

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6 September 2021 at 7.30pm

Present – Simon Buggiey, Caroline Ilott, Sheryl Williamson, Peter Howell. Peter Tye and John O’Neill, applicants and members after Item 7 of the Agenda. There were 3 additional members of the public present.

- 1. Apologies for Absence and approval of Cllr. Trevanion’s absence** – Apologies received from Jane Trevanion, Geoff Barnes, Andy Brown
Approval of Cllr. Trevanion’s absence was moved to the closed business under item 7
- 2. Laurentian Reporting** – Peter Howell
- 3. Open Forum for Public Participation**

A member of the Melbourn Camera Club asked about the progress of WIFI installation at the village hall. She explained that through lockdown the Camera Club had held weekly Zoom meetings, inviting speakers from around the country to attend online, and would like to continue offering Zoom meetings to shielding or older members of the club. She confirmed there were members of the club from Foxton and there would be some frustration that the WIFI had not yet been installed. Simon Buggiey explained that RGT and the Village Hall Trust were in the process of getting WIFI installed, however there had been a delay in responses from contractors.

A village resident asked what was being done about speeding in the village and explained that she had a particular concern about speeding on Fowlmere Road where there is no footpath or side bank and there had been some very near misses. Caroline Ilott explained that the Parish Council was considering an application for the County Council Local Highways Initiative (LHI) for traffic calming measures and the Speedwatch group had collected valuable data to support this. The outcome of the LHI bid will not be known until March 2022. In addition, a proposal for MVAS speed signs will be brought to the October Parish Council meeting. Cllr. McDonald will meet with the resident to review the road safety issues on Fowlmere Road and will strongly support Foxton’s LHI bid this year, particularly after the last 3 bids had been rejected by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Three members of the public left the meeting.

- 4. Members Declarations of Interest for items on the Agenda** – none
- 5. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 2 August 2021**
Peter Howell noted that under item 13d the minutes should read: *The village hall does have a licence for selling alcohol, and details on how to obtain a licence are available when booking the village hall.*

The minutes with this change in wording were approved. Proposed Caroline Ilott, seconded Sheryl Williamson, all agreed. The confidential minutes were approved. Proposed Sheryl Williamson, seconded Peter Howell, all agreed.

Simon Buggiey signed the minutes.

6. Matters arising from these minutes:

- Cllr. McDonald proposed that a meeting with the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough should be reviewed after the GCP meeting on Wednesday and that the timing of the meeting is important. The Clerk will send a copy of an email from the mayor to Cllr. McDonald.
- Cllr McDonald advised that no progress had been made on Seearo's environmental licence and site visit. Caroline Ilott will provide an update to Cllr. McDonald.
- Cllr. McDonald advised that the scoring for last year's Local Highways Improvement (LHI) bid had been published and it was a competitive process. Foxton had missed out on the scheme for the last 3 years running. LHI guidance will be published at the end of this week or at the beginning of next week. Caroline Ilott had requested a copy of Newton's successful 2018/2019 bid and Cllr. McDonald will provide a copy of Babraham's successful bid for a 20mph speed limit.
- Cllr McDonald advised that communication on vaccination had been improved to encourage vaccination attendance.
- Caroline Ilott advised that the storm drain on the Green would be cleared and extended to a soakaway. CC Highways to liaise with the relevant residents before this is done. Details are in the infrastructure report.

Action Cllr. McDonald

- Provide a copy of Babraham's successful LHI bid for a 20mph speed limit
- Arrange meeting with the mayor to discuss proposed travel hub

Action Cllr. Roberts

- Chase reinstatement of Mortimers Lane sign

Action Peter Tye and John O'Neill

- Complete Register of Interests form within 28 days and return to monitoring officer

Action all

- Review recreation ground rules
- Review draft Dovecot management plan

Action Caroline Ilott

- Seearo update to Cllr. McDonald
- Speak to conservation officer about the pumps on the Green
- Circulate final LHI application and submit by 30 September 2021

Action Simon Buggiey

- WIFI setup at village hall – ongoing, request VHT to cover monthly rental charge, seek mesh quotes
- Remind residents to send any complaints about cricket balls to the Clerk

Action Clerk

- Publish information about defibrillator (and send to sports clubs) and contact Football Club on how best to manage defibrillator going forward

- Ask if CAPALC can advise on employment of the Clerk for RGT work
- Send VAT form to Tim Dyke for RGT VAT reclaim
- Submit planning comments
- Apply for 6 free trees by 30 September 2021
- With Finance working Party research alternative savings account options
- Request separate invoices for Progreen

7. Co-option for 2 council vacancies

Simon Buggey thanked the two candidates for the council vacancies for attending the meeting and invited them to speak for 3 minutes with an opportunity for questions from the Parish Council.

