

District Council Report

February 2024

Full Council met on 20th February with Council Tax, Revenue and Capital budgets for 2024/25 probably the main item on the agenda. The proposal to freeze the District Council element of Council Tax bills for the 11th year running was agreed. Council Tax for a Band D property in Burwell will be £2,258.85. The amount charge by the different authorities to make up this sum is shown below:

| Parish Council | District Council | County Council | Fire Authority | Police & Crime | Combined Authority | Total |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------|
| 93.15 | 142.14 | 1,619.82 | 82.26 | 285.48 | 36.00 | 2,258.85 |

The totals for the different dwelling bands for Burwell are shown below:

| Band A | Band B | Band C | Band D | Band E | Band F | Band G | Band H |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1505.90 | 1756.88 | 2007.87 | 2258.85 | 2760.82 | 3262.78 | 3764.75 | 4458.66 |

Full Council also agreed the Full Business Case for a new bereavement centre at Mepal, agreed a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel, agreed a review of polling stations with no change for Burwell, agreed the adoption of Reach Neighbourhood Plan, agreed an increase in the management fee for East Cambs Street Scene and agreed an extension to the loan deadline for East Cambs Trading Company to allow the NHS to continue to use some land at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Ely for a car park.

I chaired a meeting of the Audit Committee, which considered the draft Annual Governance Statement, and received updates from both Internal Audit and the External Auditors.

I attended a Board Meeting of Swaffham Internal Drainage Board to agree the budget and rate for 2024/25. I also attended an informal meeting of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

David Brown

Cllr Lorna Dupré

MONTHLY REPORT MARCH 2024

FULL COUNCIL

Budget

The council agreed its budget on Tuesday 13 February, prioritising funding to improve the condition of roads and footpaths, social care, and support for vulnerable communities.

This was a difficult budget process as many residents continue to feel the squeeze from cost of living pressures, but the council also faces significant cost increases. Those on the lowest incomes are also those who are often most reliant on services provided by the council.

The county council had to close a gap of £37.4M, with 75 per cent of the Council's net spending now being funded from Council Tax. Councillors have prioritised a number of key areas, based on residents' feedback from last summer's Quality of Life survey. The budget

- Sustains critical adults' & children's social care services.
- Includes record levels of highways funding to strengthen and improve the standard of roads and pavements, including tackling potholes, weeds and gulleys—in direct response to residents' concerns.
- Prioritises support for vulnerable communities, including continuing to providing holiday supermarket vouchers for those children most in need.

The council agreed a Council Tax rise of 4.99 per cent—2 per cent for Adult Social Services, and 2.99 per cent for general services—raising £17.5M of local income to help maintain and protect critical services for the most vulnerable communities. For the majority of residents in Band A-D properties that will mean an extra 99p to £1.48 a week.

A balanced council budget for the coming year is no mean feat after more than ten years of national underfunding, when so many county and unitary authorities are struggling. Some additional money from Government came in frustratingly late, well after most councils had set their budget. But this one-year funding does not address the longer term need for a Fair Funding Settlement in Cambridgeshire.

The council also expects the government's Household Support Fund to cease from the end of March. This is why the council's budget includes £3M to continue providing holiday supermarket vouchers for those most in need. Without this financial commitment from the council, this scheme would have had to stop when Government funding ended.

Councillor allowances

The council agreed to implement the council allowances scheme recommended by the independent panel set up for this purpose.

(More) changes to composition of the council

A by-election for the vacancy in Yaxley & Farcet will take place on Thursday 21 March. Meanwhile another change of party has taken place: Cllr Keith Prentice from St Neots has moved from the Conservatives to join the Independent group that is part of the council's Joint Administration.

STRATEGY RESOURCES & PERFORMANCE

Shire Hall back on the market

Bids are invited for the lease or purchase of part of the Shire Hall site in Cambridge, after the previous preferred bidder was unable to continue their interest.

Shire Hall had been the County Council's headquarters since the 1930s, but the site itself was the seat of government in Cambridge for over a thousand years. Previously the site of two medieval castles, the building was the county council's administrative centre from its completion in 1933 until 2022, when the council relocated to Alconbury as part of its planned savings programme.

The property comprises the original Shire Hall, the Octagon, the Old Police Station, Castle Lodge and public car parking. Offers will be considered by the council's Assets & Procurement Committee in June, when councillors will review not only the financial bid made but whether the offer delivers environmental and social benefits.

The council expects strong interest from commercial bidders, with the building's prime position in Cambridge making it highly suitable for different uses. Due to the historic importance of the site all proposals will require full planning and listed building consents to ensure protection of the assets on site.

The council has applied to give part of the lawn between the front of Shire Hall and the Mound the legal protection of 'Town Green' status, and has also invested in new interpretation boards and increased litter bins and maintenance to improve the visitor experience. These areas are not included in the disposal.

More information from Max Marston at BNP Paribas Real Estate
(Max.marston@realestate.bnpparibas).

<https://propertylink.estatesgazette.com/property-details/6943307-shire-hall-site-castle-street-cb3>

ADULTS & HEALTH

Measles update

With cases of measles rising in some areas of the country, the council is asking everyone to check their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccination status and get vaccinated if not up to date.

Measles is a highly infectious illness which can be very unpleasant and sometimes lead to serious complications. Two doses of the MMR vaccination give long-lasting protection against measles.

In the UK, the MMR vaccination is given as part of the routine childhood vaccination schedule. The vaccine is free, available from GPs, and anyone can catch up at any age on missed doses. An alternative MMR vaccination is available which does not contain pork products.

Walk-in vaccination clinics are taking place across Cambridgeshire. These are for anyone over the age of one year who is not up to date with their MMR vaccinations. More information at <https://www.cpics.org.uk/measles>

Individuals should check their vaccination status if possible before attending one of these clinics. Vaccination records are in a child's personal health record (red book). Adults can check if they have been vaccinated with their GP or vaccination records from childhood.

NHS dentistry under the spotlight

The county council's Adults & Health Committee will be scrutinising the provision of NHS dentistry in Cambridgeshire at its meeting on Thursday 7 March.

In recent years the availability of NHS dental care has shrivelled to almost zero, with many practices closing their doors to new NHS patients or ceasing to provide NHS dental care altogether. Dentists say that under the current contract, it is no longer financially viable to offer NHS procedures because of a lack of Government investment. One in five people have resorted to 'DIY dentistry' and 4.4 million children in England have not seen an NHS dentist in at least a year, leading to a 17 per cent increase in tooth decay-related extractions in children.

East Cambridgeshire is one of the worst 'dental deserts' in the country.

In February NHS England published a joint NHS and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) 'Dental Recovery Plan' to try to address the growing crisis. This includes

- a 'new patient' payment of between £15 and £50 (depending on treatment need) to treat around a million new patients who have not seen an NHS dentist in two years or more

- focus on prevention and good oral health in young children and an expanded dental workforce
- advice for parents and parents-to-be on taking care of baby gums and milk teeth
- one-off payments of up to £20,000 for dentists working in under-served areas for up to three years.

