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Community Awards



Community Award winners

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**SUMMARY FROM THE UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE
MEETING ON 23 February 2022**

No members of the public were present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY MINUTES

Information is still awaited from SCDC for their calculations on the Band D property increase for the requested precept in order to confirm this to residents.

The floor is being replaced in the ladies' toilet in the Pavilion but there has been a delay due to a heating pipe being severed in the process.

Initial registration for the Foundation Level of the Local Council Award Scheme has been made and a resolution will be sought at the March meeting to show that the Council meets all the criteria.

Two nominations for Assets of Community Value will be made by the end of the week.

BETTER WAYS THAN BUSWAYS

James Littlewood, CEO of Cambridge Past Present and Future (CPPF) provided an overview of the governance for the campaign group 'Better Ways, Than Busways'. The group consists of individuals from three parish councils, Great Shelford, Stapleford and Babraham, in addition to other community organisations, private individuals and landowners. The group opposes the suggested route of the CSET busway which would have a major impact on the green belt and would prefer to see the A1307 utilised.

Any money donated by the public for the cause, which may be needed if legal representation is required at public inquiry, will be collected and held by CPPF in 'restricted funds' – available only for the campaign group's purposes. Any work would be commissioned by the parish councils involved and the funds provided by CPPF. Funds would be needed for:

- a transport consultant to look at the A1307 option, advise on how strong the case would be at a public inquiry and potentially to instruct a barrister.
- representation at the public inquiry.

It was agreed that the proposed funding arrangements should be accepted and that the Clerk should seek professional advice that the financial arrangements are adequate.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Reports from the County and District Councillors were circulated prior to the meeting. These are available on the Parish Council website. County Cllr Milnes noted that highways reporting issues have not yet been resolved and that the planning application for additional park and ride spaces is due to be decided soon.

District Cllr Sample noted that the District Council's precept increase is £5 per year on a Band D property. Shared Planning have confirmed that they will take the two District Cllr's comments on board when looking at the Mingle Lane proposals in the emerging Local Plan.

A report from the Playscape Working Group was noted by members.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

The proposed Business Plan was considered by members and it was agreed to adopt this with an additional section on governance and policies to be included under Council Development, to include an item about leases and to include timescales and SMART targets.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

The Traffic and Transport Infrastructure Working Group continues to meet on a fortnightly basis.

Cllr Brown attended the first representatives meeting about the East-West Railway (EWR) on 21 February. This is facilitated by an independent person and is an opportunity for interested parties to have their say. The next meeting will be face to face but no date has been confirmed yet.

Members of the group will meet a traffic consultant on 25 February to move this area forward.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

The Clerk noted that plans for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 3 March were progressing well. A total of 55 nominations had been received for the first community awards and the sponsors, Redmayne, Arnold & Harris, were providing the trophies, and had taken part in the selection of the winners. Anthony Browne MP is due to attend and many groups and organisations have confirmed they will attend and provide an update on their activities over the last two years.

Several groups have expressed an interest in helping with events at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The Clerk will liaise with the groups.

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PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council has been asked if they wished to place a S106 Application (an agreement between a developer and a local planning authority about measures the developer must take to reduce their impact on the community) in respect to the proposed development of retirement apartments on Station Road. It was agreed that the Clerk should put forward an application to be completed by the Council and to do the same with any other applications which may meet the same criteria, including the potential Mingle Lane development and the recently approved Retirement Village.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members noted that there was some funding available via South Cambridgeshire District Council for items to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. It was agreed to apply for funding for a bench to be placed at the far end of the Recreation Ground as there are few places to sit at that end.

Full copies of the minutes of the Parish Council and Planning meetings can be viewed on the Parish Council website

greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN APRIL

Planning Committee	4 April	7.30pm	Sports Pavilion
Recreation & Pavilion Committee	6 April	7.00pm	Sports Pavilion
Full Council Meeting	20 April	7.00pm	Sports Pavilion

Meetings may be adjourned for up to 10 minutes when the public can ask questions and put forward points of view related to business on the agenda.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

22/0089/HFUL 22/0064/LBC	19 Church Street	Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with new single storey rear extension.
Application supported.		

22/00174/PRIOR	9a Cambridge Road	Single storey rear extension.
Application supported.		

