

PARISH OF MILTON

**The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on
Monday 27 April 2026 at 7:30pm in the Bowls Pavilion
Coles Road, Milton**

15 April 2026

AGENDA

- 1 Introduction by Chairman and apologies for absence**
- 2 Introduction of Parish Councillors**
- 3 To confirm minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 12 May 2025
(Appendix 1)**
- 4 Chairman's Annual Report including draft accounts 2025/26
(Tabled)**
- 5 County Councillor's report
(Tabled)**
- 6 District Councillors' reports
(Tabled)**
- 7 Milton Community Centre Report
(Tabled)**
- 8 Question and Answer Session**

P Ellwood
Chairman Milton Parish Council

Appendix 1

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 12 May 2025 at 7:30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: P Ellwood (Chairman), HM Smith, D Wildman, J E Coston, A Bradnam, D Owen, R Farrington

In attendance: S Corder (Clerk), J Barrett (Deputy Clerk), P Adams (Village Maintenance Person)
A Bradnam (as County and District Councillor), J Rippeth (District Councillor)
18 members of the public
Barrie Wylie Assets Strategy Manager – Cambridgeshire County Council
David Allatt Service Director for Infrastructure and Projects – Cambridgeshire County Council

1. Introduction by Chairman and apologies for absence:

The newly elected Chairman P Ellwood, who took over from HMS after completing 3 years as Chairman, welcomed everyone present at the meeting and thanked HMS for standing as Vice-Chairman.
Full Council in attendance.

2. Introduction of Parish Councillors: The Chair reported that the council now have 7 members of the 12 needed. Councillors and staff introduced themselves. AB in attendance as Parish Councillor and County and District Councillor also J Rippeth our District Councillor.

3. To confirm minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 29 April 2024

AB Proposed to accept the minutes - DO Seconded **AGREED (RF Abstain)**. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 29 April 2024 were approved and signed.

4. Chairman's Annual Report including draft accounts 2024/25

HMS, as outgoing Chairman, tabled her report and thanked the Councillors for all their hard work over the year.

New play equipment

The new play park at The Rowans was opened in the summer holidays and we organised an event where local children turned out to enjoy the new equipment and the fort on the hill. We handed out lollies and goody bags. This was designed to be more accessible to disabled children.



Edmund Green improvements

This is the area at the end of The Rowans, next to Edmund House, with tall trees. We applied to the SCDC Shared Prosperity Fund for improving green spaces, to add more interest and biodiversity in this area, with a central feature and some new benches and shrubs. The work is due to start any day, and will be paid for jointly between us and South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Milton Community Support Group and tackling noise nuisance

A new group has formed this year including representatives from the major organisations and charities in the village, meeting with South Cambs officers who liaise with the police. We have discussed cooperation on improving the village as well as dealing with those causing noise nuisance at night (on the Park and Ride, Tesco, along the A10 and through the village). South Cambs is seeking extra powers to act against those congregating on the Park and Ride, which we hope will be granted this summer. Other initiatives will include gardening, litter picking and a new community café starting at the church hall.

We also have a new working group looking into organising new regular Village Events. If anyone has ideas they'd like to put forward and can help, please do get in touch.

Christmas Tree

Following a request from the new vicar, we provided a Christmas Tree on Pond Green this year, and decorated it. We had been unable to put a socket for it into the ground as the old road is not far down underneath the grass there, and in the stormy winds it blew over sideways and had to be pushed back up. Starting earlier this year, we hope to get a deep socket installed (with permission from the County Council who still own that land). The vicar and church choir led a pleasant festive evening of carol singing around the tree with mulled wine available from the Waggon and Horses.

Allotments

We still have a couple of vacant allotments at Ely Road. They are priced from £14 for a quarter plot to £41 (full plot) per year; please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

Art work

We wanted to cheer up the area near the railway crossing, and will be repainting the seat there in Great Eastern Railway colours, blue black red and gold.