The minimum value of dental activity under the dental contract will increase from £23 to £28. This will affect only a small number of contracts across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and any additional funding will need to be covered from the current dental budget of the local NHS Integrated Care Board.

Mobile 'dental vans' will be launched in rural and coastal areas, with at least one of these vans coming to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Cambridgeshire NHS has put in place a local Dental Improvement Plan, and identified the areas most in need as being Fenland, Littleport, Ely, and Peterborough.

Have your say on creating Healthy Places

Cambridgeshire's public health team is inviting residents to have their say on how new and existing communities can be healthy, supportive and inclusive.

Work is currently under way to develop the Healthy Places Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. To inform this, the team has launched a survey asking for views on access to healthcare services, inclusive and accessible green spaces, opportunities for active travel and healthy play and leisure, and the provision of affordable healthy food options.

The survey is at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WNC1CB/> and is open until Monday 15 April at 5:00PM. It will take around 10-15 minutes to fill in and may be completed on behalf of yourself or someone you care for. If you would prefer to complete a paper copy, you can pick one up from your local library.

If you have any questions about the survey or the Healthy Places Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, please email healthinallpolicies@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

More pupils get first choice of secondary school

A greater percentage of Cambridgeshire students will be going to their first choice secondary school this September.

A total of 87.9 per cent have been offered a place at their first choice school—up from 87.1 per cent last year. The proportion offered a place at their first, second or third preference school has also risen, from 95.4 per cent in 2023 to 95.8 per cent this year. The total number of places offered this year was fewer than last – 7,220 compared with 7,413.

Supermarket vouchers

More than 23,000 supermarket vouchers were distributed during the February half term to eligible families in Cambridgeshire.

Rackham School expansion

The county council is currently developing a scheme to expand Rackham primary school in Witchford to 420 places, and to increase the number of early years places. The site is quite complex in terms of current accommodation and this process is taking some time. The council is in the process of appointing Faithful & Gould, consultants it uses on such schemes, with the aim of completing the project for September 2026 .

Any Section 106 funding the county council has collected from developments in the Rackham catchment for early years and primary provision will be used for this scheme.

COMMUNITIES SOCIAL MOBILITY & INCLUSION (COSMIC)

Mobile library changes

Mobile library visits to a number of villages including Sutton and Witchford have been reduced from fortnightly to monthly for two months. The council's Head of Libraries says:

“Recently one of the mobile library drivers resigned from his role. While we seek to recruit a replacement, or redistribute hours to other drivers, we plan to adjust mobile library stops in nine locations. The majority of locations across the county receive one stop per month, however nine locations served by the Fenland Mobile currently receive fortnightly stops. These stops are receiving very low usage; therefore, we feel the resignation of the driver is a helpful time for us to consult with customers regarding the frequency of future visits in these locations. During this period of consultation and review, we plan to move to monthly visits in line with most other areas—please be reassured that no locations will lose their mobile library. We propose to engage with the relevant communities in February 2024.

Given the low use of the stops in these locations, I propose a temporary move to monthly during February and March with a review of the situation to inform any future recruitment.”

Free data SIM cards for low income households

A reminder that Cambridgeshire Libraries are part of Good Things Foundation's National Databank, O2 and Vodaphone scheme, which makes free data SIM cards or vouchers available to anyone aged 18+ from a low-income household. Recipients can self-declare as eligible, and the support is available for a maximum period of twelve months. The data can be used with any SIM-enabled device.

This offer is available at a range of libraries including Ely. Ask library staff for more details.

ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT

Weekly food waste collections

The Government is moving towards weekly food waste collections across the country, with financial support to district councils for changes to collection of the waste, but not to county councils for disposing of it.

Any councils not taking up the arrangements would be 'named in legislation' as being exempt from these collection arrangements, until such time as their existing waste contracts expired. In Cambridgeshire's case this is 2037, when the PFI contract at Waterbeach ends—a long time to wait.

After prolonged discussion between Cambridgeshire's county and district councils, they have been able to agree to move to weekly collections, and avoid being listed in the legislation.

Wisbech incinerator given the go-ahead

A proposal for a large incinerator in Wisbech was given permission by the Secretary of State last month. Medworth CHP Ltd applied for planning permission to create an energy from waste combined heat and power facility, capable of generating over 50 megawatts of electricity.

Due to the size of the proposed development, the planning inspectorate, rather than any local authority, examined Medworth's application. The planning inspector made their recommendation to the Secretary of State for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, the Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP, who has made the decision to approve the proposal.

Councillors from all parties at Cambridgeshire County Council were united in opposing this development. It was also opposed by Fenland District Council, Norfolk County Council, and the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, as well as hundreds of local Wisbech residents. Fenland District Council has resolved to begin the process of considering whether it has any grounds for judicial review of the decision.

The scale of the development put forward by Medworth CHP and its effects on the surrounding area has raised serious concerns. In representations at the public inquiry earlier in the year, the county council highlighted the impact of the suggested development on the landscape, carbon emissions, and transport links in and around Wisbech.

But when it comes to nationally significant infrastructure projects like this one, the decision—and responsibility for the decision—lies with central government.

In a strange twist, the decision by the Minister was removed from the planning inspectorate's website the day after it was announced—but it was reinstated within a matter of days. A separate decision by the Environment Agency on permitting for the facility has not yet been made.

Envar incinerator 'called in' for Government to decide

The owners of the Envar waste facility at Woodhurst near Somersham are currently appealing against the decision of the county council to refuse their application for a clinical waste incinerator—and an appeal hearing is ongoing. However, the Government has now intervened and 'recovered' the application for the Secretary of State to determine. The Planning Inspector will therefore only make recommendations to the Secretary of State.

Community Flood Risk newsletter

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Flood and Water Partnership (CPFloW) which I chair has agreed to start publishing a Community Flood Risk newsletter to help support residents, businesses, and communities in relation to flooding. This will include input from organisations such as the Environment Agency, Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) and water companies.

Reporting flooding

If you are in Cambridgeshire and have experienced flooding, please do report it, even if it is not internal flooding, and even if the immediate danger has passed. In the event of a flood, if there is a threat to life call 999. To report a non-life threatening flood emergency to the police, please call 101.

Outside of those events, the County Council's flood reporting page <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/report-a-flood> provides options to:

- * Report a flooding problem on roads and pavements
- * Report flooding in a property, home or garden
- * Report flooding from water pipes or sewers
- * Report flooding from surface water, groundwater or ordinary watercourses
- Report flooding from a main river or the sea

as well as information on how to prepare for flooding, and flood emergency contacts.

Crucifixion

The skeleton of a man who was crucified in Roman-era Cambridgeshire is on display as part of a blockbuster exhibition at the British Museum, after a loan of the remains was agreed by Cambridgeshire County Council. The British Museum's exhibition is called *Legion: Life in the Roman Army* and will run until 23 June 2024 in the Sainsbury Exhibitions Gallery.

