

Agenda item 0722.055

Alconbury Parish Council Meeting – July 2022

I attended a meeting with the Tammy Smith, Manager Crown Gardens and Jon Collen from HDC regarding Crown Gardens on 13 July.

It was reiterated that if anyone sees residents behaving in an anti- social manner, then you should call the police in the first instance.

If a person is sleeping rough under the viaduct, then you should connect HDC to make them aware and they will be treated as a rough sleeper. I have informed HDC about the person sleeping in the red car.

I have been informed that if residents are creating noise at night, then Security will intervene.

To prevent noise and ball games against the boundaries of properties on Bell Lane, Sheds and a fence are to be erected to prevent access.

If you have a complaint please let the Manager, myself or the chair know as our next meeting is on 13th September.

With regard to, the Viaduct adjacent to Lordsway Park. I had an update meeting with the National Highways Route Manager for the area, he is actively looking to fence off the Viaduct to prevent unsocial behaviour, such as lighting fires and drug taking. The fence will have to be positioned in such a way as to allow access to the pillars from all sides.

With regard to the Alconbury Brook underneath the Viaduct, National Highways hope to have the design for the scheme completed this year, with construction hopefully next year. This hopefully will also address the problem of drainage on this section of High Street.

Urban & Civic would like to organise an update meeting with the Alconbury Flood Group and would like to visit the PC to update them on their plans as well as inviting all Parish Cllrs for a tour of the development.

With regards to the B1043, I had a meeting with the County Council, Urban & Civic and Maritime Transport, the provision of a weight limit was spoken about U&C, Maritime and the National Highways Route Manager are not against a weight limit on the B1043. U&C were prepared to amend their signs to incorporate the weight limit. I have asked the County Council to review the situation. The Parish Council could ask the CC to undertake a feasibility study, the cost to the PC as I understand it is £500.

The County Council are progressing the design for the Sound barrier which is nearing completion. Once completed Milestone will be asked to price, but in order to speed up process, initially prices will be asked for materials only. as there is currently

a 15-20 week lead in time. As soon as I get an update on timescales for the work, I will let the PC know.

With regards to the roadworks on the A1 and its subsequent closure I have asked the National Highways Route Manager for the area not to use the B1043 as a diversion route.

I am trying to prevent the parking of HGV's outside the Maritime depot and thus blocking the footpath, as well as getting the footpath repaired. I am in discussions with the County Council and HDC as this section of road is about to be detrunked.

New Shire Hall at Alconbury Weald was officially opened on Friday 8th July by the Chairman of the Council, Cllr Stephen Ferguson and pupils from Alconbury CofE Primary School. A cake in the shape of the CC Logo was made for the occasion by former Great British Bake Off Contestant Ian Cummings.

New Shire Hall forms part of a new Hub and Spoke model to deliver services closer to the communities they serve. This will save the public purse over 50m. Part of this sale was the sale of the Leasehold of old Shire Hall for conversion into offices and a hotel and can be purchased back by the County Council for a £1 in 40 years' time.

From July the County Council will be holding all its Council Meetings, including the Full Council at New Shire Hall in Alconbury Weald.

The main meeting rooms in New Shire Hall have been named after birds commonly seen in Cambridgeshire. The Multi-Function Room/ Council Chamber will be known as the Red Kite Room.

Cambridgeshire CC is to spend 60m on expanding and enhancing provision for Children with Special Needs (SEND)

Two new schools will be built within the next two years at Alconbury Weald and Gamlingay for children with Special Needs.

Cambridgeshire Pensioners struggling with the rising cost of living can apply for support from the Household Support Fund. This fund will be distributed by Age UK Cambridgeshire & Peterborough and Cambridgeshire County Council.

Anyone born prior to the 30 September 1956 can apply for support towards food and energy bills. We can provide financial support within a few days and help you find longer term support if needed.

