

News from South Cambridgeshire Council June 2021 for the Dry Drayton Parish Council and Newsletter

Your Councillors are here to help you. Please do feel free to contact us with comments, questions, problems or complaints. We hope we can help but if we can't we are likely to know someone who can! Please do not hesitate to contact me Corinne Garvie, Cllr.garvie@scambs.gov.uk 07780 932267 or 01223 276184.

To introduce myself, I have lived in Girton for 33 years and worked for the NHS for 40 years as a Speech and Language Therapist. I have a part-time role at the Cambridge University Faculty of Education. I have volunteered for Girlguiding for 20 years running Guide and now Rainbow activities. I volunteer with the Youth Hostel Association and CU Museums. My term of office as a School Governor at Girton Glebe comes to an end in the summer.

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I have been active with planning issues.

The proposed Solar Farm at Childerley Farm which was discussed by the Parish Council earlier this year has come up for planning.

The Strawberries and Creem Festival describes itself as "The UK's Tastiest festival for music and youth culture", (I admit I thought would be a large tea party). It will be at Childerley Orchard on Friday 17th September from 1pm for campers till 12am on Monday. The music will be on the Saturday and Sunday 18th and 19th September. All visitors to the festival will be bused in. It conforms to the Covid advice at present.

I am happy to pass on any concerns you have about the festival to the Organisers.

News from the Council

Zero Carbon Grant Scheme

Community groups can bid for grants between £1000 and £15000 for projects to tackle climate change. Go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/applications-open-for-cash-for-climate-change-projects/> to read more about the grant, how to apply and how to register for the webinar. Closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday 30 July 2021.

Wild Minds Programme for Teenagers

Wild Minds is our free programme of wellbeing activities to support the mental wellbeing of 14-17 year olds with things like anxiety and low mood, or to build self-esteem and confidence. The course has been developed by South Cambridgeshire District Council together with Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust and is supported by a Clinical Psychologist. The next 8-week courses begins on Sunday 6 June and can still read about it and register free at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/wildminds>
Also check out this ITV video: <https://www.itv.com/news/anglia/2021-05-12/using-nature-to-nurture-well-being-how-being-in-green-spaces-can-ease-lockdown-anxiety>

Business support

Businesses that are predominantly reliant on delivering in-person services affected by the last national lockdown can apply via our website for the Government's Restart Grants of up to £6000. Go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/financial-support-for-business/restart-grants/> to make your application. Closing date 30th June 2021.

Pride 2021

This month is Pride 2021, celebrated both nationally and internationally. The Council supports Pride and would like to encourage everyone to check out the LGBTQ+ resources on the council's webpage <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/LGBTQ-History-Month>. The Council also continues to support Encompass Network locally, and further information about their work and activities can be found on their website <http://encompassnetwork.org.uk/>

Call for Sites

Thousands of people engaged in the wide-ranging 'First Conversation' consultation that took place last year, and the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service had on 16 September published the 8,500 responses it received on how the new Local Plan should take shape. These responses include suggestions of sites for development and for green spaces across Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, sent in by landowners, developers, communities and others.

I understand that Parishioners are concerned about the Call for Sites process so I have had a statement from Cllr Dr. Tumi Hawkins, Lead Cabinet Member for Planning at South Cambridgeshire District Council. She said: "We know some of our residents may worry about sites in their villages that have been put forward through the Call for Sites process; please be reassured that no suggested sites have any planning status at this point in time. There is far, far more land submitted than will possibly be needed to meet the numbers of new homes we may need to plan for, and we won't be choosing any sites that don't meet strict tests for their suitability and sustainability.

"The whole purpose of creating a Local Plan is so that the homes that we do need can be built in a planned, balanced way, according to the policies and guidance we establish through the Local Plan process. If anything, we hope the Call for Sites process will help to illustrate the effort that the Council puts into creating a Local Plan, and help residents to understand how much consideration goes in to ensuring development is done well."

There will be another Consultation in the Autumn.

East West Rail

The public Consultation is over. The County Council and the South Cambs District Council have submitted a list of requests for further information and changes which need to be made.

The MPs, Anthony Browne and Lucy Frazer now also back the southern route.

Covid

Regular rapid testing is a key way that we can all keep ourselves, as well as our friends and family safe as restrictions continue to ease. Anyone who does not have symptoms can now get regular

rapid lateral flow tests to check for COVID-19. You can get the test or collect home kits at The Hub in Cambourne or order online <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

If you know anyone who is hesitant to have the vaccine, please try to persuade them to get vaccinated or suggest they ring the surgery to get more advice.

Where do you want to see cycling and walking routes?

Cambridgeshire County Council has begun a consultation on the creation of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Cambridgeshire and are interested in YOUR feedback on the initial proposals. This is an early stage policy document which seeks to outline new and existing walking and cycling routes and consider which routes should be created or improved, as and when funding becomes available. In many cases, it may be several years before monies come forward for these projects and works can take place. However, identifying the best routes and putting a Plan in place means that the County will be in the best position to bid for future Government funding and progress new cycling and walking routes.

Please take a look at the proposals. Are these the right routes for the local area? Are there alternatives routes to consider? The consultation closes 13 July 2021 on the C like to see created or prioritised on the map. <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/cc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021>

Consultation on the future of the Milton Refuse Centre

The lease for the land the Milton refuse centre is on will be terminating in 2026 and they have opened a consultation on how people would like the refuse centre to be in the future. Proposals can be seen here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/proposed-new-household-recycling-centre-at-milton> . The consultation ends on Tuesday 27 July 2021.

Corinne