John O'Neill advised that he had lived in Foxton with his wife for the past five years. His wife had been involved with the Neighbourhood Plan. John O'Neill runs a lab on the Addenbrooke's site and is used to leadership, logistics and budget balancing. When younger, he was involved in the planning sector.

Caroline Ilott asked if John O'Neil had any experience with websites. John O'Neill advised he did have some experience, within reason.

Peter Tye explained that he had been on the Parish Council for three years before resigning to care for his wife. It was difficult to commit to the Parish Council at the time and he was unaware that he could ask the Parish Council to approve a period of absence. He is now in a position to commit more time to the Parish Council.

Motion to exclude Public and Press: Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted on this agenda item and agenda item 1 – Approval of Jane Trevanion's absence.

Proposed Simon Buggey, seconded Sheryl Williamson. All agreed.

Due to the personal, sensitive and confidential nature of these items, discussion was held in a closed meeting.

The Public and Press were invited to re-join the meeting.

Jane Trevanion's absence was approved in the closed meeting.

Simon Buggey advised that both applicants met the eligibility criteria to become a member of Foxton Parish Council.

Both applicants, Peter Tye and John O'Neill were co-opted onto Foxton Parish Council. Proposed Simon Buggey, seconded Peter Howell. All agreed.

Peter Tye and John O'Neill signed the declaration of acceptance form in front of the Clerk.

8. District Councillors report

Cllr. Roberts expressed her disappointment that only three refugee families were being rehomed in South Cambridgeshire. She will contact Cllr. Bridget Smith, Leader of

SCDC, to see if more housing could be provided and to request that families be homed close together.

Cllr. Roberts expressed concern about a report in the Cambridge Evening News that the property developer, Thakeham, may try to bypass local planning systems. Her view was that the leadership at SCDC should contact the developer to advise that no application could be accepted as the Call for Sites deadline had passed. Thakeham had previously advised that plans would be submitted to SCDC in April but these plans have not materialised.

There had been a SCDC and City Local Plan meeting to update on the Local Plan. 692 sites were put forward in the call for sites process, with 19 sites being put forward for further consideration. There will be a public consultation in October/ November with a chance for applicants of those sites not put forward to appeal.

Cllr. Roberts expressed concern that up to 2041, SCDC was looking at 45.5k to 49.5k more housing in the area. Cllr. Roberts encouraged residents to read an article in the Cambridge Evening news about this. She questioned why such a huge amount of development was needed, considering housing requirements, water supply issues and environmental/ climate change concerns.

9. County Councillors report – see Appendix 1

Cllr. McDonald drew Councillors' attention to the following points in his report:

- a. The A505 study
- b. Afghan refugee resettlement and noted that families will be housed in the same village.
- c. Civil parking enforcement proposal by Cambridgeshire County Council to take on responsibility from the police. It will take 12 months before the draft agreement is submitted to the Secretary of State. It will be a loss-making exercise so implementation cost will be a considerable factor.
- d. Foster care access which is very much required at the moment

Cllr. McDonald left the meeting.

10. Planning, Infrastructure, Police and S106 updates

Written updates and Planning Committee minutes had been circulated and published on the website.

Caroline Ilott advised that she will talk to the conservation officer about the pumps in the village.

11. Infrastructure

a. Travel Hub update

Simon Buggey advised that there is a public engagement meeting with the GCP on Wednesday 8 September at 7.30pm. Tim Watkins will present the GCP's latest plans and Andy Brown will present the Parish Council's position. There will be an opportunity for questions from the public.

Caroline Ilott expressed concern that the GCP survey had not been made available, as advised, on 6 September and the information on the website was not up to date.