Discovered as part of an excavation in Fenstanton, the body is only the second confirmed example of the Roman use of this barbaric punishment ever unearthed, and the first found in Europe. It was possible to prove death took place through crucifixion, as a nail was found lodged in the man's heel.

The find was the subject of a BBC4 documentary *The Cambridgeshire Crucifixion* which aired in January. It showed a facial reconstruction of the man as well as scientific analyses which indicated that he was likely to have been a lower status Briton who lived his whole life in Cambridgeshire.

Once the exhibition ends, the remains will be transferred back into the guardianship of Cambridgeshire County Council's Historic Environment Team.

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

Gully clearing

The council's Joint Administration has reinstated the programme of regular, cyclical gully clearing that the previous Conservative administration ceased—a decision which had contributed to many local flooding problems. The programme has now reached our area, with cyclical gully clearance due to come to Coveney, Wardy Hill, Witcham, Mepal, Sutton, Haddenham, Aldreth, Wilburton, Stretham and Little Thetford this month. River Close Mepal is marked for attention following recent floods on the carriageway there.

A10 BP roundabout safe crossing

The county council's Highways & Transport Committee is being asked to agree to accept £550,000 from the Combined Authority to proceed with a feasibility study and develop a preferred option to make the crossing safe for pedestrians and cyclists.

20MPH in Ely ... and this year's funding round

Ely's 20MPH scheme is being installed this month, covering most of the city.

Applications are open until Friday 15 March at 5:00PM for funding for the 2024/25 round of 20MPH schemes. The process is open for new applications, as

well as providing existing long-listed applicants who were unsuccessful last year to review, update, and reapply if they wish.

Questions or comments should be directed to the Local Projects inbox at Local.Projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-the-local-highway/20mph-funding>

Highways capital programme

A draft highways capital spending programme has been put to the council's Highways & Transport Committee for comment. It remains in draft only, and further work will be done to prioritise the use of the council's capital funding.

Busway works

Safety works are under way on the Guided Busway to allow the busway to return to full, two-way operation.

Since February 2022, a section of the Guided Busway in one direction has been closed between Cambridge Railway Station and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. A temporary fence was installed whilst an independent safety review was in progress, and following ongoing communications with the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) and as part of continuous safety reviews on the busway.

Since then, the county council has been working with the bus operators and emergency services to risk-assess and design a fence to be installed next to the upstand along sections of the southern busway. It has been specifically designed with removable sections to allow for safe evacuation. This work is being carried out in sections to minimise disruption to passengers.

Contractors are working seven days a week and the busway and maintenance track are currently programmed to re-open on Saturday 30 March.

Rail upgrade plans for Ely remain unclear

The Minister of State for Rail has responded to a joint letter from across the private and public sectors which welcomes government's commitment to upgrading rail capacity at Ely and urges funding to be released as soon as possible so that its benefits can be realised for the country.

The letter, co-ordinated by the England's Economic Heartland sub-national transport body, lists six core reasons why prioritising this would benefit the UK.

In response, minister Huw Merriman MP said that the Department for Transport is currently engaging with the Treasury to understand when funding will be made available for progressing the scheme. Investment in Ely was highlighted by

government as it announced its target to grow rail freight by at least 75 per cent by 2050.

Meanwhile on the Combined Authority

No sooner had the Mayor announced the list of bus improvements which the £2 per month (at Band D) increase in his precept would bring, than Stagecoach announced it would be slashing the service offered by the No 9 bus which operates between Littleport, Ely, Stretham, Landbeach and Cambridge. The Combined Authority is considering next steps to ensure a usable service continues.

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

- **Sutton:** Cllr Mark Inskip and I will be in the school Community Room on Monday 4 March and Monday 8 April 6:30-7:30PM.
- **Witchford:** I hope to be at the coffee morning in St Andrew's Hall briefly on Wednesday 20 March at some point between 10:30 and 11:30AM.
- **Coveney:** I hope to be at the coffee morning in the village hall on Wednesday 13 March from 10:30 to 11:30AM.
- **Little Downham:** I hope to be at the Book Café in the Village Hall on Friday 15 March from 10:00 to 11:00AM.

I can also be contacted

- by email at lorna@lornadupre.org.uk
- on Facebook
- by phone on 07930 337596

Cllr Lorna Dupré

County Councillor for the Sutton division

Yvonne Rix

From: Nicola Hallows <nicola.hallows@gmail.com>
Sent: 07 March 2024 08:21
To: Yvonne Rix; Elizabeth Swift; Clive Leach
Subject: Climate and Ecology Bill

Morning all

As promised, some words on the Climate and Ecology Bill:

The Climate and Ecology (CEE) Bill is the only proposed legislation before the UK Parliament that ensures a comprehensive and joined-up approach to the climate emergency and nature crisis. It's a plan for a new UK law that addresses the full extent of the climate emergency and nature crisis in line with the most up-to-date science.

The Bill was first introduced in Parliament by Caroline Lucas MP in September 2020 and now has the backing of over 150 parliamentarians representing all major political parties.

'Zero Hour' ([zerohour.uk](https://www.zerohour.uk)) is the campaign for the Climate and Ecology Bill. Zero Hour is calling for individuals and organisations to back the Bill.

Zero Hour is also inviting individuals and organisations to sign an open letter to their local election candidates, asking them to support the Bill.

Given that Burwell Parish Council has declared a climate emergency and has an action plan and working group (the Climate Forum), it is proposed that the Council demonstrates its support for the Bill by signing up as a supporter on the Zero Hour website, and also signs the open letter.

Locally, Ely City Council, Histon and Impington Parish Council, and Cambridgeshire County Council back the Bill (full list of councils here <https://www.zerohour.uk/councils/>).

Yvonne Rix

From: James Pickerin <James.Pickerin@suffolk.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 February 2024 13:25
Subject: Exning - Burwell Cycle Path

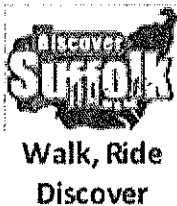
Dear Councillors and Councils,

Suffolk County Council are pleased to advise that preliminary work on the Exning to Burwell cycle path scheme has commenced and is in the process of creating detailed designs and costings.

We are still at an early stage but hope to progress at a reasonable pace and keep all stakeholders informed and up to date.

We hope to contact you soon with additional news.

Kind regards,
James Pickerin



James Pickerin | Area Rights of Way Manager

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David Allatt
Interim Service Director
Highways and Transport

by e-mail only

12 February 2024

Dear Parish, Town, and District Councils

Subject: Review of Highways Operational Standards in Relation to Weed Management

I am writing to provide you with an update on the recent review of the Highways Operational Standards (HOS) in relation to weed management in Cambridgeshire. The review aimed to assess the impact of changes implemented in April 2023 and gather stakeholders' feedback to inform further improvements.

