

Clerk report to Bourn Parish Council meeting on 19 November 2014

Where I have information to support the agenda this is detailed below.

Comments and observations from members of the public and from the County and District Councillors

Standing orders state - Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda.

A question asked by a member of the public during a public participation session at a meeting shall not require a response or debate, the Chairman may direct that a response to a question posed by a member of the public be referred to a Councillor for an oral response or to an employee for a written or oral response.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 15 October 2014 - attached

4.1 Hall Close play area bin – see attached

4.2 (6.2) To consider recommendation from Tree Warden on overhanging branches of willow tree at Jubilee Playing Fields car park, dead Elm tree at corner of Riddy Ln and Church St and logs from fallen tree.

Hilary emailed;

- **The missing log is behind the Jubilee Playing Field pavilion.** I would suggest that it is re-instated, because it is part of the Wickstead design for the playing field. The metal fixing is still in the ground. We don't know whether Frank could re-fix it or whether you will need Wickstead to do it.
- **The willow tree in the Jubilee Playing Field carpark.** The branch that blew off has been partly lopped, but the remainder is still hanging by a bit of bark. This needs to be removed before it falls. Another branch is a bit low and extends out over the carpark. It might be a good idea to lop this branch back to the trunk at the same time.
- **The PC hedge on Caxton End.** Part of the hedge has been cut down to install a new fence in the back garden of 10, Kingfisher Close, Bourn CB23 2TJ, abutting Caxton End. I would suggest to the owner of 10 Kingfisher Close that they should replant the hedge along the existing line, with native broadleaved hedging plants such as hawthorn, field maple etc.
- **Fallen tree in Riddy Lane.** We think this tree fell down. It has been chopped up (apparently in the middle of the night), but the logs and rubbish have not been removed and are piled up on the verge roughly halfway between the junction with Caxton End and Church Street. **Dead Elm in Riddy lane.** There is a dead Elm (still standing) on the corner of Riddy Lane and Church Street. The logs and the dead tree should be removed.
- **The owners of 1, Baldwins Close, Bourn, CB23 2TH** have put up a new fence along the back and side of their garden, which abuts Riddy Lane and Church Street. A lot of undergrowth has been removed to enable them to do this. This will probable grow back and hide the fence, but because the trees along Riddy Lane have an 'Area Tree Preservation Order' and are also in the Conservation area, it would be a good idea to remind the owners of the need to ask for permission.

4.3 To consider quote for 'Please keep dogs on lead' sign for Hall Close Play area

Quote from Algar signs;

To supply 1 No: sign 500x400mm Ref: PLEASE KEEP DOGS ON A LEAD

Plastic @ £44.00

Aluminium @ £52.00

To supply channelling, clips and 1 No: aluminium post @ £72.00

To fix on site @ £88.00. Prices are plus vat.

5.2 SCDC Decision notices

5.2.1 S/169414/FL – 49 Broadway – New access and drive to bungalow. Permission granted by SCDC.

6.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills – attached

6.2 Play inspection report and to consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety - attached

7. Member reports and items

Members reports are for info only unless specified and the Council can not make any decisions under the items for information. If a member wants the Council to make a decision at a meeting please notify the Clerk in writing at least seven days before the meeting so the item can be added to the agenda.

8.1 SCDC –Local Green Space designation Camping Close - Attached

8.2 Electoral review of Cambridgeshire

Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review of Cambridgeshire County Council. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the review and seek your views on future division boundaries for the council.

The Commission is carrying out a review to deliver electoral equality for voters across the county. At present, some county councillors represent many more, or many fewer, electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the county. The review aims to correct those imbalances.

What is an electoral review?

The electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council. In particular, it will propose:

- The total number of councillors elected to the council in the future.
- The number of divisions.
- The number of councillors representing each division.
- Division boundaries.
- Names of divisions.

For parishes, the review can recommend changes to the electoral arrangements of parish and town councils i.e. the number, names and boundaries of parish divisions and the number of parish councillors for each parish division. However, this is only in circumstances where the parished area is to be divided between divisions. Even in these circumstances, the Commission will not normally recommend any change to the number of councillors to be elected to a parish or town council. The Commission has no power to consider changes to the external boundaries of a parish or the creation of new parishes.

When?

Today 28 October 2014 is the start of a 12 week public consultation during which the Commission is inviting proposals for new electoral arrangements. The consultation will close on 19 January 2015. After considering all representations made during this consultation, the Commission intends to publish draft recommendations in May 2015. There will then be a further period of consultation on the draft recommendations. Final recommendations are expected to be published in September 2015. The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in 2017.

How to get involved?

This is a public consultation and we welcome views from individuals and organisations across the county on where they think new division patterns should be drawn.

The Commission is minded to recommend that 63 councillors should be elected to Cambridgeshire County Council in the future. It is now inviting proposals to help it draw up a pattern of divisions to accommodate 63 county councillors.

In drawing up a pattern of electoral divisions, the Commission must balance three criteria, which are set out in law, namely:

- To deliver electoral equality where each county councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the county.
- That the pattern of divisions should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
- That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

We are asking local people and organisations for their views as to the best pattern of divisions for the county which meet the requirements set out above.

The Commission will treat all submissions equally and will judge each case on its merits and against the statutory criteria. If you wish to put forward a view, we would also urge you to ensure that your submission is supported by evidence. For example, if you wish to argue that two parishes should be included in the same electoral division, make sure you tell the Commission why they should be together, providing evidence about community facilities, ties, organisations and amenities, rather than simply asserting that they belong together.

There is plenty more advice on our website about how you can get involved in the consultation and put your views forward. Log on to www.lgbce.org.uk to find out more. The website includes the technical guidance that explains the process and our policies as well as guidance on how to take part in each part of the process. We have set up a page on our site which is dedicated to the review of Cambridgeshire where you can find all the relevant information.

You can also access interactive maps of the current division boundaries across the county on our specialist consultation portal. The portal also allows you to draw your own boundaries, mark areas of interest on the map and upload documents directly to

the site. Log on to www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk to access the portal or find it via our main website.

Get in touch

We encourage as many people and organisations as possible to get involved with the consultation and we encourage local organisations and parish councils to engage their local networks and communities in the review.

View interactive maps of the county, draw your own boundaries and have your say at our specialist consultation portal at: www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk.

Find out more about the review at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

Email your views to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk.

Follow us on Twitter at: [@lgbce](https://twitter.com/lgbce).

Write to: Review Officer (Cambridgeshire)

Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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This phase consultation closes on 19 January 2015. We will write to you again when we open our consultation on draft recommendations.

Please note that the interests of transparency, copies of the all representations we receive during this review will be placed on our website. We remove any personal identifying information such as signatures and private residential addresses prior to placing any submissions in the public domain.

8.3 **Resident – Hall Close parking** - attached