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Minutes of Madingley Parish Council (MPC) Meeting
Wednesday 15th July 2020 at 7.30pm, online meeting via Zoom

Present: R Crichton-Stuart (RCS) (Chair), F Naughton (FN) (Vice-Chair), J Stevenson-Hinde (JSH) (Councillor), V Keevil (VK) (Councillor – co-opted at Item 4 of the agenda)

Attending: S Etherington-Meech (SEM) (Clerk/RFO), Cllr D DeLacey (DDL) (District Councillor), Cllr T Bygott (TB) (District Councillor), Revd Michael Bigg (MB), R Buckley (RB) & L Buckley (LB) (Madingley News), C Baldwin (CB) (Village Hall Management Committee), 4 members of the public

1. To Accept Apologies for Absence

No apologies received.

2. To Accept Parish Councillors Declarations of Interest for Matters on the Agenda

RCS declared a pecuniary interest in Item 9. a) i) – Planning Application for consideration at 17 Cambridge Road due to RCS being the homeowner of this property. FN declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 9. a) i) – Planning Application for consideration at 17 Cambridge Road due to FN being a neighbour of this property.

3. To Agree to hold a Public Forum

CB thanked RB & LB for the amount of work they have carried out over a huge period of time in order to produce and edit Madingley News. CB also commended The Design Branch for the excellent work carried out for refurbishment of the playground and to FN for the subsequent cleaning. RCS seconded the gratitude to all.

LB highlighted that recently there has been a number of requests to disseminate village information electronically and wondered if MPC would be interested in assembling an email database to circulate news swiftly. RCS advised that there would be GDPR restrictions but nothing that could not be overcome, email addresses would need to be volunteered for this specific purpose and held for a certain amount of time and monitored regularly. RCS suggested the clerk put an item onto the parish council website where residents can sign up for a list of village related news including the newsletter. LB advised that they will include an item in the next issue of Madingley News directing people to contact MPC.

To include an introduction from the Revd Michael Bigg

MB introduced himself and advised that he will be taking up the post of vicar for Madingley and Girton sometime in September.

4. To co-opt Parish Councillors to fill the vacancies

RCS announced that VK had applied to MPC in relation to the parish councillor vacancies. RCS proposed co-option of VK to MPC, FN seconded and JSH agreed with a unanimous vote this item was RESOLVED. RCS invited VK to join the meeting.

5. To Approve the Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2020

Minutes were approved as a true and accurate copy, to be signed when possible.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes, Report of any actions and Resolutions from last meeting – See Appendix 1

- a. This item is discussed on the agenda – Item 10. h)
- b. Item currently on hold until after the Covid-19 pandemic
- c. Item currently on hold until RCS can get to Timpson's for a plaque
- d. Co-option of one councillor at Item 4, leaving one vacancy still vacant
- e. RCS advised that the weight restriction buffer would not be happening although the unsuitable for HGV signs are still an ongoing issue within MPC legacy fund application.
- f. FN advised that she reported the missing sign and noticed today that another reference has been logged as works are still not completed. A previous member of MPC advised that there is a development consent order for Highways England to complete these works. **Action** – Clerk to email Cllr Nieto (CCC) to request an update for works on Bridleway 2 and Footpath 8

- g. RESOLVED
- h. Covered under Item 6. f.
- i. This item is ongoing, the clerk has not had an opportunity for completion
- j. RCS advised that this has been done - RESOLVED
- k. RCS advised that he spoke to Pam Hobson last week and she had out of date information although she had a day booked with David Forbes to handover and we have to now wait for a response, RCS advised that he will chase progress
- l. RESOLVED
- m. RCS advised that this item is still outstanding he has the data but has not yet finished a draft and is also hoping to get a letter of support from the Stephen Perse School to include
- n. These works have now been completed by VisionICT - RESOLVED
- o. The clerk advised that she still needs to process this list.

7. To Accept a Report from County and District Councillors

DDL – see Appendix 3

TB – see Appendix 4

8. Transport & Highways

a. To discuss Cllr Bygott's email in relation to suggestions for the Girton Interchange

RCS advised that TB has been a keen proponent for changing the Girton Interchange in order for there to be access to the M11 heading south, proposals going forward are for new ramps, roundabouts etc in order for connectivity. RCS believes that this is something Madingley are in favour of as it will ensure that a lot of traffic currently going through the village will stay on the main roads and not have to cut through the village to get to and from the A14 and M11. RCS advised that Coton village group have also proposed that a Park & Ride is built at Girton Interchange with a guided busway running north of the A428 on the edge of Madingley. TB advised that these are two separate issues and proceeded to share on the screen for all participants a map (see Appendix 4) designed by Highways England produced during the time of discussions with parish councils for the main A14 project.