The review identified the need for revisions to the HOS and recommended their approval for consultation with local stakeholders. This aims to improve environmental performance, reduce carbon emissions, and enhance road user safety through proactive weed management.

In January the Highways and Transport committee decided to reinstate the use of chemical weed control across the county, the report findings confirmed that the use of chemical weed control remains to be the most effective method for weed control as well as being the most financially viable option.

The paper submitted to the committee can be found [here](#).

Additionally, we would like to inform you that a one off non-chemical weed removal program will be implemented to cleanse all areas affected by weeds. This program will serve as a deep clean measure before the cyclical chemical weed treatment program, which will take place twice per annum, is reinstated in May 2024.

Please click link attached to complete a short questionnaire regarding the use of chemicals as weed control in your area.

However, we understand that some residents may have concerns about the use of chemicals in weed management. If your area prefers not to have chemicals used, we kindly request you still complete the questionnaire using the link and email assetdatastrategy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk with your alternative proposals on how you wish weed control is managed within your area.

Funding towards alternative weed control management can be offered, this would be the equivalent cost of using chemicals to control the weeds so therefore would act as a contribution towards alternative weed control and not cover the full cost.

We believe that this review and the proposed revisions to the Highways Operational Standards will contribute to creating a greener, safer, and more environmentally sustainable Cambridgeshire. Your participation in the process to reinstate the use of chemical weed control is crucial to ensure that the standards reflect the needs and concerns of our local communities.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or require further information. We appreciate your continued cooperation and support in maintaining the quality and safety of our highways.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Allatt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

David Allatt

Interim Service Director Highways and Transport

Yvonne Rix

From: Street Name Numbering <StreetNameNumbering@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 February 2024 11:39
Subject: STNN/23/54 - Addressing 2 new dwellings - Land rear of 14 The Avenue, Burwell
Attachments: STNN_23_54 - Schedule - Land rear of 14 The Avenue, Burwell.pdf; STNN_23_54 - Location Plan - Land rear of 14 The Avenue, Burwell.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING – Addition of new properties

Please find enclosed a copy of Schedule of Certification of Street Numbering for 2 new properties. The scheme is valid from 01st March 2024

You will see that the old postal address/Plot Number is to the right of the new street number.

Please amend your records accordingly.

Kind regards,



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

Gemma Smart

Street Naming and Numbering Officer

(My working hours are Tuesday – Thursday 9-5pm)

Department or service description



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EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING SERVICE
SCHEDULE OF CERTIFICATION OF STREET NUMBERING

Settlement: **Burwell** IMPLEMENTATION DATE: **01st March 2024**
 ADOPTED STREET Name: **The Avenue** SCHEME REF: **STNN/23/54**
 DIRECTION: **From Ness Road**

| Official Street No | Property Formerly Known As | | Building Control Reference | STNN Reference No | Date |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| | No/Plot | Development Name | | | |
| 1 | | | | | |
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| 10 | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | |
| 12 | Plot 1 | Land rear of 14 | 23/00423/DO/MFP | STNN/23/54 | 01/03/24 |
| 13 | Plot 2 | Land rear of 14 | 23/00423/DO/MFP | STNN/23/54 | 01/03/24 |
| 14 | | | | | |
| 15 | | | | | |



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**Street Naming
and Numbering**

Reference: STNN/23/54

Addressing 2 new
dwellings

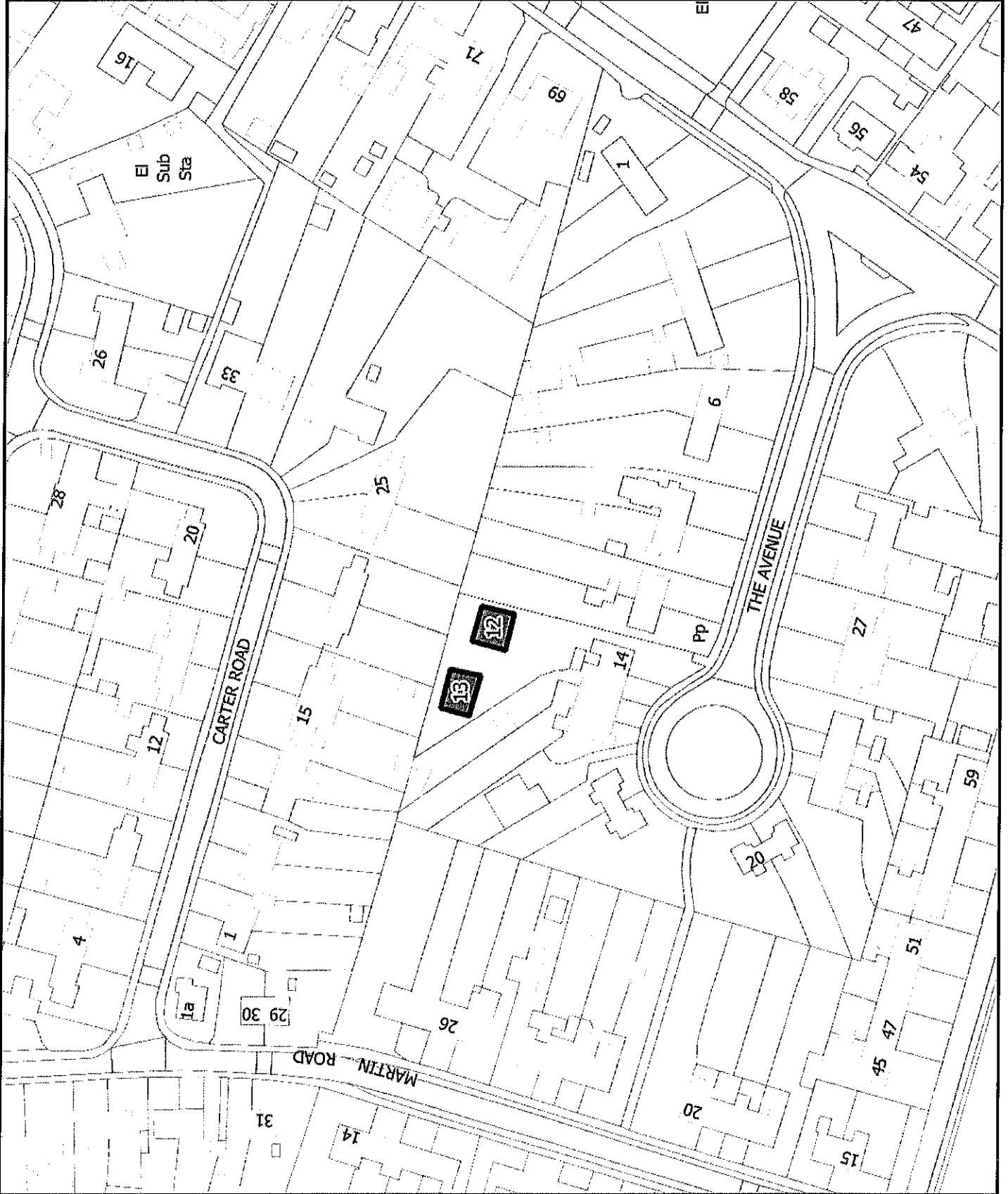
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Burwell

13 The Avenue
Burwell

Please read in association with schedule of
Certification of Street Numbering and
Naming

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Yvonne Rix

From: Street Name Numbering <StreetNameNumbering@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 February 2024 15:57
To: Yvonne Rix
Subject: RE: Street names Millstone Park Burwell

Good Afternoon

Thank you for providing me with the below names that fit within the theme you have suggested of the Burwell War memorial.

