

Melbourn Parish Council June 2021 – District and County Councillors’ Report

The **South Cambs Community Safety Partnership** has launched a free toolkit to help local people keep caring for their community as the pressures of the pandemic ease. Areas included are:

- [Preventing anti-social behaviour](#)
- [Crime prevention in your community](#)
- [Reaching your community](#)
- [Combating loneliness and social isolation](#)
- [Tackling road related concerns](#)
- [Making the environment feel safer and greener](#)

More information can be found via link below:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-development/crime-anti-social-behaviour-and-community-safety/community-safety-toolkit/>

Little Lane access restrictions update

New signage highlighting the existing 6’6” width restriction is being produced and a letter will be hand-delivered to all residents explaining the reasoning behind installing a bollard alongside the new signage at the entrance to the lane - which is to protect against property damage from oversized vehicles.

Beechwood Avenue and associated roads – post-resurfacing jobs

Line painting of junctions at Elm Way and the Beechwood cul-de-sac will be completed next month. Another sweep will also take place. Thanks to the parish council for cutting back the tree at the cul-de-sac in order to expose the no through road signage.

Community Chest Grant update

As always the **Community Chest Grant** scheme at SCDC is running, the application page and criteria can be found here <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-development/grants/community-chest-grants/>

In addition SCDC are also running a **Zero Carbon Grant** scheme, for a share of the £100,000 on offer, again for details and application page the link is <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/nature-and-climate-change/zero-carbon-communities/zero-carbon-communities-grant/>

Fowlmere Aerodrome traffic

Following a conversation with an Environment Enforcement Officer at SCDC we have been advised any complaints relating to air traffic into and out of Fowlmere Aerodrome would fall under the remit of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and not South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC). Any complaints about this activity would therefore need to be reported to them using the link below:

<https://www.caa.co.uk/Passengers/Resolving-travel-problems/How-the-CAA-can-help/How-the-CAA-can-help/>

Road safety conversations

A number of residents been in touch to raise concerns regarding parking and congestion at the beginning and end of the school day either side of the Orchard Road crossroad. Concerns continue along Orchard Road towards Water Lane where the pavement runs out and the footpath from Ash Grove meets Orchard Road. Jose, Sally Ann and Susan are meeting with representatives from Highways early in July to discuss these issues.

Drains reported

Following the heavy rainfall in June, Highways have been alerted to the still problematic drains between the car park and the cross. A return visit by the team has been ordered.

County Council public health are asking us to support the current vaccination drive, as well as the rapid flow home testing, at a time when Covid cases have risen sharply in South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge, especially among young people. Addenbrooke's and GP surgeries are working hard with long waiting lists and there is little if any extra capacity.

Cambridgeshire Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan Consultation

This consultation closes July 13 – please consider responding, at a moment when the health benefits of active travel have been strongly recognised.

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/cc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021>

The A10 Corridor Cycling Campaign will meet in late July with a view to supporting the next stage of the Melbourn Greenway scheme.

Thakeham update, South West Cambridge Action Group – Jose and Susan

(Sally Ann has decided not to join the SWCAG steering group so as to protect her right to vote on the Local Plan)

- SWCAG invited Thakeham to a public meeting to answer questions from the public, but Thakeham has so far declined.
- The May 26th SWCAG meeting for parish council representatives with Stephen Kelly, Head of Greater Cambridge Shared Planning, focused on the OxCam Arc and juxtapositions of local authority and central government planning powers.

- Mr Kelly reported that Thakeham has to date not lodged a submission to the South Cambs Call for Sites, the statutory planning process in the creation of a new Local Plan. The window of opportunity to do so is diminishing.
- A response has been received on an appeal to a Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government's Freedom of Information Act refusal – the appeal was denied on the basis that it was not in the public interest. This has been posted on the SWCAG website under the News and Events page: www.swcag.org.uk
- Thakeham have confirmed that it has commissioned surveillance work on its proposed site and anecdotal evidence suggests that the flurry of helicopters overhead in early June were part of this – we await Thakeham's confirmation that the helicopters were indeed commissioned by them.
- A local landowner has shared a copy of a letter received from Thakeham in which the developer suggests that compulsory purchase will be deployed if the landowner chooses not to participate in the Thakeham project. A copy of the letter is posted on the News and Events page at www.swcag.org.uk.