County Councillor Report for Parishes – October 2023 – Cllr Anna Bradnam

Civil Parking Enforcement Anticipated Works – Signage

Parishes in South Cambs have recently received a letter advising us that
"Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC), in partnership with South Cambridgeshire District (SCDC) and the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) have resolved to bring Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) to the District of South Cambridgeshire."
Currently there is Civil Parking Enforcement in Cambridge City but not in South Cambs, Huntingdonshire or Fenland, some of the very few Districts in the country that were not previously empowered to undertake CPE.
Civil Parking Enforcement allows CCC as the Highway Authority to employ parking enforcement staff, rather than relying on the Police to undertake this duty, which as we know, they cannot do, due to lack of capacity.
For this reason, surveys are under way to assess the condition of lines and signs on the highway, to ensure they are in an enforceable condition.

County Flood Action Conference

I attended this event on Thursday 21 September, in St Ives. Community flood groups, local authorities from across the Great Ouse catchment and surrounding areas, and industry representatives came together on Thursday for Cambridgeshire County Council's second flood action conference.
With the ongoing effects of climate change, many more communities could be at increased risk of flooding. As different organisations tackle different types of flooding in different places, partnership working is crucial, and the event focused on further strengthening those partnerships.
We heard from speakers including flood resilience champion Mary Dhonau, the Local Resilience Forum and CIRIA (the Construction Industry Research and Information Association), who shared their knowledge and experience of how we can work together to tackle flooding.

Environment and Green Investment Committee

Committee members voted to take part in this innovative trial, funded by the government, intended to improve connectivity at high density venues, where many people are using mobile devices at the same time.
One of 19 projects benefiting from the recent Government announcement of an £88 million investment in innovative open 5G connectivity solutions across the UK, is the **Cambridgeshire Open RAN Ecosystem** (CORE) project led by Cambridgeshire County Council's digital connectivity programme Connecting Cambridgeshire and a consortium of partners who will harness next-generation technology to deliver a multi-vendor 5G Open RAN neutral host platform to improve mobile capacity in high-density data usage locations.
Iconic sporting venues and tourism hotspots across the UK will see trials of new mobile tech designed to increase the resilience of the UK mobile network and ensure we are not overly reliant on any one form of technology, thanks to £88 million of UK Government R&D investment in innovative connectivity.
The 19 successful projects in the **Open Networks Ecosystem** (ONE) Competition will demonstrate the reliability and feasibility of **Open Radio Access Network** (RAN) technologies and showcase their role in delivering resilient and future-proofed connectivity to UK citizens and businesses.
The ONE competition helps deliver on the UK's ambition to be a global leader in telecoms research and development, through investment in cutting-edge open hardware and software.

The funding will enable the successful projects to develop and demonstrate a range of innovative technological solutions to improve connectivity in places with some of the biggest demand on mobile services. This includes busy locations like cities, airports, stadiums, or large venues where many people use their devices simultaneously, posing a challenge for mobile networks to handle high levels of traffic.

The ONE competition was designed to demonstrate how this new way of building mobile networks can deliver fast, dependable connectivity in busy places where many people need wireless connections. Instead of using only one company's equipment, Open RAN enables different companies' technology to work together, which can make the network better and more flexible.

The projects will initiate trials of open 5G networks across the country, in:

- Major urban centres in Glasgow, **Cambridge**, Liverpool, Bath, and the City of London
- Iconic sports and entertainment venues including Cardiff's Principality Stadium, Sunderland's Stadium of Light, the National eSport Arena, **Cambridge Corn Exchange**, and Shelsley Walsh motorsport venue.

Highways

Fen Ditton - Church Street / Green End pavement – I continue to press for the pavement to be resurfaced. I am advised these are on the LHO's list for assessment.

Waterbeach - Field access opposite 'The Bridge' used as parking – I am advised this area is County land but users are advised that this is not a formal car park and they use it at their own risk.

Milton - nothing new to report

Landbeach - I continue to support the residents in seeking an explanation of when the street furniture reported as damaged and missing in 2020 will be replaced.

Mereway - Cllr Bearpark and I have objected to U&C about the width of the hard path being laid.

Cycle paths – **Milton to Landbeach** - the grass has been cut. I am advised the hedgerow vegetation will be cut back on this and the **Milton to Impington** route. I asked for this to be done in preparation for the new term at the beginning of September.

Horningsea – I am aware residents remain concerned about speeding through the village – and report to the Police regularly.

Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation Project

You can follow the progress of the project on the Planning Inspectorate website here
Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Relocation | National Infrastructure Planning (planninginspectorate.gov.uk)
Register to take part in the Preliminary Meeting, Open Floor Hearing or Issue Specific Hearings by 23:59 on Tuesday 10 October 2023.

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