Solar panels and income

We had an offer from Resolve Energy, a solar company in the village, to put solar panels on the Youth Building at The Sycamores recreation ground, and their supplier also paid to have them put on both sides of the roof. This will give a useful income to the village, in addition to the income now arranged from the panels on the pavilion at North Lodge Park. Thanks to Milton Community Centre who have arranged for these. We also applied for a grant to put solar panels on the Bowls Pavilion but were unsuccessful this time.

Youth Club

The Council continues to provide funding to support the youth activities run on Thursdays by the Connections Bus Project at Milton Youth Centre for age 11 up. We are also funding a 10-week babysitting course in Milton over the summer. For details inquire at the youth club. The Milton Action for Youth account stands at £78.14.

Milton Community Care Scheme

Our Community Care Warden Tracey Ebbon continues to do a great job looking after her clients. She supports around 20 older people living in their own homes in the village and their families every weekday. She also acts as Community Navigator, a person able to give free advice about what services, funding, clubs and facilities are available in the village to help people get by. Sarah Corder our Clerk, and I provide short-term cover for Tracey as warden, and we have an agency we can call on when extra help is needed. This Mobile Warden Scheme is supported by grants from South Cambs District Council, the Milton Charities and the Jean Gallagher Trust.

Milton Trolley Bus

The door-to-door wheelchair-accessible minibus service to Tesco for our elderly and infirm residents runs once a fortnight. The Jean Gallagher Trust helps us to support the service. Dial-a-Ride who provide the service also organise other trips, which residents have enjoyed.

Developments in our parish

The building just beyond the Jane Coston Bridge has been demolished, and residents will have noticed a huge new office/lab block going up there. It will also have a café and other facilities on the ground floor, and we are promised bushes and trees on the balconies. The developers have contributed some money towards parking restrictions in the village.

The **new police station** beside the Park and Ride is due to open next year.

Cemetery and wildlife

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission put up a plaque recognising our two war graves. We have continued the work to improve the cemetery for wildlife through our maintenance regime. This year we added a bench, and also commissioned some survey work to look at the ground conditions under our cemetery, and we have a plan to put in a water pump for relatives who want to keep fresh flowers on graves. We have also adopted a new Biodiversity Policy on which we will ask residents for comments and additions soon.

New trees

Last autumn we planted another six larger trees provided by SCDC in Paddock Wood. Later we were offered seven large oak saplings by a resident, and these are being nurtured over the summer. We will plant them in Paddock Wood in the autumn.

Village maintenance

Our grass-cutting and grounds maintenance contractors who do work on our open spaces, allotments and the cemetery, were unable to comply with the contract, and we had to hastily put out a tender to get a replacement contractor. This was in place by the summer. We apologise for the lack of maintenance in some areas early last year, and we hope we have now caught up.

Litter picking

We try to organise a community litter pick, normally on the second Sunday of half term, 3 times a year. These litter picks help to clean up the litter hot-spots that our village cleaner Philip Adams does not get to on his regular rounds in the village, particularly near Tesco.

Ditches and drains

The ditch through the middle of the village which appears on some old documents as "Milton Brook" was cleared of weeds again in the last year by volunteers and neighbouring residents. We are still waiting for the County Council to clear out its culvert under Fen Road.

Planning

We are consulted on all planning applications in the parish. Most are uncontentious, but some are quite unneighbourly and we do try to support neighbours objections if they are reasonable. I'd like to thank David Owen for chairing the Planning Committee, and Anna Bradnam our Tree Warden for advising on tree trimming applications.

There are a number of large developments at Fen Road Chesterton that we have opposed. One is now the subject of enforcement, and the new area of caravans near the River Cam should be cleared by next month.

Roads

In the last year your parish council has tried to improve the village for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. We're still talking to Cambridge Cycling Campaign (Camcycle) and the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) about details of the **cycle route** that they will put through our village, with wider pavements. Watch out for a consultation in the summer on the latest proposals.

