

Bourn Parish Council Newsletter

September 2017

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Funding - we'd like your views please!

The PC has a sum of money available to fund a large or series of smaller projects/initiatives that would be of benefit to the village. We'd like your views - please complete our very short survey via the www.bourn.org.uk website or <http://bit.ly/2u377Lw>

Village Traffic Survey

The PC is conducting a series of traffic surveys as part of an initiative to assess traffic volumes through the village. Councillors and volunteers will be carrying out a lorry survey in the north and south of the village to look at volume and traffic flows. Findings, along with recommendations and next steps, will be reported later in the year.

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.

South Cambridgeshire District Council - Parish Updates

Changes proposed to simplify kerbside recycling collections for residents

Proposed changes to simplify the kerbside collection of recycling materials for residents have been published by South Cambridgeshire District Council. A report to be presented at the next Cabinet Meeting recommends a system that would see residents place waste paper directly into their blue wheelie bins, eliminating the need for paper caddies.

The option is being recommended now because the Council is currently reviewing which type of new recycling collection trucks will be needed for use during the next seven years. If approved, the approach would mean fewer replacement vehicles would be needed than if the paper caddy arrangement continues.

Trucks which collect dry recycling that is mixed together, rather than separated, do not need to have split bodies, and so can carry more materials. This means collection rounds could be completed without the need for vehicles to return to base and be emptied as often. Therefore, vehicles would cover around 26,000 fewer miles per year on South Cambridgeshire's roads than the "paper out" of the wheelie bins option. Lower fuel costs and reduced CO2 emissions would be achieved as a result.

Computer modelling carried out by waste bosses suggests current recycling rates, that see more than half of South Cambridgeshire's waste recycled, would be at least maintained, if not marginally improved, if the change is made. The report states that the recommended approach would save taxpayers around £670,000 during the next seven years, compared with the existing system. This is mainly because fewer collection trucks would be required. This altered approach to dry recycling collection would also mean fewer refuse staff are needed; however, given current vacancies within the service, it is anticipated that no redundancies would be necessary.

The recommended approach would also mean that the amount of heavy lifting being carried out by refuse workers is reduced.

Cllr Mark Howell, South Cambridgeshire District Council's Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, said: "It is right that we take this opportunity to review how we collect recycling materials from residents at a time when we need to commit to how the service will be shaped up to 2025.

"We are justifiably proud of our recycling record in South Cambridgeshire, and, if this change is made, it is important to note that we anticipate the amount of waste we send for re-use will at least be maintained, if not bettered.

"If the paper is mixed in with other recyclables in the blue bin, it would be still sent on for re-processing by paper manufacturers."

If the recommendation is approved, Council waste bosses say residents would be kept well informed, particularly via social media, South Cambs Magazine and the Council website, ahead of the new system beginning in the New Year.

The papers containing the report can be accessed here: <http://bit.ly/2hxIDXs>

For more information contact Tom Horn in South Cambridgeshire District Council's communications team on 01954 713025 or tom.horn@scambs.gov.uk

Cambridgeshire County Council - Housing Options for Older People

Are you finding that your home is too large to manage, in poor condition or too far from friends or family and are not sure what to do? If so, you may be interested in an exciting new partnership with First Stop offering specialist housing information and advice to people aged over 65.

Cambridgeshire County Council is working with South Cambridgeshire District Council on a 6-month pilot project which has launched in South Cambridgeshire – HOOP (Housing Options for Older People).

The project offers specialist housing advice and support to older people. The customer journey starts with a questionnaire asking older people (over 65s) about their home and how it suits them. This can be completed on line or via a leaflet. The answers are then used to put people in touch with local housing options (sheltered housing, extra care schemes), support services and community groups that can provide a mixture of practical support and advice - with the aim of helping people to make informed choices about their housing and wellbeing at an early stage.

For more information, visit <https://hoop.eac.org.uk/>.



Healthwatch Cambridgeshire News

New autism service for young people

A new autism spectrum disorder service for young people is due to start in the autumn thanks to the lobbying of Pinpoint, our Healthwatch and the National Autistic Society.

The service will be run by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust and will provide an assessment and intervention service for young people aged 12 to 18 years old. For more details go to <http://bit.ly/2yqMgnl>

Out of hours' GP service moves to Addenbrooke's

The Cambridge out-of-hours' GP service moved from Chesterton Medical Centre to the Urgent Treatment Centre at Addenbrooke's Hospital on 8 August 2017.

Our Healthwatch is part of a project steering group, alongside patient representatives, to help make the move work for patients. Our role there is not to make decisions but to question decisions made from a patient perspective. For more details go to <http://bit.ly/2xDzQLC>

The state of adult social care services report

An overview of the findings from the Care Quality Commission's inspections of social care services 2014 - 2017. The report looks at what the CQC found about the quality of care across the full range of adult social care services they regulate. To see the report go to <http://bit.ly/2uzuP69>



Cambourne To Cambridge Busway Local Liaison Forum

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) – formerly the City Deal - has established a Local Liaison Forum (LLF) for the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge busway.

The parish council is represented on the LLF by councillors Steve Jones and Des O'Brien. At the last meeting of the LLF, in early September, there was:

- A robust debate about GCP's preliminary assessment of the on-road and off-road options. Some LLF members considered the assessment was biased towards a concrete busway across open countryside rather than an on-road solution. The GCP will consult the public on the options in November and complete a full cost-benefit analysis (including social and environmental impacts) over the winter. A final decision on the busway will be made in summer 2018.
- A discussion of options for a new Park and Ride on the A428. Two options - Scotland Farm, and what is being referred to as the Water Tower option (land on the Hardwick side of the Madingley Mulch roundabout), will be assessed further.

More information on the, Park and Ride site options, the Cambourne to Cambridge busway and the LLF can be found at;

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambourne-to-cambridge/cambourne-to-cambridge-llf/>



Historic Bourn - Do you have any photographs to share?

As many of you already know, Councillor Les Rolfe is developing a fascinating collection of old photographs of the village, and village people and events, such as the one here of Riddy Lane.

If you have any photographs you are willing to share please get in touch with Cllr Rolfe (les.rolfe@hotmail.co.uk) and he will scan them before returning them to you. Thank you!

Bourn Website

Did you know that Bourn Parish Council has its own website? Last year it received over 5,000 hits so it is a popular reference site for people looking for activities, services and events in the village. If you are seeking to advertise a community event, service or activity such as a charity fun run, fete or sports day, get in touch with Cllr Rolfe (les.rolfe@hotmail.co.uk) and he will add your information to the website.

www.bourn.org.uk