A few points I might add in regard to this theme that I would ask you to think about

Although it is within our policy and we are happy to use last names of past dignitaries within the parish I believe using them within this development could open a can of worms that you may not want. You have provided plenty of names we can use and even a few on the pictures that have not been mentioned below however it would be up to the developer and ourselves to assign them to the street, there would be no thought to this it would just be a case of what names with what suffixes we believe would be most appropriate for each road. Have you thought about what the descendants that are still alive living in the parish might say if their name was not selected? I fear this could cause issues where families are not happy that their descendants names have not been selected within the development. We are happy to go forward with this theme but are you happy to be passed on the comments if this does occur?

Where you have pointed out the name Hayes to be used most importantly within this development this would be something the parish council will need to seek in regard to the permission as this is not the responsibility of the street naming and numbering department.

Please have a think about the two above points and I will await your comments.

Many Thanks



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

Gemma Smart

Street Naming and Numbering Officer

(My working hours are Tuesday – Thursday 9-5pm)

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Dear Gemma

Below are photos of the war memorial in Burwell. If the developers were to agree to use the names from the memorial for the new roads then we feel that one that should be included is Robbie Hayes. Robbie died in the Afghanistan war in 2010. He was only 20 years old. His parents I believe are still alive, so I don't know if you would need to get their permission or anything.

Other names which are repeated on the list and also some where descendants still live in the village are below:

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Brown
Blackwell
Barton
Faircliff
Dunnett
Warren
Scott
Chapman
Charles
Harries
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Goodchild.

I hope this helps

Kind regards

Yvonne Rix (Mrs)
Parish Clerk

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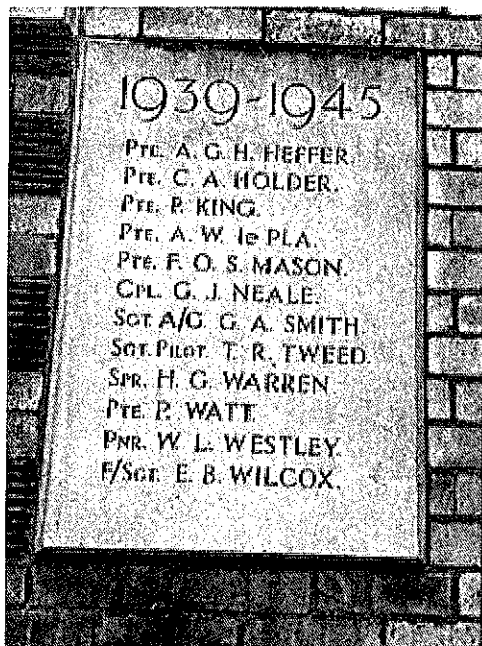
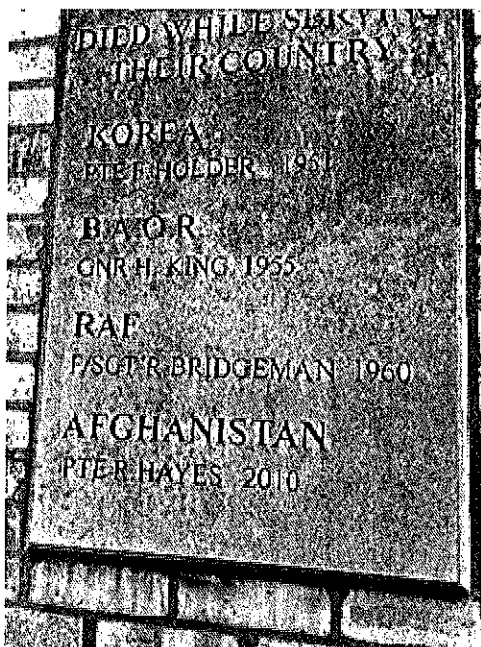
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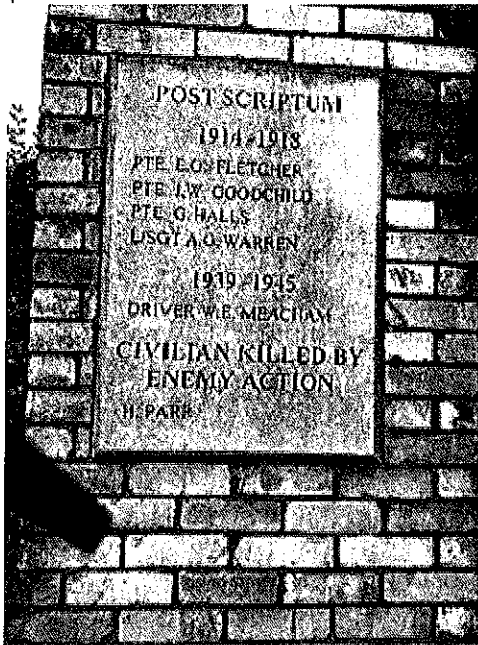
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Meeting of the Newmarket Road Sports Hub Taskforce on Monday 12th February 2024

Present: Parish Council – Liz Swift, Paul Webb, and Yvonne Rix (Clerk).

Mulhall Leisure Consultancy – Craig Mulhall and Andy Wilkinson

Burwell Football Club – Tony Cornwell

Craig Mulhall reported that he had received apologies for absence from Brenda Kibblewhite. He continued to report that he and Andy had met Martin Gray (ECDC Sports Officer) earlier in the day. Martin Gray had mentioned that he had been trying to speak to the Burwell Sports Centre but had little success. He then asked if the Parish Council had heard anything from This Land. Liz Swift explained that nothing had been heard and that there is concern over the viability of This Land and that the Council needs to ensure that due diligence is shown with regards to the transfer of land, as public funds are involved. Paul Webb informed that group that the formal offer detailing the work that will be carried out on the land by This Land, needs to be with the Council in writing by the end of this financial year (31st March 2024). Both Craig Mulhall and Andy Wilkinson informed the group that they were both in agreement. Paul Webb felt that it was important that the Parish Council secured the title of the land as soon as possible. Writing to the local MP may be an option.