TB explained the map and 3 additional slip roads marked in pink, the first of the slip roads would start on the A428 and come up to the new roundabout on the A1307 and from there you could go through Dry Drayton, Oakington or the A14, meaning anyone coming along the A428 would not need to drive through Madingley to get on the A14. Secondly from the M11 getting rid of the cloverleaf around the corner onto the A428 will stop people having to drive up Madingley Hill. Thirdly, the one from the roundabout on the A1307 to go south onto the M11 would mean traffic from Oakington and the new road from Northstowe will be able to come down on the M11 without the need to come across the village.

TB advised that he has liaised with Girton Parish Council and their initial feedback is that they are concerned that none of the roads are raised up at such a level that it would create additional noise in Girton village and Dry Drayton Parish Council were in support but would like a 4th slip road so vehicles could come the other way from the A14 to the A428. RCS proposed support for the proposal, FN seconded and JSH agreed, unanimous agreement of support RESOLVED. RCS highlighted that MPC should remain aware of the Coton proposal and TB advised that he had a discussion with the project engineer responsible for the interchange and he advised that there is not enough land inside the Girton Interchange and because of water extenuation ponds it would not be possible to build the Park & Ride that has been suggested.

b. To discuss cycle paths for the parish including discussions with Greenways, resident email and email from Cllr Nieto re: temporary cycling scheme

RCS explained the email was to enquire if the parish would like temporary cycling schemes for the parish and he had forwarded the email to the Greenways Working Party (GWP). GWP suggested MPC considered asking for a temporary cycle route along the Avenue and also Cambridge Road and Church Lane, these would not necessarily block roads but mitigate cars

and other motor vehicles using the roads and encourage them to use more main roads. FN queried what an intervention on the Avenue would likely look like and GWP advised something like large planters placed in the road to slow through traffic and allow cyclists to cycle safely.

DDL advised that so far, the approach from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) has been tokenism and that Girton Parish Council had cycle lanes imposed on them through the village which are a metre-wide advisory lane with no status and that are always blocked by parked cars. There is a very strong opinion in Girton for their removal and DDL has never received as many complaints as he has in relation to this and he urged MPC to not just ask CCC for cycle lanes but to discuss with GWP and cycling campaign and accept nothing other than the scheme the parish wants. **Action** – RCS and DO to investigate and consider an application and to liaise with Cllr Nieto regarding how to apply.

c. To discuss email received from Cllr Nieto re: a hit and run accident in the county

RCS advised of the content of the email and that cars speeding through villages is always a concern and queried when Speedwatch would be likely to restart. A representative from Speedwatch advised that currently due to social distancing and the narrowness of pavements in the parish they are limited, however, Speedwatch is a very small scale voluntary activity with a limited impact and although it is an important exercise it is vital to be realistic about who and actually how offences can be dealt with.

9. To Discuss Planning Matters

Remote decisions on planning applications were made via email and voting records retained.

a. Applications received for consideration

- i. 20/02433/HFUL & 20/02434/LBC – 17 Cambridge Rd, CB23 8AH - Demolition of existing rear extensions and replacement with single storey link element and one and a half storey extension with associated hard and soft landscaping, alterations to main house including removal of roof lights to front elevation and changes to windows, replacement of garden gates and garden shed – MPC are unable to comment on this application**

Due to the declarations of interest on this item there was not a quorum for comments to be made.

- ii. 20/1387/TTPO – 13 Cambridge Road – Tree works – Comment from 22nd May 2019 for S/1260/19/TC resubmitted for this application**

Note: There was an error on the agenda and the address is 13 Church Lane not 13 Cambridge Road

SEM advised that an email was received today from SCDC to advise that the original comments from 22nd May 2019 no longer applied as this application has been updated from the original application. FN reviewed the documents received in July 2020 and was unable to identify different documents, RCS suggested viewing the application on the planning portal and that further investigation is required. **Action** – RCS to review documents, reiterate relevant points and formally submit comments.

