

Agenda item 0922.075

Alconbury Parish Council Meeting – September 2022

I attended a meeting along with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council, with the Tammy Smith, Manager Crown Gardens and Jon Collen from HDC regarding Crown Gardens on 31 August.

I will let the Chair update the Council on this matter

It was reiterated that if anyone sees residents behaving in an anti- social manner, then you should call the police in the first instance and report it to the Community safety and Anti Social Behaviour team at HDC led by Rob Mitchell's. The teams email address is crm_cpe@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

I am in the process of arranging a meeting with Cambridgeshire Police regarding the introduction of a weight limit on the B1043.

The Sound Barrier on the B1043 viaduct should be installed towards the end of the year

Anyone found Fly tipping will be prosecuted by the Huntingdonshire DC. A resident from Huntingdon was recently found guilty of fly tipping in St Neots which results in a fine of £2000, and costs of £1800 as well as being disqualified from driving for 28 days.

The Huntingdon Market Town Proposals can be viewed up until the 28th October and everyone is invited to comment. The review is looking at the regeneration of the Town Centre with a Food Court, Housing, improvements to the Riverside Park, additional trees, café etc and the removal of the ring road around the Town Centre which deters access to the Town and the neighbouring parks etc.

The County Council has prepared an active Travel Strategy for Cambridgeshire, which sets out the approach for improvements to active travel across the county.

The Huntingdonshire transport strategy has been developed to tackle the existing transport problems and address future growth in the District and support the achievement of carbon net zero in Cambridgeshire by 2045. The plan provides a holistic approach to how people will be able to travel where they live and work, of which active travel provides an important option, for those who are not able to travel by car. The active Travel strategy aims to make active travel the go to option for local travel.

You can have your say by visiting: consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com or you can attend one of the consultation events at –

Tesco Superstore Huntingdon on Saturday 1st October between 2pm & 5pm or at The St Neots Market Square on Thursday 6th October between 10am & 1pm

The Greater Cambridge Partnership along with the County Council are looking to implement a Congestion charge within Cambridge from 2028. The daily charge would be £5, payable by everyone entering Cambridge including residents. There would be exemptions for Blue Badge Holders, buses etc.

The implementation of the congestion charge is linked with improved bus services to Huntingdon, Alconbury Weald, St Neots etc. With costs likely to be £2 each way

The County Council has launched an urgent appeal to encourage residents to consider becoming Foster Carers

The County Council will provide you with:

Local training and development close to you

Generous pay and benefits including a startup package

24/7 support from a Supervising Social worker as well as an amazing first year next steps training programme.

Local support groups with other Foster Carers and peer mentoring

To become a Foster Carer, you must be over 21, have a spare bedroom and be willing and able to provide a stable and loving environment in which a child or young person can thrive

If this is you, please get in touch

Visit:

Email: fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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

Agenda item 0922.080.1 Alconbury Brook Flood Group (FG) Report September 23rd 2022

Alconbury Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme.

FG submitted cross section data thanks to several members who helped with measurements. New brook survey had been commissioned by EA to improve modelling, will cause delay of 2-3 months

2nd meeting with EA on scheme options, main issue cost estimate too high and benefits too low

Discussion took place about how to improve the viability of the scheme including

- New survey and modelling demonstrating more benefit
- Improving design to get best benefit for least cost
- Inflation, optimism and climate change factors to increase benefit
- Alternative funding streams with less constraints on contractor choice to reduce cost
- Combination of options to increase benefits

Joe Pugsley from the EA also to look at rejected options for acceptable elements which might add to benefit

FG will look at acceptable concepts to see if they can be applied elsewhere in the catchment and make enquiries.

40 Ponds project (Landscape Recovery/NFM)

- Work on Black Lodge Pond refurbishment has started, our amazing volunteers have cleared much of the undergrowth. 2 more small trees to remove this weekend. Excavation by contractor to start-ASAP.
- Buckworth Brook floodplain (scrape) improvement, awaiting meeting of Wind Farm trustees to see if funding available before we can proceed. If possible, work to be completed by Christmas.
- Alconbury Weston Pond. Design work complete but now struggling with planning consent. Currently looking at getting consent for ponds as mining projects through Cambridgeshire rather than through a Huntingdonshire District Council planning application.
- Possibility of creating a Catchment Area Partnership with Natural England. An initial description of our projects has been submitted. Outcome could be financial support for individual projects of up to £20,000 including, possibly, some arrangement to give FG admin support to help increase its capacity.



CIL funding

An application was submitted by the FG on behalf of Alconbury PC to install 10 trapped drains near the Village Green in Alconbury. The cost is very high, partly because so many services traverse the drain pipes. We have our fingers crossed.

Flyover Gabions

Progress being made with design work

Volunteers/ Maintenance

Teams in Alconbury and Alconbury Weston have been working every Saturday and have cleared 700m of bank and, under permit, some silt/reeds under permit. Work will continue during October to:

- Clearance near the upstream footbridge in Alconbury Weston including silt removal, back gardens, at the back of Bridge garage and finishing off near the Dutch Arches. A tree permit has been applied for to remove a, mostly dead, Willow from the bank downstream of the main footbridge.
- Clear back gardens and near the Heritage Bridge in Alconbury. Under permit, complete silt removal near the flyover. Clear the banks near the second gate on the sheep field.

We expect the Internal Drainage Board (who are doing the banks this year) to start and complete flail mowing of banks in the next few days, so we can identify areas that still need work.

Cambridgeshire Flood Conference.

Cambridgeshire held a very helpful conference attended by several FG members. Very interesting talks including Flood-RE about insurance and help to 'build back better', and the National Flood Forum. We also presented our work. Many good contacts made, and conversations had. Good event.

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