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Alconbury Parish Council Meeting – April 2022

The County council has established a Ukraine Response Group which consists of representatives from the District and City Councils, Think Communities, Library services, Early Help, Education, Public Health.

The Group is meeting at least weekly to: -

Collate and review government data on arrivals

Co-ordinate the local response, including safeguarding and accommodation checks

Prepare welcome packs for arrivals which include signposting for immediate welfare needs

Discuss and address any emerging cohesion /welfare or local community support needs

Co-ordinate internal & external communications to ensure residents and staff are aware of what is happening and how they can support the work of services and community groups.

The Government is providing additional funds for Councils to provide education services for Children arriving from the Ukraine under the scheme

The allocation of funding per pupil for the three phases of education is: -

Early years ages 2-4 £3,000

Primary ages 5-11 £6,850

Secondary ages 11-18 £8,755

HDC have made an offer to the County Council to manage in the same way as we did for the Clinically Extremely vulnerable group during the pandemic (the only District Council to do so in Cambs), almost all the aspects of the process relating to Homes for Ukraine scheme. So far 25 Huntingdonshire Households have offered to accommodate Ukrainian refugees and HDC will support those households as well as undertaking mandatory DBS checks and home inspections. HDC will also be processing the monthly 'Thank You' payments and providing refugees with an initial sum of money to help with essentials.

With regard to the Governments £150 rebate for Energy costs for anyone on Band D or lower, HDC will be administering this, if you pay by Direct Debit, you will automatically get the rebate. If you pay by cheque or other means you will need to apply for it. This may affect older people so please encourage everyone who is eligible in the village to claim.

The Councils are in purdah due to the upcoming elections.

Cllr Ian Gardener

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County Councillor for Alconbury

Alconbury Brook Flood Group report for April 2022

There has been further progress with shortlisting options for the Alconbury Flood Alleviation Scheme. (The number of options has been reduced first from the original 31 to 11 then to 3). A consultation involving Flood Group members and Parish Council members is under way on the three options currently scoring best. We have been invited to provide feedback on May 6th. This is still an early stage. Full community consultation will follow when the best option/s are converted to into detailed plans. This will occur in the summer. Jacobs and the EA, with our help, will then build a business case to get funding from the Flood Prevention Capital Programme.



The EA (KP) have held an initial meeting with landowners from Alconbury to Steeple Gidding with a view to making a bid for an DEFRA pilot scheme (Landscape Recovery) which could improve freshwater habitat and flood mitigation. The Flood Group will be providing admin support for the bid.

Subsequently a smaller group have held a more formal Landscape Recovery meeting. Flood Group members will be contacting all landowners to construct a scheme. Likely ideas could include a network of new and refurbished ponds providing enhanced habitats and flood water storage; floodplain refurbishment enhancing habitats adjacent to water courses and their capacity; and well-designed leaky dams.

Volunteers have removed 7 more dead trees from near Polecat Lane as part of a long-term project to replace the trees with a hedge.

The Flood Group Charity has had its inaugural meeting. On 10th May 2022, the Charity will hold its AGM at the Sports and Social Club. Straight after the Charity's AGM, the Flood Group will hold its AGM, which will be open to the public.

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Bank Reconciliation

	Instant Access	34905.59
Total of balances in bank accounts at 26 April 2022	Unity T1 Current Account	23991.36
	Lloyds	0.81
	Total	58897.76
Less unpresented cheques:		
Payee	ChqNo	Amount
A Brown Wages and expenses	BACS	732.82
A Brown - PAYE	BACS	208.33
Superannuation	D/D	26.15
ICO	BACS	40.00
A Abbs grass cutting 1st instalment	S/O	2046.00
	Total	3053.30
Net bank balance at 26 April 2022		<b>55844.46</b>

Cash book

Opening balance	58897.76
Add: Receipts	0.00
Less: Payments	3053.30

Balance as per cash book at 26 April 2022

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Signed *A Brown*

Responsible Financial  
Officer

Date 26th April 2022