Craig Mulhall continued to report that ECDC had now met with Katie Critchley (Cambs Football Association and the Football Foundation) to discuss the Local Facilities Football Plan (LFFP). The Sports Hub is thought to be strategically important for the area. Nationally the list has not been updated yet due to staffing issues, but Duncan from the Football Foundation is happy for the project to move forward and is also willing to provide a letter of intent when needed. Craig Mulhall/Andy Wilkinson to ask for the letter of intent to help support the request for the offer letter from This Land

Craig Mulhall explained that the project has many bits, like a jigsaw, that need to come together to move successfully forward, and at this time, not having the formal offer letter from This Land, including details of how the land is to be delivered in terms of drainage and levelling is preventing the project from moving forward.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to David Meeks CEO of This Land asking for a meeting with the Parish Council in the next couple of weeks. Further letters should be sent to both the Chair and Leader of the County Council, as the County Council is the main shareholder of This Land. It was also agreed that the letter to This Land should include an offer to meet at their office in Histon as this maybe more convenient and less time consuming for the Officers involved. Suggested meeting dates being either the 6th or 13th March 2024. The District Councillors for Burwell would also be asked to find out the situation regarding the implementation of the condition to transfer the land as part of the Section 106 Agreement, particularly should This Land's financial situation worsen. Raising the point of the previous suggestion made by the former CEO of This Land, David Lewis of potentially increasing the number of dwellings on the site, in order for This Land to financially support the building of the Sports Hub, at the meeting could be in their interest. It is also important to establish the expected timeline for building the first 100 houses that form part of the development.

Once the meeting with This Land has been held it was suggested that a wider meeting including not only Taskforce members but also other stakeholders such as ECDC, Cambs FA and the

Football Foundation could be held. Suggested dates for this meeting being the 20th or 27th March 2024.

Martin Gray has spoken with the Football Association with regards to the need for 3G facilities in the area now that the proposed 3G pitch at Soham has been given the go ahead. The Football Association has confirmed that there is a need in Cambridgeshire for both facilities.

Once the offer letter from This Land has been received, along with a timeline for the 100 houses, then an application for CIL 123 funding can be made.

Other Matters:

Alan Moore, Cambs FA has carried out a site visit to both the Recreation Ground and Margaret Field in order to analyse the condition of the pitches. Data requested about usage etc. has also been provided to Alan Moore in order for him to determine the outcome of the Pitch Maintenance Grant Application.

Wayne Hardy may need to spread more grass seed than first quoted in order to re-grass the areas that were damaged on Margaret Field last year.

Meeting to consider received Grass Cutting Tenders on Monday 19th February 2024, 7.30 pm at the Jubilee Reading Room.

Present: Lea Dodds (Chair), Jim Perry, Chris O'Neill, Geraldine Tate, Liz swift, Michael Swift, Ian Woodroofe, and Yvonne Rix (Clerk). Apologies – Clive Leach and Paul Webb.

Yvonne Rix reported that an invitation to tender for the grass cutting contract had been sent out to 13 organisations. 2 had responded that they did not wish to tender, Truelink had confirmed that they would not be tendering for the contract, although may be willing to carry out the hay cuts if needed. Two completed tenders had been received by the cut off time of 12 noon on the 19th February 2024. Tender A from Zion Landscapes came in with an overall cost of £8,820 and Tender B from East Cambs Trading Company came in with an overall cost of £41,631.07.

The Group agreed that Zion Landscapes, based in Burwell, should be recommend to Full Council to be awarded the contract. Proposed by Michael Swift, and seconded my Liz Swift.

The meeting ended at 7.44 pm.

Burwell Parish Council
Asset and Environment Group
Meeting of 27th February 7.30 pm at The Gardiner Memorial Hall
Minutes

Present: Lea Dodds (Chair), Liz Swift, Michael Swift, Gus Jones, Ian Woodroofe, Paul Webb, Jim Perry, and Geraldine Tate.

A&E/27022024/01 Apologies for absences and Declarations of Interests

Apologies for absence had been received from Linda Kitching and Chris O'Neill.

A&E/27022024/02 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2024 were approved. Proposed by Liz Swift and seconded by Paul Webb.

A&E/27022024/03 Consideration of Action Sheet items

The following updates were noted:

| Project | |
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| GMH refurbishment Phase One | This item to be retitled GMH Refurbishment Phase Two. Saunders Boston are not willing to release the auto-cad drawings for the first phase of the refurbishment. PDF drawings may be available. If the information required is not available, Jeremy Lander may need to have a further survey carried out. The Clerk to contact Varsity to see if they can help and to check if we actually own the drawings under the contract. Neil Kennedy to visit the site to look at the roof leak. |
| GMH Exit | The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Meads Construction, and they had suggested that it may be beneficial for a tree report to be carried out. The Clerk to locate the report carried out for Phase One of the refurbishment to see if it could be of any use. |
| Grass Cutting Contract | References for Zion Landscapes had been received, both were satisfactory. The group confirmed that they were happy for a recommendation to be made to Full Council for the grass cutting contract to be awarded to Zion Landscapes. |

A&E/27022024/04 Consideration of quotations for felling of tree Kingfisher Drive Amenity Area/ 30 Hatley Drive

Three quotations had been received to carry out tree work recommended and approved by the Tree Officer. The cheapest quotation was from S R Landscapes in the sum of £780.00. The group agreed to make the following recommendation to Full Council:

The Group recommends to Full Council that S R Landscapes carry out tree work to trees on the Kingfisher Drive Amenity Area in the sum of £780.00.

A&E/27022024/05 Mandeville Hall

Dividing door:

The grant application to cover the cost of a replacement door had been unsuccessful. Two quotations had been received to replace the door. One from Syston Doors in the sum of £5782.00 plus Vat and one from Spazio in the sum of £5400.00 plus Vat. The Group agreed that the door needs to be replaced and suggested that the Clerk negotiates with both companies and the company with the best price is awarded the work.

The Group recommends to Full Council that the replacement of the folding door at Mandeville Hall is offered to the company offering to carry out the work for the lowest price following negotiations taking place.

Guttering soakaway:

The Clerk reported that the Maintenance Officer had jet washed the underground drainage causing the gutters at Mandeville Hall to flood. This has improved but not resolved the problem, and the

Maintenance Officer is intending to jet wash the pipes again. If this does not resolve the issue it was agreed that the following recommendation should go to Full Council:

The Group recommends that should the Maintenance Officer be unable to totally resolve the issue with the blocked drain, then the quotation to repair the storm drainage from Winkworth Contractors in the sum of £675.00 plus VAT is accepted.

CCTV

The CCTV equipment at Mandeville Hall needs replacing as it is no longer working. The cameras are fine. The original installer of the system, Aztek has quoted £640.00 plus VAT to replace the equipment. It was agreed that the following recommendation is made to Full Council:

The Group recommends to Full Council that the quotation from Aztek in the sum of £640.00 plus vat to replace the CCTV equipment at Mandeville Hall is accepted.

Disabled WC – Strobe replacement

The Clerk reported that the recent fire check at Mandeville Hall carried out by Prestige has highlighted that the disabled toilet strobe is not working. The Clerk was requested to go back to Prestige and ask them to repair or replace the strobe.

