

Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 9 May 2022 at 7.30pm

Present Simon Bugey (for the opening of the meeting only), Caroline Ilott, Geoff Barnes, Peter Tye, Chris Herriot, Ian Francis and District Cllr. James Hobro. There was 1 member of the public present. Ian Francis arrived late to the meeting during Item 13.

Simon Bugey welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Council meeting and presided over the election of the new Chairman.

1. Election of Chairman for 2021/2022 & signing Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Caroline Ilott was elected as Chairman. Proposed Peter Tye, seconded Chris Herriot. All agreed.

Simon Bugey left the meeting.

Election of Vice Chairman for 2021/2022 & signing Declaration of Acceptance of Office

This agenda item was moved from item 14. Chris Herriot was elected as Vice Chairman Proposed Peter Tye, seconded Caroline Ilott. All agreed.

All councillors signed the declaration of acceptance of office for 2022-2023 in front of the Clerk.

2. Apologies for Absence – County Cllr. Peter McDonald

3. Laurentian reporting process

Caroline Ilott explained that it was not feasible to continue with a detailed Laurentian Parish Council report each month with only five elected parish councillors and questioned whether such a report should be put into the public domain before the minutes of the meeting were approved. It was agreed to include a brief report in the Laurentian of any decisions of public interest made by the Parish Council and refer residents to the Parish Council website for more detailed information contained in the agendas and minutes or to request these from the Clerk. Caroline Ilott will provide the first update to the Laurentian and for inclusion on Facebook and the Parish Council website.

4. Parish Council vacancies and co-option of new councillors

Caroline Ilott explained that with only five parish councillors nominated this election, there were five parish council vacancies. It was agreed to post an advert for the vacancies to the Laurentian, Facebook and website and in the village shop. It was noted that a quorum of four was now needed for Parish Council meetings and there was a scheme of delegation in place for the Clerk to undertake urgent business and make payments when a quorum was not available.

5. Open Forum for Public Participation

Peter Howell, a local resident and previous parish councillor who lives close by to the Dovecote offered to be a point of contact and to keep a key for the Dovecote and Dovecote gate to allow contractors to access the site. He may be able to mow the paths occasionally and spread wood chippings. Caroline Ilott thanked him for his kind offer

and it was agreed that he would keep a key for both the Dovecote and Dovecote gate.
The Clerk will keep a record of this.

Peter Howell left the meeting.

6. Members Declarations of Interest for items on the Agenda – none

7. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 4 April 2022

Proposed Peter Tye, seconded Geoff Barnes. All agreed. Caroline Ilott signed the minutes.

8. Matters arising from these minutes:

- Cllr. McDonald's outstanding actions were rolled over to the June Parish Council meeting.
- Simon Buggey had spoken to the FGA re Platinum Jubilee tree planting and this will be picked up at the S106 working group meeting.
- Caroline Ilott and Peter Tye met with Phillimore's Garden Centre to select trees for tree planting behind the play area.
- Peter Tye spoke to the Parish Council's contractor about not mowing the mound near the basketball court for no mow May.
- The Clerk had circulated the street light inspection report from Balfour Beatty – this will be picked up by RGT.
- The ROSPA risk assessment is booked for 30 May 2022 and zero carbon grant information was shared with the village hall.

Action Cllr. McDonald

- Update on extending Harston bypass feasibility study to include a bypass for Foxton
- Ask County Council Highways to check grips leading into village
- Liaise with the Melbourn Greenway cycle lane project regarding 20mph speed zones in the village.

Action Cllr. Hobro

- Publish information on how SCDC can support Ukrainian refugee families.
- Monitor progress of the Melbourn greenway cycle path and look into the option of a lighting column on the junction of the A10 at Foxton Bottom

Action all

- Consider options for improving communication between the Parish Council and Foxton residents for June/ July Parish Council meeting.
- Review Parish Council policies

Action Caroline Ilott

- Laurentian/FB/website Parish Council news update
- Order flyers

Action Clerk

- Publish Parish Council vacancy advert
- Circulate email form James Hobro re travel hub to new councillors.

- Submit planning comment
- Contact Foxton Village Hall to invite members to attend Parish Council meetings to provide an update at any time.
- Submit AGAR docs to external auditor
- Publish new adopted code of conduct
- Insurance query
- Notify Progreen and SW Gardens of quote acceptance.
- Circulate a report showing a breakdown of last year's contractor costs (to assist with R&A budget review).
- Set up new bank signatories

9. County Councillor's Report – see written report Appendix 1

10. District Councillor's Report

Caroline Ilott congratulated Cllr. Hobro on his election as District Councillor.

