

Agenda item 0423.218 - District and County Councillor report

Alconbury Parish Council Meeting – April 2023

The County Council's Children's and Young Persons Committee decided at its meeting today to close Great Gidding School on the 31st August. I have managed to get the Council to agree to fund transport and to fund the cost of a new uniform for displaced children due to the closure. No parent should be worst off due to the closure of the school by the County Council

As at today's date some 30 children have already got a place in an alternative school, which leaves 17 currently on roll.

Further to the Kimbolton Annual Parish meeting I have organised a Roadshow with the new Ting Operator Vectare. This roadshow will be on the 2nd June and will be in Alconbury Weston at 3pm by The Green and 3.45pm in Alconbury at Maypole Square. It will be an opportunity for residents to see the new Ting Bus, to discover how to order the bus etc and the area it covers. These details will be confirmed once I have confirmation from Vectare.

Households within the Huntingdonshire District who do not have a direct relationship with their electricity supplier will receive their £400 government Energy Bill Support Scheme (EBSS AF) alternative funding to help with energy bills.

EBSS AF means that households who did not receive the original energy bills support, such as those without their own electricity meter or without a direct relationship to an electricity supplier can receive a £400 support payment. Households eligible to apply for support under the EBSS AF include park home residents.

If you don't heat your home with mains gas and use an alternative fuel which could include oil, biomass and bottled gas, you might be able to get an additional £200 payment, known as the alternative Fuel Payment (AFP) This can be done online EBSS AF on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-energy-bill-support-if-not-automatic> for AFP on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-alternative-fuel-bill-support-if-not-automatic> or by calling these freephone numbers EBSS AF – 0808 175 3287 or AFP – 0808 175 3943 between 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday

Residents can apply for these schemes until the Wednesday 31st May

Contact Email on lan.Gardener@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Kind regards

Ian

Cllr Ian Gardener

County & District Councillor for Alconbury

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Alconbury Brook Flood Group Report March 2023

FAS

- FG has submitted some additional information about semi-permanent islands of sediment.
- Next step = meeting to discuss modelling assumptions

Pond Projects

- Planning permission granted for Buckworth Scrape
- Internal Drainage Permit issued for work
- Landowner to whom we are grateful is helping to prepare the site
- Volunteer event May 1st, more info from Debbie
- Contractor booked to carry out work in early May
- Planning permission awaited for Alconbury Weston Pond due hopefully by/on May 15th
- Helpful meeting with Milton Estates Manager about pond and other projects
- Design work on Hamerton and Gidding ponds this month

Flood Mobile

- Scheduled to visit Alconbury Weston on April 29th. Green next to North Road at 9.30 onwards. Watch for village social media and posters for further details

Gabions

- Setback regarding timing. Meeting with National Highways Manager on 28th April

Sensor Project

- Still some testing needed to ensure sensors communicating.
- Gateway to be installed at Sallows Farm shortly and at Holly Lodge before end of June.
- Holly Lodge will connect to watercourse level sensors in Mile Brook and Buckworth Brook.

Blue Green Urban project

- 7 possible sites
- Positive discussion with both Parish Councils (PCs)
- D working with PCs, Highways and Blue Green urban to create designs and costings for evaluation.

Herbal Ley Project

- Baseline testing of field in Gidding has continued courtesy of landowner.
- Various measurements from worms to soil saturation have been made.
- Discussion with Natural England about funding to disseminate findings to farmers
- Some work done setting up soil DNA testing as a measure of soil health and rain infiltration.

Ashden Award

We are delighted to have been shortlisted for an award for innovative Community Nature Adaptation tackling flooding and climate change. This is an international award with shortlisted schemes from the UK, and many other countries. A final assessment will take place during June when assessors will visit us to review our work.

Key Dates:

- May 24th 6.30pm Flood Group AGM
- June 3rd volunteer BBQ, details to follow

Alconbury Parish Council

Prepared by: Alison Brown (Clerk & RFO)
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Date: 12th April 2023

Approved by: Cllr Tracy Gilbert (Chair)
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Date: 25th April 2023

	Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2023		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2022		58,897.76
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023		45,949.28
			104,847.04
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023		36,458.04
A	Cash in Hand 31/03/2023 (per Cash Book)		68,389.00
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash	31/03/2023	0.00
	Lloyds Bank	31/03/2023	0.00
	Unity Trust Bank Instant Access	31/03/2023	35,266.68
	Unity Trust Bank Current T1	31/03/2023	33,122.32
			68,389.00
	Less unrepresented payments		
			68,389.00
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		68,389.00
	A = B Checks out OK		