to see significant changes in the way we are organised. I shall continue to hold the ruling party to account.

The Local Plan

This has limped on from disaster to disaster. During the year the Council Leader created a press furore by claiming without their support that the Inspectors are now happy with our Local Plan. They repudiated his comments yet he refused to apologise.

Early this year they allowed us to go out to consult on 300 'main modifications' which they wished to see, but we still do not know the outcome.

While we do not have a Plan, developers can propose wildly inappropriate schemes, knowing that if we refuse them they are likely to be approved by government inspectors on appeal because we cannot demonstrate that we have a proper housing supply.

It will be a major priority of mine to ensure that we do all we can to establish a Plan

as soon as we possibly can.

Planning

We have major problems with recruitment and retention of good Planning Officers because of the cost of housing in the district. So we need to offer more than money: I am hopeful that the new administration will want to grasp this nettle. Meanwhile our record of producing new housing, and the number of appeals which have been awarded against us, mean that we are in grave danger of 'designation'. This is the equivalent of putting a school into special measures: it would mean that while we do all the work of administering planning applications we would receive no income from it, and all the decision-making would be in the hands of central Government Inspectors. All I can say at present is that we are in discussion with DCLG.

The Combined Authority

This was supposed to be a lifeline to Cambridgeshire. There is a £100M housing grant which SCDC would administer; but recently our Leader was removed from the rôle of Housing portfolio Holder, making it less likely that South Cambs would receive a fair share of the grant. The relation between the Authority and the Greater Cambridge City Deal remains puzzling, but neither really has enough money to make the differences to infrastructure which we need; both are in danger of frittering away what little they have on endless consultations or short-term schemes.

Waste collection

I received a lot of negative comment about the change from keeping quality paper separate from other recyclables. I was assured that financially it makes little difference: we are probably not in a position to assess what the ecological difference really is.

I did discover, though, that there are some new regulations which do not appear to have been widely circulated: blue bin side waste is acceptable only if it is in transparent sacks which are not widely available.

The reasons for the changes are mainly two: first that the City already commingled paper with other recyclables, and we are now sharing rounds with the City; second that we need a new fleet of vehicles and the separate paper holder is an expensive luxury. I note that recycled paper is much less apparent in the shops, being replaced by sustainably-produced paper. I am aware how difficult it is to make truly informed sustainable choices; I can only hope that the advice we received was good.

Flooding

In April parts of Girton came close to flooding. I shall be exploring how far this is also a problem for Madingley and Dry Drayton. But while asking officers for guidance I discovered that in normal circumstances (*eg* during the working week) it is the householder's own responsibility to protect against flooding, and that sandbags are available at main hardware outlets. We would only step in when this route is not available.

Communications

My attempts to find guidance via our web site made me aware of some significant failings in our web presence. And i am aware that our customer service phone service can offer a very poor response. These are issues I am currently exploring.

Finally ...

For the year ahead I look forward to working with all three villages. I hope you will bear with me as I try; please be assured I shall do my best for you, and report progress as much as I can through your Parish Councils and you Parish magazines.

Douglas de Lacey, May 2018

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Appendix 4

Madingley News Report

Since taking over *Madingley News* in Autumn 2014, we have produced 15 quarterly issues, all published on the 10th day of March, June, September and December. Our 16th issue will be published next month.

Editorial contents

The normal length of each issue varies between 16 and 20 pages, depending on the volume of contributions and the number of pages of paid-for advertising. Following agreement by the Parish Council, the last four issues have been produced in full colour.

Editorial material includes regular reports from Madingley Parish Council, the Parish Church, the Village Hall Committee, the History Group, Madingley Hall, the American Cemetery, the Stephen Perse Pre-prep School, our MP and our District and County Councillors. Lists of Village Contacts and Dates For Your Diary are included, as are bus times, Royal Mail collections and bin collections.

Regular contributors are emailed ahead of each issue with a reminder of the deadline, and submissions are edited as necessary to fit the space available.

Advertising

To date, there has been plenty of editorial material to fill 13-14 pages. The Editors do not include anything of a commercial nature and if such is offered to them, they suggest taking advertising space instead. Advertisers can choose to take space on a per-issue basis, or for the year at a slightly reduced rate. Whilst advertising revenue reduces the cost of production, the Editors recognise that the ratio of editorial to advertising material needs to be carefully monitored.

