

- Some of the remainder replaces lost business rates income

Director of Public Health annual report

The annual report of Cambridgeshire’s Director of Public Health to the Adults & Health Committee in December argued strongly in favour of universal, rather than targeted, approaches to health inequalities. She observed that targeted public health interventions risked missing the majority of people needing these services. Her conclusions and recommendations were as follows.

The renewed interest and commitment to tackling health inequalities as a result of the pandemic, is very much welcomed. Historic approaches at tackling these inequalities have not been successful, in fact inequalities have widened.

The automatic response to tackling inequalities is to target, however, as demonstrated in this report, universal approaches can be far more effective at reducing inequalities, than targeted approaches. Universal approaches are also necessary in identifying those individuals who are in need of further intervention. Targeting has also often been carried out on geographical basis or using IMD [Index of Multiple Deprivation] quintiles, as argued in this report, this can often lead to the majority of individuals in need, being missed.

To be fair to our residents we need to successfully reduce inequalities in health outcomes. To be successful in this we must be more intelligence-led and evidence-based.

We need to:

- Keep a focus on universal interventions as a key way of improving outcomes, reducing inequalities in health in our population.
- Make sure that any universal offer is systematically planned and delivered to enable access to all and give additional support according to need.
- Start early (pregnancy and childhood) before inequalities become entrenched.
- Ensure that any targeted intervention is based on need, ideally through universal identification of need or risk rather than grouping by easily available information such demographics or geography evidence-led as to approach.
- Be transparent and explicit around considerations for interventions clearly articulating the proposed individual and population benefits, draw first on evidence-based approaches with proven cost effectiveness and where evidence is not available, research and evaluate the impact of new and innovative approaches.

Mobile library service review

A review of the Council’s mobile library service took place last year, resulting in a number of improvements. Twenty-one additional stops were added and routes were rearranged, enabled by storing vehicles within communities, rather than centrally.

- Mobile libraries are now available to the public nearly 20 per cent longer, due to reduced driving between stops.
- Travel has been reduced, with over 150 fewer miles travelled a month and so less fuel used.
- The service visited several events around the County, such as Thriplow Daffodil weekend, Ely and Cambridge Prides, fetes in Sutton, numerous outdoor The Library Presents events, Our Place in Space, and many more summer fetes by local staff using the new book bikes.
- 300 new members joined between May and September; and there were 6,296 visits to the vehicles and over 20,000 items issued—a stronger recovery than many of the service’s static libraries to pre-pandemic levels.

Bessie the book bike and Jessie the Jubilee bike attended twelve events to raise awareness for the service, including a royal reception at Cambridgeshire Day.

Sofas, chairs and bin bags have been banned from recycling centres from January 2023

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are found in various Waste Upholstered Domestic Seating (WUDS) such as sofas and upholstered dining chairs. Such materials should not be landfilled. The law against landfilling of POPs was introduced in 2007, but the Environment Agency recently announced it would become more rigorous in its enforcement.

The Environment Agency announced in August 2022 that it would soon expect councils to cease landfilling upholstered seating, and instead to incinerate it. It published its Final Regulatory Position Statements on this matter on Monday 19 December 2022, with implementation starting on Sunday 1 January 2023. The short notice over Christmas has provided little time to organise incineration capacity, and the Council is therefore seeking an extension of at least a month while it works through options and liaises with its waste contractor Thalia (formerly Amey) and with the district councils who collect Cambridgeshire's waste. This does however mean that from 1 January the Council will not be able to dispose of soft furnishings until a method of disposal acceptable to the Environment Agency has been identified and put in place.

20MPH schemes

The Highways & Transport Committee approved the changes to the Council's policy on 20MPH speed limits outlined in last month's report. The proposed timetable for applications for funding for new 20MPH speed limits is as follows.

- Go 'live' with application process on-line for new schemes (February 2023)
- Application period (February to April 2023)
- Prioritisation (May to June 2023)
- Committee report for approval (July 2023)
- Programming and delivery of schemes (August 2023 onwards)

Local Highway Improvement scheme updates

The deadline for applications for Local Highway Improvement schemes for the 2023/24 round is 5:00PM on Friday 6 January 2023. Applicants can apply for funding of up to either £25,000 for complex projects or £10,000 for non-complex projects. These can include applications for lorry weight limits. The applicant is expected to provide a minimum of 10 per cent towards the total scheme cost.

