



**Councillors' Bulletin  
Wednesday, 20 March 2024**

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South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

**1. Meetings and events from Thursday 20 March to Friday 10 April 2024**

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 21 Mar	5:30 pm	<a href="#">Scrutiny &amp; Overview Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Ian Senior</a>
	7 pm	<a href="#">Extraordinary Council</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Patrick Adams</a>
Fri 22 Mar	-	-	-	-
Mon 25 Mar	-	-	-	-
Tue 26 Mar	-	-	-	-
Wed 27 Mar	-	-	-	-
Thu 28 Mar	10 am	<a href="#">Grants Advisory Committee</a>	Council Chamber	<a href="#">Laurence Damary-Homan</a>
Fri 29 Mar	-	-	-	-
Mon 1 Apr	-	-	-	-
Tue 2 Apr	-	-	-	-
Wed 3 Apr	-	-	-	-
Thu 4 Apr	-	-	-	-
Fri 5 Apr	-	-	-	-

**Parish Council Information**

**2. Unlocking the Potential of Your Parish: How the Planning Team Can Support You as a Parish Clerk**

Dear Parish Clerk,

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you for our upcoming event, "**Unlocking the Potential of Your Parish: How the Planning Team Can Support You as a Parish Clerk.**"

This event is designed to provide you with essential tools and information to navigate the intricacies of planning requirements effectively, thereby enhancing your ability to serve your community.

**Date: Wednesday, 17 April 2024**

**Venue: South Cambridgeshire Council Chamber**

**Time: 11:00 am - 4:30 pm**

**Lunch Included**

As a Parish Clerk, you play a crucial role in the development and prosperity of your parish. Understanding planning regulations and procedures is vital for fulfilling your responsibilities effectively. Our event aims to address this need by providing valuable insights, resources, and support from our planning team.

### Event Objectives:

**Educate:** Gain insights into the latest planning regulations and guidelines relevant to your role.

**Empower:** Receive practical tools and strategies to navigate planning processes efficiently.

**Clarify Responsibilities:** Understand your duties as a Parish Clerk in relation to planning matters.

**Facilitate Communication:** Engage in open dialogue and networking with fellow Parish Clerks and our planning team.

This event promises to be informative, interactive, and beneficial for your professional development.

Please RSVP by **Friday 5 April** to secure your place. **Lunch will be provided, so kindly inform us of any dietary restrictions you may have.**

**For catering purposes, please could you RSVP using this [form](#):**

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact Simon Leher, Communications and Engagement Lead at [simon.leher@greatercambridgeplanning.org](mailto:simon.leher@greatercambridgeplanning.org)

We look forward to welcoming you to the South Cambridgeshire Council Chamber on Wednesday, 17 April 2024, as we collectively unlock the potential of your parish.

### Information for District Councillors

#### 3. **Community Right to Bid - Assets of Community Value**

The following asset has entered the interim moratorium period ending at **5pm on Tuesday 23 April 2024**

**The Navigator, 63 High Street, Little Shelford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 5ES**  
SCDC ref **CRtB/2021/013**

On 22 January 2024 the Council has received the following nomination:

**The Blue Ball Inn, 57 Broadway, Grantchester, Cambridge, CB3 9NQ**

SCDC ref CRtB/2024/003

The Council has made a decision to include the land/buildings on the list of Assets of Community Value and will amend the asset register accordingly

On 22/01/2024 the Council has received the following nomination:

**The Red Lion Public House & Restaurant, 33 High Street, Grantchester, Cambridge, CB3 9NF**

SCDC ref CRtB/2024/005

The Council has made a decision to include the land/buildings on the list of Assets of Community Value and will amend the asset register accordingly.

On 22/01/2024 the Council has received the following nomination:  
**The Green Man Public House, 59 High Street, Grantchester, Cambridge, CB3 9NF**

SCDC ref CRtB/2024/004

The Council has made a decision to include the land/buildings on the list of Assets of Community Value and will amend the asset register accordingly.

The following asset has entered the protected period ending on 30 April 2025

**The Waggon & Horses Public House, 19 Church Street, Steeple Morden, Herts, SG8 0NJ**

SCDC ref CRtB/2019/008

Please contact [partnerships@scams.gov.uk](mailto:partnerships@scams.gov.uk) if you have any questions.