We again applied for **20mph** throughout the village as many other villages have done, but came low on the County's list. We are waiting for the result of our latest application. In the meantime we have put in **double yellow lines** on The Rowans near Tesco, to improve safety, and applied for a further stretch on Coles Road at the corner near the Community Centre. We have been pleased with the MVAS **speed sign** we were sharing with Landbeach and Waterbeach, and have bought 2 more for our village, which will be in fixed positions. The one currently on Pond Green near the village sign will in time be moved onto its own post further back towards the chiropractor's, but we are currently waiting for County Council approval for the new post.

We are still pressing for **traffic lights** to be added at the A10/Humphries Way junction. This should happen in a few years time, funded by the developers of Waterbeach new town, but we want it done sooner. **HGVs parking overnight** on residential roads in the village has been reported as a problem. We have looked into this but there seems to be little we can do to stop them without an awful lot of consultation and road signs. A village-wide weight limit (except for access, and North of the Tesco roundabout) might help.

We bought a Telraam monitor to **count the vehicles**, pedestrians and cycles that pass, and over the last year we have gathered data from 3 different locations, that is passed on to the GCP. Camcycle have seen the benefit of having good up to date data, and have themselves bought some of these units, which we have asked to borrow. It would be helpful to have data recorded from our 3 different through roads at the same time.

The big problem at the moment is the state of our **High Street and Cambridge Road**. The top surface is eroding in chunks and recent patching did nothing to improve it. Our County Councillor is trying hard to get this resurfacing

prioritised in the County Council plans – at present it does not feature in the 2025-26 list. We have invited an officer to talk about this at our Annual Parish Meeting.

Draft accounts for the year April 2024 to March 2025

These figures have been prepared on an Income and Expenditure basis.

Description	£ Last year (2023-24) Restated	£ This year (2024-25)
Balances brought forward	471,196	401,714
Annual precept	133,000	133,000
Total other receipts	32,231	36,888
Staff Costs	51,194	57,407
Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0
Total other payments	183,521	124,521
Balances carried forward	401,714	389,675
Total Cash and Short Term Investments	468,663	404,696
Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	235,589	239,964
Total Borrowings	0	0

Finance

The Council has requested a precept for 2025-26 the same as recent years at £133,000.

Parish councillors and staff

We currently have 7 councillors out of our maximum of 12. I would like to thank the team that has been working together last year. We had our first meeting of the current council year on 6th May, and I'm pleased to say that Paul Ellwood has been elected to take over from me as Chairman. Our Clerk has done a good job keeping us to our meeting schedule, and ensuring the daily administration and our minutes and records are handled efficiently, ably assisted by our Assistant Clerk. We now have the official website www.miltonparishcouncil.gov.uk, and new email addresses for council work. Thanks to Paul and Don Wildman for helping us achieve this. The website is improving every day.

Parish office

The office off Coles Road is open Monday to Thursday, 10am to 3pm. If you have an issue that requires direct contact, then please first telephone the Clerk on 01223 861447 or 07853 170646 so that we can arrange a way to help you. Further information is available on our new website at <https://www.miltonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Q: What is happening with the Mere Way Cycle path, why can't the Greenway go through that route?

A: AB – The Waterbeach to Cambridge Greenway will be a direct route to the Cambridge North Station joining up with the new Cowley Road cycle path. Mere Way takes you to the West of the Park and Ride site with a direct route to the Guided Busway and other links into Cambridge.

Q: Who enforces the yellow lines in Milton?

A: AB – SCDC currently have 2 Civil Enforcement Officers who cover Milton and other local areas. Residents are asked to inform the Parking Services when they see offences happen. The more reports the more effective the action. <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/parking-services/south-cambridgeshire-civil-parking-enforcement>

Q: Can we suggest an area where double yellow lines can be placed?

A: HMS – Requested that residents email the clerk with suggestions clerk@miltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Q: The tree by the war memorial why was that removed and will it be replaced?