12. Planning - applications to be considered:

- a. **Ref: 21/03845/FUL Orchard Farm, Fowlmere Rd, Foxton, Single story lean to extension to existing storage facilities (re-submission of 21/02457/FUL.**
 Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/21/03845/FUL>

Foxton Parish Council recommends approval for this application with attention being paid to the following issues:

- i) As the site is partially in a residential area there should be a limitation on working hours and the hours that power machinery or commercial vehicles should be allowed to operate in order to minimise noise disturbance for the adjoining residents.*
- ii) The archaeology officer must be satisfied that conditions are appropriate for this building in line with Local Plan policies as the site is adjacent to a Scheduled Ancient Monument.*
- iii) The new building should be of the same materials, construction and colour as existing and there should be no light pollution issues.*
- iv) There will possibly be more traffic generated along Fowlmere Road from increased commercial activities. CC Highways could consider a 40mph speed limit along the whole of Fowlmere Road from the junction with the B1368 Cambridge Road to Foxton.*
- v) The boundary hedge should be maintained to preserve the lack of visibility.*

Proposed Caroline Ilott, seconded Sheryl Williamson. All agreed

- b. **Ref: 21/03534/FUL Hoffers Brook Farm, Cambridge Road, Foxton. Creation of a new vehicular access to the A10 and associated landscape work.**
 Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/21/03534/FUL>

Foxton Parish Council recommends approval for this application with the following comments: County Council Highways to advise on this application.

Proposed Caroline Ilott, seconded Sheryl Williamson. All agreed

The Clerk will submit the responses.

13. R&A update (verbal)

Sheryl Williamson provided an update on R&A matters. It had been a quiet month, with some work to keep on top of hedge pruning and clearance of fallen trees.

Contractors have limited availability until October/ November.

R&A will follow up with the Cricket Club about the risk posed by cricket balls before the next season starts and propose that terms and conditions should be updated to address this issue. Simon Buggey will remind local residents that complaints about cricket balls should be sent to the Clerk.

No progress has been made on the skatepark fence; it is hoped that a proposal can be brought to the next Parish Council meeting.

R&A are working on (i) a list of R&A work that needs to be done; (ii) the Dovecot Management Plan; and (iii) recreation ground rules.

Peter Evans, the village warden, is now back at work.

14. Finance

a. Update and external audit report

The Clerk advised that the external auditor report had been received and published with the annual governance and accountability return. No matters were raised.

The Parish Council previously agreed to open a savings account with Unity Trust Bank to ensure savings are shared between banks and covered by the FSCS compensation scheme. It has since transpired that there is a £28 fee per transaction on this account. The Finance Working Party will research alternative options to bring to the Parish Council for consideration.

b. SCDC – 6 free trees offer – deadline 30 September 2021

SCDC is offering all parish councils in the district, six free trees as part of their work to double nature in South Cambridgeshire. The Parish Council agreed to accept this offer. The Clerk will submit the form required.

c. S106 grant applications:

i. £1157.00 for Football Club Leaf Sweeper

Caroline Ilott explained that Foxton Football Club had applied for S106 funds to buy a leaf sweeper which would be owned by the Football Club. The leaf sweeper would be towed by the Football Club's tractor and it would be stored in the compound. It comes with a year's warranty. This should provide an environmental benefit and a cost saving to the Parish Council as clearing the leaves would protect the condition of the grass and therefore reduce maintenance costs. It was proposed that a log store could be made out of natural dead fall and located on the Illingworth Way side of the recreation ground to store the collected leaves and provide leaf mould to local residents.

Sheryl Williamson expressed concern that the Parish Council would have little control over the leaf sweeper's use if it was gifted to Foxton Football Club and asked how it could be assured that the whole recreation ground would be swept.

Peter Tye noted that the leaves have previously been cleared using a basic leaf blower and this was not effective enough.

Caroline Ilott added that the benefit to residents would be lower grass maintenance costs and the availability of leaf mould to use in their gardens. It

would need to be clarified in writing that the leaf sweeper should be used for the whole recreation ground and that only leaves should go in the log store.

It was resolved to purchase the leaf sweeper for the Football Club at a cost of £1157.00. As owner of the leaf sweeper, the Football Club will be responsible for its maintenance and insurance.

