

**Alconbury Parish Council**  
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Alconbury Parish Council Meeting – June 2022

Following the District Council Elections on the 5<sup>th</sup> May I am pleased to report that I was re-elected as your District Councillor for the Alconbury ward for the next 4 years

The make up of the new District Council is 22 Conservative, 15 Independents, 10 Liberal Democrats, 4 Labour and 1 Green Councillors. The authority is therefore in No Overall Control. The Independents, Liberal Democrats, Labour and the Green Councillors have formed a joint administration to run the Council, with Cllr Sarah Conboy as the Leader.

The District Council is providing a lot of training for the new Councillors, in order to get them up to speed. Council meetings have only just restarted since the election. Going forward I will be on the Development Management Panel ie Planning and the Performance & Growth Overview and Scrutiny Panel. I am also the District Councillor representative on the Board of Governors at Kimbolton School as well as the Alconbury & Ellington Drainage Board.

Letters are going out from the District Council informing residents how to claim for the £150 Energy Rebate which will be paid through their Council Tax, if they don't pay by Direct Debit. All households up to and including Band D properties will be able to claim.

With regard to Crown Gardens, I attended the meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> May, unfortunately there was no one from Places for People to see me. Especially as there was no manager on site and the notice states a Manager is on site until 5pm

I therefore contacted HDC and asked them to set up a meeting between all parties. I am hopeful that this meeting will occur in the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Maritime Haulage and Urban and Civic have agreed to a meeting to discuss the B1043 etc to try and get a covenant signed by all parties, so that HGV's use the A1307 and A141 rather than the B1043. The meeting is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10am in the Club building at Alconbury Weald and this I hope will include the additional lorry movements in and out of Maritime

I am happy to arrange a separate meeting with Maritime and the Parish Chair to discuss this matter.

The District Council is about to open the next round of Community Infrastructure Levy Applications CIL on the 4<sup>th</sup> July

Four new nature theme Play areas have opened at Hinchingsbrooke Park

Each play area has a distinct theme to offer something different and represent the park's variety of habitats –

Wetland – featuring a huge duck play sculpture

Woodland – Low level wooden equipment for younger children

Sensory – a multi- sensory zone

Grassland – a large Hinchingsbrooke Hideaway wooden structure to encourage physical activity across all ages.

The Conservatives have proposed to refund over 10million pounds to Cambridgeshire Tax payers. The Lib Dem led joint administration has put money into reserves, failed to deliver over 100m of revenue services and capital projects and over estimated and charged for Adult Social care Budgets now known to be unnecessary.

Earlier calls by the Conservatives at the budget meeting in February. We say no to council tax increases, have been proved to be well founded and accurate, whereas the joint administrations claim the tax increases imposed were to protect front line services has now been proven to have been exaggerated.

The Government has extended the Household Support Grant to help those most in need. It will support people struggling to pay for essential items, food and utility bills.

The County Council will be offering the following schemes using this funding:-

£1.96m for the provision of food vouchers to a value of £15 per child per week for the May Half Term and Summer Holidays. Schools and childcare settings including childminders will be contacted directly and eligible parents notified.

£1.2m to support households that include a person who has reached State Pension Age (66) by September 22 and are experiencing hardship in line with the requirements of the scheme.

A boost for other services supporting those most in need.

If you are not sure whether you are eligible for support under the Household Support Fund visit our website Household Support Fund – Cambridgeshire County Council to see what funding is available and how to access help.

It has been reported that the Cambridgeshire Mayor is under investigation after a whistleblowing report after being accused of not taking the appropriate action over the alleged behaviour of an advisor who subsequently resigned. It is sad that the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority finds itself in this position, we now, have to wait and see the outcome of the investigation. The Mayor has also been accused of spending tax payers money on pasties and marmalade in excess of £9000 pounds

I am informed by National Highways that there will be Full closures of the Buckden roundabout along with The NB and SB closures of the A1 between Wyboston and Buckden and Brampton Hut and Buckden between late June and early August. See local press and road signs for details.

If you have any question's please do not hesitate to contact preferably by email on [lan.Gardener@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:lan.Gardener@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Cllr Ian Gardener

County & District Councillor for Alconbury

## 0622.038 - Alconbury Brook Flood Group

Report June 24<sup>th</sup> 2022

### Drop-in session

Flood Group members had a number of very positive meetings with the EA and Jacobs prior to the drop-in on June 14<sup>th</sup>. These were to consider the options that would be presented at the event and to assist in practical arrangements.

The Flood Group consulted its members on an option which included a diversion channel past AW and brook reprofiling through A and made a critical appraisal of both ideas. The problems include possible downstream back-up in both cases and a number of other issues particularly with the AW scheme.

Otherwise, in meetings, the FG adhered to its agreed policy of promoting upstream storage and downstream conveyance without damaging the character of the villages, local business, or the environment. The EA were keen to have several options to promote discussion and as a safeguard should any schemes become unviable. In order to encourage a broader discussion, we suggested a storage option further upstream in Hamerton having checked with the main landowner who might be affected.

FG members and volunteers leafletted both villages advertising the drop-in event.

FG members and volunteers distributed a reminder leaflet to about 100 homes which were flooded in December 2020.

Over 80 people attended the event.

### Drop-in session follow-up

Some members of the FG have met with Jacobs/EA to look at the responses so far. EA and Jacobs anxious to make progress to next step as soon as the consultation closes(which is good).

The FG has sent reminders to over 50 of its members and volunteers to complete the on-line feedback if they were unable to do so at the event. Again... to do so as soon as possible.

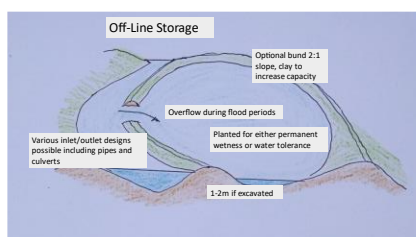
Some schemes will go forward for more detailed modelling and cost benefit appraisal. We will share these as soon as we are able to.

3 issues from concerned individual homeowners are being followed up.

### Upstream NFM

Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> with landowner and FWAG (Farming and wildlife advisory group). FWAG are suggesting that they could fund/renovate a pond near Buckworth. This would be the first of our target of 40 ponds which would add to upstream storage.

The FG have produced a proforma questionnaire for meetings with landowners regarding Landscape Recovery. One of the ideas shown below.



**Other volunteer action:** DS has kindly offered to help to construct a volunteer event log/risk Assessment form. MW,BP and BJ have volunteered to work on funding bids as required and TM has offered to help to plan a flood lesson for older primary age students.