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Report for Parish Councils – July 2020.

South Cambs District Council

Again this month I've now included other major items as well as C19.

South Cambs Cabinet

At the meeting on July 14th it is proposed there will be two additional Cabinet positions in response to C19 and I have been proposed for one of the positions.

The rationale is that in both these areas there is extra and significant work to be done over the next 2 years in recovering from C19.

Zero Carbon Community Grants

As part of District Council plans for a green recovery as we emerge from lockdown, South Cambridgeshire's communities are being further supported to tackle the climate crisis with **£100,000 additional funding** for grass roots projects.

Local groups can now apply for grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 under South Cambridgeshire District Council's Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme. The Council, which recently adopted its **first ever Zero Carbon Strategy**, lists 'being green to our core' as one of its top four **Business Plan priorities** and has declared both a Climate and a Biodiversity Emergency.

This is the second year that the Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme has been run. Last year, funding was awarded to 19 different community projects delivering an array of schemes covering raising awareness and involving people in issues around carbon emissions, cycling, tree planting, lighting, food production, distribution and waste. This year, following feedback from last year's applicants, local groups can apply for a grant to focus on one of three themes. These are cycling, community buildings and tree planting and other 'nature-based solutions'.

To be eligible, the organisation must be a non-profit group based in South Cambridgeshire or benefiting South Cambridgeshire residents, or a South Cambridgeshire parish council. Schools and any other organisations can apply for a grant for a project which is accessible to the community and not just for educational or academic purposes. Applications from informal community groups and local businesses are also encouraged, provided they partner with an eligible non-profit organisation as detailed above.

Groups bidding for funding on the cycling theme should seek to reduce private car use in their communities and get more people who would not otherwise cycle on their bikes.

Objectives that need to be met for projects focussing on community buildings include a reduction in the use of fossil fuel energy and increased public awareness of energy improvements available to buildings.

The criteria for projects focussing on the tree planting and other 'nature-based solutions' category include reduced carbon dioxide emissions and new habitats for wildlife along with increased public awareness of the importance of trees.

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The Council is holding [an online workshop](#) at 5pm on Monday (6 July) which will clearly run through the application process and include the chance to ask questions plus find out more about the Zero Carbon Communities initiative. A recording of the workshop will be made available after the event if potential applicants can't attend.

Following the workshop, groups have until 5pm on Wednesday 30 September to submit their applications for Zero Carbon Communities grant funding. [Guidance and an online application form](#) are available now.

Affordable Homes

An initiative to provide local affordable homes for local people in South Cambridgeshire is celebrating its first major milestone – and it is hoped it will be the forerunner to other similar schemes elsewhere in the district.

Great Shelford Parochial Charities plans to start work on 21 almshouses on More's Meadow at the end of the year after the District Council's Planning Committee approved its scheme [last month](#).

Charging rents of no more than half the market rate, the charity will provide one, two or three-bedroom homes with low running costs for people who would otherwise be unable to afford a home in the village.

To help get this off the ground, South Cambridgeshire District Council supported Great Shelford Parochial Charities with a grant through its community-led development initiative. The money was used to help with setting up a new website, funding pre-development surveys and sharing planning expertise.

Meanwhile, through similar grants, three Community Land Trusts (CLTs) at Cottenham, Waterbeach, and Histon and Impington, were given funding to help them set up. These groups are now working on plans to address affordable housing needs in their respective areas.

CLTs are comprised of representatives with local knowledge and expertise, such as architects, accountants and solicitors, and form part of a wider National Community Land Trust Network. They can bid for funding from a variety of sources, including government, once they have an affordable homes proposal in place.

The District Council has contributed £20,000 to help set up and guide the three CLTs and to support the long-established Great Shelford Parochial Charities in the early stages of their almshouses project.

Duxford Hotel

A 168-bedroom Hampton by Hilton hotel at the Imperial War Museum (IWM), Duxford has been given planning approval by South Cambridgeshire District Council's Planning Committee last week.

The six-storey hotel will be an L-shape, with bedrooms on the ground to fourth floors, a lobby and gym on the ground floor, and reception, bar and dining area on the top floor, with

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an outdoor terrace. The plans also include additional car and cycle parking, and an opportunity to employ 40 staff.

Huawei

A new 50,000 square metre research and development centre in South Cambridgeshire has received the green light from Councillors.

The plans include around 50,000 square metres of research and development space including approximately 9,500 square metres of office space. Research and development in the field of photonics – which involves the use of lasers, optics, fibre-optics and electro-optical devices across a range of technologies such as data communications – will be carried out at the new facility.

The site sits between Whittlesford Road and the Cambridge to Liverpool Street railway line with the A1301 beyond.

Around 400 jobs are to be created on the former Spicer's site, which is on the Sawston bypass.



A new footpath and cycleway will come forward as part of the development, linking the A1301 and Whittlesford Road. A Travel Plan will be created by Huawei, aimed at reducing the use of the private car while improvements to the A1301 / Mill Lane junction will contribute to the safety of people walking and cycling to the site. Upgrades will also be made to the A1301 / A505 roundabout.

There will be a 20-metre buffer around a nearby Scheduled Ancient Monument to help preserve the Iron Age hillfort known as Borough Hill, which sits to the south east of the site. As part of the application, there is the potential for enhanced public access to the monument. This will be via an Archaeological Conservation Management Plan and a Community Outreach Plan. Additionally, the development avoids the adjacent woodland which is protected as a biodiversity priority habitat and offers potential homes for bats, nesting birds and dormice. A management plan will be established to help safeguard the nearby Dernford Fen, a Site of Special Scientific Interest. In addition, new grassland will be created to the west of the existing woodland, utilising soil from the site.

At least 10% of the emissions from the development will be offset by renewable or low-carbon energy sources. Solar panels will generate electricity for the building while heating and hot water would be provided by renewable and re-use means.