Proposed Caroline Ilott, seconded Peter Howell. Four councillors in favour, one against, one abstained.

ii. £300.00 for Scarecrow Festival notice boards

An application for S106 funds had been received from the Foxton Scarecrow Festival Committee for festival signs with an updated supply cost of £372.00 including VAT, which now covered the use of wooden stakes.

In the application, the benefit to the community is described as follows:

The Foxton Scarecrow Festival is a popular community event, held bi-annually to raise funds for village organisations. These funds are now split between the church, school and pre-school. This enables much needed funds to go to important facilities in our village, which are used by a wide cross-section of the community. Each year the committee make signs to be used to advertise the festival which is time consuming and repetitive. We are applying for funds to pay for some permanent signs which could be used each year and increase the professional 'look' of the festival to attract more people to participate, both Foxton residents and visitors from around the area.

Proposed Caroline Ilott, seconded Simon Buggy. All agreed.

iii. £50 for Village Hall Wi-fi connection and two-year contract with Virgin Media at £47 per month.

It was considered whether the cost could be split 50:50 between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Trust. The modem would be placed in the Parish Council office. John O'Neill added that a decent mesh would be required at a cost of about £300-£400. It was considered that this cost could be covered using S106 funds and quotes will need to be brought to the Parish Council for consideration. Peter Tye asked if there would be a security encryption charge as part of the management plan. Sheryl Williamson asked if the Village Hall Trust should cover the monthly rental charge as this should be absorbed by hire charges. The Clerk added that the Parish Council had no budget provision for the monthly rental charge.

It was proposed that the initial connection of £50 be funded by S106 and that the Village Hall Trust be asked to cover the monthly hire cost of £47 to be absorbed by their hire charges.

Proposed Simon Buggy, seconded Peter Tye. All agreed.

d. Approval for ring fencing £90K of the remaining outdoor play/art fund/sports S106 funds for use on the recreation ground re-development programme.

Caroline Ilott explained that Jupiter Play will prepare plans for the redevelopment of the recreation ground and initial plans will be presented at the village show. It is proposed that £90,000 of remaining S106 funds is ring fenced for this project. The approximate cost of the redevelopment could be £150,000 and therefore additional funding would be required through grants. Caroline Ilott explained that the village had been consulted about how the S106 funds should be used and the development of the recreation ground was identified as a priority and also met the Neighbourhood Plan requirements.

Proposed Caroline Ilott, seconded Simon Bugey. All agreed.

e. Approval of payments

The bank reconciliation, account reports and bank statements have been circulated and will be checked and approved by Simon Bugey.

Sheryl Williamson noted that the Progreen invoice for £240 inc. £40 VAT should have been billed separately to the Parish Council and RGT, rather than being combined. The Parish Council will approve the portion of the invoice for Parish Council work £120 inc. £20 Vat. The Clerk will ask Progreen to submit separate invoices for RGT (village hall and school carpark) and the Parish Council.

The following payments were approved. Simon Bugey, seconded Caroline Ilott. All agreed.

Receipts

Payer	Item	Paid by	Gross (£)
RGT	Contribution towards recreation ground furniture and path	BACS	2594.91
Cambs. County Council	Grass cutting contribution	BACS	810.18

Payments

Payments made (prior agreed)

Payee	Item	Payment by	Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Legislation
Parish Clerk	Salary	SO	827.04	0.00	LGA 1972 s112
Parish Clerk	Pension	DD		0.00	LGA 1972 s112, s111
Google Ireland	Gmail	DD	37.98	0.00	LGA 1972 s111, s142
Opus	Metered street lights	DD	17.42	0.83	Parish Councils Act 1957, s3; Highways Act 1980 s301
Opus	Unmetered street lights	DD	98.20	4.68	Parish Councils Act 1957, s3; Highways Act 1980 s301
Insink plumbing	Repair stopcock leak and faulty tap on recreation ground <i>Approved Clerk/Chair</i>	BACS	354.00	59.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10

