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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY OF ELY COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY,  
3RD APRIL 2023 AT THE MALTINGS, SHIP LANE, ELY**

**PRESENT:** Mrs T Coulson – Clerk to the Council

Cllr R Morgan, Mayor

Cllr C Phillips

Cllr A Whelan

Cllr E Every

Cllr C Whelan

Cllr R Pitt

Cllr P Harris

Cllr V Ganivet

Cllr I Lindsay

*1 parishioner*

**1. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Austen, Warman, Denness, and Wade. The reasons for their absences were accepted.

**2. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no requests for dispensations.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH FEBRUARY 2023 AND  
MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 27th February 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to one grammatical amendment. They were signed by the Chairman. Pages 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 refer. There were no matters arising.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced this would be the last time he would be chairing the Full Council meeting, after nearly 12 months as Mayor and Chairman. He thanked councillors for their forbearance and said he had enjoyed it very much. He thanked those councillors that would not be standing in the forthcoming elections for the work they had done on behalf of the Council over the time that had been in office. He hoped that following the elections they would come together again as Eleans and councillors with a sole focus on the betterment of the lives of all citizens, beginning with the Mayor Making on the 15th May.

**6. QUESTION TIME**

A parishioner questioned what the council could do with regard to cars parking on a Saturday, in the High Street when this was closed to traffic and pedestrianised. Cllr Every informed the parishioner this was undertaken by ECDC and that she would speak to the Community Safety Partnership at ECDC who can liaise with the police over their concerns.

*The parishioner left the meeting at 7.10 pm.*

## **7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

A written report was received from County Cllrs Coutts and A Whelan. A copy of which will be attached to the minutes. District Councillor C Whelan provided a written report, which will be attached to the minutes. District Cllr Every reported on how successful the Community Safety Partnership celebration event on the 13th March had been.

## **8. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & REPORT**

The Mayor had attended the South Holland District Council charity ball. He was present, with others at the Market Place for the raising of the flag on Commonwealth Day and made a short speech. He had attended a preview of Ben's Yard at Stuntney; the Mayor of Whittlesey's Dinner; St Ives Civic Service and Mayoral Ball. He visited the wellness garden, "St John's Retreat" at Abbots Way and he had signed the Armed Forces Covenant and given a speech, earlier that evening.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the local Rainbows Group; given a talk on the cemetery to two different groups; visited the Fire Station to congratulate the students at their Fire Break Pass-out Parade on behalf of the Council. He had also attended the community iftar meal organised by the Ely Islamic Centre. He thanked Cllr Morgan for all that he had done in the last 12 months as Chairman of the Council.

## **9. PLANNING**

Cllr Lindsay gave a report on the last planning meeting.

## **10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

The following information only items were received and noted:-

Notification of street closures:- Broad Street, Ely – 31.05.23; Annesdale, Ely – 22-26.05.23; Branch Bank, Prickwillow, Ely – 15-16.05.23

Letter from the Drinking Water Inspectorate regarding the Inspectorate's assessment of an event involving the sufficiency of the water supply 10,762 properties following a burst main in Ely

Notification of street naming and numbering:- Units 20A and 20B The Dock, Angel Drove, Ely

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(i) PERSONNEL, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE – Cllr A Whelan presented a report of a meeting held on the 6th March 2023, which were noted and approved. Cllr A Whelan proposed councillors approved the recommended grant awards for:- Littleport & District Pony Club - £250; Cruse - £750, Friends of the Lantern School - £1000. This was seconded by Cllr C Whelan and unanimously approved. The annual review of the Council's Policies and Procedures was being undertaken. Cllr Pitt will contact ECDC, Centre E and the Community Safety Partnership with regards to researching and obtaining information as to whether there was a need for support workers for the elderly and youth. Councillors also discussed the anti-social issues raised by Cllr Pitt and it was agreed Cllr Pitt would discuss these with the Community Safety Partnership and report back to the next meeting. Councillors considered the written statement from a staff member concerning the overtime/toil policy. They felt that the points raised were already contained within the policy and unanimously agreed the policy could not be amended. The CIL minutes of a meeting held on the 27th March 2023 were noted. Cllr Morgan proposed the CIL request for a further £13,000 towards the replacement of the climbing tower at St John's play area be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Ganivet and unanimously approved.