A: PE – The tree was removed due to the height obstructing the cables and the overall size for that area. A suitable replacement will be planted in Autumn.

Q: The new street light replacement bulbs are causing the pathways to be darker and some of the poles are higher and causing less light to be on the pathway – why is this?

I have remained as Chair of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee and as a member of the Children and Young People's Committee and of the Environment and Green Investment Committee. I represent the County Council at the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Scrutiny and Overview Committee and as one of the two Rapporteurs on the CPCA Transport and Infrastructure Committee. I represent the County on the Police and Crime Panel.

I have been the County representative on the Conservators of the River Cam since 2018 and was honoured to chair the Conservancy during 2024. I am a member of the Local Access Forum, which considers footpaths and bridleways and I sit on the Waterbeach Waste Management Liaison Group.

Strategy, Resources and Performance

The Council set a balanced budget in February 2025, though this is becoming increasingly difficult for councils of all political colours across the country. An increasing number of local authorities are issuing 'Section 114' notices—the nearest council equivalent to bankruptcy.

The Council increased its portion of council tax by 4.99% in total, including 2% for adult social services. This increase will raise £20m of local income to help maintain and protect critical services for the most vulnerable communities. For most of our residents in Band A-D properties, that will mean an extra £1.04 to £1.55 a week.

Adults & Health

The Adults and Health Committee has a significant role in ensuring 'health inequalities are reduced' and 'people enjoy healthy, safe, and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs', as part of our Strategic Framework. We have confirmed our commitment to ensuring ongoing support for people with learning disabilities and their families, following changes to how the council works with the NHS in Cambridgeshire. The Learning Disability Partnership (LDP), which has provided integrated health and social care support for adults with learning disabilities in Cambridgeshire, will be formally dissolved from 1 April 2025.

Children & Young People

In Cambridgeshire, between 2020 and 2024, there was a 70% increase in the number of children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), as well as increases in the cost of home to school transport and in autism services over the same period. The council is facing significant pressures to meet the demand and costs of supporting children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities. Currently we do not receive adequate funding from Government to meet the need. We are doing all we can locally to manage the increased pressure on funding as result of this rising demand. We have recently submitted a revised 'Safety Valve' proposal to the Department for Education to help the council to manage these dual pressures of rising demand and costs.

The Council endorsed a motion for an urgent national review of the Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) system at the March 2025 Full Council meeting. The motion called on the council's Chief Executive to write to Secretary of State for Education and the Minister for Schools to take assertive action to address the SEND crisis. Cambridgeshire is one of the lowest funded Local Authority areas, and our children and young people are the most affected because the funding received is not sufficient to meet their existing needs. A recent report from the Local Government Association and the County Councils Network, stated that reform was necessary, essential, and unavoidable. This was an honest and thorough assessment of the SEND crisis.

COSMIC

COSMIC (Communities, Social Mobility & Inclusion Committee) has continued to oversee the Household Support Fund, which supports people experiencing immediate financial hardship to pay for essential items. An increasing number of families are struggling financially at the moment.

COSMIC unanimously approved the renewal of a scheme which helps survivors of domestic abuse to feel safer and more secure in their homes. This is key to the delivery of Cambridgeshire's Safe Accommodation Strategy, and Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy, and is provided in conjunction with working with a domestic abuse specialist. The survivor will be given a bespoke safety and support place, focused on their individual needs.

We continue to recognise the importance of our libraries which are at the heart of our communities. Libraries are where many of the council's resident-facing interactions take place and they have an essential role in our communities as places of sanctuary, knowledge and community. We have planned further improvements for our Libraries through £1.3m committed for the Libraries Plus programme, creating more flexible spaces and expanding the range of services available to our residents.

Environment

The Environment and Green Investment Committee discussed Anglian Water's proposals for two new reservoirs and the Council will be involved as a statutory consultee on these proposals. We want to ensure ambitions for much needed growth are balanced with the significant pressures it creates on local services and infrastructure. We will continue to work with our Mayor and central government to deliver for local residents, communities and businesses.