Distribution

Each quarter, 110 copies of *Madingley News* are printed, delivered and then distributed door-to-door to the whole of the parish by a team of helpers, to whom we are very grateful. In addition, between 30 and 40 copies are sent electronically as PDF files. The PDF is also globally available on the Village website. The Editors take pains to include only forthcoming events, some of which may be only a few days ahead, relying on the planned distribution by the 10th of the month.

Feedback

The Editors receive very little feedback, and are hopeful that their efforts are considered satisfactory. They would, in any case, welcome hearing from anyone in the Village who aspires to taking over the work.

Costs

ISSUE	Parish Council allocation	Total costs (actual, gross)*	Advertising revenue	Total costs (actual, net)
June 2017	£180	£259	£60	£199
September 2017	£180	£259	£210	£49
December 2017	£180	£232	£10	£222
March 2018	£180	£294	£105	£189
TOTAL	£720	£1,044	£385	£659

*to help to defray their expenses, the Editors continue to invoice the Parish for £25 per issue.

Over four issues the average cost per issue has been £261 which has been reduced by advertising revenue to £164.75. Compared with the Parish Council's allocation of £180, this represents an underspend of £15.25 per issue.

Roger and Lesley Buckley, 24th May 2018

Appendix 5

MADINGLEY HISTORY GROUP Report to Madingley Parish Council May 2018

The Group meets four times every year at Madingley Village Hall to share memories and listen to lectures on topics linked to the village including finding out and recording what happens here today. Members of the group come from Madingley and the surrounding area – all are joined by their interest in this special village.

Over the past year we learnt about Madingley at the outbreak of World War 2 & the 1939 Register; Peter Teversham who has lived here all his life shared his memories and photos and an inspirational lecture was given by Dr Seppe Cassettari about the project with which he has been involved using both digital and conventional mapping techniques to tell the story of Balsham over four hundred years.

Our next meeting on Thursday 21st June is titled “A Landscape Through Time: The Archaeology Of The A14 Cambridge To Huntingdon Improvement Scheme”. We are extremely fortunate that Tony Walsh, one of four Project Managers from MOLA Headland Infrastructure currently working on this scheme, has found the time to come and discuss the archaeological findings from this huge project, which brings together the skills and knowledge of over 250 archaeologists. The talk will explore the evidence uncovered so far, including prehistoric henge monuments, industrial Roman kilns and Saxon settlement. The evening will have a focus on the eastern end in our local area.

As always, this meeting is open to both members and visitors so do bring along your friends and neighbours to find out about the extraordinary history of our local area that is unfolding through this major road project.

Sue Baldwin

Appendix 6

MADINGLEY PARISH CHURCH Report to Madingley Parish Council May 2018

A regular weekly Sunday service is held at 11.00am led by the Rev'd Christine Barrow and assisted by Susan Rawlings, who is a Lay Reader living in the village. Our Priest-in-Charge, is Rev'd Dr Mandy Maxwell who is Rector of Girton. Over the year our clergy officiate at Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, organize special services such as the Remembrance Service, Christingle, the Village Service of Lessons and Carols, Midnight Mass for Christmas and a series of talks for Lent. They are also pleased to call on parishioners in their homes to take Communion or provide other support, if requested. Volunteers from the church undertake cleaning, grass cutting, maintenance, administrative and other duties to ensure that the church can be open to visitors every day of the year.

The Church Council continues to organize and pay for the maintenance of this Grade 2* listed building. This year overhanging trees have been cut back along Church Lane; gutters have been repaired and cleared; new fence panels in the churchyard have been fitted and holes in the church path have been repaired. As a security precaution the lead roof on the north aisle has been marked with Smartwater (please do let us know if you see anyone surveying the church who might be considering lead theft). An application for grant aid has been made to the SCDC Community Fund to help pay for a protective cover to be fitted to the very special piece of stained glass in the nave. This is thought to have been made by one of the artists who also created stained glass for Kings College Chapel.

You will all be aware of our plans to provide improved facilities so that visitors and the community can enjoy and make more use of the building. So far, £252,123 has been raised for this project through donations and pledges and we are planning for the work to be carried out during the Summer of 2019. Design revisions have been made as part of a 'value engineering' exercise and a new planning application made to the District Council. The main change is that the foul drainage will now be connected to a cesspool that will be installed under the lawn to the west of the church. This application is currently under consideration and if any member of the public or Parish Council would like more information I'd be happy to supply this.

Finally, do come and have tea to the Church on Sunday 10th June when we will be taking part in the National Gardens Scheme at Madingley Hall. It was heartening to see so many people from the village enjoying home-made cakes on the lawn last year.

