

Meeting of Alconbury Parish Council
27th July 2021

Item 0721.312 Crown Gardens Update from Chorus Homes;

Regarding the meeting tomorrow please find below an update for members as follows:

- We're making progress with the letting of Crown Gardens, currently 5 flats are unoccupied. We're working closely with Huntingdonshire District Council to complete the remaining lets.
- We've had reports of noise disturbance emanating from Crown Gardens. Some of these relate to noise from vehicles. We will be asking to see MOT and insurance documents for residents who are using the car park. There was an issue relating to someone being on their phone late at night at the front of the building. This resident has been asked to consider our neighbours and not go to the front of the building to make calls. The fire alarm went off on Sunday 18th July. This was due to a smoke detector being set off in one of the rooms. There has been a notice put at the front of the building stating the procedure to be followed for out of hours repairs and the one for emergencies. We spoke to the Fire Service who attended who confirmed the alarm was ok. We also had the Fire Alarm company in to do a complete service of the system, prior to it being moved to being managed by Places for People. The system was confirmed as in good working order.
- Huntingdonshire DC are running a monthly drop in at Crown Gardens. This is beneficial to residents and continues to be well attended.
- We're monitoring the situation with the car park as there have been occasions where the car park has been full capacity. We're looking at all options to help us manage the car park situation in the future. Signs have been ordered advising that the entrance road is private property, and not to be used for parking.
- We're reviewing our staffing arrangements across our Support Services team. We are putting interim measures in place for August with a view to a review of the staffing across all the support services over the next 2-3 months.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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The Alconburys Flood Group (TAFG) – Update as at 24 July 2021

Prepare, Prevent and Protect

To prepare for future anticipated funding issues, where third-party funding may not cover full costs on some components of the overall programme, TAFG aims to establish charitable status. A model has been identified from a similar community which could easily be adapted, and 3 trustees have been identified, spanning both villages. TAFG are preparing to seek APC endorsement and support for this action. The next (6th) TAFG meeting is 6 Aug 21.

Prevent - Upstream of the villages

The approach to prevention of flooding from upstream issues is summarised by 'Slow, Stretch and Store'. On 9 July 21, TAFG submitted to the EA a concepts document asking for separate modelling impacts of:

- 1 large, culverted bund
- 6 (or7) large leaky horse-jump bunds between Hamerton and Alconbury Weston
- 14 larger hydro-bunds mostly where ditches enter the main brook
- 45 sensitively placed ditch mini-bunds with either slow leaky larch horse jumps or leaky metal sheets
- 3 off-line flood storage areas
- 1 200m stretch of bank/floodplain heavily planted with willow.

This has subsequently had a positive response from the EA suggesting that, once evaluated, the ideas will be built into a business case by the end of this financial year to access funding. The EA have said that if (but it's a big if) all goes to plan, construction could start as early as 22/23. This is a huge step forward in terms of the commitment from EA and for the TAFG aspirations in general.

In addition to planning, The EA and the TAFG have some NFM actions for the autumn. TAFG want to insert some small leaky dams in some ditches and organise a willow planting day involving some children from the Alconburys and community volunteers. This will provide opportunity both for a good community engagement event and to explain the overall planning and progress to the community.

Prevent - Downstream of the villages

TAFG also submitted to EA a plan for downstream actions on 12 July 21 after a meeting on site. These were approved in principle, but detailed approvals and permits are still required. 7 of these actions are for autumn '21 and all involve improving the flow away from the village, removing deposition, undergrowth and the remains of an old bridge support. Flood Group volunteers will complete some clearance. We hope that the EA assets team will do other work. At least one may need PC funding and preparation of a separate case is in progress.

Two longer term projects involve inserting gabions to support the bank under the A1 fly-over to extend the overflow threshold, and lowering a small area of part of the bank downstream of the ford to speed the flow away from the villages.

0721.321.1 Planning applications – Alconbury Parish

View	Stop Tracking	Reference	Address	Type	Status
	✘	19/02343/REM	Alconbury Airfield Ermine Street Little Stukeley PE28 4WX	Application	Approved
	✘	20/00745/LBC	Kiln Barn The Maltings Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4DZ	Application	Approved
	✘	20/01304/HHFUL	23 High Street Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4DS	Application	Approved
	✘	18/01577/REM	Land West Of The East Coast Mainline Railway And North Of Spittals Way Huntingdon	Application	Approved
	✘	21/00597/HHFUL	4 Bell Lane Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4DU	Application	Approved
	✘	20/01744/HHFUL	7 Old Glebe Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4EA	Application	Approved
	✘	20/01206/HHFUL	2 Frumetty Lane Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4DR	Application	Approved
	✘	20/01186/HHFUL	12 Spinney Lane Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4EB	Application	Approved
	✘	21/01119/HHFUL	18 Bramble End Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4EZ	Application	Approved
	✘	20/02526/FUL	Alconbury Services Rusts Lane Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4WD	Application	Approved
	✘	21/00248/FUL	Land At And Adjacent To Alconbury Weald Ermine Street Little Stukeley	Application	Approved
	✘	21/00644/HHFUL	5 The Acre Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4DF	Application	Approved
	✘	20/02096/FUL	Shop 1 Bell Lane Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4DS	Application	Approved
	✘	20/01898/HHFUL	40A School Lane Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4EQ	Application	Approved
	✘	20/02242/FUL	Car Park Crown Gardens Alconbury	Application	Approved
	✘	19/80094/COND	Alconbury Airfield Ermine Street Little Stukeley PE28 4WX	Application	Condition Reply
	✘	20/01303/FUL	9 Rusts Lane Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4DN	Application	In progress
	✘	18/02499/REM	Alconbury Weald Ermine Street Little Stukeley	Application	In progress
	✘	18/02275/REM	Land West Of The East Coast Mainline Railway And North Of Spittals Way Huntingdon	Application	In progress
	✘	18/01217/FUL	Building 252 RAF Alconbury Ermine Street Little Stukeley Huntingdon PE28 4WX	Application	In progress
	✘	19/01320/S73	Alconbury Weald Ermine Street Little Stukeley	Application	In progress
	✘	19/01341/OUT	Alconbury Weald Ermine Street Little Stukeley	Application	In progress
	✘	21/00491/LBC	Homefield Farm Great North Road Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4ER	Application	In progress
	✘	21/01307/FUL	B28 Research Centre Woolley Road Alconbury	Application	In progress
	✘	21/01045/HHFUL	36 School Lane Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4EQ	Application	In progress
	✘	18/00707/FUL	Alconbury Services Rusts Lane Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4WD	Application	Withdrawn