Making Connections consultation

The Greater Cambridge Partnership Making Connections 2022 consultation closed on Friday 23 December. Around 23,000 responses have been received, and the Greater Cambridge Partnership expects to publish a final report on the consultation outcomes and next steps, for consideration by its Board in June 2023.

The consultation is about proposals for public transport improvements, and better cycling and walking options, as well as about the element which has been most talked about: establishing a sustainable travel zone in Cambridge which involves a charge for driving in, out and within the zone. Any decision on a charge for driving on roads in Cambridge—or anywhere else in the county—would be a matter for Cambridgeshire County Council.

There is an expectation that the proposals in the consultation, including the proposal for a congestion charge, will be subject to change following public response to the consultation. As elected representatives we will be taking greatest care to understand the responses from our residents and

balance the urgent need to reform our public transport with concerns brought on by the proposals in the current form.

Plans for Cambridge South Station gain approval from Department for Transport

The Department for Transport has granted permission to build the Cambridge South station and carry out improvements at Shepreth Junction. Work will also take place to create a new connection between existing lines at Hills Road to improve access, but construction cannot begin until full details have been approved by the local planning authority. (More info [Cambridge South infrastructure enhancement: Transport and Works Order - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cambridge-south-infrastructure-enhancement-transport-and-works-order))

Safe and Dry

The Council has used a data interpretation and modelling tool to process information about local flood locations. As a result, it has identified a 'Safe and Dry' programme of 115 locations where work is needed to improve flood resilience, and work has begun on the first 50 of these locations. The remaining locations will be kept on a 'long list' for future works, which will be added to on an ongoing basis.

The Council is also in the process of delivering a two-year programme of works to clean and plot all gullies and surface drainage features countywide using the Kaarbontech Asset Management System.

King Charles III coronation street parties

The Council has published guidance for local groups seeking to organise street parties and highways events to mark the coronation of King Charles III in May 2023. All street party applications must be received by the County Council at least eight weeks in advance (Friday 10 March 2023) via the Council's website. Highway Events applications must be submitted at least twelve weeks in advance (Friday 10 February 2023). More information about the process can be found at [Coronation events - Cambridgeshire County Council](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/council-services/council-events/coronation-events)

SCDC Local Plan:

Cllr Flynn provided the information shown below in advance of the meeting:

- the number of new jobs to 2041 in Greater Cambridge has been revised upwards by around 8,500, resulting in an increase in new homes of virtually the same number and hence a modification of the home building needs projected in the 'first proposals' of the emerging local plan (up from a total of 44,400 by 2041 to 51,800)
- no confidence that there will be enough water until after 2035 when the new reservoir comes on line, with piping of water into the area from 2030 to plug the gap. However, further clarity from the water companies is required
- the rate of housing delivery is unlikely to be able to keep up with demand - the current spatial strategy will not be able to accommodate all required housing, so they're going to have to look elsewhere for land (ie more greenbelt built on)
- "...We will need to revisit the view taken at the First Proposal stage that development levels set as targets for the Local Plan should not cause unacceptable environmental harm taking the full range of considerations into account."

Cllr Flynn highlighted the following Sections at the meeting (Greater Cambridge Local Plan: Development Strategy Update (Regulation 18 Preferred Options), Jan

2023: <https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/documents/s61533/230117-PTSCReport-GCLP%20FINAL.pdf>)

Section 6.4 "...it is not clear whether the housing market could actually deliver the higher number of homes that would be required each year to meet the updated assessment of housing needs.....significant intervention in the housing market or a significant change to the development principles underpinning the spatial strategy would need to be explored, and even then it may not be possible to fully meet needs..."

Section 6.8 "We will need to revisit the view taken at the First Proposal stage that development levels set as targets for the Local Plan should not cause unacceptable environmental harm taking the full range of considerations into account."

Cllr Milnes commented that there is a statutory requirement to provide housing to accommodate the workforce. SCDC has failed to keep pace as employment grows with main employers Addenbrookes and the biotech industry. Significantly more housing is needed to address the issue.

Cllr Flynn pressed Cllr Milnes on affordable housing for local people, commenting that biotech required specialist skillsets in its employees. Cllr Milnes responded that SCDC had developed a scheme with the biotech industries to provide properties which were effectively 'tied' to work. Such properties would be available for all employees including service personnel. Properties would only be released to the market if it was demonstrated there was no further need by employees.

