

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2019**

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South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

1. Meetings and events from Thursday 7 March to Friday 22 March

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 7 Mar	2:30pm	Licensing (2003Act) Sub-Committee	Mezzanine	Victoria Wallace
Fri 8 Mar				
Mon 11 Mar				
Tue 12 Mar				
Wed 13 Mar	9:30am	Planning Committee	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Thu 14 Mar	10am	Employment & Staffing Committee	Monkfield Room	Patrick Adams
Fri 15 Mar				
Mon 18 Mar				
Tue 19 Mar				
Wed 20 Mar	4pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	Council Chamber	Democratic Services
Thu 21 Mar	6pm	Scrutiny & Overview Committee	Swansley Room	Victoria Wallace
Fri 22 Mar				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & PARISH COUNCILS

2. A14 Improvement Scheme: Monthly Parish Newsletter

The attached newsletter provides you with updates for February to March 2019, in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme.

To contact your A14 sections stakeholder manager, please use the email addresses below or the A14 helpline.

Section 1, 2 & 3: Alconbury to Swavesey
John Birchall - John.Birchall@theA14.com

Section 4 & 5: Swavesey to Milton
Bob Pettipher - bob.pettipher@thea14.com

A14 helpline **0800 270 0114** - This will be answered by a team member during site hours 8am - 5pm and messages can be left at other times. Further updates as the scheme progresses can be found on their [website](#).

3. Planned Road Closures w/c 4 March - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

Please find attached road closures information for w/c 4 March, in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

Please note an update to this week's planned road closures on the A14 between Swavesey and Bar Hill.

The below closures will go ahead as planned on Monday 4th and Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th (5 nights in total):

- A14 eastbound Swavesey J28 to Bar Hill J29
- A14 westbound Bar Hill J29 to Swavesey J28
- A14 westbound to westbound Girton J31 loop

On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th, the closure has been revised to:

- Dry Drayton J30 westbound entry and exit slips closed, along with a lane 1 & 2 closure between M11 J13 and A14 westbound to Bar Hill J29
- The eastbound carriageway will remain open on these two nights

Also attached is an information poster, detailing how to find further information on the scheme. If you would like some to display in your Parishes, on notice boards, offices etc please contact Highways England who can post them to you.

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Section 1 & 2: Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line

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UPCOMING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Unless otherwise specified, please confirm your availability to attend any of the following briefing or training events by contacting [Patrick Adams](#) on 01954 713408. This will ensure your training records are kept up to date and suitable venue and catering booking can be made. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

4. **Working Effectively with Officers - Workshop for Members Mon 18 & Tue 26 March**

District Councillors are invited to attend a workshop on "Working Effectively with Officers" in the Council Chamber, South Cambridgeshire Hall on one of the following dates:

- Tuesday, 26 March 2019 from 5.00pm to 8.00pm
- Monday, 18 March 2019 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm

This workshop has been designed for South Cambridgeshire District Council to mirror workshops provided for officers focussed on building effective relationships with Members. It will provide an opportunity for Members to develop their understanding of the relationship; the ways in which they can develop their own working relationships with officers and to consider how the Council as a whole can develop this further.

GENERAL INFORMATION

5. 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		
27/02/19	Cambridge News	Combined authority's new chief executive to be revealed	P5	CA article
27/02/19	Cambridge News	Should we introduce a congestion charge to tackle traffic troubles	P8	GCP article
27/02/19	Cambridge Independent	Have your say, urges GCP in latest effort to cut congestion	P8	GCP article
27/02/19	Cambridge Independent	Cambridge Biomedical Campus: 30,000 new trips due daily	P8	GCP article
27/02/19	Cambridge Independent	Council agrees chief's £200,000 early retirement deal	P9	
27/02/19	Cambridge Independent	Lib Dems unveil green vision	P13	
27/02/19	Cambridge Independent	New Darwin Green community must wait longer for facilities	P18	Cllr Sarah Cheung-Johnson and Cllr John Williams quoted
27/02/19	Cambridge News online	Claims of disagreements at South Cambs as Chief executive leaves	Link	
28/02/19	Cambridge News	Chief exec's golden goodbye costs council £200k	P1 & P10	
28/02/19	Royston Crow	We've set an ambitious plan for the district - it will really stretch us'	P11	
01/03/19	Cambridge News	Economic growth could be 'choked' without new station	P10	GCP article. Cllr Peter Topping quoted
01/03/19	Fenland Citizen online	Cambridgeshire Mayor's intervention slammed as an "abuse of power"	Link	CA article. Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
01/03/19	Peterborough Telegraph online	Anger after Peterborough's metro mayor clashes with scrutiny committee chair	Link	CA article. Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
02/03/19	Cambridge News online	Cambridgeshire mayor is 'abusing power', say critics	Link	CA article. Cllr Bridget Smith quoted
05/03/19	Cambridge News	Letter: £200k golden handshake is not justifiable	P21	
06/03/19	Cambridge News	Views sought on options for Cambourne-Cambridge link	P13	GCP article. Cllr Gavin Clayton quoted

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



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

Thursday 28 February, *Times*: [Build new homes away from roads, says watchdog](#)
New-build flats and houses should be situated away from the roadside, according to health advisers in new guidance on town planning to cut exposure to dirty air.

