

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN  
WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2017**

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South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 27 July to Friday 11 August**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 27 Jul				
Fri 28 Jul	10am	<a href="#">Partnerships Review Committee</a>	Monkfield Room	<a href="#">Victoria Wallace</a>
Mon 31 Jul				
Tue 1 Aug				
Wed 2 Aug	10am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 3 Aug				
Fri 4 Aug				
Mon 7 Aug				
Tue 8 Aug				
Wed 9 Aug	9:30am	<a href="#">Planning Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
Thu 10 Aug				
Fri 11 Aug				

**INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS**

**2. A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme - Newsletter**

**Where are we now?**

Work on the scheme is progressing well. We've finished clearing the site, built our construction compounds and started the permanent works including earthworks and bridge building.

We've continued installing the narrow lanes on the A14. These allow us to gain the space we need to carry out work without closing lanes, minimising the impact on drivers.

Over the next few months, we will continue bridge building and archaeological excavations, and will be excavating and moving the materials needed to build the road.

**Traffic management**

Any work requiring lane or full closures will take place at night. Diversions have been agreed with Cambridgeshire County Council and will be clearly signposted.

Over the next few months, the following traffic management will be used:

- Overnight closures on the A1 between Alconbury and Buckden
- Overnight closures on both the A428 and A14
- Narrow lanes on the A14

The safety, of road workers and road users, is our priority and has been the main focus of the team in designing the traffic management we use.

Using 40mph speed limits through roadworks helps to minimise risks and ensure a safer working environment for our construction teams and the travelling public.

We are continually reviewing our approach based on work taking place and feedback from you.

### **Striving for excellence on the A14C2H scheme**

The Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) is a non-profit organisation set up in 1997 by the construction industry. Construction sites, companies and suppliers can voluntarily register with the scheme and agree to follow a five point Code of Considerate Practice, designed to encourage best practice beyond the statutory requirements.

The five sections of the code are:

- Care about appearance
- Respect the community
- Protect the environment
- Secure everyone's safety
- Value the workforce

Twice a year, CCS visit sites and award a score out of 50 against the above list.

The top 10% of sites are invited to the annual national awards, with bronze, silver and gold awards presented.

Highways England and our A14 Integrated Delivery Team contractors (Balfour Beatty, Carillion, Costain and Skanska) are all members of CCS, fully supporting the drive to improve what can still be a negative view of construction. When we heard there was an opportunity to push ourselves and the industry further, with the CCS Ultra Site, we were keen to get involved.

In June we were formally accepted as the first road Ultra Site and over the next three years we will be working closely with our supply chain to set very high standards across the project. We'll report back in future newsletters.

### **Update on the A14 Community Fund**

The A14 Community Fund launched a year ago and we've had some great entries.

The fund supports projects that reflect the changes the scheme will bring to the area, with up to £10,000 of funding.

So far, we have confirmed funding to 11 different projects, including:

- **The Countryside Restoration Trust** received £9005 to support water voles.
- **The Offords Recreation Hut** (Offord Village Hall) received £2,160 to provide a secure bicycle parking facility for village hall users.
- **Histon & Impington Community Orchard Project** received £1,752 to complete and maintain the orchard by providing some tools and an information sign.
- **Groundwork East** received £10,000 to improve confidence and skills in people furthest from employment by growing wildflower plugs for use on the borrow pit nature reserves created by the A14.
- **Alconbury C of E Primary School** received £5,000 for an artist to work with the community to update 5 murals in the school hall.
- **Cambridge Science Centre** received £9,780 to create a new cross-disciplinary workshop tying in the environment and engineering, using the A14 as a case study.
- **Great Paxton Parish Council** received £3,000 to conduct a feasibility study into options to provide a safe alternative to the hazardous B1043 for cyclists.

Gerard Smith, Head of Legacy, said: 'This scheme will bring positive change to this area and it's great to be able to encourage and support projects that build on that to improve life in local communities.'

For more information about the A14 Community Fund, [visit their website](#).

### **Thank you for your feedback!**

Thank you to everyone who took part in our communications survey. Feedback from those who use the road helps us to understand how we can make our communications as effective as possible.

Nearly 70% of you heard about the survey via our website or social media. The results are therefore unlikely to reflect the views of those who don't use the internet, and may have a different perspective. Any changes made to our communications will be made with this in mind.

### **You said:**

- 73% of you use the A14 to travel to and from work, or for business purposes, and more than 50% use the road every weekday.
- 96% of you said you wanted more information on road closures and diversions. 70% felt that general information about the scheme's progress is also useful.
- The most frequently used information sources are the local media, the scheme website and social media.
- When asked what channels we should use more, results shifted slightly. The top choice was the scheme website, followed by email alerts, social media and then the local press.

### **What's changed since this survey went live:**

- We've launched our mobile visitor centre, which allows us to visit a much wider range of communities, businesses and other groups to update you about the scheme. Our current programme of events can be [found on our website](#), along with details of how to book the centre.
- We've started sharing traffic management information on our social media channels.
- We've created a series of diversion route maps to share with you.

### **What we're doing next:**

- We are exploring ways to improve the information provided on our website.
- We are reviewing social media to improve both the quality of information shared and; looking for ways to broaden our reach.
- We are promoting our newsletter as widely as possible, so that people are kept informed on scheme progress. Progress stories will also be shared on social media.
- We are investigating other opportunities to keep people informed about traffic management.

We are promoting our email alerts, which you can sign up to [on our website](#).

You can e-mail us on: [A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk)

Or give us a call on: 0300 123 5000

### **3. 23 Affordable Council Homes on Bannold Road, Waterbeach: Minor correction to report**

On 5 July the Housing Portfolio Holder agreed to proceed to contract with Bovis Homes to purchase 23 affordable homes on Bannold Road, Waterbeach. The call-in date for this decision expired on Wednesday 12 July at 5pm and so this decision can be implemented.