Highways & Transport

The condition of our roads and pavements is still a huge challenge, in Cambridgeshire as it is nationwide. This has been caused by a mixture of inadequate Government funding, decades of neglect, extreme weather, and in some cases poor standards of repair.

The Highways and Transport Committee agreed a £59m highways maintenance and improvement programme for 2025/26. However, the county's roads need more than **£400m** worth of maintenance to address all the issues, and that does not include soil impacted roads, which is roughly an additional **£530m**.

Staffing and Appeals

Cambridgeshire has become the first County Council to be awarded 'Gold' membership of The 5% Club's 2024-25 Employer Audit Scheme. This award recognises the Council's significant contribution to the continued development of all its employees through "earn and learn" schemes such as Apprenticeships and Graduate Development Programmes. The 5% Club works with UK employers to drive positive action towards accessible workplace learning, by looking at numbers of apprentices, sponsored students and graduates employed. The goal is to increase employment and career prospects for young people and equip them with the skills they need to become an integral part of the workforce, and of society.

Combined Authority

The council has reaffirmed its commitment to improving public transport accessibility and affordability by endorsing the Tiger bus fare scheme and the Mayor's recent decision to franchise bus services, providing a more reliable and integrated service for residents. We have a modern and growing county and the transport network model that we have is not fit for purpose. We want to expand the Cambridgeshire bus network, with more routes, more destinations; we also want the local authority to be accountable for bus services.

The Combined Authority approved its spending plans from 2025/26, funding improvements to transport, skills and business growth. Separately, the Mayor's budget was also approved and confirmed that the Mayoral precept portion of council tax bills will be frozen for 2025/26. Included in the approved budget is the extension of the £2 bus fare cap to 30 June 2025, moving to a £2.50 fare cap from July to December 2025. This aims to maintain affordable and accessible travel, reduce road congestion, and ease cost-of-living pressures.

Local Government Reorganisation

The Government published the English Devolution White Paper in December 2024, which set out their programme to achieve greater devolvement of powers and their intent to undertake Local Government Reorganisation.

A10 Junction – Improvements to this junction are on the condition from urban & Civic of when 300 occupants are in the new dwellings. AB has the Mayor and The Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership if monies could come forward.

76 Fen Road – Planning Compliance have confirmed that the barn structure has been reduced in size. The trees that were removed were dead or dying. The gate and pillars are within permitted development. The paddock area has had new trees planed and grass laid. The removal of the hedge row – there was no protection order on the hedge, so removal permitted.

6. District Councillors' Report from Anna Bradnam, Judith Rippeth and Paul Bearpark May 2025 (Full report attached to the Agenda on the MPC Webpage)

We are pleased to provide this annual report summarising South Cambridgeshire District Council's (SCDC) activity over the past 12 months, with a specific focus on Milton, Landbeach, Waterbeach and Chittering. While our monthly reports offer regular updates, this document brings together key developments across planning, transport, climate, community services, and local government reform. It reflects our continued commitment to responsive, transparent and community-focused governance.

Planning and Development

The Greater Cambridge Five-Year Housing Land Supply (5YHLS) came under pressure following changes in government planning policy at the end of 2024. The annual housing need was increased from 1,726 to 2,309 dwellings by the government without warning. As a result, the calculated land supply dropped from 6.5 to 4.6 years

with immediate effect after the announcement. However, the 5YHLS has been quickly restored by the Council meaning that the Council's current Local Plan policies can continue to be applied. This limits the risk of further speculative development such as that seen in our area a few years ago.

The Secretary of State has approved the move of the sewage works freeing up the North East Cambridge site for development. Without this approval an alternative site(s) would have been required in our region to meet housing need.

South Cambs District Council has continued its policy of building new council houses. The Council exceeded its target of building 75 homes, delivering 85 in total. Some of the new homes will be available as affordable rent properties. The rest of the new homes will be available through a shared ownership scheme.

