

Buckden Parish Council Chair's Report November 2020

1) Community Action Plan

Anne and I have met and the proposals for the next stages in the Community Action Plan are laid out in the report from the Compliance Advisory Group

2) Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference

The Clerk and I attended this virtual Conference. Agenda attached. I attended Workshop 2 there is the opportunity to view the Conference until November 20th. If there are any of the workshops that Councillors think it would be helpful for me or the Clerk to attend, please let us know. I picked up a couple of bits of information

- One Council posts their GPs newsletter on their website, thought that might be something to consider.
- CAPALC offers 1 hour's free consultancy on a variety of things including finance and data management

3) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Commission on Climate Change

Has been set up to provide independent advice to the Combined Authority and other stakeholders on delivering practical action to mitigate and adapt to climate change in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. They have launched the following survey

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk-6985942.hs-sites.com/cpicc-have-your-say>

The link is provided to allow all Councillors to respond. The survey needs to be completed by 16th November .

4) Quarry Liaison meeting

I attended the latest Little Paxton Quarry virtual liaison meeting. This was a special meeting to inform all members of the group of the Little Paxton Planning Application to achieve a restoration scheme for the pits that are currently being worked. Points to note:

- The nature reserve has been extended to include Diddington Pits (thanks to Thornhill Estates)
- Mick George will managing the project because of their expertise in infilling restoration materials
- Once infilling has been completed, the Mick George Company will complete soil replacement and the creation of wetland conservation area which will form part of Paxton Pits. This will take up to 5 years
- Likely to be able to use footpaths by mid 2021

5) Drains

We reported a seriously blocked drain in Church Street, opposite Lucks Lane, we attached a photo. We have been informed that they will deal with it. I will monitor the situation.

Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference 2020 Friday 23 October 2020 Programme AGENDA

9.15am

Opening Address

Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive, Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council

9.30am

Beyond COVID-19: How can local councils adapt and evolve?

Adrian Chapman, Service Director, Communities and Partnerships, Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council

10.15am

BREAK: Time to visit the Networking Lounge and the Marketplace

11.00am

How our local council and community responded to COVID-19. Inspirational Case Study 1

Cottenham COVID-19 Response Team

11.20am

How our local council and community responded to COVID-19. Inspirational Case Study 2

Houghton & Wyton Parish Council and Community

11.40am

How our local council and community responded to COVID-19. Inspirational Case Study 3

Wisbech Town Council

12.05pm

Panel Discussion: What role could or should parish and town councils play in vital COVID-19 outbreak management work, and with supporting their vulnerable residents beyond the pandemic?

Our panel of experts will consist of:

- *Shaun Sadler, Department for Work and Pension*
- *Liz Robin, Director of Public Health*
- *Hugh McCurdy, Diocese of Ely*
- *Penny Bryant, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils*
- *Adrian Chapman, Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council*
- 1.00pm

LUNCH BREAK: Time to visit the Networking Lounge and the Marketplace

2.00pm

Breakout Sessions: Delegates will choose one session to attend from six available – see following pages for descriptions

3.30pm

Final opportunity to visit the Networking Lounge and the Marketplace

4.30pm

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Workshop Sessions

1 Making our lives better: The future of technology in our communities

2 Preparing for Emergencies

3. Strengthening your town or parish council's offer to residents

4. Enabling and Supporting Volunteering

5. Improving collaborative working between Clerks and Councillors including leadership and roles.

6. Local Councils: Developing, managing, maintaining and owning community assets successfully