

3.	<p>Matters arising.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning ref: 17/01559/OUT Outline application at College Farm. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to East Cambs planning department reiterating the request for Outright refusal of this application as it is now outside the development envelope. The comments of Highways Development Management (dated 6th October) were also noted. The Clerk will also contact the Trees Officer about the construction of the passing bays. • Playpark. The Clerk is obtaining quotes for benches and/or play equipment and will report back at the next meeting. 								
6.	<p>Correspondence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following planning applications have been approved: Ref 17/00819/FUL Proposed dwelling 2 Church Road, Wentworth Ref17/00798/FUL Single and two storey extension to rear at 2 Church Road, Wentworth. • A letter from Witchford Parish Council requesting information about the need for bus services from Wentworth. 								
7.	<p>Cllr Atkin declared an Interest in the following item. Planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ref 17/01650/TPO Removal and replacement of trees. 1 Main Street, Wentworth • Ref 1701651/TPO Removal and replacement of trees. 2 Main Street, Wentworth. <p>Cllrs concluded that the applications have been made after advice from a qualified arborist and the East Cambs Trees officer and therefore have no objections.</p>								
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9.	<p>Items for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None raised. 								
	<p>The Meeting closed at 8.30pm</p>								

Signed..... Dated.....

Cllr Lorna Dupré

County Councillor for the Sutton division

Report to Wentworth Parish Council, Wednesday 11 October 2017

County Council budget

County Council committees are beginning to consider their budget options for next year. The projected gap between income and expenditure for next year is £37.5M. Options to reduce expenditure are being considered, but not options to increase general income through council tax by the 2 per cent the government expects. (The council is likely to increase the social care element by 2 per cent).

Meanwhile, the council is joining with other county councils to ask the government for more funds.

Innovate & Cultivate Fund

Applications are now open for a share of the County Council's £1M Innovate & Cultivate Fund. The intention of the fund is for local communities to deliver services that will reduce pressure on county council services or produce direct savings for the council. There are two initial deadlines, 26 October for large and small grants, and 15 December for small grants only. Small grants are £2,000-10,000, large grants up to £50,000. There will be further opportunities to apply, and a workshop will be held in February next year (date and venue awaited).

<http://www.cambscf.org.uk/icf.html>

Children's centres

The Chairman of the Children & Young People Committee has decided that his committee will not consider plans for the closure of children's centres at its meeting on 10 October as originally planned. Instead the proposals will be taken straight to the Full Council on 17 October. At the same meeting, a petition of over 3,000 signatures opposing the closures will be presented.

Air quality

A report to the Health Committee stated that East Cambridgeshire District Council had not submitted its air quality report for last year to the Director of Public Health.

Local government reorganisation

The County Council agreed six months ago to receive a report on opportunities for reorganisation of local government in Cambridgeshire, including the possibility of moving to one or more unitary authorities to replace the current two-tier county and district structure. This report will be coming to the Full Council shortly. Meanwhile, the Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough has also expressed interest in changing local government structures.

Opportunity Area

More details have now emerged of the 'Opportunity Area' status for East Cambridgeshire and Fenland, announced in January by the Department for Education. Littleport Community Primary has been chosen as the research school which will host this scheme. A Programme Manager will be appointed for two years, and funding will be provided for up to three years for particular projects.

<https://eastcambsandfens.researchschool.org.uk/about-us/our-research-school/>

Local Enterprise Partnership

The Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough is making a bid to government to take over the work of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The LEP has come under fire from the MP for North East Cambridgeshire, and the government is currently withholding funds from it while the National Audit Office conducts an investigation.

Getting into teaching

A 'Getting into teaching' event for residents interested in considering a career in teaching is being held at Anglia Ruskin University on Thursday 16 November.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getting-into-teaching-information-event-tickets-37992374214>

Cambridgeshire archive move delayed

The project to move the Cambridgeshire archives from Shire Hall to Strikes bowling alley in Ely has been delayed, due to the need to submit a second planning application and to bring the design within budget. A firm timetable is not yet available, but the building will be opening in 2019 rather than 2018 as originally intended.

Cycleway Witchford to Witcham Toll

Having followed up complaints about the condition of the cycleway from Witchford to Sutton, I have been advised that the section from Witchford to Wentworth crossroads is being upgraded this financial year, and that the section from Wentworth to Witcham Toll will be weed sprayed and sided out and overhanging foliage cut back. The section from Witcham Toll to Sutton will not be upgraded this year but an order is in place for siding out and weed spraying, and also to overlay the surface to increase the width slightly and improve the smoothness of the ride.

Surgeries

I will now be holding monthly Meet Your Councillor surgeries in Witchford as well as in Sutton and Little Downham.

Meet Your Councillor

- Tuesday 10 October, 6:30-7:30pm, Sutton, school community room
- Monday 30 October, 6:30-7:30pm, Witchford, St Andrew's Hall
- Wednesday 1 November, 2:00-3:00pm, Little Downham, Book Café
- Tuesday 14 November, 6:30-7:30pm, Sutton, school community room
- Monday 27 November, 6:30-7:30pm, Witchford, St Andrew's Hall

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