- iii. 20/1325/TTCA – The Old Vicarage, Cambridge Road – Tree works – no comments were made**

b. Decisions received from South Cambs District Council

- i. S/3732/19/FL – Belvoir Cottage, The Avenue CB23 8AD – Two storey side extension – Permission granted subject to landscaping conditions**
- ii. 20/01529/LBC – Madingley Hall – Roof repairs and maintenance – approved**
- iii. 20/01030/FUL – Madingley Hall, The Lodge, Church Lane – Change of use of former staff accommodation from residential (use Class C3) to ancillary short term lets to supplement the operation of Madingley Hall by the Institute of Continuing Education (use Class C2) – permission granted**

10. Matters for discussion/correspondence received

- a. To discuss the damaged/broken bench outside of the Village Hall**

It was advised that this bench is outside of the gates at Madingley Hall and John Freegard (resident) has offered to fix the bench, all councillors confirmed they were happy with this and a councillor will inspect the bench once works are completed.

b. To discuss re-opening the village play area and actions required

RCS explained that due to lockdown the playground in the parish is currently closed and now that lockdown is easing reopening is a matter of discussion for MPC. RCS invited FN to open the discussion. FN stated that she believes it should not be discussion about whether to open the playground but how to open it safely and with the school term ending shortly lots of children will not have large gardens or be able to go on holiday and will value somewhere outside to play. FN believes the playground should be opened and would like at the very least that the swings and slides were used and other equipment fenced off if it was felt that was appropriate. FN said that she feels MPC would be doing an adequate job for health and safety as the government website states you can open a playground if you have done the best job you think you can and that we should be doing our best to open for the mental and physical health for children in the parish and other villages.

VK joined the discussion and stated that the only way someone could prove that they caught coronavirus from the playground would be if a local outbreak occurred and all people affected had visited the playground and it could be traced that way. VK advised that the level of Coronavirus in Cambridgeshire is very low at present so whatever decision is made it would need to be reviewed on a regular basis for instance the situation now is different to that in March. VK stated that she agreed with FN that the presumption should be that MPC are going to open the playground as coronavirus is going to be around for some time and it would be awful for the playground to remain closed for years causing harm to children and families with the risk of contracting the virus from using the playground being low.

RCS raised concern that he is unsure that a sign that includes at your risk is enough to eliminate MPC from liability. VK stated that is why it is imperative to have a detailed sign including information such as the maximum number of users and that it is not feasible for MPC to clean the equipment after every user. SEM advised that she had contacted Came & Company regarding insurance and liability and they advised that if a risk assessment is carried out and appropriate signage is put in place in line with government guidance this will show that a parish council is competently checking a play area before opening. Came & Company also referred to the BHIB document titled 'Reopening playgrounds, recreation facilities, outdoor gyms & public toilets: A guide for local councils' which stated on Page 5 "*Q. Can I be sued if someone caught Covid-19 and allege they caught it from our equipment? There is nothing to stop someone suing the council if they consider they caught Covid-19 as a result of the council's perceived negligence. However, unless someone can prove, beyond reasonable doubt, that they contracted Covid-19 at a given place on a certain date, it will be difficult to validate claims.*"

JSH stated that she believes that a sign saying to use at your own risk does not dissolve MPC as being responsible. VK stated that every time someone leaves their house, they are at risk of catching coronavirus so signage should show how to minimise risk and confirm that it would be impossible for MPC to clean the equipment after every use. VK suggested arrangement of a cleaning rota to reduce the risk and just opening equipment that is easy to clean. RCS stated that he did not believe even an informal cleaning schedule could be drawn up and FN advised that volunteers have come forward already and that she would be prepared to carry this out herself weekly if needs be and it ensures the playground is opened. SEM advised the councillors to review the draft sign that she had produced and circulated.

RCS stated that he would love to open the playground but feels even with signage MPC couldn't reasonably provide, monitor and police the provision of hand sanitiser, VK stated that users should be advised to bring their own. RCS highlighted also that it had only been a week since the easing of the lockdown and as yet there was no outcome to this easing, VK advised that this is not likely to be for another 3-4 weeks' time. VK highlighted other health problems relating to lockdown such as obesity, depression, children not receiving stimulation from school and some families having small gardens or no garden at all making it very difficult to look after and meet children's need with no access for anywhere for them to play. VK advised that MPC have to consider what a playground provides as well as how to open it safely and would look for reopening for all these reasons with benefits outweighing the risks. VK stated that many other villages have now opened their playgrounds.