Peter Evans	Village warden duties	BACS	157.50	0.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10
S W Gardens	Removal of Ragwort from Dovecot meadow <i>Approved Clerk/ Chair</i>	BACS	72.00	0.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10
S W Gardens	Move security post on recreation ground <i>Approved PC meeting May 2021</i>	BACS	50.00	0.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10
S W Gardens	Replace Dovecot kissing gate post <i>Approved PC meeting July 2021</i>	BACS	191.20	0.00	S106/ Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10
Foxton Village Hall	Meeting room hire x 2	BACS	32.40	0.00	LGA 1972 s111
Amazon	Printer paper (<i>missed off agenda</i>)	BACS	18.00	3.00	LGA 1972 s111

Payments to be authorised

Payee	Item	Payment by	Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Power
Parish Clerk	Additional salary inc. phone/ broadband £34.50 and home allowance £22	BACS	310.69	0.00	*LGA 1972 s112
HMRC	National insurance & income tax	BACS	156.59	0.00	*LGA 1972 s112/ LGA 1972 s111
Parish Clerk	Expenses - mileage	BACS	5.76	0.00	LGA 1972 s111
Langham Press	Foxton Travel Hub leaflet <i>Approved Clerk/ Chair</i>	BACS	70.00	0.00	LGA 1972 s111
DP Garden Works	Grass cutting, strimming, litter picking	BACS	495.00	0.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10
Progreen	Weed control (church & school car park, Illingworth Way path, village hall, rec. ground)	BACS	120.00	20.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10
SW Gardens	Grass cutting x 2	BACS	260.00	0.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10
Foxton Cricket Club	Grass cutting	BACS	300.00	0.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10
PKF Littlejohn	External audit fee	BACS	360.00	60.00	LGA 1972 s111

Invoices received after agenda circulated

Foxton Village Hall	Meeting room hire x 1	BACS	16.20	0.00	LGA 1972 s111
Foxton Parish Council	Top up Treasurers Account to £500	BACS	229.89	0.00	LGA 1972 s111

LGA: Local Government Act

Cllr. Roberts left the meeting

15. Local Highways Initiative proposal (LHI). Budget impact for 2022/23

Reports had been circulated. The bidding for 2022/23 closes on 30 September 2021. See breakdown of costs under Appendix 2.

Total costs of the proposals have to be calculated by the Highways officers but the Feasibility Study from 2022/23 shows a total cost of £13262.00. Taking out the MVAS unit (£2600) and adding in 3 sets of 'gateways' (£2700) gives a cost estimate of £13363.

A 20% contribution from the Parish Council would have an estimated impact on 2022 budget of £2672.00.

Speedwatch data had been submitted with the previous application and there is now more data to include with this application. Ross Pow, who has expertise in this area, has kindly offered to review the application against the criteria. Once reviewed it will be circulated to the Parish Council before submission.

The proposed application, set out in Appendix 2, with an estimated cost to Highways of £13,363 and a 20% contribution of £2672 in the next budget was approved. Proposed Caroline Ilott, seconded Peter Tye. All agreed.

16. **New website update** – the Clerk advised that due to work commitments, scheduled meetings with Mr Liddell, to finalise the new website had been postponed. However, at a recent meeting, the final requirements were discussed and the website should be able to go live very shortly after documents have been added. The Clerk will help with uploading documents to the website.
17. **Items for next agenda** – to be submitted to the Parish Clerk by email.
18. **Date and time of next Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 4 October 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Annabel Wright
Foxton Parish Clerk
16 September 2021

Appendix 1 County Report for Parish Councils – September 2021.

Cambridgeshire County Report

A 505 Study

The on-going work on the A505 is being updated at the Highways Committee this week.

[Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)

Afghan National Re Settlement

Cambridgeshire County Council is working with partners to help resettle Afghan nationals (and their families) who are at risk because they worked alongside our armed forces and the British Government, or who may be vulnerable for other reasons.

So far around 10 to 15 homes have been identified across the county, while the County Council has also offered one of its vacant outdoor education centres as temporary accommodation for Afghans while they wait for suitable accommodation either in Cambridgeshire or elsewhere in the region.

Each district and the city council have confirmed that they will be accepting and/or supporting Afghan nationals as part of the national Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP), and the broader Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) for other vulnerable Afghans.