22/00193/FUL	Land adjacent to Beechwood house, 197 Hinton Way	Construction of 3 bay garage for domestic use.
Neutral response Comment: This is further development within the Green Belt		
22/00217/HFUL	95 Cambridge Road	Dropped kerb and crossover.
Application supported.		
22/00334/HFUL (Resubmission)	225 Hinton Way	Single storey front, side and rear extension, alterations to window to rear, loft conversion with dormer to rear and associated external works.
Objection recommended. Members still feel that the alterations are significant, within the green belt. There has been no change to the original concerns raised about the significant loss of light to the neighbouring property. It is also felt that the plans do not completely represent the property on site.		
22/00359/HFUL	225 Hinton Way	Detached car port with electric vehicle and cycle charging points, secured bin and cycle store.
Objection recommended to proposal for car port.		
21/04983/FUL	36 Leeway Avenue	Demolition of existing bungalow and the erection of two chalet bungalows.
Application supported.		
22/00159/HFUL	10 The Hectare	First floor side, two storey front and single storey rear extensions, replacement of rear ground floor roof, conversion of garage to habitable space and erection of detached double garage.
No recommendation but there needs to be careful traffic management if approved by the Council.		

PLANNING DECISIONS

Approved

21/04925/HFUL Erection of front porch 197 Hinton Way.

21/05430/HFUL Extensions at 20 Red Hill Lane.

Refused

21/05176/HFUL Erection of brick wall to side boundary 184 Cambridge Road.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE.

Community Awards

We want to thank all residents who embraced our first community awards this year, sending over 50 nominations for the residents you feel make a difference in our community. It was a humbling experience reading some of the things our nominees have been doing to be an integral part of the village. A full list and details about our winners can be found on the website:

<https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/community-awards/>

but in summary the awards were presented as follows:

Young Hero	Eliza Hilliard
Community Action	Chris Smith and Mary Regnier-Wilson
Sports & Leisure	Julia Creed
Environmental Improvement	Eleanor McCrone
Social Wellbeing	Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme
Local Hero	Keith Sugden
Unsung Hero	Franness Richardson

A big thank you to Oliver Hughes at Redmayne, Arnold and Harris for sponsoring this year's awards.

Annual Parish Meeting

We were fortunate that Anthony Browne MP was able to join us at our Annual Parish Meeting on 3 March 2022 and managed to stay until the end. It was also great to see so many local clubs and organisations come along and meet with residents before the meeting to provide an update on their activities. All the reports that we received are available on the parish council website

<https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes-agendas/annual-parish-meeting/>

OTHER NEWS

We have recently published our **Business Plan** which summarises all that we aim to do to be an efficient and compliant council. In addition, it highlights a few projects we would like to complete by the end of the financial year 2022/23.

You can see our Business Plan on the parish council website at tinyurl.com/yckpv2pn

Platinum Jubilee Libby and some residents are looking to organise an event to celebrate the Jubilee. Please keep an eye out for more information as the details unfold. It is likely that the event will be held on Sunday 5 June – so please mark it in your diaries. We have also applied to the District Council for some Community Chest funding to purchase a bench to commemorate the Jubilee. This bench will be placed towards the river end of the Recreation Ground as we are aware that there are not enough resting spaces for residents at that end.

River steps We hope that these will be fixed very shortly, as the ground is now edging towards being hard enough to withstand the delivery of the required stones.

One last thing, we are really hoping some residents will chose to join the Parish Council and stand for election in May. We are very aware that we do not represent all of you and we would love to see some more faces. Nominations open on 28 March and close at 4pm on 4 April. Libby will be delivering nomination forms to South Cambridgeshire District Council on 1 April to reduce the number of trips we are making. If you want to chat about what the role entails then please get in touch with either Libby or myself. Information can also be found on the Electoral Commission's website <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england>.

Don't forget to get in touch with us should you have any relevant concerns. Our telephone number is 01223 616622 and Libby will be available to help during office hours (please leave a message outside these times or email). Councillors have email addresses too, which can be found on the website. If you do email a Councillor we ask that you copy in Libby too.

Malcolm Watson, Chairman

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News from St Mary's Church

The image of the risen Christ in the stained glass window at St Mary's Church shows the imprints of the nails in his hands. Trauma leaves traces that last long after the painful incident is over. For many people locally and across the world there will be an ache which persists even during the Easter celebration. The past months have brought grief, anxiety and war. Into this ache, Jesus's disfigured body in the window speaks with great tenderness, to us and our world. We can be inspired to rise up from tragedy and bleakness, even though carrying the scars of what has happened. This powerful image of vulnerable human life, reminds us that being open and loving is not weak. The word courage means not just bravery, but a whole hearted movement to act for what is right and good.



Our yearning for joy in the Eastertide celebration of new life and risen life, may not be instantly realised given the troubled state of our world. Yet joy does come to surprise us, when we are intentional in seeking to serve.

If you have a moment to be mindful or reflective, then do go into St Mary's and enjoy the East window. There are also prayers in the Chapel on the North side of Church for Ukraine. These seek a peaceful end to war.

Rev Dr Julie Norris, Associate Priest

April Services

You will receive a warm welcome at any of the following services. These are all going to be held in church except when there is a Zoom service.

Sunday 3 April (5th of Lent)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662), Revd Canon John Pinder
10am	Parish Communion, Revd Canon John Pinder
6.30pm	Zoom service

Sunday 10 April (Palm Sunday)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP 1662), Revd Chris Ivory
10am	Parish Communion, Revd Chris Ivory
6.30pm	Zoom service

Monday 11 April (Monday of Holy Week)

6.30pm Zoom service

Tuesday 12 April (Tuesday of Holy Week)

7.30pm Stations of the Cross, Maureen Dobson

Wednesday 13 April (Wednesday of Holy Week)

6.30pm Zoom service

Thursday 14 April (Maundy Thursday)7.30pm Parish Communion, Revd Prof Alasdair Coles
followed by a prayer watch vigil

9pm Compline, Revd Prof Alasdair Coles

Friday 15 April (Good Friday)

2pm Liturgy of the Passion, Mrs Amanda Tuck (LLM)

Saturday 16 April (Saturday of Holy Week)

8pm Easter Vigil Eucharist, Revd Canon John Pinder

Sunday 17 April (Easter Day)

8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662), The Rt Revd Dr Dagmar Winter

10am Parish Communion, The Rt Revd Dr Dagmar Winter

6.30pm Zoom service

Sunday 24 April (2nd of Easter)

8am Holy Communion (BCP 1662), Revd Dr Julie Norris

10am Parish Communion, Revd Dr Julie Norris

6.30pm Zoom service

Holy Communion (BCP 1662) is a spoken service in traditional language with a short sermon. **Parish Communion** is our main service with music, sermon, children activities and Holy Communion. Our **Zoom Service** is a time of reflection following a variety of different styles; please email revjulienorris@gmail.com to request the link.

Children are especially welcome at **Parish Communion**. On the first Sunday of every month there is the **St Mary's Sunday Club** with a story and activities for children of all ages. On other Sundays, there is an activity for children during the service. Contact Gillian Pett gillian.pett29@gmail.com for details.

Easter Garden Workshop This will take place on Good Friday at 10am. Children and adults can help to make the Easter Garden.

The Lent Book this year is 'Embracing Justice' by Isabelle Hamley. It focuses on justice from different perspectives. The meetings exploring this topic are on Tuesdays at 1pm using Zoom. Please feel free to come and join us. It is the same link each week. If you are interested, email Julie or Maureen.

Deanery Matters The Revd Michael Wilcockson, Associate Priest at Linton, has been appointed as Rural Dean. There will be a Deanery Fair on 9 April in Great Shelford Village Hall.

Vacancy St Mary's is currently drawing up the Parish Profile which sets out what the church does and values and what is looked for in their next priest.

Tree Felling The felling of the dead Bhutan pine tree in St Mary's churchyard was postponed from the end of March and will now take place on 4 April, 5 April and 6 April. This is outside the school term and it is hoped that the disruption will therefore be reduced. The contractors will need to park along the road outside the church. They will take up all the space from the gate to the double yellow lines.

Flower Festival We are planning to hold a festival in September and are looking for additional flower arrangers. If you would like to be part of this, please contact Julie.

For more information about Great Shelford Parish Church

visit our website: www.stmarysgreatshelford.org

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Not only is this frustrating for our patients, it is also frustrating for us. We want to offer the best possible service and we know we are not currently doing this. Sadly, our staff are experiencing a high level of verbal abuse and this is not acceptable. Please may I ask that everyone be courteous and kind to our staff.

If you have a minor illness or injury you may be able to address this without going to see a GP. Here are some simple self care steps everyone can follow:

Keep your medicine cabinet stocked up with self care essentials

For example; pain relief (such as Paracetamol), cough and sore throat remedies, upset stomach treatment, rehydration treatment, heartburn/indigestion treatments and a first aid kit.

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£1 per child. Ages 3+.

Lego/Duplo Event for Children

Wednesday 13 April, 3.45–5.15pm.

£1 per child. Ages 2+.

Engage talk for adults

Wednesday 27 April, 2–3.30pm.

‘Great Shelford in Times Past’

A free talk by Helen Harwood.

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Jigsaws: we have lots of jigsaws available in the library for you to borrow or swap. We'd also love to build up our collection of children's jigsaws, especially those suitable for pre-school and primary children – if you'd like to donate any of these to the library that would be much appreciated.

Saturday 23 April is **World Book Night**, a national event to celebrate the joys and benefits of reading. Cambridgeshire Libraries are hosting a series of special Read a Little Aloud online events, starting from Tuesday 19 April, 7–8pm. To find out more and receive a link to join the events, please email RALA.Online@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Opening hours: Monday 3–7pm, Tuesday 10am–1pm and 2–5pm, Wednesday 10am–1pm, Friday 10am–1pm and 2–6pm, Saturday 10am–1pm.

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Great Shelford Free Church

Jesus lived in an occupied nation; he walked the streets of his land without the freedom to go about as he pleased. Soldiers from Rome patrolled the streets, enforcing Roman rule on the land of Israel. Jesus never in fact lived in a free country, from birth to death he lived under occupation. As we approach Easter, we see the real the real might of the Roman Empire, as it crucified Jesus at the request of the religious leaders of the time.

As our prayers continue to focus on Ukraine, we are reminded that this is not a new situation in the history of humanity. Those with power have always used it to conquer and control the powerless, it doesn't however make it any easier to see the images and hear the stories.

During Jesus' ministry there were many who thought he would be the leader of a revolution, be the one charging the capital to overcome the Roman army. Jesus didn't pick up arms or muster an army; he did however do the one thing that can overcome hatred in our world, show true sacrificial love. In the anguished cries of pain on the cross, Jesus overcame the hatred in his world. His death was the act of a loving God – we who have faith in that God try to follow that example of love in our lives.

Jesus didn't stop all wars, but he did show us a new way, a way that was focused on love. It is with deep sadness that we are such poor reflections of that love in our world.

I would encourage you to stop for a few moments and use the following prayer to focus on those trying to be peacemakers and those who have been overcome by violence. These are words of a Celtic liturgy that speak powerfully into the brokenness of the world we live in.

Prayer for Peacemakers

Circle, O God, those who work for peace (you may wish to specifically name people), encircle them with your presence.

Keep wisdom within, keep folly out;

Keep strength within, keep weariness out;

Keep hope within, keep despair out;

Keep light within, keep darkness out.

In the name of the Sacred Three, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

For those victims of violence and injustice

Circle, O God, (name people and places), encircle them with your presence.

Keep truth within, keep falsehood out;

Keep compassion within, keep hard-heartedness out;

Keep love within, keep hatred out;

Keep light within, keep darkness out.

In the name of the Sacred Three, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Martin Cockerill

SHELFORD SCHOOL

Our school has been ‘building back better’ post Covid, passing some significant milestones along the way to recovery.

Governors have worked hard to support staff wellbeing, given the burdens on the team over the last 2 years. Values like morale and community spirit are harder to assess than academic performance; but the school cannot flourish without them.

Shelford School works hard to offer a holistic education. With international tensions running high, it was good to celebrate Chinese New Year, with music, lanterns, dragons, fortune cookies and other food – in proximity to marking the British Platinum Jubilee. The ‘global village’ we live in is often helpfully acknowledged in our village school.

Social and mental health have also been prominent lately: a Safer Internet Day provided guidance for our digital lifestyles. Connected with the impact of technology, Children’s Mental Health Week has also happened. Our values were featured in ‘Positive Choices’ week, looking at resolving problems harmoniously and reflecting on manners and rules, all enhanced by the resumption of whole school collective worship.

Our three churches can now link with school more fully. In the Christian calendar, Candlemas has already happened and Jesus’ death for our sins and his resurrection will be honoured in our Easter Service. The school’s whole ethos draws on those events. Speaking personally, I am thankful, in difficult days, to be able to celebrate that Jesus loves us and that he is alive.

Rev Simon Scott

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CAMBRIDGE SOUTH EAST TRANSPORT SCHEME

A letter has been sent to the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) by Better Ways Than Busways (BWTB), where Stapleford and Great Shelford Parish Councils are members, setting out the changes in conditions and circumstances that have occurred since the Cambridge South East Transport scheme (CSET) was first proposed six years ago. Of particular significance is the Planning Inspector's recent decision to allow the appeal for the Axis retirement village and country park between Hinton Way and Haverhill Road, the effect of which will require the busway to be relocated deeper into the chalk hills and even further away from the villages. These are all sound reasons for reviewing the route. There has been no acknowledgement from the GCP to this letter.

The group worked with Anthony Browne MP to refine the questions in the survey sent to 6,500 residents in the villages affected by CSET. The survey showed that 71.96% of respondents would definitely not support the route and a further 8.99% would probably not support it. The question was put to South Cambridgeshire District Council at the recent meeting asking them to reconsider the route given the changes in circumstances. A motion to reject the GCP route was defeated 17–6 by the ruling Liberal Democrat group.

BWTB has been in contact with the business parks to understand their needs and there has also been liaison with prominent local charities and environmental groups to sustain support. BWTB has also connected with the Cambridge to Cambourne group who are also opposing a bus road through their green belt.

Cllr Howard Kettel, Stapleford Parish Council

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CAMBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB

Our next meeting will be at 7.15pm on Thursday 21 April 2022 at Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, Whittlesford CB22 4NE

Our demonstrator will be David Wright with 'All things bright and beautiful'. Refreshments will be available from 6.45pm

The meeting on Thursday 19 May will be a hands on flower workshop entitled 'Platinum Jubilee'.

All welcome. Visitors pay £6.00

For more information about these meetings or to enquire about joining Cambridge Flower Club please phone Freda on 01223 891464 or email fredaorgee@gmail.com

SHELFORD COUNTRY MARKET

Market is in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane every Wednesday; 9–11.30am

After so many grey days there was bright sunshine for yesterday's market (mid-March) and the garden section was looking alive and cheerful with pots of vibrant pink primroses and bunches of hand picked daffodils almost in full flower. This gave the market quite a feel good factor which remained throughout the morning. Spring must be on its way.

It is pleasing that our customer numbers have grown. We have lots to offer in home baking, jams, marmalade and local honey. It would be interesting to count the number of different crafts that are displayed each week. If you are looking for that special gift, then look no further! As the weeks move on, the tables in the garden section will fill up.

Great Shelford Memorial Hall on a Wednesday is well worth a visit. No admission charge, time to browse, shop and stop in our refreshment area which has become a friends' meeting place. We often see a mums and toddlers table, folk catching up with each other week by week and the après tennis ladies!

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9	Deanery Fair	10am–12 noon	Memorial Hall
7	WI	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Room
12	Granta Flower Club	7pm	Memorial Hall
23	Farmers' Market	9am–12 noon	Memorial Hall
23	Saffron Walden Dance Band	7pm	

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Our AGM was held on 3 March and was attended by a small and enthusiastic group of members.

We were pleased to welcome John Robinson who spoke to us about Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA). These days, without a LPA drawn up in advance, many people are faced with complicated and

bewildering outcomes when managing their affairs. The law is changing and we should talk about this subject openly with family and friends.

We voted for our new committee and several members offered to help this year. After refreshments and a short social time we drew this meeting to a close.

Our next meeting in April will be Chair Based Exercises and anyone is welcome to attend as a visitor for £4.00. We meet in the Community Hall at St. Mary's Church on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.

Rosemary Livings, President

GREAT SHELFORD BOWLS CLUB



By the time you read this notification we will have had our first activity for the year: a tabletop sale on March 12 in the Great Shelford Memorial Hall.

Our next event on 9 April at 10am, will be a coffee morning at the Bowls Club Pavilion just beyond the children's Playscape area on the recreation ground at Great Shelford.

Everyone, existing members and those who may wish to join us, will be welcome to attend and discuss what we have to offer. Subscriptions will be collected on the day.

Friday 22April at 2pm: the greens will be open and available for practice and for potential members to have a go and see how they get on.

Saturday 23April at 2pm: an open day for everyone to enjoy, there may even be some refreshments available

Sunday 24 April at 2pm: the greens will be open to all signed up members for formalised practice.

The formal Bowls fixtures begin on 26 April and continue to September. We look forward to welcoming you to our club.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

A steering group of Stapleford and Great Shelford parish councillors and residents has been making good progress on the early stages of the villages' combined neighbourhood plan. There's a lot going on behind the scenes – notably finalising a questionnaire for initial community engagement and planning the logistics of rolling this out – but not so much to report on this month. That said, I would like to introduce our new logo for the project, designed to make our communications about the neighbourhood plan more readily identifiable and unite the various strands of work under a common theme: 'we can shape the place where we live.'



I thought this would also be a good time to briefly review some other neighbourhood plans which have recently been completed and incorporated into the statutory planning process, giving a sense of what we might be able to achieve with our own. Foremost amongst these are Foxton, Fulbourn and Gamlingay, where development is being defined by locally important parameters, which is the purpose of neighbourhood planning.

Readers will probably be familiar with Greater Cambridge Partnership's plans for hundreds of car parking spaces and a pedestrian footbridge linking Foxton rail station platforms, intended to allow people to use public transport to complete their journey into Cambridge rather than drive all the way.

Foxton's neighbourhood plan was keen to ensure that the village itself would benefit if a travel hub was created nearby, rather than its own needs being sacrificed for the 'greater good'.

To this end, a new statutory planning policy now exists:

‘Any proposal for a travel hub must clearly demonstrate its benefits to the community of Foxton, including integrated transport services and employment opportunities, whilst minimising negative impacts on traffic and congestion, residential amenity, and the local environment.’

A key objective of Fulbourn’s neighbourhood plan is to retain its identity as a village separate from Cambridge and protected by green belt, a feature which 97% of respondents supported in its community questionnaire. Such is the importance of its rural, village identity that the neighbourhood plan has six policies dedicated to it. One of these seeks to protect 16 specified, locally important views over the surrounding landscape both into and out of the village. Another demarcates an ‘Important Visual Gap’ between Fulbourn and the boundary of the urban area of Cambridge and neighbouring villages, the dominant green aspect of which development is not permitted to encroach upon or reduce.

One of Gamlingay’s six neighbourhood plan objectives seeks to

‘...meet the needs of the local community by supporting new housing that is of appropriate size, affordable and adaptable. All new buildings will be built to high environmental standards.’

Gamlingay recognises that it already has enough large, expensive houses and that what it needs are small, affordable (to buy and heat) homes that can adapt to their owners’ changing requirements over time. It created a policy to support this, ensuring that new housing developments provide a mix of flexible homes, in particular one and two bedroom dwellings and bungalows, and that all are insulated to Energy Performance Certificate rating A and fitted with electric vehicle charging points. Furthermore, all new buildings must incorporate renewable energy generation and water saving measures.

I hope this has given you a flavour of what we could achieve with a broad range of policies in our own neighbourhood plan. But that is the end point of the neighbourhood planning process. The first thing for the steering group to do is to establish what your planning related priorities are, so we look forward to engaging with you over the coming months.

Cllr Jenny Flynn, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Little Shelford Local History Society

Monday 25 April 2022 at 7.30pm, Little Shelford Memorial Hall

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Why don't we see children playing out?

Have parents become over protective? Have the lures of technology zapped our children's desire to play?

The general consensus is that actually it's the increase in traffic on our roads. Licensed vehicles in the UK increased from four million in 1950 to over 34 million in 2010 and we're rapidly approaching 40 million. Fortunately, the number of child deaths has not increased as dramatically, but experts put this down to children being removed from the environment rather than to any improvement in street safety.

For the sake of our children's mental and physical well being is there anything we can do?

How we could help

One great initiative, supported by Cambridgeshire County Council, is a *Play Street*. This is a regular, short, neighbour led road closure on a residential street that allows children to play on their doorsteps whilst neighbours of all ages can catch up. Locals who need to move their car can do so at walking pace with a marshall. The charity Playing Out, based in Bristol, pioneered this approach and has a wealth of resources available. They also host great webinars, including a recent one with Chris Boardman (Olympian and Active Travel England Commissioner) on how Play Streets can impact active travel (spoiler: they're brilliant!).

So why not chat to your neighbours and create a haven for a couple of hours each month for children to play and for neighbours to chat and see what joy that brings!

Resources

- www.playingout.net
- *The Miracle Pill – why a sedentary world is getting it all wrong*, by Peter Walker
- *Urban Playground – how child friendly planning and design can save cities*, by Tim Gill

And finally...

Thank you to the kind people who nominated me for the ‘Environmental Impact’ community award and to Redmayne Arnold and Harris for the bottle of bubbly! I must however extend the congratulations and thanks to everyone who has worked alongside me over the years to make the rec more playful and a little wilder for creatures great and small.

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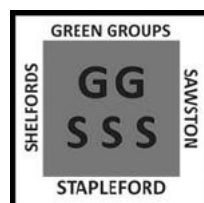
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Future events



- **Wednesday 6 April** 7.45pm for 8pm, talk on Zoom or in person at the Johnson Hall, Stapleford. The event, called ‘Improving Rivers for Wild Brown Trout’, will look at what can be done to increase the habitat potential of Cambridge’s local rivers and beyond, focussing on the Granta, the Shep and Mimram, and more. There will be a 45 minute presentation from Rob Mungovan, Conservation Officer East Anglia and Central at The Wild Trout Trust, followed by a discussion. Book a place by emailing us.
- **Saturday 16 April** 2–4pm, Nature Walk along Bury Farm track.
- **Monday 25 April** 10am, meet at Stapleford Pavilion for a social cycle ride.
- **Monday 9 May** 8pm, planning meeting.

For more information on any event please email the address below. We will be having a number of cycle rides and nature walks through the spring and summer, so look out for the dates.

Recycling

Our waste collection service run by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) has one of the highest recycling rates in the country, but I know people get confused as to exactly what to recycle, and how. We’ve probably all been guilty of putting items in the blue bin, hoping they will get picked up by the recycling fairies – so called ‘wishful recycling’. This can unfortunately contaminate other waste such that a whole batch cannot be recycled. Here’s a round up of what SCDC can accept, and how to bin it for maximum recycling potential. Next month we’ll have information about the local specialist recycling services, for example for crisp packets, toothpaste tubes, pens, duvets and pillows and water filters.

What goes in my blue bin?	
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Newspapers and magazines	Empty aerosols
Greetings cards and envelopes	Tin foil and foil trays
Plastic bags and film wrapping	Biscuit and sweet tins
Wrapping paper (no metallic plastic)	Glass jars and bottles
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It's two years now since the pandemic started and since I started writing a Coronavirus Diary for the Village News. The idea was to create a chronicle of the pandemic, partly as an ongoing read for us as we went through it, but also as a record for the future. Come July last year, the restrictions pretty much came to an end, so it seemed an obvious point to end. But as a historian, I know that often, when doing research, you find that big events are chronicled while they're new, then the testimony fizzles out and you end up wondering how it all ended. So I thought that – eight months on – it would be good to round off my account with a record of what happened next.

Well, back in 2021, we greeted summer with a collective sigh of relief after the winter's restrictions. We not only enjoyed the weather, but were able to claw back at least some of the freedom to go out and about that we'd lost. There were weddings and christenings, family parties and holidays. Friends met up once more. We could travel abroad. It's true that the numbers of cases rose as we moved out and about again, but not as much as was feared and the end of the school term reduced the circulation of the virus among families. There was a lot of argument about whether it would be wise to keep the wearing of masks mandatory in public places. If, like us, you were towards the higher end of the age range, you probably wore one anyway. But the young shed them completely and took their chances. Mainly we avoided infection by continuing to do a lot of things outdoors. But still there was a lot of anxiety around and there were dire predictions about what would happen over the winter.

We were warned that the winter would bring a resurgence of infection, just because we couldn't do so much out of doors and because it was close social contact that spread the virus. One side effect of all our isolation and wearing of masks was that, last year, we'd missed out on the normal winter round of colds and 'flu. So we were warned that there'd be a 'tsunami' of colds and 'flu and were encouraged to get our 'flu jab. So, as autumn approached, much of the focus was on vaccination. The Covid vaccination programme went into overdrive, working down the age bands, trying to get as many people double vaccinated as possible – two doses of vaccine gave much greater protection. This would both protect us as individuals, but also stop the virus from circulating. The older age brackets and the vulnerable, were given a third shot of vaccine – a booster – which had effectiveness levels quoted as over 90%. The vaccine was to be our route out of the pandemic. By the middle of November, I'd had 3 Covid vaccinations and one 'flu jab. My right arm was a mite disgruntled!

Not everyone, though, was keen on the idea of the vaccine. The ‘anti-vaxxers’ became a force, protesting that the vaccine might not be safe. And social media – a powerful force in our society – circulated all sorts of wild rumours – such as that Covid doesn’t exist, but is a government plot to control us, or that governments are using the vaccine to microchip their populations! Vaccination, they claimed, was an affront to personal liberty. Not so much of that round Shelford though. We were just pleased to get the protection, with maybe the opportunity to get our lives back.

It all seemed to be going OK. And then it wasn’t. If you want to know about evolution, then the Covid virus gives a stunning demonstration – in a short timeframe. A virus continually produces new variants and at the end of November, the Omicron variant was identified in South Africa. As with previous variants, it took a while to get the measure of this one, but from the start it was clear that it was very much more infectious. It ripped around the world and here it took off like a rocket. On 10 December face masks became compulsory again, though many of us had never stopped wearing them in public places. All through December we watched the numbers rise and we hoped against hope that Christmas wouldn’t be cancelled like last year. It wasn’t. We hoped too that we wouldn’t have another lockdown. I, and everyone else, felt that we just couldn’t face it. We didn’t have to. Because, although the cases skyrocketed (more than a quarter of a million of them reported on two days at the end of December and the beginning of January), yet the number of people hospitalised or dying of Covid wasn’t as bad as in the early days. Omicron, we discovered, was a milder variant and it soon came to dominate. Though hospital staff were stressed and indeed infected, they coped (as they always somehow do).

Covid ripped around the young – the school population, around colleges and universities, around the working population. We all knew someone with Covid. Keeping everything going became the big anxiety – deliveries, shops, hospitals, care homes. And then, as suddenly as it had risen, the number of cases fell again. It has continued to fall ever since.

The Conservative Party seemed increasingly defined by a resistance to imposing Covid restrictions. The order in December to wear face masks and the associated provisions, raised huge resistance in the party, with mutterings that ‘This is not Nazi Germany’. I found that frankly childish and an insult to all who suffered under Nazi Germany. Increasingly, the party seemed defined by freedom from any restriction and by a need to keep the economy going at all costs. At times, it seemed they were more interested in their wealth than our health and wellbeing

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In the end, this winter was more normal than last. Children carried on at school, even if there were high levels of sickness. The new cohort started at university and had a better time than those who went the previous year. People who were working from home largely discovered that they liked it and didn't want to return to the office. They liked the ability to take a break and potter at home, to go out into the garden or go for a walk. Liked the fact that they were relieved of a commute. Perhaps they missed the office social life, but you could always chat online.

What has been hardest over the last two years, I think, is to adapt to the changing landscape. Our views of Covid were formed by the early days of the pandemic. And particularly for those of us who are older, or vulnerable in health, it is hard to shed the fear, the suspicion of the virus. We're still not quite sure we want to shed our masks, even if Boris doesn't think we need them. Most of us socialise less than we did. We still spend more time out of doors. If you're in work and if you have children at school, then you've been forced out into the world willy-nilly. If you're retired it's easy to let inertia sink in. I think we all go more slowly than we did and procrastination rules. But gradually we are all emerging from our isolation.

More than anything, though, I wonder what effect the pandemic has had on the current generation of children. Two years is a long time if you're a child and this has been a strange and frightening time. To be surrounded by adults in masks, to be told that contact is a risk, to be confined for months to your home, to hear of people dying. It must have seemed a terrifying world.

Last week, all Covid restrictions ended. No longer is there any requirement to self-isolate if you have the illness. Mass testing has ended. It was always said that the goal was for the pandemic to become an endemic, as are colds and 'flu. Are we there now? The government at least seems to think so. Hopefully,

things will continue to improve over 2022. Already, I find, Covid is slipping to the back of my mind.

The reason for that is a terrible irony. The day that the restrictions ended, something from our past erupted again. Russia invaded Ukraine. Everyone in the West is deeply shocked. Not just a war, but a war in Europe. Worse still, a war involving Russia. It evokes memories of that awful reality that people of my age grew up with and that we thought we'd emerged from – the Cold War and the threat of nuclear holocaust. It even drowned out that other great anxiety and threat to humanity – climate change. And so, as one source of anxiety dies down and we try to come to terms with the after effects of two years of the pandemic, we find ourselves beset with a new anxiety. A strange and unexpected turn of events.

Helen Harwood

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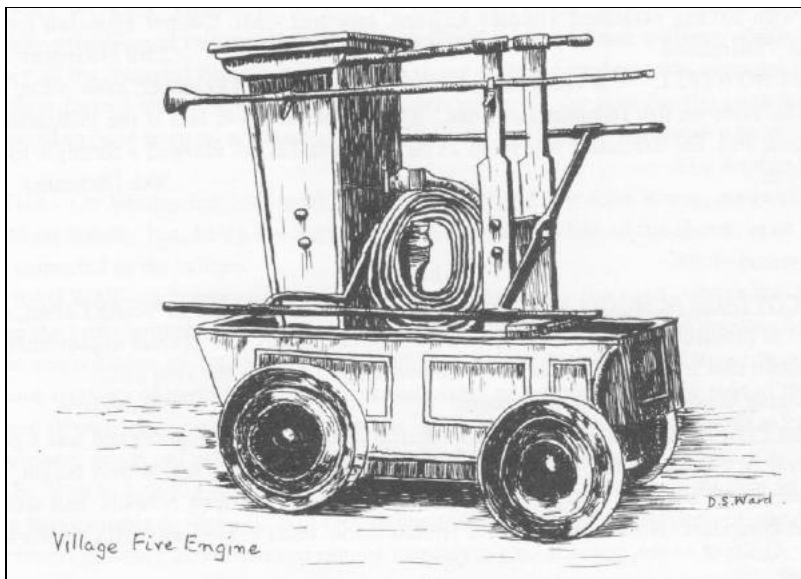
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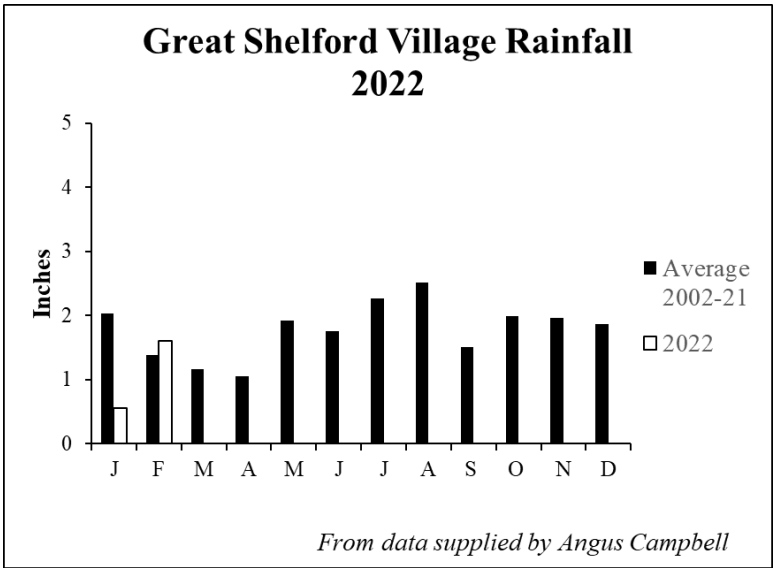
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