Transport and Infrastructure

The introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement has led to regular patrols. From February–June 2024, 78 Penalty Charge Notices were issued across Milton and Waterbeach. Specific problem areas included Cambridge Road Industrial Estate and The Rowans in Milton, and Waddelow Road and Station Road in Waterbeach. Enforcement continues, with parish-specific concerns being raised to improve targeting.

Bus franchising was the subject of a major Combined Authority consultation in 2024. We encouraged residents and parish councils to take part. The aim is to allow the Mayor to manage routes and timetables more effectively, ensuring rural areas like ours are better served.

Works on Cowley Road, which links Milton with the Cambridge Science Park, have progressed. Despite delays due to complex utilities under the road, improvements to street lighting, cycleways, and drainage are expected to enhance safety and year-round usability. Completion is expected within the next month.

Waste and Environment

In March 2025, a new recycling contract began with Re-Gen Waste Management Ltd, replacing Thalia. Recyclable materials are now consolidated in Waterbeach before transport to a state-of-the-art facility in Northern Ireland.

We have reduced emissions from our operations and estate by 22% from 2018/19 levels.

We've provided funding to help communities respond to the climate and ecological emergencies, including £625,000 through our Zero Carbon Communities grants.

Four-Day Week and Council Efficiency

SCDC completed its final four-day week trial phase, with results reviewed by independent universities. 22 of 24 performance indicators were stable or improved, and agency costs dropped significantly. Public consultation ran from January to March 2025 and a final decision will be made shortly. This initiative aimed to solve chronic recruitment issues and improve staff wellbeing without reducing service availability.

Community and Resident Support

SCDC supported over 1,700 residents in 2024–25 with cost-of-living initiatives. The use of LIFT software enabled us to identify households most at risk and deliver targeted financial support.

Community volunteers and professionals were offered training to better guide residents through available services. This knowledge-sharing network continues to grow, and we're grateful to parish councils who shared these resources locally.

Health and Wellbeing

The Mobile Warden Scheme remains a cornerstone of local support for older residents. In 2024, the Council pledged £345,000 over three years, following an in-depth review of its effectiveness. This allows for the expansion of schemes in under-served communities and ensures ongoing support where schemes are already working well. The scheme provides daily check-ins and practical help, enabling older residents to live independently for longer. We are working with local organisers to improve coverage and sustainability. We also joined the national effort to address period poverty. The Council is providing free environmentally friendly menstrual products to up to 700 residents. This project, delivered via the social enterprise 'Hey Girls', helps ensure dignity and choice in a challenging economic climate.

Campaigns and Community Engagement

We have continued to work with residents and campaigners to restore the Cam Washes, a neglected wetland and SSSI. The site's ecological importance, both for biodiversity and carbon storage, cannot be overstated. Despite repeated promises, Natural England has failed to deliver required restoration. A petition launched by Cllr Paul Bearpark is gathering support, and we encourage residents to sign and share it.

7. Milton Community Centre Report May 2025

Bookings: The Main Community Centre building is now in use 7 days a week and was used on both Christmas day and New Year's Day this year. We have over 65 groups using the 3 sites in an average week. We have a good spread of activities for all age groups at the centre from exercise classes and activities to support groups for people with diabetes, balance issues and alcoholism.

The Annexe is still used by Kids R Us Monday to Friday during term time for wrap around care and as a holiday club out of school term times. At weekends it is used for dance and drama on a Saturday morning and children's parties Saturday afternoons and Sundays. It is also used for ballroom dancing, Morris dancing and aerobics in the evenings.

The Youth Building is used by Eddies Artworks throughout the year Monday to Friday and by Youth Club on a Thursday.

North Lodge is used by Milton Colts Football, Milton Cricket Club, Inland Water Ways and National Teachers Advisory Service for education sessions for children with special needs and has also been used for children's parties.