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED .....**

(ii) CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT – No report as Committee had not met. The next meeting will be held on the 11th April 2023.

(iii) ASSETS – Cllr Philips presented a report of a meeting held on the 13th March 2023, which were noted and approved. Councillors noted the update on decarbonisation. Cllr Lindsay informed councillors the tree in memory of the late Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh had now been planted in the sensory garden at the cemetery. A plaque will be installed shortly. A meeting had been held with ECDC Conservation Officer at the cemetery chapels, who was happy that the council should continue to maintain them as we had been doing.

(iv) TOURISM AND TOWN CENTRE – No report as Committee had not met.

**12. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

Ely/Ribe Association – minutes of meetings held on the 21st February 2023 and 28th March 2023 were noted.

Prickwillow Village Council – minutes of a meeting held on the 13th March 2023 were noted.

**13. NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2023/2024**

Councillors considered the nominations for Deputy Mayor for 2023/24. These being Cllr R Denness, proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Ganivet and Cllr R Pitt, proposed by Cllr Wade and seconded by Cllr Morgan. A paper vote was undertaken with the result being a tie. The Chairman had the casting vote and Cllr R Pitt was approved as the Deputy Mayor for 2023/24. Cllr Every abstained from the vote.

**14. TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR C FULLER TO THE POSITION OF ESTATES TECHNICIAN AND TO PASS A RESOLUTION THAT HE BE SPECIFIED AS A PENSIONABLE EMPLOYEE UNDER REGULATION B1(5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS 1986 (AS AMENDED)**

Cllr Morgan proposed the approval of the appointment of Mr C Fuller to the position of Estates Technician and to the passing of a resolution that he be specified as a pensionable employee under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as amended). This was seconded by Cllr A Whelan and unanimously approved.

**15. TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH ADEC IN RELATION TO THE USE OF THE MALTINGS**

Cllr Morgan proposed the updated version, provided to all councillors, be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Pitt and unanimously approved. The Chairman signed the Agreement.

**16. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE FRIENDS OF SESSIONS HOUSE**

Cllr Every gave background information on the Friends of Sessions House. A meeting had recently taken place with the Council, Ely Museum and representative from OCH. It was agreed that it would be good to make Sessions House a Crime and Justice Centre. It could also be a centre for the Arts, Music and Theatre. The Deputy Clerk was also investigating the option of it being a wedding venue. It was agreed interested parties should meet again to discuss further and produce options for the use of the building. Cllrs Every and Lindsay would be happy to be continue to work as the Friends, after May when they stand down as councillors.

## 17. FINANCE

Cllr Morgan proposed these all be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously approved.