Further information about the Community Right to Bid and Assets of Community Value can be found on our [webpage](#).

#### 4. **Webinar: Community Ownership for Local Authorities**

##### **About this webinar**

Every year 4,000 Local Authority buildings and spaces are being sold off, and with councils under increasing financial pressure more are likely to be sold off in the coming years.

With your help community organisations can save valued local assets and create thriving neighbourhoods.

This webinar will help Local Authorities to understand the benefits and challenges of community ownership and how councils can sell or transfer assets into community ownership.

##### **Who is the webinar for**

Local Authorities

##### **What will you learn:**

- The benefits of communities taking ownership of assets (both council and private)
- Why community ownership is important and how it can help your neighbourhoods thrive
- Recommendations of how to support communities taking on assets
- What community asset transfer looks like, how you manage it and key issues

- What good community asset transfer processes can look like in practice
- The benefits for and challenges facing community organisations and Black and minoritised communities
- About the Community Ownership Fund (COF) and the opportunity available
- How you can support groups applying to COF or other funds

[Book now](#)

## General Information

### 5. Media Monitoring



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

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

Date	Publication	Details	-	-
14/03/2024	Cambridge News print	Council in limbo over threat of penalties	P1 &3	-
14/03/2024	MJ online	Four-day week council decision 'disappointing and arrogant'	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
14/03/2024	Personnel Today online	Minister says four-day week may be stopped by new laws	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
14/03/3034	Local Gov online	Four-day week council decision 'disappointing and arrogant'	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
14/03/2024	Royston Crow online	South Cambs: Motion to tackle period poverty approved	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
15/03/2024	Cambridge News print	Skill, excellence and ambition celebrated at awards ceremony	P6-7	-
15/03/2023	Hi Hub online	Council tax hike imminent	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
15/03/2024	People Management online	Minister threatens to outlaw the four-day week – but is it feasible?	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
15/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Government plans 'water credits' system to unblock housing and commercial space in Greater Cambridge	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
15/03/2024	Royston Crow online	Melbourn Science Park expansion approved despite concerns	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
15/03/2024	Savills Planning online	Savills Planning secures greenlight for £250m science park masterplan	<a href="#">Link</a>	GCP
15/03/2024	ITV online	Ram-raiders strike again just	<a href="#">Link</a>	-

		days after scheme to thwart them in Cambridgeshire announced		
16/03/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Science park expansion approved despite 'dominating' buildings concerns	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
16/03/2024	Royston Crow online	Melbourn Science Park expansion approved despite concerns	Link	-
16/03/2024	BBC Online	Redevelopment of Melbourn Science Park is approved	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
16/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	Greater Cambridge retains active travel crown – but 50 per cent want to cycle more	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
16/03/2024	Cambridge News print	Fly tipper fined for dumping material in Girton	P7	-
17/03/2024	BBC Online	Local elections: 'I got my first death threat before I was elected'	<a href="#">Link</a>	Cllr Heather Williams among interviewees quoted
17/03/2024	Suffolk News online	Quy Mill Hotel and Spa, in Stow-cum-Quy, launches second bid to expand	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
17/03/2024	Cambs Times online	Cambridgeshire council tax: how much is it set to rise by?	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
18/03/2024	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Cllr Heather Williams interviewed about her experiences of abuse and harassment faced as a Councillor	N/A	-
18/03/2024	That's TV Cambridge	Four day week trial update - interview with Cllr John Williams	Link tbc	-
18/03/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	How much council tax you will pay across Cambridgeshire - full 2024 breakdown	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
19/03/2024	Telegraph online	The companies that tried the four-day week and failed	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
19/03/2024	Cambridgeshire Live online	Son says elderly father left living in one room due to heating problems in Cambs home	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
19/03/2024	Cambridge Independent online	How much you'll pay in council tax in each area of Cambridgeshire in 2024-25	<a href="#">Link</a>	-
20/03/2024	Cambridge News print	Who will pay what and where in council tax across county	P6	-
20/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	Call for GCP to be abolished	P1&P6	GCP article - SCDC referenced as partner
20/03/2024	Cambridge	Flower power to help beat ram-	P5	-

	Independent print	raiders		
20/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	£250m science park revamp approved	P16	-
20/03/2024	Cambridge Independent print	How much you'll pay in council tax	P18	-

## 6. 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 14 March, Independent:** [Climate risks warning](#)

Efforts to make the UK resilient to the impacts of climate change fall “far short” of what is needed, independent advisers have warned.