Councillors challenged Cllr Milnes comment that South Cambs was very fortunate to have high levels of employment, citing the 'Levelling Up' policy, and questioned why Cambridgeshire was being overdeveloped when, as Cllr Mines stated, other areas were envious of this situation. Cllr Milnes also commented that developers were delivering phased developments, which did not reduce the prices of houses to an affordable level. Councillors again challenged Cllr Milnes, as MPs have repeatedly stated building more houses would bring prices down. It would seem that SCDC has no mechanism in place to ensure sufficient build out is achieved to reduce prices which has been a Central Government mantra.

Cllr Milnes was also pressed on environmental concerns, given the recent Natural England decision to prevent any building taking place in Norfolk. Cllr Milnes stated that the SCDC core policy was environmental protection, so he did not have a concern that Natural England would take the same action against SCDC. However, development would cause some harm but that had to be balanced against the benefits, and not everyone would agree.

Cllr Milnes commented that villages would only have 'small' developments. Large developments would require new villages or towns to be established.

06.2023 Public Issues:

Memorial bench request: item for next meeting.

Haverhill Road & Bury Road: speeding & parking issues: update:

Cllr Flynn advised the decision of the previous meeting, and that an application for 20 mph limit on both roads will be submitted once the CCC scheme is operational. Discussions regarding events at the Granary had been undertaken, and it had sought advice and assistance from SCDC, CCC and the Police, to no avail. This is a highways and obstruction issue, which is not in the Parish Council's remit.

Development and adherence to conditions: Councillors expressed concern that conditions are not being enforced specifically around parking on site rather than the public highway. 18 London Road is a case in point, with the footway blocked by contractors vans. Councillors were urged to report this directly to the Police as it is highway obstruction.

07.2023 Proposals to Members

PROPOSAL: *That Stapleford Parish Council herewith agrees the Blue Ink Architecture Ltd fee of £3,100 to design the proposed renovation of the Jubilee Pavilion.* This proposal was discussed at point 15.2023 and amended.

08.2023 Planning applications:

22/1399/TTPO: Chalk Hill, Haverhill Road, Stapleford
Multiple tree work: *no objection*

22/05203/HFUL 8 Gog Magog Way Stapleford
Extensions with loggia, balcony and basement (Re-submission of 21/05638/HFUL): *objection: basement/ drainage/ hydrology/ noise/ impact on heritage asset/ overlooking/ trees/ environment/ climate change/ request call in if Officer recommends approval.*

22/05378/HFUL 22 Aylesford Way Stapleford
Demolition of existing conservatory to be replaced with single storey extension: *no objection*

22/05444/HFUL 3 Dukes Meadow, Stapleford
Single storey side extension to bungalow, rear facing dormer extension, minor amendments to rear openings, internal alterations. *No objection. Request condition all vehicles to be on site*

22/05395/HFUL 6 Finches Close, Stapleford
Single storey front and rear extensions: not previously advertised: Clerk to request extension of time to respond. **ACTION: CLERK**

22/05335/FUL The House on the Hill, Hinton Way, Gt Shelford

Retrospective change of use from agricultural building to ancillary domestic annex to House on the Hill with elevational alterations: not previously advertised Clerk to request extension of time to respond. **ACTION: CLERK**

Reference: **22/04303/REM**: Amendment to scheme

Proposal: Reserved matters application for additional access points, layout, scale, landscape and appearance following outline planning permission 20/02929/OUT (Outline planning for the development of land for a retirement care village in Use Class C2 comprising housing with care, communal health, wellbeing and leisure facilities, public open space, landscaping, car parking, access and associated development and public access countryside park with all matters reserved except for access)

Site address: Land Between Haverhill Road And Hinton Way Stapleford
Cambridge: Rangeford Village

Councillors commented that a number of additional documents have been loaded to the GC Planning website, but with no clarification on what changes are being proposed.

Greater Cambridge Planning: Joint Planning Compliance Policy: consultation to 20.1.2023: SPC decided no response would be submitted.