Cllr. Hobro explained that he was the newly elected District Councillor for South Cambridgeshire Foxton ward. He had been a member of Fowlmere Parish Council for two years and his main involvement with Foxton Parish Council to date had been liaising with a previous Foxton parish councillor, Andy Brown, regarding the Foxton travel hub proposal put forward by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP).

Cllr. Hobro explained that he was very happy to be able to support Foxton and would attend most Parish Council meetings and provide written reports for the meetings. He will request access to village Facebook page to respond to any queries raised this way.

Cllr. Hobro will publish information on how SCDC can support Ukrainian refugee families in case this is of help to any local residents.

Cllr. Hobro noted the deadline of 1 June 2022 for SCDC Zero Carbon grant applications. There was £120,000 available in grant funding with Parish Councils and other organisations being able to apply for up to £15,000.

Peter Tye asked Cllr. Hobro about progress on the Melbourn greenway cycle path and a possible lighting column at Foxton Bottom (at the junction of the A10). Cllr. Hobro explained that he is a member of the A10 corridor cycling campaign. He will keep an eye on the progress of the Melbourn greenway cycle path and will look into the option of a lighting column on the junction at Foxton Bottom.

11. Infrastructure

Caroline Ilott advised the following:

The whole High Street from Mortimers Lane to the A10 at Shepreth Road is to have Gripfibre Micro asphalt laid in summer 2022. The County Council Highways confirmed date for starting work is Monday 6 June 2022, weather dependant. James Hobro explained that Fowlmere had received the same road surface treatment and residents raised concern about the rough look of it initially. However, over the course of its use the surface became smoother over time.

Various potholes on the High Street have been repaired and the bad ones near the

shop will be patched. This is in addition to the whole road surfacing.

A new storm drain on the corner of Mortimers Lane is expected to be installed by County Council Highways to catch water coming down Fowlmere Road and the pavement will also be raised and repaired from Nos 77 to 81 High Street. Caroline has chased this.

Work has been commissioned for a storm drain to stop flooding on the Green. Contractors attended with inadequate instructions so they will return to do this work.
Post meeting note: this work has now been completed.

The Parish Council has quotes from the village warden for the painting and refurbishment of the two Foxton (listed) water pumps. This work was considered not urgent and could be considered at a later date.

SCDC had repaired the broken street signs on Mortimers Lane and Barons Lane. The broken Chardle Field street sign should be repaired in May.

a. Travel hub update

Caroline Ilott advised that there was not much the Parish Council could do until the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership submitted their planning application for the proposal to Cambridgeshire County Council Planning.

Cllr. Hobro advised that he and Andy Brown had put together a website opposing the Foxton Travel Hub and he had also prepared wording for a petition against the proposal. Cllr. Hobro confirmed that Fowlmere Parish Council had approved the strategy pursued by Andy Brown and himself to oppose the travel hub and Fowlmere Parish Council approved Foxton Parish Council's position. The Clerk will circulate an email from Cllr. Hobro about this to Foxton Parish Council.

b. LHI Update (Local Highways Improvement)

Caroline Ilott advised that Foxton Parish Council had been successful with its recent application for a County Council Highways LHI grant of almost £19,000, after having tried to apply for this previously three years running. The Parish Council will contribute an already budgeted for £4,500.

The grant will pay for two solar powered MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs), one on Barrington Road and one on Fowlmere Road near Chalk Hill. There will be three 40mph 'buffer zones' at each of the village entrances to help slow traffic and give warning that a 30mph limit is coming up. These will be at the Barrington end of Barrington Road, at the Chalk Hill end of Fowlmere Road and on the Shepreth Road entrance to Foxton. Finally, the road markings of 30mph roundels will be re-painted and possible additional road markings added.

All this work will be done by County Council Highways and installation should start in June or July 2022.

12. Planning Committee Report and application: Reference: 21/01922/FUL

Site address: 71A High Street Foxton CB22 6RP

Conversion of storage barn to form detached two storey dwelling.

<https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/21/01922/FUL>

Foxton Parish Council agreed the following response:

Foxton Parish Council recommends approval subject to the views of the Conservation officer.

The application is within the Foxton Conservation Area and the boundary of the Green Belt runs along the north wall of the barn, which means the proposed extension would project into the residential garden land in the Green Belt. This would need to be assessed as an extension to an existing building in accordance with Policy S/4 of the Local Plan and advice in paragraph 145 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2021 i.e. would the development result in disproportionate additions.

Details of the boundary treatment between the plots, landscaping and materials should be subject to planning conditions, if the scheme is considered acceptable

As long as the final design preserves or enhances the character or appearance of the Conservation Area and does not contravene any Green Belt planning matters, there is no objection.

Geoff Barnes noted that if an application affected the green belt, it should be considered by the full Parish Council.

13. Election of Vice Chairman and approve Committees and Working groups membership and allocation of Councillors responsibilities for 2022/2023 and review Terms of Reference

Planning Committee; Working Groups (Recreation & Amenities, Finance, Neighbourhood Plan, S106, Personnel); Responsibilities: Sports Clubs Liaison and Village Warden Management; Infrastructure; Police Liaison; IT/Web Site; Melbourn Area Youth Development (MAYD); Rail; Dovecote; 2 Village Hall Representatives); Recreation Ground Trust (RGT)

The election of the Vice Chairman was moved to Item 1 on the agenda, following the election of the Chairman.

The Parish Council agreed that, whilst there were only five parish council members, all Parish Councillors would be members of the Planning Committee and there would be no Working Groups, other than an S106 Working Group made up of all Parish Councillors and existing non-Parish Council members. All planning applications will come to full Parish Council meetings for consideration unless the deadline is before the next Parish Council meeting when (i) an extension will be requested or (ii) it will be considered by the Planning Committee.

Caroline Ilott advised that Linda Smith will be joining the current S106 Working Group and noted that this group could be joined by non-parish councillors.

Ian Francis arrived at the meeting.

The following responsibilities were agreed:

Geoff Barnes - police, MAYD and the representative for the rail user partnership
 Chris Herriot – Dovecote
 Ian Francis – Sports Club liaison
 Caroline Ilott – liaison with County Council Highways
 IT/ web – Clerk
 Finance – all
 R&A - all
 Personnel (approval of leave and hours for submission to payroll) – Chair and Vice Chair
 RGT – all - *Caroline Ilott explained that the Parish Council is the sole trustee of RGT and councillors are not individual trustees.*
 Any two councillors for infrastructure and village warden liaison, tasks and issues.

Cllr. James Hobro left the meeting.

Village Hall Trust – it was agreed that instead of having individual representatives, to invite any member of the Village Hall Trust to attend Parish Council meetings to provide an update. Proposed Peter Tye, seconded Chris Herriot. All agreed

Terms of reference will be reviewed at a later date.

14. Review of internal auditor report for year ending 31 March 2022

The Parish Council records, including policies, financial documents and minutes, were reviewed by the internal auditor and the internal auditor report circulated to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council considered the internal auditor report and it was noted that the internal auditor raised no points or issues and had provided a signed report to be sent to the external auditor.

The clerk, who is also the Responsible Financial Officer of the Parish Council, was thanked for her hard work on this audit.

15. Annual Return for year ending 31 March 2022

a. Section 1 - Complete and approve the Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022

Members acknowledged their responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the arrangements of the Accounting Statements, and all agreed, to the best of their knowledge and belief with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, the following:

Statement 1 - Yes
 Statement 2 - Yes
 Statement 3 - Yes
 Statement 4 - Yes
 Statement 5 - Yes
 Statement 6 - Yes
 Statement 7 - Yes
 Statement 8 - Yes
 Statement 9 – Yes

The Parish Council considered the findings of the internal audit review and unanimously approved the Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022.

b. Section 2 - Approve the Accounting Statements 2021/2022 as presented by the RFO

The Parish Council considered the Accounting Statements 2021/2022, as presented by the RFO, and these were unanimously approved.

16. Review and approval of:

a. Bank accounts, direct debits and standing orders

The Parish Council has the following bank accounts:

Unity Trust Bank Current Account – main account for day-to-day transactions
 Unity Trust Instant Access Account - S106 funds
 Lloyds Treasurers Account – used for debit card payments and topped up to £500
 Lloyds 32-day Notice Account – general reserves savings
 Lloyds S106 Account – S106 funds
 Barclays FPC Base Rate – S106 funds
 Barclays Saver Account - zero balance

S106 funds and savings have been shared between three different banks in order to protect the money under the FSCS deposit protection limit of £85,000.

Direct debits and standing orders as follows:

There is one standing order of £1000 on the current account for the Clerk's salary.

Direct Debits:

Nest pension- variable
 Opus Energy DD metered street lighting - variable
 Opus Energy DD unmetered street lighting - variable
 Google Cloud gmail - variable depending on number of email accounts set up
 Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) data protection registration fee - £35

All noted and unanimously approved.

b. Asset Register

The Clerk had updated the asset register to include any new assets and this was unanimously approved.

c. Risk Register

The Clerk had updated the risk register and this was unanimously approved.

d. Adoption of Local Government Association (LGA) Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020

The LGA template code of conduct had been circulated and the Parish Council agreed to adopt this template. Proposed Caroline Ilott, seconded Geoff Barnes. All agreed.

A review of the Parish Council's policies will be undertaken at the June Parish Council meeting to allow newly elected councillors time to review these.

17. S106 update – CI

Caroline Ilott noted that there was an S106 Working Group meeting scheduled for 11 May 2022 and that the working group needed more support to progress the community space and playground project. There will be more to update after the working group meeting for the next Parish Council meeting.

18. R&A Update including (i) Antisocial behaviour on basketball court; (ii) Football Foundation Grant; (iii) whole recreation ground risk assessment on 30 May 2022

Ian Francis reported antisocial behaviour consisting of loud music and clearly audible swearing on the recreation ground near his property and this had caused considerable distress to his family over the last two years.

Peter Tye suggested contacting other local Parish Councils to see how they deal with antisocial behaviour and whether a shared, part time private security officer, who could patrol the recreation ground occasionally may be of interest. Security of any new playground equipment should be considered.

Ian Francis suggested a warning sign may help.

Caroline Ilott added that Fowlmere Parish Council is also looking at updating its play provision and may be interested into looking at shared security options.

Geoff added that there was a new police group for the area and the current PCSO is now a police constable with more powers. The police support group is back under the control of Cambourne. It would be helpful if the police could show a presence on the recreation ground. Geoff noted that in a recent police survey of the area, drugs, speeding and antisocial behaviour were the biggest issues raised.

Ian Francis explained that Fowlmere and Foxton playgrounds were not like for like as Foxton's playground is situated near residential properties, whereas Fowlmere's is not. Thriplow has a similar set up to Foxton. Ian added that it would be helpful for a police office to do a random walk around in the early evening which is when the anti-social behaviour occurs.

Peter Tye added that byelaws could also be considered.

It was acknowledged that Foxton does not experience much trouble but options for reducing antisocial behaviour should be considered.

Peter Tye gave background information about the Parish Council's approval and application for a Football Foundation Grant to new councillors. More detail can be found in previous minutes.

Foxton Football Club has returned the signed application and the next step will be a pitch inspection arranged with Cambridge Football Club and the GMA (Grounds Maintenance Association) which should take place this month. The Parish Council will pay for the first pitch inspection (previously agreed £100) to be done by the Football Foundation's nominated official, and further inspections will be carried out by Andy Cambridge. The Football Club will propose suitable qualified and insured contractors to the Parish Council to do any remedial work (such as vertidrainage, earthquaking, soil improvement) and the Parish Council will have the responsibility to commission the work, receive grant money and organise payment of invoices. The area covered by the grant includes all the football playing pitches – both the adult and Dynamos but not the training area or cricket pitch.

The whole recreation ground risk assessment is booked for 30 May 2022 with ROSPA and will include inspection of the play equipment and skate park.

19. Approval of quotes:

- a. **CAPALC Councillor training £75x 2 and Chairman training £50**
Proposed Geoff Barnes, seconded Peter Tye. All agreed.
- b. **Insurance renewal (one quote received £1,645.75, second awaited, third unable to provide insurance cover)**

The Clerk explained that three quotes had been sought but only one had been received in time for this meeting. One insurance provider had declined to offer a quote as it could not insure the thatched Dovecote. The quote received was for a three-year term and was provided by the insurance broker that the Parish Council has used in recent years. The broker had provided a good service and helpful insurance and risk assessment advice throughout the year.

Peter Tye raised concern about being tied into a three-year fixed arrangement. Peter explained that changes would likely need to be made to the policy when new playground equipment was purchased and if the Dovecote and Foxton war memorial were re-valued. With a 3-year fixed term, the Parish Council would have less flexibility if the insurance premium was increased because of these changes in cover.

The Clerk will clarify with the insurance company if the quote covers a one-year term and whether there is a penalty fee for making changes to the insurance.

It was agreed to approve the insurance renewal quote of £1645.75 for a one-year term. It was further agreed that if there was any increase in the insurance quote for specifying a term of one year, the Clerk, in conjunction with the Chair, could authorise a further increase up to £500 in accordance with the Parish Council's financial regulations. Proposed Caroline Ilott, seconded Ian Francis. All agreed.

- c. **Fertiliser application Contractor A £1120+VAT; Contractor B £2400+VAT**
There was only one quote for consideration as Contractor B had withdrawn his quote. Peter Tye advised that his research showed that the best way to protect the recreation ground grass, where there is limited ability to water, was to use a controlled release fertiliser which would protect the grass roots. Unfortunately, the Football Foundation Grant would not be received in time to cover this work.

The fertiliser proposed is Angus ProloNg fertiliser (Application rate of 30gm m², 30 bags of 16-2-10) at £1120+VAT and the treatment will be for the whole recreation ground.

Proposed Peter Tye, seconded Chris Herriot. All agreed.

d. Recreation ground grass cutting near allotments £50

Peter Tye explained that Andy Cambridge could no longer cut the area of the recreation ground near the allotments and this area was not specified under the Cricket Club's grass cutting contract. SW Gardens had quoted £50 per cut for this work and £40 per cut for a regular cutting arrangement. Peter Tye proposed to offer (i) £50 for the first two cuts to include additional grass cutting along the edge of the path from the recreation ground to Illingworth way and (ii) £40 per cut thereafter up to two cuts per month as needed. Proposed Peter Tye, seconded Caroline Ilott. All agreed.

It was discussed that a careful review of the R&A budget and costs will be undertaken. The Clerk will circulate a report showing a breakdown of last year's contractor costs.

e. Foxton Jubilee Picnic S106 flyer - 250 A5 flyers £44; 250 A5 double sided flyers £60, 250 A4 flyers £47; 500 A5 flyers £52; 500 A5 double sided flyers £84, 500 A4 flyers £65

Caroline Ilott explained that Catherine Cairns and Linda Smith had created a flyer to promote awareness of the community space and playground project and to ask for help in progressing the project. The flyer will be shared at the village plant swap on 14 May 2022, the Queen's Jubilee picnic on 5 June 2022 and school fun day on 16 July 2022. It was considered that the price for 500 flyers was not much more than for half the amount. It was agreed to purchase 500 A4 flyers at £65. Proposed Caroline Ilott, seconded Peter Tye. All agreed.

20. Finance

a. Approval of bank signatories

It was agreed to add Chris Herriot and Ian Francis as bank signatories to all Parish Council bank accounts. Proposed Caroline Ilott, seconded Peter Tye. All agreed.

b. Approval of payments

The bank reconciliation and bank statements were reviewed and approved by Chris Herriot.

The following payments were approved. Proposed Peter Tye, seconded Caroline Ilott. All agreed.

Receipts

1. Precept	£22,500
2. VAT refund	£1402.08

Payments

Payments made (prior agreed)

1. Salary (SO) - LGA 1972 s112	£1000.00
2. Pension - LGA 1972 s112, s111	£84.03
3. Google Ireland Gmail - LGA 1972 s111, s142	£41.40
4. Opus Metered street lights - Parish Councils Act 1957, s3; Highways Act 1980 s301	£19.69 inc VAT
5. Opus Unmetered street lights - Parish Councils Act 1957, s3; Highways Act 1980 s301	£228.04 inc VAT
6. Cambridge Conservation Volunteers Foxton Woods Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10	£28.05
7. Foxton Village Hall meeting room hire x 2 - LGA 1972 s111	£28.45
8. Foxton Village Hall office hire x 2 - LGA 1972 s111	£85.38
9. Peter Evans – village warden duties - Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10	£175.00
10. Red Shoes Accounting payroll (including RGT recharge £15.50+VAT) LGA 1972 s112/ LGA 1972 s111	£74.40
11. Amazon printer paper and lever arch files	£42.74 inc VAT

Payments to be authorised

1. Parish Clerk Salary, NI/tax, phone and home allowance LGA 1972 s112/ LGA 1972 s111	£367.17
2. Parish Clerk Expenses – mileage - LGA 1972 s111	£25.02
3. Phillimore Garden Centre – Trees, Laurels, compost Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10, S106 – approved PC 4 April 2022	£559.82
4. Foxton Village Hall meeting room hire x 2 - LGA 1972 s111	£32.40
5. Peter Evans village warden duties (16.5hrs) - Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10	£288.75
6. DP Garden Works April grass cutting/ litter pick - Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10	£550.00
7. Foxton Cricket Club April grass cutting - Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10	£350.00
8. SW Gardens grass cutting April - Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10	£135.00
9. SW Gardens grass cutting May - Open Spaces Act 1906 s9-10	£135.00
10. LGS Services internal audit - LGA 1972 s111	£150.00 inc VAT
11. Top up Lloyds Treasurers Account	£42.74
12. CAPALC Councillor training £75 x 2 and Chairman training £50 x 1	£200

