

# Bourn Parish Council Newsletter

September 2015

Welcome to our September newsletter. In this issue we have information and updates on:

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## Planning Update

**Examination of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan** was suspended by the Planning Inspector in May 2015 to enable SCDC to address two points. Firstly, the Inspector was concerned that the Local Plan jumped to the idea of new settlements (e.g. the proposal for 3,500 houses on Bourn Airfield) without adequately examining the alternative of building in the Green Belt south of Cambridge. Secondly she considered that the overall housing requirements may have been underestimated. SCDC is working to address the Inspector's concerns and will issue a revised Local Plan, for public consultation, in November. Have your say!

**Coalition of Parish Councils.** Bourn Parish Council convenes a Coalition of 16 parish councils concerned about unsustainable housing development in the A428 corridor. We argued to the Inspector that new housing developments like West Cambourne and Bourn Airfield would increase rat-running through our villages as people living in the new houses would have to drive to work. This is because most of the new job opportunities will be concentrated in the Addenbrookes' biomedical park and related developments (e.g., Astra Zeneca) south of the city. The Coalition will review the revised plan and play an active part in the next round of hearings to be organised by the Inspector.

**Cambourne to Cambridge busway.** The county, city and district councils would like to use up to £100 million of City Deal money to establish a dedicated busway from Cambourne to a new 'park and ride' facility near Madingley Mulch and on into Cambridge. Three routes have been proposed, one down Madingley Hill and the others to the north and south of this. It would be a bus route and not a guided busway.

We recognise that a dedicated bus route would be useful to some people living in Cambourne and to users of the proposed new park and ride scheme. But, over 80% of people living in Cambourne currently travel to work by car. People in South Cambridgeshire work all over the district and a better bus service to Cambridge will not help them or residents of any future development! The dedicated bus route proposal will be published for public consultation on the 12th October. Have your say!

*Details of the consultations on the Local Plan (probably November to January) and the City Deal busway (October/November) will be published on the Bourn Parish Council website, as soon as they are available. Just Google Bourn Parish Council and you'll find us!*



## Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the **third Wednesday of each month** (except August and December) **at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Bourn matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is on the agenda or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting, otherwise the matter may be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting. If you want to raise a matter with the Council please write to or email the Parish Clerk.

**Items for the Parish Council's consideration must be sent to the Parish Clerk seven clear days before the meeting.**

## Parish Council Vacancies

There are currently **two vacancies** for Parish Councillors. Do you know what happens in the parish or what the council is responsible for? Would you like to be involved?

Check out the website, contact the Parish Clerk (01954 210241), or talk to one of the current Councillors (there's a list at the end of this newsletter, on the website and on the main noticeboard). Better still, turn up at a meeting (every 3rd Wednesday each month) to find out more. Alternatively an application form can be downloaded from the Parish Council's section of the village website - [www.bourn.org.uk](http://www.bourn.org.uk)

## Get in touch

**Website:** [www.bourn.org.uk](http://www.bourn.org.uk)

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you please contact Cllr Jaggars.



Supporting Volunteers  
Encouraging Independence  
Developing Good Neighbour Projects

## Have You Heard of the Care Network?

They are a voluntary organisation **offering practical help and support services** to elderly and vulnerable people across the Cambridgeshire Community.

Most notably they operate the **Community Navigators Scheme**: this scheme is run by volunteers who listen to the needs of the people who contact them (directly or by referral) and link them with local activities and services to keep them connected with their community. Third parties may also contact the Community Navigators if they are concerned about others and would like advice. Call 01954 211919 or email [admin@care-network.org.uk](mailto:admin@care-network.org.uk)

## ELECTRICAL WASTE KERBSIDE COLLECTION on behalf of Bourn Parish Council

Do you have electrical/electronic items that you no longer use or want? Are they wasting space in your garage, shed, cupboards or back-yard? Would you like to see them gone? Wiser Recycling can help you, and you can help your Parish Council.

Wiser Recycling is a local recycling company, based in St Ives, and will be conducting a collection of household waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) throughout the parish on **Wednesday 21st October**. Electrical items will be collected in the morning on the day by Wiser Recycling's own vehicles. They will collect ANY electrical or electronic item (even if it no longer works) from videos, hair-dryers and microwaves to televisions and fridge/freezers – basically, anything that usually has a plug on it. They will collect from right outside your house. **Please place any items you wish to be collected 'kerbside' between 08:00 and 10:00 on the collection day.** If possible, for safety reasons, please avoid putting items outside the evening before. Their collectors will even help with moving larger items from your property on the day rather than obstruct the footpath. All items will be taken to their fully licensed treatment facility in St Ives for reuse, recycling or refurbishment.

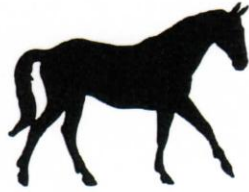
Posters will be displayed around the parish nearer the date to remind everyone. On the collection day, Wiser Recycling vehicles will be clearly identifiable – if you should see any unauthorised vehicles stealing the material, please call 999 and report a 'theft in progress' and give them details of the vehicle's registration. Wiser Recycling has partnerships with many local and regional charities including Emmaus, Lighthouse and Eco-Computer Systems through which it sells working items back to social groups and low-income families. They are fully authorised by the Environment Agency and operate to international standards - ISO 9001 (Quality), ISO 14001 (Environmental) and OHSAS 18001 (Health & Safety). The Parish Council will receive a revenue from the WEEE waste collected, to be spent on community projects. Top of the leader board locally, so far, is Willingham Parish with 9.1 tonnes collected in one day! We may be smaller; let's see if we can do better. For more information you can check out Wiser's website – [www.wisergroup.co.uk](http://www.wisergroup.co.uk) or contact Cllr Les Rolfe – [les.rolfe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:les.rolfe@hotmail.co.uk) or 01954 718150.



## Giant Hogweed Spraying along Bourn Brook

The Environment Agency is hoping to spray giant hogweed along the Bourn Brook this month as in previous years, conditions permitting. This includes the section that flows through Bourn village. If you know the locations of any plants that have not been treated, please contact Ruth Hawksley, Water for Wildlife Officer, at The Wildlife Trust on 01954 713533.

*"The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire works to make our three counties a place where nature matters, where wildlife can flourish and enrich the lives of the people who live here: with your help we care for local wildlife. Ninety five per cent of the local population live within five miles of one of our 126 reserves and contributions of time or money will directly benefit local wildlife [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)"*



# NOTICE

## PLEASURE RIDE IN AID OF RIDING FOR THE DISABLED AND LONGSTOWE VILLAGE HALL

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ON SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2015 THERE WILL BE A 6 MILE AND 12  
MILE RIDE THROUGH THE VILLAGES OF  
LONGSTOWE AND ACROSS THE LAND AROUND THE  
HATLEY AREA. THE RIDE STARTS AT 9.30AM AND  
CONCLUDES AT 3.30PM. I WOULD VERY MUCH  
APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING THAT  
ALL DOGS ARE KEPT UNDER LEAD CONTROL.

WITH MANY THANKS

BARBARA COOPER  
CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB  
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07803 903047



## Neighbourhood Plan - Get Involved!

The Parish Council is setting up a working group to consider the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Bourn. Neighbourhood Planning is a way for communities to take a proactive approach to deciding the future of the places where they live and work. It is not a legal requirement but a right, which communities can use to determine the development and use of land and to make other improvements to their neighbourhood, including the development of homes, shops, offices, infrastructure and their design.

If you would like to join the working group and have your day please contact Councillor Jones (see contact details below).

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If you require this newsletter in large print please contact Cllr Jagers on 07555 650443