JSH advised that as a way forward MPC needs to satisfy regulations and guidelines and be able to show steps we are and have taken and that we are monitoring and policing regularly. FN advised that some parishes are cleaning/sanitising on a two weekly basis but feels MPC would be more comfortable with a weekly clean, JSH requested a proposal. RCS was in agreement that MPC need to agree what equipment is to be made available, who, when, where and how the equipment will be cleaned and to procure and erect fencing for certain areas if deemed necessary, agree wording for signage and agree an approximate opening date. It was also agreed that reviews must occur following opening of the playground and a firm schedule set. It was agreed by MPC that FN and VK are to carry out a risk assessment on the playground and enlist volunteers for a weekly clean and check.

Some discussions occurred regarding content for signage and FN advised that she would like signage to state that only adults accompanied by children are permitted in the playground and a limit to the maximum amount of people permitted in the playground at one time. RCS queried how this would be policed and VK advised that MPC can offer guidance and then it is up to users to follow the guidelines as to which the playground is open. RCS advised that if fencing is to be used it must be safe and appropriate for a playground and the cost must also be considered. It was resolved that if all matters within this discussion are dealt with and all councillors satisfied then the play area would be able to re-open.

c. To discuss an application for the Zero Carbon Communities Grant – Round 2 – deadline 30th September 2020

RCS advised that this grant is to promote health and lifestyle and MPC must consider if an application should be made for cycle lanes. GWP highlighted that permanent cycle lanes could be considered for this grant and could be suitable for a cycle path application on Cambridge Road where monies would be required for legal costs for Trinity, to make the surface user friendly and to have somewhere that is on and off trackway. RCS suggested considering the cycle paths on the road and not on Trinity's land but GWP advised that Highways consent would be required for this. It was considered that for the long term MPC should have dialogue with Trinity for walking and cycling on their land. **Action** - RCS suggested himself and VK initiate contact with Trinity to discuss this matter and GWP to forward RCS any plans they may have.

d. For info - Resident email re: Hedge encroachment on Church Lane – university response
VK confirmed this has now been rectified.

e. To discuss hedge trimming leading up to the Dry Drayton sign on the High Street and contacting the University after nesting season. Also, to discuss tree obstructing street sign to Cambridge outside the village hall (NOTE – this should say Madingley Hall)

FN advised that the university need to ensure that these signs are visible and that the hedge is trimmed. **Action** – FN to email the university to request works are carried out.

f. To discuss the offer of a sculpture donation for the parish

RCS advised that the parish have been offered a sculpture that has been created by a resident of Madingley, the donor has offered to erect the sculpture on a plinth and would

like to place it on the triangle of university land outside of the Three Horseshoes pub. JSH explained that the donor is a sculptor who specialises in outdoor installations and has created the sculpture during lockdown from wood that was given to him some time back from the university. JSH clarified that the sculpture reflects cycadean rhythms during lockdown being representative of a virus going around and around in circles and that the choice of site was specific because of the size of the piece of land, it is in scale with the sculpture and a central location in the village. RCS shared a picture on the screen for all participants of the sculpture. VK advised that permission from the university would be required as they own the piece of land that is being considered for its erection. FN requested to see the sculpture in person and RCS and VK both stated no objections to agreeing in principle. **Action** – Clerk to query with the university regarding permission for erection on their land.

g. To discuss email from Cllr Nieto re: Community Capital Fund in relation to playground refurbishment

RCS advised that there is currently no need for refurbishment of the playground.

h. To discuss the use of the telephone kiosk as a book exchange has been started inside

RCS advised that the village has previously been asked for ideas for the use of the telephone kiosk and only one response was received, however, now someone has taken it upon themselves to create a book library/share inside the phone box and stocked it with books. RCS stated that in principle he is delighted, however, this is not appropriate timing in the current climate whereby people are placing books that are unable to be washed in a shared space and feels it needs to be temporarily halted until a proper use-assessment (similar to the playground) had been undertaken. RB stated that this scheme in Girton has had great success but agreed with RCS that the timing of this project is not right. MPC advised they agree but they are unaware of whom is responsible. VK highlighted how this has not been endorsed by MPC and RCS stated these books are in our premises so the books should be removed for the time being and reinstated later. If MPC are unable to find out who is responsible RCS will empty the kiosk with gloves and place the books in his garage and place a note to advise that the books will be put back once it is safe. **Action** - FN suggested putting a notice in the kiosk stating that if the books are not removed by a certain date then MPC will have to clear them out, all councillors agreed that this process should be followed initially. It was resolved that if all matters within this discussion are dealt with and all councillors satisfied then the book exchange would be able to re-open.

