

## Meldreth Parish Council July 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/>

### 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/>

### Ditch maintenance

A County Council officer will be coming out to Meldreth on July 14 to advise on what could be done collectively by residents to improve the condition of the privately owned ditch in Chiswick End.

### Drains reported

Following the heavy rainfall in June, Highways have been alerted to the still problematic drains in North End and the High Street, for a return visit.

**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 to deal with further pressures.

### **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 July with a view to supporting the next stage of the Melbourn Greenway scheme.

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

- 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](http://www.swcag.org.uk).
- Still no news from Thakeham on a submission to the Local Plan.