09.2023 Finance

December payments:

Description	Reference	Value
Salary	December	£1,317.39
Salary	December	£103.20
PAYE & NICS	December	£601.84
Payroll		£31.20
clean pavilion	3118	£450.00
MUGA: court cleaning	SI-2019	£84.00
MUGA: court cleaning	SI-2010	£192.00
MUGA: court cleaning	SI-1947	£276.00
Cemetery: woodchip	SI-1741	£348.00
Cut rec and slaughterhouse garden	SI-1939	£120.00
web hosting	2688	£600.00
Reimbursement: land reg £3/ travel Sept to Dec		£34.60
MUGA: court cleaning	SI-2028	£192.00
Rec: tree work	SI-2029	£336.00
Cemetery: Nov Grounds Maintenance	SI-2047	£410.00
pavilion deposit refund		£200.00

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		p. 2023.08 £200.00	
pavilion deposit refund		£18.26	
Clerks mobile phones		£15.63	
slaughterhouse electricity		£494.91	
pavilion electricity		£114.00	
Playground inspections	SI-2056	£768.00	
verges including collection	SI-2057	£84.00	
MUGA: court cleaning	SI-2059	£84.00	
MUGA: court cleaning	SI 2075	£84.00	
MUGA: court cleaning	SI 2072	£200.00	
Pavilion deposit refund		£200.00	
Pavilion deposit refund		£200.00	
pavilion deposit refund		£39.94	credit awaited
pavilion broadband: not yet installed		£1,311.00	
Cemetery numbering system		£412.50	
Planning consultant	22012	£18.00	
service charge		£974.21	
Village Weekend marquee deposit	10375		
			-£11,314.68
Street Lighting Electricity	Invoice not yet received	£139.81	
B Irons	December	£90.04	
			-£229.85
TOTAL DEBITS			-£11,544.53

Accounts summary:

January accounts to the 4th January 2023 presented to the meeting

Description	Reference	Value	
Salary	January	£962.44	
Salary	January	£136.95	
PAYE NICS	January	£352.86	
PWL		£0.00	
Payroll	58191	£67.20	
Broadband: not yet installed		£0.01	
Cemetery	SI-2116	£410.00	
Play inspection	SI-2098	£114.00	
pavilion cleaning	3119.00	£450.00	
			-£2,493.46
Street Lighting electricity	Invoice not yet received	£0.00	

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B Irons	January payment	£42.66	p.2023.09
			-£42.66

TOTAL DEBITS

-£2,552.92

PROPOSAL: That Stapleford Parish Council herewith agrees the payments presented on the schedule provided to Councillors by email in advance of the meeting: PROPOSED: Cllr H Kettel, seconded Cllr Pett. AGREED AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget & Precept

The budget with precept recommendations was discussed at the December meeting.

Further discussion was undertaken covering the following topics:

Provision of sufficient funding in relation to electricity charges for the buildings given the current cost of living crisis.

Street lighting electricity charge and unmetered supply: further discussion to be undertaken. **ACTION: CLERK**

Pavilion hire rate: recommendations to increase hire charges, and have a tiered charge. **ACTION: CLERK/BK**

Pavilion refurbishments **ACTION: HK**

Slaughterhouse: associated costs and benefit to the community. **ACTION:HK**

CSET: confirmation received from CAPALC and NALC that expenditure is legal and within Parish Council powers.

Grounds maintenance **ACTION: CLERK**

Employment **ACTION: CLERK**

PROPOSAL: That Stapleford Parish Council herewith adopts the budget and sets the precept for 2023 2024 at £89,250 (eighty nine thousand, two hundred and fifty pounds) PROPOSED: Cllr H Kettel, seconded Cllr Pett. AGREED AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY.

10.2023 Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Flynn

Neighbourhood Plan update:

- first steering group workshop with our external consultant, Cambs ACRE, on 6th Dec - identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the NP area; reviewed the policy background to our NP work; reviewed existing evidence base and identified gaps to fill; identified key NP themes and draft objectives
- JF meeting with AECOM to discuss Housing Needs Assessment requirements; subsequent confirmation from Locality that our request for technical support on this has been approved; awaiting notification of whether this will be grant funded (bearing in mind that a previous HNA in 2016 was grant funded so, technically, we have already used this money; however, it seems likely that funding will be provided, given the amount of time that has elapsed and changes to the wider environment affecting our NP area)

- next steps - steering group meeting on 17/1 to agree themes, objectives and draft vision; there is now a significant volume of work to be getting on with, notably extracting, sense-checking and validating recommendations from the Landscape Character Assessment

11.2023 Sports Facilities & Agreements: The Clerk will amend the agreements in line with the budgetary requirements and circulate to Councillors for comment.