Sue Baldwin

Appendix 7

Madingley Cricket Club (for Madingley Annual Parish meeting 24th May 18)

The cricket club has 2 teams playing in the Cambridgeshire league in divisions Junior 1 South and Junior 3 West. Both teams finished 4th in their respective divisions last season, although the 2nd team were promoted anyway due to a reorganisation of the divisions.

We currently play at Kings College and Downing College sports grounds, which are both off Grantchester Road near Cambridge Rugby club. The fixture list is on the noticeboard in the village hall, with full details on the club web-site <http://madingley.play-cricket.com>. We welcome support as well as new players, membership is 'pay per play' so if you are keen to be involved then please e-mail me at <mailto:madingleycc@gmail.com>. You can also follow us on Twitter <https://mobile.twitter.com/madingleycc> and Facebook (@madingleycc).

Interest in the club is high currently, with 30 players available in recent weekends for 22 places, meaning that we've had to implement a squad rotation policy for the first time in recent years. As a result we are considering setting up a Sunday friendly side. Unfortunately our start to the season has not reflected the interest level, with both teams suffering 2 defeats as well as one game lost to the rain. We're hoping for an upturn in fortunes for the upcoming games on Saturday

Finally it's also worth mentioning that the social element always plays an important part in maintaining team spirit! We usually make a trip to the village hall after home games, as well as having our end of season social event in the Autumn.

Phil Done – Club secretary

Appendix 8

District Councillor's Report - Cllr Tom Bygott

Election results

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who voted in and helped with the election on the 3rd of May. We have a thriving democratic tradition in our country, and much of it is down to hard work by campaign helpers and those who run the elections and count the votes, whose work is often unsung. I would especially like to thank the other parties and candidates for a good-natured campaign; politics is at its best when people have different ideas and beliefs, and propose different plans and policies, yet respect one another and remain on friendly terms.

I am delighted to be given the opportunity to have been elected as your District Councillor, and will work hard to represent your interests at the District level. As part of the boundary changes this year, Madingley has joined Girton ward, as Barton ward has been divided into neighbouring wards. I would like to thank Francis Burkitt for his hard work over the past 11 years; he retired as a councillor at this year's election and will be much missed by his colleagues.

I would also like to congratulate Cllr Douglas de Lacey who was re-elected in Girton ward, and Cllr Bridget Smith and her colleagues who will form the incoming administration in South Cambs. My first loyalty is to the people of Madingley and our other villages, and it is in all our interests for South Cambs to continue to be one of the best places in the country to live, and its District Council to be successful.

Trial of community street sweeping and litter picking

A trial is to be run by the District Council and local communities into how our villages can become cleaner and how littering can be reduced. Equipment such as a ride-in street sweeper is being made available for use by volunteers in parishes, along with extra support for coordinated litter picks.

Around 20 villages from across the District said they were interested in receiving more help with additional street cleaning, and seven have been chosen for the trial. Volunteers have been trained to operate the ride-in sweeper, which can be borrowed for use on paths covered in tarmac, including cycleways. A leaf and litter vacuum will also be made available, which can be used in car parks, around shops and on playing fields. Both pieces of equipment will be able to be booked out by communities taking part in the trial and used by volunteers who have gone through training and Council organised checks.

The second new project being developed will see the authority supplying tools like litter-pickers, gloves and bags to communities who want to run their own 'big clean' events and environmental action days. Staff from the Shared Waste Service will be paired with volunteers to encourage communities to separate out items that can be recycled, and give out food caddies and recycling advice. The Council will collect and dispose of waste collected by volunteers.

Bike Life Initiative

Bike Life, founded in 2014, has been used to develop cycling strategies, justify investment and delivery of schemes, support air quality plans, and demonstrate the benefits of cycling.

The County Council and the Greater Cambridge Partnership will be working together with sustainable transport charity Sustrans to produce reports capturing data on infrastructure, travel habits, public attitudes and the impact of cycling as part of the Bike Life initiative. The reports, due to be published in 2020 and 2022, will help to build the case for a better cycling framework and inform planning at a local level.

The cycling network in Cambridge and surrounding area is set to expand further in 2018. This includes five cross-city cycling schemes, and 12 Greenway routes linking the City to local villages and employment sites, and The Chisholm Trail, which is a mostly off-road walking and cycling route between Cambridge North and Cambridge stations.

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