Tuesday 5 March, *BBC Online*: [Council tax bills in England to rise by an average of 4.5%](#)
Research by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (Cipfa) has found that council bills in England will increase by 4.5 per cent a year from April.

Wednesday 6 March, *BBC Online*: [Fall in apprenticeship starts](#)
Apprenticeships starts have fallen by a quarter since reforms, including a levy on large employers, were introduced, according to a National Audit Office report.

7. 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 27 FEBRUARY 2019



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'](#).

8. Community Chest: Funding Applications

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance **AGREED** the recommendations made by the Grants Advisory Committee on 22 February 2019:

	Applicant	Village(s) affected	Description	Total applied for (£)	Total recommended (£)	Additional conditions/ comments
1	Cambourne United Football Club	Cambourne	Provide new equipment for FA's new 'Just Play' project	1,000.00	954.76	Grant awarded for equipment only
2	1 st Over St Mary's Scout Group	Over	Purchase of new tents for camping events	1,000.00	1,000.00	
3	St Catherine's Parochial Church Council	Litlington	Installation of kitchen and toilet facility	1,000.00	Deferred	
4	Footprints Café Ltd	Sawston	Sound proof panels to enhance acoustics in training room café	1,000.00	Deferred	Further documentation needed
5	Willingham Action Group	Willingham	Purchase and install bird boxes	354.19	354.19	
6	Histon and Impington	Histon and	Develop and	1,000.00	Defer	More info

	Communication s Community Interest Company	Impington	create a new online “hub” for news in Histon and Impington			needed on relationship to PC
7	Heathfield Area Recreation Trust	Thriplow (Heathfield)	Purchase a marquee to support a new youth club	1,000.00	1,000.00	
8	The Connections Bus Service	Cottenham	Provide a 10- week babysitting course for students in Cottenham	1,000.00	Nil	On-going revenue costs are outside scope of scheme
9	Cambridge Past, Present and Future	Stapleford	Purchase materials for outdoor education program	995.50	995.50	

9. Consultation response on A14 Motorway Status

The Deputy Leader **AGREED** to submit the following response to the Planning Inspectorate:

South Cambridgeshire District Council supports the proposed amendment to the Development Consent Order (DCO) to amend the status of the A14 between the M11 at Girton and the new Ellington junction and the A1 between Alconbury and Brampton from all-purpose trunk road to motorway.

The Council recognises that the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme is already designed and being built to a high specification and that slow vehicles, which would be prohibited from using a motorway, are accommodated by the local access road and provision for non-motorised users.

It is also recognised that the changes would provide Highways England more control over traffic speeds to further improve safety for road users and achieve more consistent journey times. This may deliver benefits to the local and national economy, and local residents by keeping traffic on the most appropriate roads and out of villages and parts of Cambridge, and in terms of noise and air quality for these residents. Addressing congestion and improving traffic flow on the A14 is in line with recommended actions in the Council’s Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP).

It is understood that the proposed amendment to the DCO is a non-material change that would not alter the existing provisions and requirements in the DCO which Highways England will need to fulfil in delivering the A14 Improvement Scheme.

On this basis and for the reasons set out above, the Council supports the application for a change to motorway status.

10. Mobile Warden Scheme Grant Funding 2019/20

The Lead Cabinet Member for Finance **AGREED** to award the Mobile Warden Schemes the grant funding for 2019/20 as per table 1 below.

To support a valuable community led service within each of these wards/villages in keeping with the Council's aims and objectives.

The decision to award the grants as per Table 1 was made taking into consideration:

- a) the amount of grant requested,
- b) the fees charged by each scheme to the client,
- c) the number of clients supported in the previous year,
- d) income and expenditure for the previous year,
- e) the schemes finances, and
- f) the amount of reserved and unreserved funding.

Scheme	Grant Awarded 2019/20 (£)	Amount Awarded 2018/19 (£)	Reason(s)
Histon & Impington (Age UK)	2,520	2,520	Increase from 2018/19 due to additional new schemes.
Swavesey (Age UK)	1,240	1,240	
Small Villages (Age UK)	3,040	3,040	
Teversham (Age UK)	1,600	1,600	
Waterbeach (Age UK)	1,300	n/a	
Linton (Age UK)	2,500	2,500	
Stapleford (Age UK)	1,000	n/a	
Cottenham	1,800	1,200	Uplift to reflect low reserves and increased client charge.
Harston	1,250	1,250	
Haslingfield	250	250	
Melbourn	2,200	2,200	
Milton	2,155	2,155	
The Mordens & Litlington	2,155	2,155	
Great Shelford	1,000	n/a	Great Shelford has not applied every year. They last applied in 2016/17.
TOTAL	23,410	20,110	

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.scambs.gov.uk/the-council/access-to-information/access-to-information-summary/>

OTHER INFORMATION

11. **Newly-Published Items on modern.gov**



Agendas

- [Planning Committee 13 March](#)

Decisions

- [Community Chest: Funding Application](#)
- [Mobile Warden Scheme Funding 2019/20](#)
- [Consultation Response on A14 Motorway Status](#)

Minutes

- [Licensing \(2003 Act\) Sub Committee](#)
- [Planning Committee 13 February](#)

12. **SCDC Starters and Leavers**



Staff who have left

Name: Peter Naylor
Job title: HR Coordinator
Date left: 1 March 2019