11. Consultations

- a. **For info – Cambourne to Cambridge Better Transport Project – report withdrawn from June 2020 executive board meeting**
- b. **For info – email from SCDC regarding planning conditions on construction hours**
- c. **For info – email from SCDC re: planning committee scheme of delegation**

12. Finance and Policy

- a. **To accept account review to date and bank reconciliation**
Bank reconciliation (see Appendix 2) and spreadsheet circulated to all councillors before the meeting – RESOLVED – approved and accepted by RCS, FN and JSH.
- b. **To advise of payments received**
 - i. **Madingley News Advert Fee (Rothwell’s Carpet Cleaning) - £54.00**
 - ii. **SCDC – 2nd instalment of precept for 20/21 - £3,234.50**
- c. **Remote decisions on the following payments to hand received from 13th May 2020 – 9th July 2020 were made via email and records retained:**
 - i. **The Design Branch – Playground Maintenance - £898.40** - All councillors agreed payment RESOLVED – Cheque Number 101207 signed by RCS and FN. *Public Health Act 1875, s.164*
 - ii. **CGM Group – Grass Cutting for Mar/Apr (Inv. No 229817) - £216.00** - All councillors agreed payment RESOLVED – Cheque Number 101208 signed by RCS and FN. *Public Health Act 1875, s.164 & Public Health Act 1875, s.164.*

- iii. **Clerks overtime and expenses – Period 2 - £144.80** - All councillors agreed payment RESOLVED – Cheque Number 101209 signed by RCS and FN. *Local Government Act 1972, S.112*
- iv. **Clerks overtime and expenses – Period 3 - £64.85** - All councillors agreed payment RESOLVED – Cheque Number 101210 signed by RCS and FN. *Local Government Act 1972, S.112*
- v. **R & L Buckley – Editorial and printing expenses - £64.37** - All councillors agreed payment RESOLVED – Cheque Number 101211 signed by RCS and FN. *Local Government Act 1972, s.142.*
- vi. **CGM Group – Grass Cutting for Apr (Inv. No 23026) - £144.00** - All councillors agreed payment RESOLVED – Cheque Number 101212 signed by RCS and FN. *Public Health Act 1875, s.164 & Public Health Act 1875, s.164.*

- d. **To discuss the backdated direct debit payment to SSE for street lighting energy for £490.12**
Will take out on 16th July – clerk circulated email and bank account balance to confirm payment.

13. 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.

14. Date and time of next meeting – TBA

Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 7.30pm and Wednesday 18th November 2020 @ 7.30pm – recommendation is to hold virtual meetings currently and until further notice

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

Appendix 1

MADINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL ACTION LIST FROM MEETING HELD ON 13/05/2020

a.	Telephone Kiosk – Relocation/restoration – Request for ideas in Madingley News (RCS) – Ongoing	FN/JSH/RCS
b.	Defibrillator additional training session - ongoing	FN
c.	Noticeboard – plaque supply and erection – Ongoing	RCS
d.	Councillor vacancy – co-option – Ongoing	FN/JSH/RCS
e.	Weight restriction/buffer zones/unsuitable for HGV signs/Dry Drayton Rd signage (contact with University once nesting finished) - FN)– RCS to contact LN and also arrange virtual meeting for Greenways group - ongoing	RCS/LN/Greenways
f.	Girton Footpath 8 – contact with Peter Wilderspin – Ongoing/missing footpath sign (FN reported)	Greenways/FN
g.	Damaged verges – sugar beet lorries – PX Farms	FN
h.	Bridleway 2 – inaccessible/requires attention/rectified? – ongoing	SEM/FN/LN
i.	New bank account information for transfer from Barclays	SEM
j.	TRO – Stage 2 complaint – ongoing	RCS
k.	A14 Legacy Fund Application 2020/21 & LHI 2020/21 application outcome	RCS/Greenways
l.	PX Farms Sugar Beet Issues – reinstatement of track to the Avenue	FN
m.	2021/22 LHI Application Submission	RCS/Greenways
n.	Instruct VisionICT to arrange Accessibility Statement for website	SEM
o.	Production of contact sheet for MPC if clerk is absent	SEM