Please note that the background information on the decision notice stated that there would be 7 x 3 bed houses for shared ownership. It should have read 5 x 3 bed houses and 2 x 2 bed houses for shared ownership. Obviously the number of homes remains the same.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 4. Media Monitoring



Arising from the results of the Member Communication Needs Survey, many members highlighted the fact that residents found out about SCDC matters through the media.

The Council's Communications Team will produce a weekly summary of recent news items to be published in the Bulletin to help keep members informed of recent coverage of SCDC.

Contact the [Communications Team](#) for further information.

Date	Publication	Details		
19/07/2017	Cambridge Independent	Planning merger takes a step closer	p9	
19/07/2017	Cambridge Independent	Redundant church gets new lease of community life	P28	
21/07/2017	Cambridge News	Council card fees slammed	P3	
21/07/2017	Cambridge News	New chief's city challenge	P14	

### 5. Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)



#### Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)

The Local Government Association provides a list of news headlines relevant to its members. Please click the headlines below for more details.

Thursday 20 July: *Times*: [66% of all plastic is waste](#)

Five billion tonnes of plastic – almost two thirds of the total produced – have been dumped in landfill sites or the natural environment, since large-scale industrial production of the synthetic materials began in the early 1950s.

### 6. View Planning Applications



To view the list of planning applications that have recently been submitted to the Council, please visit the authority's on-line [Planning Application Search](#). Once the page has loaded, you can use the [Search option](#) to set your own criteria of parish, area and date range.

The system will provide a range of information on current and decided applications since 1948, including a brief description of the development, reference number, decision and the date of decision. More recent applications show the name and telephone number of the council officer who is dealing with the application.



Search results are presented in a collection of pages, the number of which depends on the number of results your search produces. There are navigation tools to allow you to browse your results.

### EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 2017



In accordance with the [Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution](#), any executive decision shall be published normally within five days of being made. That record will bear the date on which it is published and will specify that the decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in for review by the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or by any five other councillors.

A list of decisions currently within the call-in period is available [on the Council's website](#).

The call in procedure is set out in full in [Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, 'Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules'](#).

#### 7. Community Chest: Funding Applications

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder considered three applications deferred from previous meetings.

The Portfolio Holder approved the following application (pending from June 2017):

Name of Applicant	Project Description	Total cost of project (£)	Total Awarded (£)
Horseheath Parish Council	Repair and replace the windows in the pavilion and equipment to maintain the playing field.	£4,750.00	£1,000.00

The Portfolio Holder was informed that the following two applicants (applications pending from May 2017) had still not supplied the information requested (Constitution, Quotes, Accounts). He determined therefore that both application files be **closed**, and that the applicants be invited to reapply in due course.

Name of Applicant	Project Description	Total cost of project (£)	Total Awarded (£)
ICU Steps, Cambridge	Set up costs for a support group for families of patients who have been admitted to ICU, and ex-patients suffering from PTSD	£888.00	Nil
Stepping Stones, Barton	Breakfast and After School Club	£2,310.00	Nil

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder **agreed** the following Community Chest funding:

Name of applicant	Project description	Total cost of project (£)	Total awarded (£)
Humpty Dumpty Pre-school	Purchase of sensory equipment.	£3,500	£1,000
Wilbrahams Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground Trustees	Installation of acoustic wall ceiling tiles.	£4771.20	£1,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Comberton Scout Group	Towing hitch and metal frame work for box trailer	£936.00	£936.00
1st Oakington Scout Group	Purchase of two Patrol tents	£1230.00	£1,000
Horseheath Parish Council	Purchase of two football goals	£1145.84	£1,000
Castle Camps Playground Group	Purchase of a roundabout for the playground	£8,818	£1,000
Castle Camps Parish Council	Purchase of CCTV equipment	£1,881.60	£1000
Willingham Parish Council	Improvements to the access at Ploughmans Hall	£4,820	£1,000
The Thriplow Society	Purchase of display boards with stands	£1,133	£380
Cambridge Kangaroos Trampoline Club	Purchase of safety matting	£1,788	£1000
Willingham Action Group	Purchase of benches	£1,600	£1,000
Great Shelford Bowling Club	Purchase of bowl collectors	£362.40	£362.40
Cambourne Basketball Club	Purchase of equipment	£1,740	£740

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder **refused** the following applications:

Name of Applicant	Project Description	Total cost of project (£)	Total applied for (£)	Reason for Refusal
Hatley Village Association	Advertising material for the village fete	£350.00	£350.00	Not within criteria of scheme
MAGPAS Air Ambulance	Purchase of a syringe pump	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Considered to be beyond the scope of a scheme based on community spirit

*These decisions were first published on Friday 21 July and so the deadline for call-in is Friday 28 July at 5pm. If not called-in these decisions can be implemented on Monday 31 July.*

#### DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

Please click on the link below to find details of decisions made by officers under delegated authority:

<https://www.scambsgov.uk/content/access-information>

## OTHER INFORMATION

### 8. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



#### Agendas

- [Partnerships Review Committee 28 July](#)
- [Planning Committee 2 August](#)

#### Decisions

- [Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly 19 July](#)

#### Minutes

- [Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder 18 July](#)
- [Planning Committee 5 July](#)

### 9. SCDC Starters and Leavers



#### New Employees at the Council

Name: Joy Jones  
Job title: Rent Assistant  
Date starting: 21 August 2017



#### Staff who have left/ will be leaving

Name: Lucy Dumbrell  
Job title: Electoral Services Support Officer  
Date leaving: 28 August 2017

Name: Tanya Rhodes-Pitcher  
Job title: Executive Support Officer  
Date leaving: 6 August 2017