

Report for Parish Councils - June 2018

Local Plan

It's the news that we've been waiting 4 years for! We heard on Monday 21st May that South Cambs District Council now has a 5-year land supply. This means that it can demonstrate that it has enough housing to cope with the growth of the area over the next 5 years. This, more importantly, means that South Cambs will now not be accepting the lack of a 5-year land supply as a reason to grant planning permission. On the whole this is very good news, but some otherwise worthy applications regrettably will have suffered setbacks as a result.

A1307

The next meeting of the A1307 Local Liaison Forum is scheduled for Wednesday 6th June from 6pm – 8pm at Linton Village College. We'll be presented the feedback/results of the recently closed public consultation on the three proposed schemes.

Community Chest

A new Grants Advisory Committee is being established to review all grant giving schemes. This is to ensure they are meeting the needs of the residents and targeting groups that are most in need of help. As a result, the Community Chest Scheme won't be accepting new applications after May 31st. Full details, and applications can be found at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest>

Local Highways Improvement Scheme

This is the main opportunity of the year to bid into the County Council Highways department to make local improvements to the local roads and footpaths. These have included over the years, speed reductions, pavement erections and zebra crossing installations. This is a well-used and very popular scheme that attracts bids from most of the Parishes in Cambridgeshire. Schemes are worked up with a Highways engineer and applications are limited to one per Parish. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st July. You can download the forms here - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-your-local-highway/local-highway-improvement-funding/>

Parklife

The annual South Cambs free family fun day is happening on July 1st. There are plenty of free activities ranging from cycling to canoeing to Scalextric. It's a great opportunity for adults and children to try new

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activities. More information can be found at - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/parklife>

Village Design Competition

SCDC has won some funding to work with a limited number of village communities in producing some new Village Design Statements. The aim is for these documents to articulate community priorities in terms of design and landscape, and for them to become adopted planning documents - helping the Planning team encourage the best possible design for new developments in and around the villages. If anyone is interested, let us know; further information should be available during this month.

Bins

If you regularly accrue more rubbish than fits into your blue or green bins, you can now request additional ones. Simply go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling> to apply.

Street Lighting

Cambridgeshire's street light bulbs are to be changed between May and December this year to LEDs in an attempt to save some money. The news that might have people's back up is that the contractor with the contract for this task is Balfour Beatty. Based on their performance over the last few years in replacing whole lighting columns, some people are sceptical on their abilities, but it is happening, so watch this space. A list of the streets affected can be seen at <http://www.lightingcambridgeshire.com/LEDUpgradeProgramme/ScheduleProgrammedWorks.htm> we don't have many in our area.

Changes at SCDC

AS reported last month, it's all change at SCDC with a new political administration and therefore new roles for members. We have personally secured new positions as Chairman of the Employment and Staffing Committee for Henry and for Geoff Chairman of a newly formed Committee which will be announced in due course.