This is not charity; we are using the Government funded Household Support Fund to provide this help. To apply call 01223 221929 or visit the website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/household-support-fund

The recently published 2021 Census shows that Cambridgeshire has seen one of the biggest population increases over the last ten years.

Overall, the number of people living within the County rose by more than 57,000 in the last decade to 678,600. This is a 9.2% rise, which is higher than the East of England average. The national picture shows the east is the fastest growing region in the UK

These figures confirm the County Councils contention over many years that the previous Office of National Statistics figures, on which it bases its grant allocations, were under estimating the size of the County's population.

Within these figures the number of people 65+ in the County rose by 26% against the National average of 18.6%

Huntingdon Library are making more space for young people. The new young Adult area was officially launched on Wednesday 6th July. The area will be bigger, more comfortable, offer more privacy and will feature more relevant book titles for young adults, using #BookTok. New services suggested by local young adults will also be launched.

Just a reminder that the A1 between Brampton Hut interchange and Wyboston will be closed this weekend between 8pm on Friday night to 6am on Monday, including the closure of the Buckden roundabout, to allow for resurfacing, road stud replacement and white lining. The agreed diversion route is via the A14/A1198 & A428 in either direction.

The New Leader of the District Council gave the Annual State of the District address, to the Full council last Wednesday 20th July. The New Leader stated that their finances were tight, as well declaring a Climate Emergency at the meeting. The Joint admin stated that they will employing consultants about how to tackle this.

If you have any question's please do not hesitate to contact preferably by email on Ian.Gardener@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Kind regards

Ian

Cllr Ian Gardener

County & District Councillor for Alconbury

Alconbury Brook Flood Group Report July 24th 2022

Alconbury Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme

1. Matched Funding: The scheme has already attracted a significant amount of match funding e.g., £1M +
2. Modelling: The Flood Group have been comparing the EA models for various return periods (e.g., 1 in 100 years) with recollections of flood events from 1967 onwards. Over 40 local people responded with photographs, videos and measurable points (e.g., just covered my floor) allowing us to plot their data against the flood models. There are discrepancies. The lived experiences of people who suffered flooding generally exceed the models' estimates. It will be essential to resolve this before cost benefit calculations are made in the next stage of the business case development. We are still looking for more memories and anecdotal evidence from 1978.
3. Once the holiday season is over it has been suggested that the FG meet with Jacobs and the EA every three weeks or so.

40 Ponds project (Landscape Recovery/NFM)

1. CCC have committed £10,000 to one of our projects. The FG has met and agreed that this will be spent on an off line pond at Hamerton. A meeting with the landowner and the FG to peg-out the pond prior to making a planning application is due in the next couple of weeks.
2. CCC have committed to fund an NFM scheme above Tanglewood for the EA. Some plans have already been drawn but a site visit is needed before much more progress can be made.
3. The Farming Wildlife Advisory Group who have already committed to funding the renovation of the Black Lodge Pond are meeting with the landowner on 25/7 to confirm details before contractors are appointed.
4. 2 local contractors have visited with the FG the Black Lodge, Hamerton and another site for a 1500m³ scrape next to Buckworth Brook in order to obtain quotes.
5. The FG will make a bid for Wind Farm funding for the Buckworth Brook Scrape by August 1st.

CIL funding

1. The FG have committed to working with PCs to obtain CIL funding for
 - a) Refurbishment of the ford area Alconbury Weston
 - b) Improvement to sediment control AlconburyApplications need to be in by end of August. Full discussions with PCs yet to be held.

Volunteer projects

The FG are starting to construct a schedule of volunteer work for the autumn/winter which will include clearance near the Dutch arches in AW and tree clearance around the Black Lodge pond. Previous targeted areas will be re-visited.

Alconbury Fete

A good number of visitors to our stall including many younger ones who wanted to save the doggies at Holly Lodge and the babies in the Alconbury's by slowing the flow in the guttering models. Older ones who shared recollections of previous floods.

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