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Sawston and Whittlesford Parish Councils both supported the application while Stapleford Parish Council had no objection to it.

The Planning Committee's decision is subject to the completion of a Section 106 planning agreement. This is commonplace and always happens after the Committee resolves to approve an application - with the issue of the final planning permission taking place once that Section 106 agreement is finalised.

Wellcome

A draft S 106 proposed agreement for Hinxton is expected within days.

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Cambridgeshire County Report

C19 Local Outbreak Control Plan

The Government announced in May that part of its national strategy to manage and control the pandemic is for every area in England to develop a Local Outbreak Control Plan for COVID-19 by the end of June 2020. In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough our OCP builds on existing outbreak plans and relies on working closely with our local communities to reduce the risk of transmission of the infection, establish systems to identify new cases and reduce outbreaks. Where clusters of new COVID-19 cases arise we will identify them swiftly, and working with Public Health England Health Protection Team, will put measures in place to control them, so we can support the continued lifting of lockdown restrictions and the gradual return to normal life. The link to the plan is here:

<file:///C:/Temp/ab098/Downloads/cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-local-outbreak-control-plan-v--.pdf>

New Fostering Campaign

Cambridgeshire County Council wants to hear from anyone who is considering fostering in order to provide support, love and stability to children and young people.

To emphasise the importance of a stable home children from both Neale Wade academy in March and the Thomas Deacon Academy in Peterborough schools have recorded a special 'Home' poem on video, which highlights which bits of home are important to them. The video delivers a powerful message that no child should be without a home and the stability of a family environment.

Every day over 300 foster carers from across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough give over 1,000 fostered children and young people a safe and loving home.

Cambridgeshire County Council wants to encourage people to find out more about how they can inspire children and young people to reach their full potential. During Covid-19 both local authorities have been progressing enquiries over the telephone and by video call, but many more foster carers are needed to help support children over 10, teenagers and sibling groups.

If you are over 21 and have a spare bedroom in your home then you should not rule yourself out based on age, disability, ethnicity, gender identification, religion or sexual orientation. Carers can be single or in a relationship, own or rent their own home, have their own children or be child-free.

Carers receive payments and allowances to help cover their time and expenses, as well as advice and guidance so they are supported every step of the way.

Cambridgeshire County Council encourages you to find out more about fostering, visit the [Cambridgeshire](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk) website. Alternatively, email fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 0800 052 0078.

BAME Issues

Cambridgeshire County Council has spoken out about its commitment to tackling inequalities Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities face every day.

Cambridgeshire County Council already has two working groups to tackle BAME inequalities – one of which is member led and one which is officer led.

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Cllr Criswell has asked that the cross-party Tackling Poverty and Multiple Deprivation working group to consider this as part of its work. The working group is already focussing on four key themes:

- Increasing household income and reducing household costs
- Improving literacy, increasing education standards, and improving adult skills
- Strengthening families and communities
- Promoting long term economic growth

Library Services

Book lovers can now order titles and collect them from libraries in Cambridgeshire from next week.

Following government guidance, Cambridgeshire County Council is starting a phased re-opening of library services from Monday 6 July, in line with the latest health and safety guidelines.

The council's nine major libraries (Cambridge Central, Huntingdon, St Ives, St Neots, Bar Hill, Cambourne, Ely, March, Wisbech) will be re-opening from next week - opening times are available [here](#).

In order to maintain a safe environment, a number of service changes have been made. Customers will be required to maintain social distancing outside library entrances and once inside the buildings, will not be able to browse titles.

To help people access the books they want, the council is introducing a new service called 'Select and Collect'. Customers can choose titles according to their preferences (e.g. genre, fiction, non-fiction, talking books, children's books etc.) and then collect them from libraries.

Order a book using Select and Collect [here](#) or call the Customer Service Centre on 0345 045 5225. Customers will be notified when their books are ready to collect. Reservations will be reintroduced from June 29 to allow customers to request individual titles.

The council plans opening all remaining libraries from 3 August for two days per week and will continue to review the situation.

Library meeting rooms will remain closed and events and activities will not resume until it is safe to do so. Mobile library services will also remain closed until further notice.

Public access IT facilities will be available by appointment only, with a limit of one 45 minute appointment per day per customers.

Read more about our library services [here](#).

Our archives service is also re-opening; read more [here](#).

Foxton Travel Hub

This proposal for the travel (Southern option) was approved at the June 25th Board, however the Officers have been asked to re-look in the context of C19 and the benefit to the Local Community.

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There is a new discussion on a bridge crossing on the A10 and leaves this open to National Rail to propose.

Communities Capital Fund

The fund was over-subscribed and we are waiting to see if we can access mobile classrooms from County stock for both Foxton & Fowlmere.

Safeguarding Reminder

Children's Safeguarding

If you are concerned that a child may be suffering physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect or is at risk of significant harm you should contact Children's Services using one of the following: • Cambridgeshire children: 0345 045 5203
ReferralCentre.children@cambridgeshire.gov.uk • Peterborough children: 01733 864180 •
Out of Hours Emergency Duty Team (EDT): 01733 234724 If you are a professional you can report a safeguarding concern using the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Referral Form. All telephone referrals will need to be followed up in writing within 24 hours by the referring professional.

Adult Safeguarding

If you have concerns for an Adult, you should contact Adult Services using one of the following: Cambridgeshire County Council • Telephone: 0345 045 5202 • Email: referral.centre-adults@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Peterborough City Council • Telephone: 01733 747474 • Email: adultsocialcare@peterborough.gov.uk Between Monday to Thursday 5pm to 8am and Friday 4pm to Monday 8am, adult safeguarding concerns can be directed to the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) – 01733 234724

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