A consistent message from all of the discussions has been the need to continue to work collaboratively, while a commitment has been made to establish a county-wide taskforce to share good practice and unblock challenges.

Support being offered by the County Council includes:

- . Developing tailored English-language courses through its adult skills service, Cambridgeshire Skills
 - . Supporting the national effort to transfer qualifications to British standards, through Cambridgeshire Skills
 - . Exploring employment and apprenticeship opportunities within the council, and its contracted and commissioned services
 - . Coordination of donations from the public
 - . Expanding the locally-led donations schemes, especially for high demand items such as beds, wardrobes and white goods
 - . Extending existing mechanisms to buy goods or to provide food and other vouchers via the County Coordination Hub
 - . Supporting Afghan families to access online resources through the provision of computer hardware and data
 - . Working with our public health teams to offer immunisations/vaccinations to those individuals who might need them
- . The offer of broader social opportunities.

The council is aware that many people are keen to offer help and support. It is especially keen to hear from landlords with suitable and available housing (whole and self-contained houses, rather than rooms or shared accommodation), as well as from anyone able to donate good quality large items of furniture, including beds and wardrobes.

Anyone wishing to contribute or to find out more detail is asked to approach the relevant district or city council where the housing located in the first instance. However, the County Council is also offering an information point for anyone that wants further information, to offer accommodation, or to offer other support:

Email: communitycv@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Telephone: 0345 045 5219.

Chief Executive

The County Council is going through the recruitment process for a new Chief Executive, as the current one is retiring.

Civil Parking Enforcement

There is an item on the September meeting of the Highways Committee at the County Council relating to parking enforcement. Currently the parking enforcement (ticketing) is the responsibility of the Police. The County Council are looking to write to the Secretary of State to request that they are allowed to explore carrying this out themselves and actually put some money and momentum behind it. Currently the Police, understandably, can't prioritise parking enforcement over other Policing.

Highways

There is an ongoing programme of micro asphalt treatment this time for Fowlmere:

- St Marys Walk, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 12 October 2021 for one day - road closure
- Champions Close, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 12 October 2021 for two days - road closure
- Johns Close, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 13 October 2021 for one day - road closure
- Isons Close, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 13 October 2021 for one day - road closure
- Jacksons Way, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 13 October 2021 for two days - road closure
- Rycroft Lane, Fowlmere - Micro Asphalt works start 14 October 2021 for two days - road closure

Foster Carers

Cambridgeshire County Council needs more foster carers. Fostering means caring for one or more children or young people in your own home when they are unable to live with their family.

Foster carers provide a safe and secure home for children and young people of all ages, and come from a wide range of ages, cultures and backgrounds.

Becoming a foster carer normally takes four to six months. The Council offers

- a generous mileage allowance, a setting-up fee for furniture and equipment, two weeks additional basic maintenance payments for holidays, birthdays allowance, a festivities allowance, and an initial clothing and school uniform allowance.
- round-the-clock 'out of hours' support should you need reassurance.
- a dedicated social worker to provide regular supervision and support.

Foster carers could earn up to £44,720 plus benefits for looking after two children aged eleven or over, subject to experience, training, and assessment. There are lots of different types of fostering available for the right people and their families. Applicants will need enthusiasm and commitment to support the needs of children and young people in care, as well as a spare bedroom—and be over 21 years of age. The Council urgently needs foster carers for teenagers, sibling groups, and children with disabilities.

There are a lot of myths around fostering, which the Council is keen to dispel.

- Finances and home
- Career and work
- Personal circumstances
- Relationships and lifestyle
- More information:
- Six steps to fostering
- Siblings and teenagers

Being involved with social services or the police will not automatically rule out an applicant. The Council would just need to discuss this further. For more information

- visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering
- call 0800 052 0078 or
- text FOSTERING to 60777

Peter McDonald

September 6th 2021

Appendix 2

Report on the Local Highway Improvement (LHI) application for 2022/23

A) Background

Foxton Parish Council has been unsuccessful in our bids for LHI for the past 3 years. Reasons from the failed bid of 2020D were that FPC should offer 20% not 10% contribution to costs, Speedwatch data will add weight to any bids, make the bid bigger and more consistent ie scheme for the whole village entry points. Despite asking for feedback on reasons for failure for the 2021 bid, nothing has been forthcoming from either Highways officers or County Councillors. County Council power shifted in the summer of 2021 so the make-up of the decision making board (who decides on who gets what bid funding) will change for the 2022 applications.