ACTION: CLERK

12.2023 Grounds Maintenance and Trees:
a) Queen Elizabeth II: Memorial Tree: Queen's Green Canopy scheme extended to 23 March 2023: on hold
b) Slaughterhouse Garden repurpose: on hold
c) removal of dead hedging and tree: on hold

13.2023 Communications: Cllr Flynn
next Messenger articles to be submitted by Fri 13th Jan

14.2023 Highways: Cllr Flynn
Road Highways Initiative: speed reduction measures on Haverhill Road: grant funding applications: cost is prohibitive to the public purse.

- meeting with CCC Highways Officer, to discuss local highways issues - key action from this is to compile a list of our 'top 10' highways problems for inclusion in his FY23/4 schedule and budget. Not all can be accommodated, so make sure that the top 3 are really significant
- a review of all significant new/deepened pot holes (particularly along Church St) is urgently required to be submitted to CCC, pinpointing precise locations and supported by photos
- the Granary has completed a review of its Xmas Market event, including parking and highways issues associated with this. Haverhill Road and surrounding roads experienced severe congestion and illegal parking, resulting in at least 2 known reports to the police (one from SPC and one from the Granary itself). Photographic evidence of illegal parking supplied to the police should result in multiple fines being issued. CCC's advice prior to the event that it wasn't big enough to merit parking interventions was completely inappropriate.
- 20mph scheme has now been approved. Application period is Feb-Apr 2023; approval July 2023; delivery Aug 2023 onwards
- response to Making Connections consultation was submitted on 22 Dec and is available on SPC's website for public viewing - in summary, our position is "Stapleford Parish Council agrees that a good quality of life should be achievable in the absence of a car. However, GCP's bus-based plans lack credibility in transforming Cambridge's public transport. There is no evidence that more buses create modal shift. They are an out-dated attempt at a short-term fix for a multifaceted problem and will divert attention and funds away from what is really required: a sustainable, modern, efficient, interconnected, multi-modal transport system connecting people and places and delivering them to their destination in a timely and reliable manner. We look forward to further opportunities to debate the issues and the production of a more convincing set of proposals in due course."

15.2023 Pavilion Management: Cllr Pett

Pavilion Management Sub-Committee: the bins were left overflowing after an event, which Cllr Pett cleared up.

Pavilion renovations: grant funding applications: discussion/decision
The closing date for the Platinum Jubilee fund in January 2023 does not provide sufficient time for a scheme to be developed.

Councillors discussed the proposed renovations in combination with the future of the Slaughterhouse, with potential cross-funding availability subject to adherence to procedures.

Cllr H Kettel will discuss options with the Architect to include renovations to the kitchen, heating, lighting, storage, acoustics, toilets, creation of small meeting room from changing rooms. This will form the basis of a schedule of works to inform tender documents. A preliminary budget of £100,000 was discussed subject to further discussion with the Architect. There may be a requirement for application for a Public Works Loan to achieve the renovation subject to the future of the Slaughterhouse. S106 funding will form the basis of initial financing. If an opportunity is available, some of the Art fund may be utilised.

Amended proposal:

PROPOSAL: *That Stapleford Parish Council herewith agrees the Blue Ink Architecture Ltd fee of £3,600 to design the proposed renovation of the Jubilee Pavilion.* PROPOSED: Cllr H Kettel, seconded Cllr Pett.

AGREED AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY. **ACTION: HK**

16.2023 Playground

Repairs: toddler swing shackles need lubricating

 Bolt caps missing

 Gate not closing properly

 Slaughterhouse Garden: bin needs emptying

Cllr Pett agreed to check the equipment to ensure works have been completed. Councillors agreed the Slaughterhouse garden bins will be removed as emptying by Councillors was not deemed compliant with Health & Safety.

ACTION: CLERK

17.2023 CSET & East West Rail: Cllr H Kettel:

Better Ways For Busways: a big thank you to all those who have subscribed over the Christmas and New Year.

As mentioned previously, the GCP intend to apply for their TWAO (Transport and Works Act Order) later this quarter and at that point we need our Solicitors to submit our reasons for objecting, so that is our first major cost.

In the meantime, thank you to those who have volunteered to distribute leaflets and I will get back to you shortly as they are now being printed. The

23.2023

Dates of Meetings: 2023: 2nd February; 2nd March; 6th April; 4th May (APCM); 1st June (Audit); 6th July; 7th September; 5th October; 2nd November; 7th December Annual Parish Meeting: TBA

Meeting closed 9.50pm