A&E/27022024/06 Consideration of quotations received to install electricity sockets in the roof of the pavilion to be used to run frost prevention heaters.

It had been suggested that it may be worth having some frost-control heaters in the loft space at the pavilion to help prevent further freezing of the pipes. This was thought to be a sensible idea. Three quotations had been sought to install the additional sockets required. The Group agreed to recommend to Full Council that the cheapest quotation from Cartwrights in the sum of £299.50 plus vat is accepted.

The Group recommends to Full Council that the quotation from Cartwrights in the sum of £299.50 plus vat to install additional sockets in the pavilion roof space is accepted.

A&E/27022024/07 Hedge along the Leys.

Lea Dodds informed the group, having previously shared photos, that the hedge along the Leys in some places is overhanging the footpath making it very narrow for users with mobility scooters, wheelchairs, and buggies. It is not known who is actually responsible for the hedge. The Clerk to investigate further.

A&E/27022024/08 Bus Shelters

Members of the group discussed the condition of the bus shelters in the village. Most are in a very tired state. The Parish Council owns the shelters. Having electronic displays in the shelters would be good, but it is not known if Stephenson's would be willing to assist with this. The bus shelters look and feel dirty, and some have broken panels. It was agreed that a refurbishment plan should be considered with one shelter being improved each year. Advertising space could be sold inside the shelters. Initially an audit should take place of all of the shelters, including which ones are used the most. The Clerk to draw up a list.

A&E/27022024/09 GMH Phase 1 Energy Model

Ian Woodrooffe reported that Sharman and Grimwade are willing at no cost to carry out a comparison between the actual energy use at the Gardiner Memorial Hall and the Energy Model used for the provision of the heat pump etc. as part of the first phase of the refurbishment. The Clerk to provide Ian Woodrooffe with the necessary information so that it can be passed on to Sharman and Grimwade.

A&E/27022024/10 Any other urgent matters

Following recent comments on the Burwell Community Facebook page about having a defibrillator at the Gardiner Memorial Hall, Paul Webb suggested that should the Council look to acquire a further unit then it would be more appropriate to install one at the Recreation Ground. It was also noted that another area not covered is the Toyse Lane, Ness Road end of the village.

The Clerk reported that a request had been made by a resident for a Kerb stone to be added to a grave in the cemetery. The grave is situated in one of the older parts of the cemetery where there are a few

graves with kerbs. It is the Council's policy not to allow Kerb stones in the cemetery and it was therefore agreed that the request is refused.

Gus Jones asked if Highways could be contacted about the planting of trees in the Avenue. Liz Swift explained that Jenny Moss is dealing with this, and that as Chair to the Council she had also written to Highways a couple of times to no avail.

A&E/27022024/11 Date of the next meeting 30th April 2024

Liz Swift and Michael Swift gave their apologies for the next meeting which is due to take place on 30th April 2024.

The meeting closed at 9.04 pm.

Signed

Dated

Burwell Parish Council

Minutes of the Community, Leisure, Health, and Sport Meeting of 20.2.24 at 7.30 pm

Gardiner Memorial Hall

Present: Michael Swift (Chair), Charlie Milner, Helen McMenamin-Smith, Liz Swift, Geraldine Tate, and Jim Perry.

CLH&S/200224/01 Apologies for absences and declarations of interests

Apologies for absence had been received from Paul Webb, Jenny Moss, and Ian Woodroofe. There were no declarations at this point of the meeting.

CLH&S/200224/02 Approval of the minutes of the 21.11.23

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2023 were approved and signed as a true record. Proposed Liz Swift and seconded by Helen McMenamin-Smith.

CLH&S/200224/03 Action Sheet Updates on the following and from the previous meeting of items not included on the agenda

The following updates were noted:

| PROJECT | |
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| Recreation Ground and Margaret Field Football Provision and liaison with the Football Club. | No meeting has taken place with the football club yet. A FA grant application has been submitted for financial support towards pitch maintenance. The outcome of the application is not yet known. Charges for the use of the football pitches at both sites and for the use of the pavilion will increase from 1st April 2024. |
| Spring Close Management Group | The Spring Close Management Committee has taken over the responsibility for Priory Meadow and Community Orchard. The apple trees in the orchard have now been pruned. The plum trees will be pruned later in the year. A meeting of the Spring Close Management Group has now been held. More representatives from the Council are needed for the Management Group. Jim Perry reported that the application for the Coronation Oak Trees from ECDC had been successful and that Burwell has been awarded 6 oak trees. 2 for Pauline's Swamp, 2 for Spring Close and 2 for Priory Meadow. Liz Swift is meeting with the Rights of Way Officer about the accessible gate. Permission has not yet been received for felling the sycamore tree on Spring Close. |
| Pauline's Swamp | The sedge cut has been postponed due to the weather. The new barn guttering has been altered. Liz Swift and Jenny Moss have met a lady at the swamp who would like to run some wellbeing activities there. The lady is also keen to support the Pride of Place application for the compostable toilet. The remains of the fallen tree have now been felled. Some old wire fencing has grown into the tree trunk. Jim Perry has said that he will try and remove the wire. Paul Webb, Paul Hawes, and Carl Turner have agreed to cut the bullrushes once water levels have gone down. This needs to be done before the Open Day in September. The Maintenance Officer will mend the fence damaged by the tree. |
| BAFY | Liz swift reminded all that BAFY folded in the middle of last year. The bank signatures have now been amended for the BAFY bank account. Lizzy Wales, the County Council Youth Officer has put in for a grant for Burwell and this could be used for sessions with the Connections Bus. If the bus is not available then they also have a transit minibus that brings equipment for the youth, but we will need to provide a venue. There is a Community Meeting for Youth Provision organised by the Community Safety Partnership on the |