### *Direct debit payments and BACS payments*

|  |          |                      |
|--|----------|----------------------|
| ECDC                                     | 196.00   | Paid by direct debit |
| ECDC                                     | 297.12   | Paid by direct debit |
| ECDC                                     | 2090.52  | Paid by direct debit |
| ECDC                                     | 523.50   | Paid by direct debit |
| ECDC                                     | 499.00   | Paid by direct debit |
| FuelGenie                                | 269.72   | Paid by direct debit |
| Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd         | 1100.93  | Paid by direct debit |
| Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd         | 725.40   | Paid by direct debit |
| Cybertill Ltd                            | 70.12    | Paid by direct debit |
| British Telecommunications               | 264.71   | Paid by direct debit |
| Drax Energy Solutions Ltd                | 32.97    | Paid by direct debit |
| Liquidline Ltd                           | 143.28   | Paid by direct debit |
| Liquidline Ltd                           | 342.96   | Paid by direct debit |
| Liquidline Ltd                           | 144.01   | Paid by direct debit |
| Worldpay                                 | 250.51   | Paid by direct debit |
| Worldpay                                 | 335.51   | Paid by direct debit |
| Francotyp Postalia Ltd                   | 64.80    | Paid by direct debit |
| Information Commissioner                 | 35.00    | Paid by direct debit |
| Barclaycard                              | 1345.90  | Paid by direct debit |
| TotalEnergies Gas & Power                | 946.50   | Paid by direct debit |
| TotalEnergies Gas & Power                | 998.63   | Paid by direct debit |
| TotalEnergies Gas & Power                | 17459.73 | Paid by direct debit |
| TotalEnergies Gas & Power                | 50.51    | Paid by direct debit |
| TotalEnergies Gas & Power                | 288.20   | Paid by direct debit |
| ESPO                                     | 400.94   | Paid by direct debit |
| ESPO                                     | 1313.94  | Paid by direct debit |
| ESPO                                     | 242.32   | Paid by direct debit |
| Virgin Media                             | 62.40    | Paid by direct debit |
| Virgin Media                             | 62.40    | Paid by direct debit |
| Barclays                                 | 120.94   | Paid by direct debit |
| Greene King Brewing & Retail Ltd         | 1889.66  | Paid by direct debit |
| British Telecommunications               | 107.08   | Paid by direct debit |
| British Telecommunications               | 42.54    | Paid by direct debit |
| Francotyp Postalia Ltd                   | 250.00   | Paid by direct debit |
| EE                                       | 18.65    | Paid by direct debit |
| Lex Autolease                            | 383.70   | Paid by direct debit |
| ESPO                                     | 408.65   | Paid by direct debit |
| Mr R Todd                                | 399.00   | Paid by BACS         |
| K Robinson                               | 189.12   | Paid by BACS         |
| L E Enterprices                          | 31.25    | Paid by BACS         |
| Thompson Media Partners Ltd              | 238.50   | Paid by BACS         |
| Up To Speed Training &<br>Assessment Ltd | 1956.00  | Paid by BACS         |
| City Cycle Centre                        | 274.54   | Paid by BACS         |
| We Are Blueshed Ltd                      | 72.00    | Paid by BACS         |

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**17. FINANCE CONTINUED .....**

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|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd    | 132.59  | Paid by BACS |
| March Stationery & Print          | 82.18   | Paid by BACS |
| G & G Gallo Enterprises Ltd       | 418.46  | Paid by BACS |
| ATS Heritage                      | 234.00  | Paid by BACS |
| D Holt                            | 75.00   | Paid by BACS |
| CB Groundworks & Construction Ltd | 1786.99 | Paid by BACS |
| RGP Security Services Ltd         | 105.60  | Paid by BACS |
| March Stationery & Print          | 119.22  | Paid by BACS |
| Ellgia Ltd                        | 192.15  | Paid by BACS |
| The Kite Trust                    | 500.00  | Paid by BACS |
| Human Capital Department Ltd      | 178.80  | Paid by BACS |
| The Royal Society of St George    | 57.00   | Paid by BACS |
| S Blake                           | 491.50  | Paid by BACS |
| Yellow Publications Ltd           | 53.20   | Paid by BACS |
| Mrs N Booth                       | 171.40  | Paid by BACS |
| House of Marbles                  | 368.64  | Paid by BACS |
| St Ives Town Council              | 150.00  | Paid by BACS |
| Isle Interactive Ltd              | 48.00   | Paid by BACS |
| Trade UK                          | 79.20   | Paid by BACS |
| Mrs L Green                       | 40.00   | Paid by BACS |
| Yandell Publishing Ltd            | 518.40  | Paid by BACS |
| K M Lighting Services Ltd         | 180.00  | Paid by BACS |
| Thompson Media Partners Ltd       | 270.00  | Paid by BACS |
| Studio Nova Ltd                   | 90.00   | Paid by BACS |
| HC Electrical                     | 637.26  | Paid by BACS |
| Studio Nova Ltd                   | 24.00   | Paid by BACS |
| Trade UK                          | 37.38   | Paid by BACS |
| Mr D Holmes                       | 312.00  | