



Bourn Parish Council Newsletter

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Cambourne to Cambridge Busway

Significance of the delay in the delivery on a Cambourne to Cambridge High Quality Public Transport route

The saga that is the Cambourne to Cambridge busway continues. On Monday the 15th of June the Greater Cambridge Partnership withdrew the

Agenda Report on the Busway that was due to be discussed, and potentially ratified, at the GCP Executive Board meeting for June 25.

In a statement the GCP said that, "The board is committed to developing a public transport route connecting residents in the west to their daily destinations in and around Cambridge. However, the detailed route proposals have faced opposition.....the board now understands that the Strategic Transport Authority has indicated it has an alternative route alignment, and the board feels it must allow a short amount of time for that to be assessed before considering its current plans."

This announcement could be very significant for Bourn. Many of you will remember that during the Local Plan examination the prospect of a High Quality Public Transport (HQPT) route along the A428 corridor was a very important factor in the inclusion of a new settlement at Bourn Airfield in the final Local Plan. The Inspectors' Final Report was very clear in its assessment of the viability of Bourn Airfield Development and clearly indicated that the GCP plans for a HQPT route between Cambourne and Cambridge was a material consideration in their decision.

The particular significance to Bourn of the GCP's decision to, once again, delay a decision on a public transport solution for the A428 corridor is clear; the busway will be delayed. The GCP itself acknowledges this in its June 15th statement, saying that, "the 2024 delivery timeline is now unlikely to be achieved." This uncertainty around what HQPT will be delivered (and when it will be delivered) must now result in a delay in the planning application for Bourn Airfield Development coming forward.

Covid-19 Updates

Test and Trace

A guide to the NHS's Test and Trace process in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has been released detailing their measures to control and contain the coronavirus. Go to <https://www.bourn.org.uk/guides/coronavirus-advice/> to access the guide.

Bourn Volunteers

Our local Bourn support group continues to provide support for those self-isolating or in need of support. If you, or someone you know, needs support, contact

Vanda Parcell

on bournvag19@gmail.com or **07727 462523**.



See the village website for updates on the coronavirus situation -

<https://www.bourn.org.uk/guides/coronavirus-advice/>

For ongoing advice on coronavirus, see the government's information page

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Food Banks and Emergency Supplies

If you are in need of emergency food or baby supplies, a local foodbank may be able to help. Contact

<https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/contact-us/> or phone 07772 538628

Domestic Violence

During the lockdown period there has been an increase in reports of

domestic violence across the UK. [OnePlusOne](#) is a free digital platform providing helpful advice on relationship issues such as parental conflict and arguing constructively. Guidance is available from South Cambs District Council to support anyone experiencing domestic abuse at home. See the webpage: <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/coronavirus/support-for-residents/#A2>

Traffic Calming Measures



As we announced in April, the Parish Council has been successful in applying for

significant funding to install traffic calming measures on the Broadway. This is the first in a range of measures we will be implementing in order to reduce vehicle speeds in the village. Work at the Broadway near Rockery Farm, will narrow the roadway causing vehicles travelling into and out of the village to reduce their speed. The illustration above provides an example of road narrowing. We expect this work to begin in the autumn once the coronavirus restrictions have been reduced.

We are now looking at additional measures to calm traffic. To date we have introduced a 20mph speed limit around the shop, the school and Riddy Lane, and radar speed warning signs on Alms Hill and the Broadway. We need to do more and are considering measures including extending the 20mph speed restrictions, placing a weight limit on Chapel Hill (to stop heavy lorries), installing village gateways and improved road marking such as dragon's teeth and/or red tarmac.

We would like to have your views on these measures as well as your ideas on alternatives. Please complete our brief 2-minute survey and let us know what you think. We will report back on the survey results on the village website and in the next newsletter. Our actions will be guided by your views wherever possible. It should be noted that in the past, some requests for road changes made by the parish council have been rejected by the district and county councils. We recognise that this may have led to frustration for some residents. Going forward, we will keep you closely informed about our new proposals and decisions via the website and our newsletters. To access the survey go to <https://tinyurl.com/yd7yvwwd> or click on the button below if you are reading this electronically.

Speedwatch News



Speedwatch has been suspended during the coronavirus lockdown. We are aiming to restart it as soon as possible and are waiting for Cambridgeshire police to give the go-ahead. In the meantime the police have increased village patrols and will be alert to speeding vehicles.

We have now got the new flashing speed indicator (MVAS - mobile vehicle activated sign) equipment ready to be installed. The first site has been identified and should be in position soon (we are awaiting South Cambridgeshire District Council to set it up).

If you'd like to become a Speedwatch volunteer, or would like more information, please contact our Speedwatch co-ordinator, Cllr Rolfe at les.rolfe@bourn.org.uk

Grasscutting and Verges

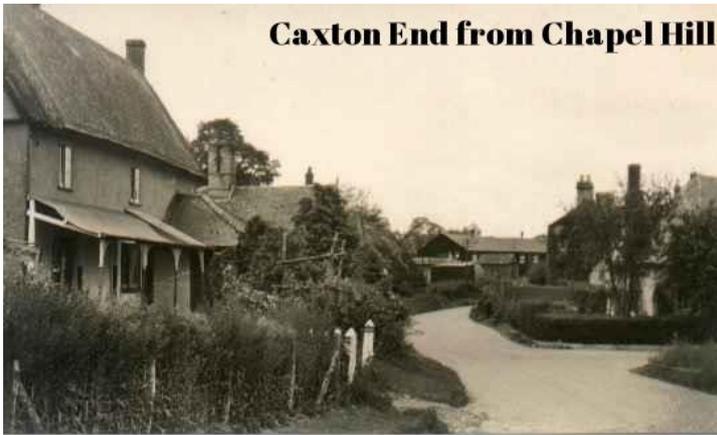
In order to save money and promote local plant biodiversity, the Parish Council took over verge grasscutting from the county council earlier this year. This enables the cutting schedule to be under our direct control and allows for more sensitive management.

In 2019 we identified three small patches of roadside verge for native wildflower planting (see <https://www.bourn.org.uk/Clubs/the-bee-road/> for further details) as part of our support for Plantlife's initiative to re-establish some of the UK's lost and threatened flora and fauna. These initial sites are



on Gills Hill and the Broadway. Due to the coronavirus shutdown, this year's wildflower planting initiative has been stalled and will now be restarted next spring. In the meantime, as we integrate the new grasscutting schedule around the village with our contractor, we have encountered and are addressing some teething difficulties. We will shortly be reviewing the village-wide cutting schedule and will publish the revised schedule on the village website.

Parish History Project



In partnership with residents, the Parish Council is setting up a village history project with information and resources available to everyone via the village

website. We are currently looking at other history groups for reference and investigating funding options.

If you are interested in learning more or in being involved, please email Cllr Rolfe at les.rolfe@bourn.org.uk

Bourn Village Website

If there are topics you'd like to see on the website do contact the Parish

Clerk. In the meantime, news and updates relating to the village can be found on the home page. You can look for or add village events to the calendar.

www.bourn.org.uk

Parish Council Vacancies

If you are looking for an opportunity to influence local decisions and support our village you might like to join us.

We currently have vacancies for 2 parish councillors. We meet most months for about two hours, in the evenings. Outside of this, the time commitment is flexible to suit your schedule.

You need to be 18 years old or over and a resident in the village. If you are interested in joining us to get good things done for our village, please contact our Parish Clerk on email: parish.clerk@bourn.org.uk

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the **third Wednesday of each month** (except August and December) **at 7.30pm**. These meetings usually take place in the Village Hall. During the coronavirus lockdown, meetings are being held virtually via the conference platform Zoom. You may attend the Zoom meeting using the link shown on the Parish Council Meeting Agenda notice which can be found on the village noticeboards and the village website's calendar page - <https://www.bourn.org.uk/calendar/>

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 (please note that after this time, further comments or questions are not permitted when the meeting is in progress). 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 email the Parish Clerk.

Items for the Parish Council's consideration must be sent to the Parish Clerk seven clear days before the meeting. Minutes and agendas can be found on the Council's page on the website www.bourn.org.uk and on the village noticeboards.

Newsletter Distribution

The Parish Council delivers a paper copy of the July newsletter to each household in the village. At all other times a limited number of printed copies will be available at the village notice boards, Hall Close Community Centre, the local shop, the Doctors' Surgery and Knibbs the butchers, for collection.

We are encouraging residents to sign up to receive our quarterly newsletters via the village website or by email. You can do this by visiting www.bourn.org.uk and selecting the Parish Council newsletter button.

Alternatively, they can be viewed on the website -

<https://www.bourn.org.uk/newsletter-signup/#Subscribe>

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