

CHAIR'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025

MILL ROAD BUFFER ZONE

The period for any objections to the proposals by Cambridgeshire County Council for a 30 mph buffer zone on the approach to the village ended on 5th September. I hope to be able to provide more information at the meeting.

UNITY TRUST BANK ACCOUNT

The Unity Trust Bank is the main Bank that the Parish Council uses, and we maintain a Current Account and an Instant Access Deposit Account with them.

Rather than leave excessive balances on a non-interest paying Current Account we have transferred a significant sum to the Deposit Account where we currently earn 2.25%. We need to ensure that adequate funds are always available on the Current Account to meet any payments authorised at Council Meetings and last month there was a small problem with the transfer.

At present, all transfers between the Current and Instant Access Accounts must be originated by the Clerk and approved by two Councillors, the same as for payments leaving the Current Account. I would like to propose that The Clerk be given authority to transfer funds, as required, between the two Unity Trust Accounts.

BRAMPTON CROSS

Later in the Agenda there are the reports from Councillor Gerald Sansom on the two meetings of the Brampton Cross Working Party. We have been asked to endorse an open letter being sent to the potential developers, Endurance Estates, and to add our name to that letter. As Alconbury Parish Council wanted our reply by 4th September, rather than call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council, the Vice-Chair and I, in consultation with the Clerk and the Chair of our Highways and Sustainable Transport Advisory Group, agreed that I should give our support and ask for confirmation at this meeting.

My email to Alconbury Parish Council is as follows:

“Buckden Parish Council did not consider that an extraordinary meeting was justified, and I am responding as Chair, in consultation with our Clerk. Our meeting on Tuesday 9th. September will be asked to confirm my action which will be in line with our earlier decision to support objections to this proposal. The only additional point that we would like to make is our concern that the volume of traffic on the already overloaded A1 will increase substantially and have detrimental effects on Buckden Roundabout. Please take this email that Buckden Parish Council wishes its name to be added to the open letter to Endurance Estates.”