

### **The Alconbury Brook Flood Group (TABFG)**

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

A useful meeting with EA and Jacobs to ensure clarity of modelling consultancy.

- Process = Super-long list of options → long list → short list
- Super-long list currently includes TABFG slow stretch and store concepts and a two stage channel proposal by the IDB plus other ideas, including modified versions of previous schemes.
- Site visit to be planned by consultant with TABFG in attendance
- At each gatekeeping step, TABFG will be consulted
- TABFG will contribute paper on community context and opportunities
- TABFG will ensure PCs are fully informed
- Proposal for consultation prior to business case → Defra July 2022.
- PCs and TABFG will have key roles in consultation
- TABFG will be producing newsletters starting in November 2021
- Possible implementation timescale 2024-27

Good progress with under-flyover gabions project various visits to site by National Highways staff and requests for information from TABFG. Possible implementation 2023.

EA and TABFG volunteers have been doing maintenance work on brook banks. TABFG will meet with EA's Area Maintenance Manager to discuss further activity. Some work still to be done.

CC are providing funds for those riparian owners without the means to do maintenance work themselves. TABFG is hoping to ensure some main river-side properties in both villages will benefit from funding when the first applications considered on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021. TABFG volunteers will be involved.

Rust Lane replacement pumps have been ordered. The work now is part of the CC work schedule, dates to be confirmed but work should be completed before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

School Lane ditch mowed. TABFG will dig out grips and will be distributing leaflets to ask residents to report fly-tipping to PC. TABFG has contacted RMS re clearing the most northerly part of the ditch, which currently is in a very poor state.

TABFG has responded to two planning applications in AW and, in addition, requests for information from the relative of an AW resident and a potential AW house purchaser.

TABFG has looked at sites on Buckworth Brook tributaries for leaky dams and a pond for renovation as off-line storage. Landowners and IDB remain positive with a joint meeting planned soon. EA consulted about newts and it might be possible that pond could be modified to benefit this wildlife.

The TABFG has re-written its TOR/7-year plan to replace the previous plan, given that much of it has been completed. Other elements have been modified or updated. These revised TOR will be ratified at the next meeting of the TABFG before being passed to the PCs to seek their support.

### Alconbury Parish Council Meeting – October 2021

The new Demand Responsive Bus Service known as Ting commenced on 25<sup>th</sup> October. The trial service will last for six months and all other Bus services will run as normal. I visited Easton, Spaldwick, Alconbury and Great Gidding with the bus last Friday to make people aware of the service.

The area the service covers is St Neots and out to the County Boundary, from Hail Weston to Great Gidding and then across to Glatton, the boundary then follows the A1 and new A14 as far as the A1198 and includes Papworth Everard, the boundary then follows the A1198 to Caxton Gibbet and the A428 back to St Neots.

The Service will also take you to Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon Train Station, Huntingdon Town Centre, Cambourne Morrisons and Thrapston Industrial Estate.

To order the service you simply book trips via the ting trips app or call 01223 433255

The cost of the Service is £2.00 each trip, £4.00 return, for an additional £1 or £2 return the trip can be extended to Cambridge, Peterborough, St Ives or Bedford

With regard to the B1043, I have organised a meeting with the New Assistant Director for Transport Strategy and Network Management at Cambs CC to discuss the use of this road by HGV's etc, along with the Chairman and a resident from Lordsway Park.

Regarding, Crown Gardens myself and the Chairman, met Jon Collen from HDC and Tammy from Living Plus on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

We were informed that there would be 2 members of staff on Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. Site Security is employed between 5pm and 6am daily, it was agreed that the same two security staff would be employed on site to help with consistent enforcement.

A list of updated contacts to be sent to the Parish Council and myself, which I have not yet seen.

Living Plus would like residents to become involved in local activities and will encourage this.

With regard to the flooding risk in the village, Living Plus are looking at creating a rear gate to allow access to the property in times of flood. This gate would be locked at all other times. Living Plus would also be grateful for a contact at Flood Group, who they could liaise with in times of flooding

The Living Plus team informed the Chairman and I that they are actively working with neighbours to ensure any nuisance issues are dealt with. Any perceived illegal activities should be reported to the Police immediately on 101.

When making a complaint about the site, please ensure the activity is actually occurring on the site as some activities reported were actually occurring off site.

Living Plus are looking to create extra parking spaces, so an application will be submitted in due course.

The average length of tenancy currently is 3 Months, but it could be as much as 12 months.

Highways England are asking for your views regarding the A14 between Ellington and Thrapston. I would urge all Parishes to engage with their route strategies process, if you want grade separated

junctions or deceleration lanes through the purchase of land to remove the at grade junctions with no slip roads: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/our-route-strategies/>

You have until the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to feedback your views on <https://routestrategies.highwaysengland.co.uk/>

The District Council is applying for Civil Parking Enforcement measures so that the Council will be able to employ Traffic Wardens to enforce parking restrictions.

To mark Her Majesty's 70 years on the throne next year, a UK wide tree planting initiative named The Queens Green Canopy has been established

This unique scheme is inviting people to plant trees in the current and next planting season ( October 21 to March 22 and October 22 to March 23 )

More information can be found out at [The Queen's Green Canopy Project – Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me

Kind regards

Ian

Cllr Ian Gardener

County & District Councillor for Alconbury

Alconbury Parish Council  
Bank Reconciliation

Total of balances in bank accounts at 19.10.21	Instant Access	34884.52
	Unity T1 Current Account	35846.24
	Lloyds	0.81
	<b>Total</b>	<b>70731.57</b>

Less unpresented cheques:

Payee	Ref	Amount
C Copley - Wages and expenses	BACS	1052.22
HMRC PAYE - Clerk	BACS	270.68
Royal British Legion	BACS	50.00
AskIT	BACS	40.95
wicksteed	BACS	144.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1557.85</b>

**Net bank balance at 19.10.21** £ **69173.72**

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Cash book	
Opening balance	54250.07
Add: Receipts	40859.24
Less: Payments	25935.59

**Balance as per cash book at 19.10.21** £ **69173.72**

Signed.....

Responsible Financial Officer

Date.....