Maintenance and Improvements: In addition to day-to-day and scheduled maintenance the following work has been carried out during the last year:

- Repairs have been made to the play surface at Coles Road after the mound collapsed.
- Repairs have been made to the MUGA fencing
- The Main Hall and Lounge walls have been painted
- Soap and towel dispensers in the Annexe have been replaced
- The drains in the car park at the Community Centre have been cleared
- Further potholes have been topped up at the Sycamores car park.
- Significant tree work had been completed at Coles Road and the Sycamores.
- Repairs have been made to the wood surround at the Spiders Web.
- 44 Solar Panels have been installed at the Youth Building

Crime, vandalism and anti-social behaviour: Thankfully we have seen a reduction in damage caused by quad bikes and motorbikes to the recreational spaces and football pitches across the 3 sites.

We do continue to have cases of petty vandalism and graffiti and continue to see evidence of high levels of recreational drug use at the Sycamores Recreation Ground and occasionally at Coles Road.

We continue to have numerous issues with dog owners allowing their dog to foul the recreation spaces and car park and not clear up.

Other issues: Parking at Coles Road for the Country Park has significantly increased since they introduced ANPR parking control. This has led to users of the Community Centre not being able to park at the site to attend events as there are no spaces left.

We also continue to have people parking here to walk or cycle to the science park or car share for the rest of their journey into Cambridge.

Staff: I have reduced my hours to part time this year and I am supported by Neil Roberts who joined us in September. We also have 2 part time members of staff, Kevin and Philip, who share some of the key holder duties.

8. Question and Answer Session

AB introduced Barrie Wylie Assets Strategy Manager – Cambridgeshire County Council and David Allatt Service Director for Infrastructure and Projects – Cambridgeshire County Council

Questions were raised in relation to the state of Cambridge Road/High Street and around the speed humps. Potholes are not being fixed to a good level and due to the lorry traffic though the village the repairs do not last long and the gravel ends up in the gutters and on the footpath. Some of the damages is caused by the Utilities Companies laying cables and not resurfacing adequately.

A: David Allatt – Orders have been placed for more substation works to be carried out on the stretch of Cambridge Road/High Street. 505sqm due to be dragon patched on Butt Lane and 152sqm to be dragon patched on Cambridge Road.

Q: Can the gravel be cleared from the gutters and footpaths before any works are undertaken?

A: Yes clearance can be arranged

The Utility Companies have a quality control repair level set on them and they will be asked to repair their damages/pot holes should they occur.

The reporting system on the Cambridgeshire County Council website has had a new system implemented so reporting should be easier.

Cambridge Road/High Street is at high level for budgeting for resurfacing in the financial year of 2026/27. Interim repairs will be maintained to a safe level and the dragon patcher will bring it up to standard.

- Cambridgeshire County Council Highways acknowledge that the state of Cambridge Road and the High Street have reached a point where resurfacing from Tesco to Fen Road need to be undertaken.
- The estimated cost of doing a complete resurfacing is in the order of £700,000.
- Unfortunately, Milton has not been included in their 25/26 budget to do this work. However, Milton has been prioritised for the 26/27 budget.
- For 25/26, Highways have scheduled patching and repair of the worse sections on the road through the village including parts of Butt Lane. A more detailed list of where this will take place will be issued in due course.
- Highways noted that wet or cold weather is not the best time to make these types of repairs, and this will be taken into consideration in the future.
- Work to install a Greenway through the village will impact on what happens to the road surface but Highways and the Greater Cambridge Partnership are in communication to co-ordinate working together.

Q: The bollard at the bottom of the Jane Coston bridge (Cowley Road side) is dangerous to cyclists due to its location at the bottom of the bridge on the bend. It is unlit so can not be seen in the dark until you are upon it. The turn onto the new cycle path is a tight turn for both cyclist and pedestrians to join on to, can this be investigated?

A: Ab to investigate

Meeting closed: 9:27pm

Signed.....Date.....