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| | 28 th February between 7 pm and 8 pm at the Gardiner Memorial Hall. Lizzy Wales is also trying to organise some outreach activities. |
| Community Orchard | Discussed earlier. |
| Community Garden | Helen McMenamain-Smith informed the group that they would like to purchase a metal shed to house the water container and tools. The shed that they would like costs £305.00. There is still Pride of Place funding available for this project, so the shed can be purchased using these funds. <i>The Group recommends to Full Council that a lockable metal shed is purchased for the Community Garden in the sum of £305.00 using funds from the Pride of Place Grant.</i> The Community Garden Group intend to have a meeting in the next few weeks. Jim Perry raised concerns about youths using the benches. |
| Liaison with Sports Centre | Helen McMenamain-Smith reported that the Sports Centre is making good progress in updating the building. There has been an increase in business. It is not thought that the proposed 3G sports pitch at the Sports Hubb will affect usage in the long term of the all-weather facility at the Sports Centre. |
| Climate Change Policy | The draft of the revised Climate Change Policy is due to be considered at the next Climate Change Forum on March 5 th 2024. |
| A to B1102 Group | The results from the A to B1102 Bus Survey are now being analysed. Discussions have taken place with the Mayor of the Combined Authority which holds the funding for the bus service. A new Soham to Cambridge bus service, which will go through Burwell is being considered. It would be useful if this service could go through to Ely Train Station. Jim Perry mentioned that Linden Homes quotes on their website that 'Burwell has an excellent bus service'. Once the survey results have been analysed, they will be shared with the mayor. A to B1102 now have their own bank account. |
| Westhorpe Play Area | The Community Group have paid in a further £2267.27 and have asked if there is the possibility of another bench and some signage. The Clerk to go back to Kathryn Hyett and suggest that the group may like to choose what they would like. |
| Repair Café | The next Repair Café is on the 3 rd March 2024. A Swishing Party has been arranged for 23 rd March 2024. |
| Paddle the Lode | Nothing further has happened with this project. |
| Newmarket Road Sports Hub | Letters have been written by the Clerk to This Land, Cambridgeshire County Council, and the District Councillors regarding the transfer of land under the Section 106 Agreement. Awaiting responses. |
| Trees on the Avenue | Gus Jone had asked the Clerk to tell Highways that the trees have to be planted now. Liz Swift reported that she had emailed James Broder, Bob Rossiter's replacement about the scheme, but had heard nothing back. She will continue to chase. |

CLH&S/200224/04 Grass Cutting Margaret Field

The Clerk asked what was happening with the grass cutting at Margaret Field as this had been excluded from the main grass cutting contract. Truelink have cut the grass fortnightly over the summer. Wayne Hardy (Mr Groundsman is willing to provide a quotation). The Clerk to obtain some quotations based on the specification for the Recreation Ground.

CLH&S/200224/05 Donation Applications:

Burwell and District Day Centre

Jim Perry declared an interest in this item. A letter has been received from the Day Centre asking the Parish Council to consider making a donation of £500.00 towards the cost of a new sign. Following a proposal from Helen McMenamin-Smith, seconded by Charlie Milner, the following recommendation was made:

The Group recommends to Full Council that a donation of £500.00 is paid to the Burwell and District Day Centre to purchase a new sign,

Adventures away from Home Fund

The Group discussed a request for a donation from the Adventures Away from Home Team. It was agreed not to make a donation at the moment. The Group members agreed that they would publicise the scheme within the village.

CLH&S/200224/06 Any other business

MUGA and Skate Park – Lights and repair work to Skate Park

A quotation of around £700 to £750 had been received from Chaz to carry out repairs to the Skate Park. Charlie Milner agreed to contact someone else that he knows who also carries out work on Skate Parks to see how much he would charge. If Charlie is unable to make contact with him or if the cost is more expensive, the following recommendation will be made to Full Council:

The Group recommends that the quotation to repair the Skate Park from Chaz at a cost of around £700 to £750 is accepted.

The Clerk reported that an email had been sent to Max Jamieson, Shredder Skate School regarding arranging a meeting to discuss approved charges for using the skate park for commercial activities. He had responded opposing any charges and mentioned no meeting. The Clerk to contact him again regarding a possible meeting.

The Clerk to chase J J Drakes for a quotation to reprogramme the tennis court lights. The lights for the MUGA are currently turned off.

Burwell Carnival

The Clerk reported that Katherine Hyett, Chair of the Carnival Committee had suggested the idea of having a bus link between Margaret Field and the Recreation Ground to encourage people not to park in the area around the Recreation Ground. The Clerk had not heard anything further about this from Katherine Hyett. The Group noted that the Carnival normally has use of Margaret Field on the day as well, so it would not be a problem.

Complaint about Dog Fouling

A further complaint had been made about dogs not being on leads at the Recreation Ground. Concern from group members was raised about some dog owners allowing dogs off leads to enter the play area, which is not appropriate. It was generally felt that the new signs at the Recreation Ground have led to less owners allowing their dogs to run around the field off their leads.

Recreation Ground Football Goals

Another email had been received from Maddox Banks who would like a football goal post for the general public to use at the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the Football Club could be asked if they have an old goal post that could be cemented into the ground outside of the pitches.

Theme for Road Names (Millstone Park)

ECDC has asked for suggestions of themes for road names for the Millstone Park. Several suggestions had been received from Councillors including Wicken, surnames of local families, old village pubs, archaeological/historical names relating to the village and site, such as Tip Toft, the name of the manor previously built on the site, and names from the village war memorial. The Clerk agreed to respond to ECDC with possible themes of archaeological/historical names and names from the war memorial.

Saving Suffolk Archives

An email had been received regarding the relocating of archived records following the closure of the West Suffolk Archive in Bury St Edmunds to Ipswich. A number of Burwell related documents are amongst those to be relocated. The email had asked that the Council signs a petition against the relocation proposal. The Council agreed that although the online petition has now been closed, a letter should be sent objecting to the documents being taken to Ipswich.

Free Defibrillators

Free defibrillators are currently available. Gardiner Memorial Hall was suggested as a possible location. It was noted however that there is already a defibrillator in the vicinity at Trinity Church. There are currently eight defibrillators within the village. The cost to replace the batteries and pads is also quite expensive and It was agreed not to take on the responsibility of any more at this point of time.

Maps of local walking routes

A suggestion has been made that the Council could outline some walking routes for the village. This has been done previously and a member of another group has said that they will forward a copy of the previous booklet. A route around all of the plaques in the village could be drawn up. To be discussed at the next meeting.

CLH&S/200224/07 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 16th April 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed

Dated

Yvonne Rix

From: Nicola Hallows <nicola.hallows@gmail.com>
Sent: 07 March 2024 08:21
To: Yvonne Rix; Elizabeth Swift; Clive Leach
Subject: Climate and Ecology Bill

Morning all

As promised, some words on the Climate and Ecology Bill:

The Climate and Ecology (CEE) Bill is the only proposed legislation before the UK Parliament that ensures a comprehensive and joined-up approach to the climate emergency and nature crisis. It's a plan for a new UK law that addresses the full extent of the climate emergency and nature crisis in line with the most up-to-date science.

The Bill was first introduced in Parliament by Caroline Lucas MP in September 2020 and now has the backing of over 150 parliamentarians representing all major political parties.

'Zero Hour' ([zerohour.uk](https://www.zerohour.uk)) is the campaign for the Climate and Ecology Bill. Zero Hour is calling for individuals and organisations to back the Bill.

Zero Hour is also inviting individuals and organisations to sign an open letter to their local election candidates, asking them to support the Bill.

Given that Burwell Parish Council has declared a climate emergency and has an action plan and working group (the Climate Forum), it is proposed that the Council demonstrates its support for the Bill by signing up as a supporter on the Zero Hour website, and also signs the open letter.

Locally, Ely City Council, Histon and Impington Parish Council, and Cambridgeshire County Council back the Bill (full list of councils here <https://www.zerohour.uk/councils/>).