Timing for the next bid

The bidding for 2022/23 closes on 30th September 2021.

These proposals will be taken to the Council's Highway and Infrastructure Committee in March 2022 for approval but, understanding that you will need time to consider possible applications within your parish, we wanted to make you aware of the possible changes at the earliest opportunity.

Following Highway and Infrastructure Committee in March 2022 we will be back in contact to inform you of the decision made.

If you have any questions or concerns please can I ask that you direct them to your local County Councillor in the first instance, in order that they can inform the committee decision-making process in March.

Over the last 2 years, I have had many consultations with people from CC Highways, and Speedwatch advice culminating in a very useful walk round in Nov 2019 for myself and Peter Tye with Victoria Bailey, a senior CC Highways engineer, who advised on what traffic calming etc would be suitable at the various village locations. The CC Highways officers have also provided invaluable advice in the last year and the recommendations in this proposal are very much driven by their views on what is/is not feasible.

B) Different types of traffic calming measures

The consistent advice coming from all Highways officers is that the best option for slowing down traffic is **road narrowing**, followed by **speed tables**. **Speed humps** can be driven over at speed and do not have a good record of durability.

Based on this information the proposals for selection are as follows: (Note on costs – these would have to be individually assessed).

1. Barrington Road

- a) Make the existing 30mph limit more conspicuous by re-marking the white surfacing and roundels and installing Dragons Teeth. (These are triangular road markings perpendicular to the edge of the carriageway often used at gateways to give the effect of road narrowing. The teeth are laid in pairs either side of a carriageway or a lane). **Costs – estimate of £1500. Budget impact of 20% = £300**



- b) Gateway – sited at entrance to village. Normally supplied in plastic but also available in other materials.. Serves as a reminder. **Cost - £2500 -£4500. Budget impact of 20% of top cost = £900**

2. Fowlmere Road

- a) 40mph buffer coming into the village before the 30mph zone starts. (possibility of asking for the whole of Fowlmere Road up to the Cambridge Road to be made a 40mph zone) **Cost - £4500 -16000. Budget impact of 20% of top cost = £3200**
- b) Make the existing 30mph limit more conspicuous by re-marking the white surfacing and roundels and installing Dragons Teeth. (These are triangular road markings perpendicular to the edge of the carriageway often used at gateways to give the effect of road narrowing. The teeth are laid in pairs either side of a carriageway or a lane). **Costs – Estimated cost of £1500. Budget impact of 20% of cost = £300**
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3. Shepreth Road

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If we allow a 20% cost to the PC, that is an estimated impact on 2022 budget of £2672.00

C) Speedwatch

Speedwatch sessions have been done in and around lockdowns and all the data will go forward with the bid plus back up from the Transport section and 2018 survey information of the now adopted Neighbourhood Plan. (See section 9 and Fig 26 of the NP).

D) 20mph village speed limit and weight limits

There have been some enquiries over these 2 issues. Information from CC Highways officer as follows:

With regards to the 20 mph zone / limit through the village.

CCC policy requires average vehicle speeds within the proposed 20 area to be 24mph or less. If they are not then physical features will need to be installed to make the new limit self-enforcing. These can include speed cushions, priority features and central islands amongst others. This also means the PC would need to carry out surveys on all the roads proposed to be within the new 20 limit to determine current average vehicle speeds.

The weight limit is fairly onerous, in the first instance surveys would need to be carried out to determine the proportion of vehicles travelling through the village which are HGV's. Once collated to qualify for a restriction a threshold % HGV has to be exceeded, believe this is around 20% of overall traffic through the village, but don't quote me on this. There would then need to be a formal consultation on the proposed limit, with a high likelihood that the proposal would be challenged by haulage organisations. Any business' within the village currently would have unlimited access and the restriction itself is tricky to enforce properly for law enforcement.

The 20mph village speed limit is possibly something we could link to the Greenway initiative when it comes along Station Road, High Street and Shepreth Road. According to the GCP information work on this is due to start in 2025.