**Friday 15 March, Guardian:** [Heat pump scheme delayed](#)

The Government’s scheme to increase the installation of heat pumps to replace gas boilers has been delayed until next year.

**Sunday 17 March, BBC Online:** [Abuse and harassment of councillors](#)

Local politicians are facing unprecedented levels of abuse and harassment, with LGA research showing that in 2023, 82 per cent of councillors fell at risk at least some of the time while fulfilling their role, up from 73 per cent the previous year.

**Monday 18 March, BBC Online:** [Panorama: “Councils in crisis”](#)

Over the past five months, BBC Panorama has followed Havering Council as it has struggled to balance its books.

**Monday 18 March, Guardian:** [UK heat pump rollout](#)

A report by the National Audit Office (NAO) has found that heat pump installations would need to accelerate 11-fold if the Government is to reach its target for 600,000 heat pumps installed in homes every year by 2028.

**Wednesday 20 March, BBC Radio 4:** [Temporary accommodation](#)

A record 142,000 children in England are homeless and living in what should be short term accommodation, including in B&Bs and hotels, former office blocks and shipping containers, some without a bed their own.

## 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](#).

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 13 March 2024



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. Response to Government Consultation: Strengthening planning policy for brownfield development

The Lead Member for Planning **agreed**

That the Lead Cabinet Member for Planning agrees:

**A)** to submit the response to the open consultation on strengthening planning policy



- for brownfield development as set out in Appendix 1.
- B)** that delegated authority is given to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development to agree any minor amendments to the response in order to finalise the joint response.

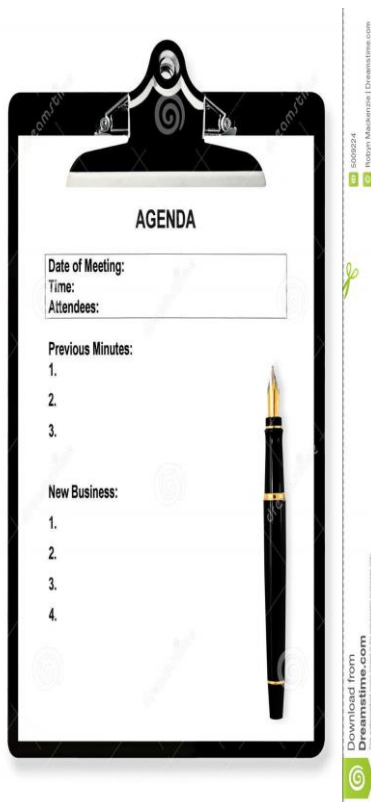
This decision was first published on 19 March and so the deadline for call-in is 26 March.

### Decisions Made By Officers and Reported For Information

Please click on the link to find details of decisions made by [officers under delegated authority](#).

### Other Information

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



#### Agendas

[Scrutiny & Overview Committee 21 March](#)  
[Council 21 March](#)

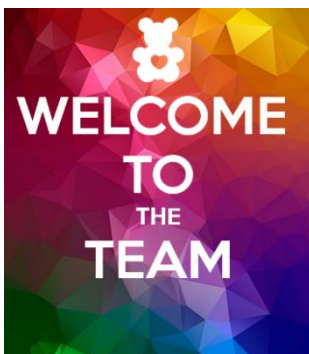
#### Decisions

[Designation of Heydon Neighbourhood Area Planning Committee 13 March](#)  
[Assets of Community Value \(Blue Ball\)](#)  
[Assets of Community Value \(Green Man\)](#)  
[Assets of Community Value \(Red Lion\)](#)  
[Response to Government Consultation: Strengthening planning policy for brownfield development](#)

#### Minutes

[Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee 7 March 10:30 am](#)  
[Licensing Appeals Sub-Committee 7 March 12:30 pm](#)

#### 10. The Council's Starters and Leavers



#### New Employees at the Council

Name: Alfie Gibbs  
Job title: Planning Temp  
Date started: 20 March 2024