Appendix 2

Bank reconciliation

Madingley Parish Council

Prepared by Sarah Etherington-Meech – Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Date – 13th July 2020

Balance per bank statements as at 13th July 2020:

Barclays Bank – Current Account	£4,401.89	
Cambridgeshire Building Society – Savings Account	£10,404.98	
Total:		£13,325.18
Petty Cash Float (if applicable)		n/a
Less: any unrepresented cheques as 13 th July 2020		£233.27
Add: any un-banked cheques at 13 th July 2020		£0.00
Net balances as at 13 th July 2020		£14,573.60

Appendix 3

Report from District Councillor Douglas de Lacey

This has been a very quiet month, though with a number of briefings on various developments from the Huawei planning application to the proposed plan for the site currently dominated by Cambridge Water's treatment plant in Milton. Huawei's application had to be assessed in accordance with the law irrespective of who put in the application, so it was deemed to be entirely acceptable. It will be a great consumer of water but we could not take that into account; however, we are looking at ways of addressing water supply issues as the Local Plan progresses.

The Milton site was one issue addressed by Cabinet on 29th June. I noted my concerns last month in commenting on Scrutiny's assessment of the plans: that more attention needs to be given to electric bikes and scooters on the one hand and mobility scooters on the other. I tried to refine this for Cabinet by noting the very great difference between leisure cycling and commuting by bike, and the Leader agreed this needs more thought. When we get to the Local Plan I hope we can put down clear guidelines here.

As I have mentioned before, the Joint Development Control Committee is to be wound up because County has decided to leave. The City and ourselves will form a new Committee, and there was an extraordinary meeting of Civic Affairs to assess the new Terms of Reference. The initial idea was to form a new and slimmed-down 'Greater Cambridge Joint Planning Committee', with a membership of just 3 from each Authority. However, before our meeting both Councils had had a re-think, and it is now to be called the JDCC as before, and to have 6 members from each. For us this means 4 Liberal Democrats and 2 Tories. I have been very honoured in that the Liberal Democrats have actually asked me to take one of their seats, with the possibility if not the likelihood of being re-elected to the chair. It is hugely tempting, but my present domestic situation means I shall have to decline.

It doesn't happen often, but I recently received an anonymous complaint. May I remind you that I can pay no attention to anonymous correspondence. I shall of course preserve privacy but I must have contact details before I can act.

Addition to above report

The agenda for our next Scrutiny Committee includes a report we commissioned on the effect of homeworking on SCDC staff. The results need more study than I have yet given them, but a superficial reading indicates that in general productivity has if anything increased with staff accommodating the new regime remarkably well; but that there is a trend towards staff taking fewer breaks from their screens during the course of the day. As we move towards re-opening South Cambs Hall it is likely that we shall encourage a significant number of our officers to continue to work from home -- though not those who express a preference for working in Cambourne.

Appendix 4

District Councillor's Report - Cllr Tom Bygott – 15th Jul 2020

Girton Interchange

I have been working with our MP, Anthony Browne, on bringing forward a project to add additional slip roads at the Girton Interchange in order to reduce traffic through the village. The map below is one produced by Highways England in 2015 showing some additional proposed slip roads. This would enable cars from the A428 to turn south onto the M11 without using Madingley Rd or Madingley Hill, and to turn north onto the A14 without using Church Lane or The Avenue.

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement
Response to the First Written Questions

Development Consent Order Application scheme
(Report 5, Design and Engineering Standards)