Payments received after agenda published

1. SCDC, bin emptying Litter Act 1983, ss5-6	£1029.60 inc VAT
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*Local Government Act

21. Ways of getting PC information to residents - social media, leaflets, Laurentian

Caroline Ilott proposed that the Parish Council consider new ways to improve its communication to Foxton residents, particularly younger people, and to improve residents' understanding of what a Parish Council is and does. Currently the Parish Council communicates via the Laurentian, Facebook, the website and the village notice board.

Other options proposed:

- Instagram
- Twitter
- A combination of social media sites to reach different users
- A printed, quarterly Parish Council newsletter (it was noted that the Laurentian is a Church produced magazine and therefore may not be read by all residents)
- A quarterly daytime surgery at the weekend to exchange ideas to which the District and County councillors could be invited (it was noted that not everyone can attend an evening Parish Council meeting)

Everyone was encouraged to think about this further in order to decide any action at the June or July Parish Council meeting.

22. Items for next agenda

Mission Street who has bought the Burlington Press site for development will be attending the Parish Council meeting on 6 June 2022.

23. Date and time of Parish Council Meeting: Monday 6 June 2022 at 7.30pm

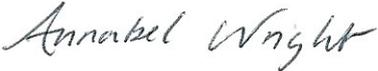
Motion to exclude Public and Press: Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted on the following agenda item 24

Proposed Caroline Ilott, seconded Peter Tye. All agreed.

24. Consider legal correspondence relating to letter from Tees Law on behalf of their client at 28 Illingworth way re (i) the extension of the play area; and (ii) the maintenance of land behind 28 Illingworth Way

Due to the confidential and privileged nature of this item, this item was due to be discussed in a closed meeting of the Parish Council, however it was agreed to delay consideration until the next Parish Council meeting in June to allow new councillors time to read through documentation. Proposed Peter Tye, seconded Chris Herriot. All agreed.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.



Annabel Wright
 Foxton Parish Clerk
 13 May 2022

Appendix 1

Annual Parish Report 2022

I have represented Duxford Division since February 2020 which includes Duxford, Hinxton, Ickleton, Babraham, Pampisford, Foxton, Fowlmere, Shepreth, Thriplow, Heathfield, Heydon, Chishills, Whittlesford.

The key change in Cambridgeshire occurred in May 2021 with a change to a new Joint Administration. The Council has an inherited gap of £80m+ over 5 years in its budget which it is now addressing. The JA agreement is here

https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/cambridgelibdems/pages/5179/attachments/original/1620984611/County_agreement_2021_FINAL.pdf?1620984611

The Joint Administration proposes in 2022/23 to raise the County Council share of council tax by 4.99% (3% council tax plus 1.99% for Adult Social Care). That will mean an extra charge of £1.04 per week for a Band B, and £1.19 for a Band C household. More than half of all homes in Cambridgeshire are in these two bands.

In Highways the JA priorities are stated as:

- *“We will focus on modal shift to encourage more residents out of their cars, along with infrastructure development, the encouragement of sustainable travel, and securing safe routes and connections for pedestrians and cyclists.*
- *We will consult communities openly and transparently on highways projects that affect them We will seek to invest more in road, footway, and cycleway maintenance and routine gully clearance, and end the freeze on residents’ parking schemes.*
- *We will continue to work on ways in which we can limit HGVs rat-running through villages and urban communities.*
- *In partnership with local communities, we will make the option of 20MPH zones more widely available, and easier to obtain.”*

Outside of Highways the focus is on an evaluation of ‘This Land’ – the Council property company which has been loaned £120m. It is also bringing forward a report on the award of a County Council farm tenancy to the Previous Deputy leader Roger Hickford who resigned and left the Council.

My responsibilities are serving on:

- Highways Committee as Chair,
- Strategy & Resources,
- Fire Authority and
- County Farms Group as a member

Currently we are working on 20 mph implementation, Civil Parking Enforcement and HGV strategy to mitigate impacts of HGV on local villages.

Peter McDonald May 2022