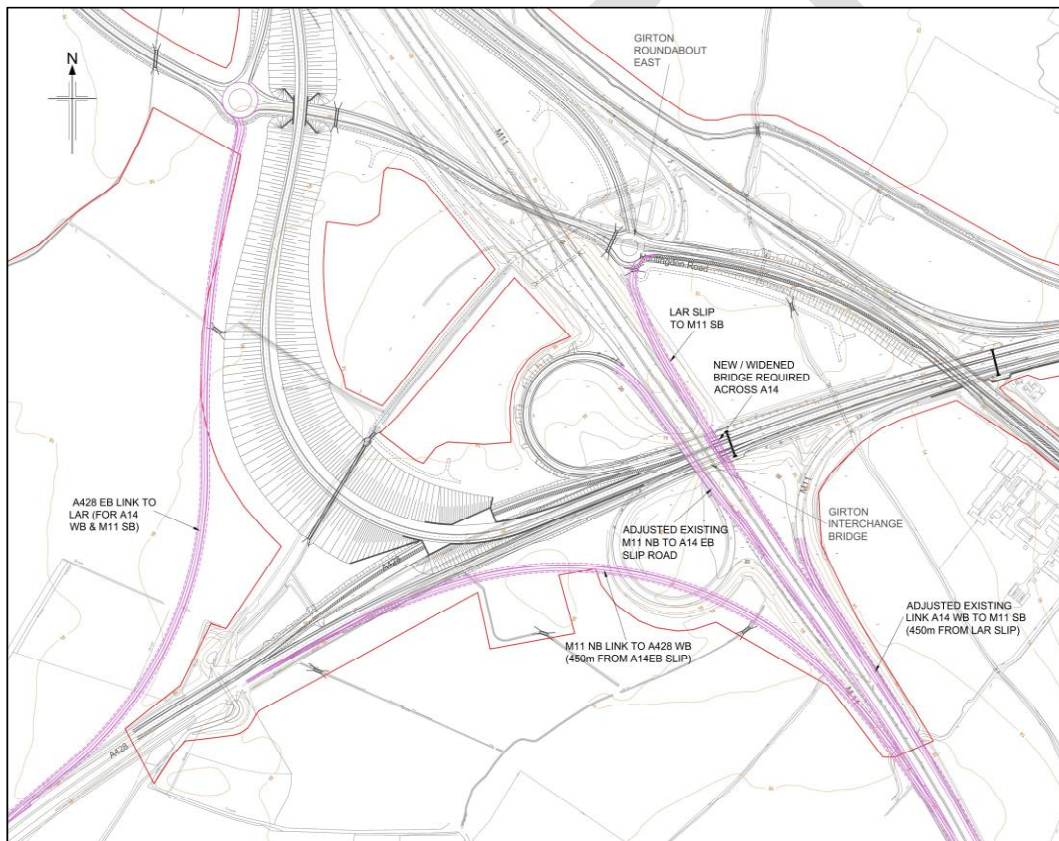


Figure 1.3: Possible future layout at Girton Interchange to provide additional vehicular movements (future works required indicated in pink)

Would Madingley Parish Council be happy to support the changes outlined in this map?

Natural Cambridgeshire Survey

Natural Cambridgeshire is running a survey to find out the role of nature in supporting people through lockdown and how people's attitudes to nature and green open space have been affected by lockdown.

The survey can be found at: <https://naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk/news/valuing-nature-and-openspace-survey/>

One of the questions in the survey is how easy it is to access the countryside and natural areas from each house. Hopefully most people in the village should find access easy, but I am always happy to hear ideas on how things can be improved.

Coronavirus update

More than four months have now passed since the UK was put into lockdown on March 23rd. Sadly there have been, up to July 8th, 43 deaths in South Cambridgeshire – a rate of 270 per million inhabitants. Although less than half of the UK average, if South Cambs District were an independent country, it would have the nineteenth highest death rate, at nearly four times the world average. Despite this, the virus is only 8.8% of the way through what would have been its natural progression in the UK had there not been a lockdown. So, it is worth remembering that until there is a vaccine, we are still vulnerable to further waves of infection.

Our economic recovery will come from finding technological solutions to resuming operations with fewer staff or customers in a given physical space, rather than waiting for a resumption of the way things used to be. As one of the world's great technology centres, it is local people who should be thinking of what these technologies should be.

Swavesey Memorial Garden

A Memorial Garden to serve as a tranquil hub for the community to meet and remember its wartime fallen has been created in Swavesey, thanks to the support of the Parish and District Councils and other partners.

The £8,500 project has transformed a neglected piece of land next to the Memorial Hall into a public retreat featuring a refurbished BT phone box as a central information hub. Equipped with solarpowered lighting and a leaflet dispenser it houses details of the many clubs, societies and events that take place in the hall and wider community – and will reopen after lockdown.

Central to the garden are two specially-designed memorial benches donated by Swavesey Parish Council and the Royal British Legion's Swavesey Branch, one depicting soldiers going over the top and the other doves carrying olive branches as symbols of peace. Both are adorned with striking red poppies and sit next to paving in the shape of the cross of St George.

More information can be found at: www.swavesey.org.uk/swavesey-memorial-garden/

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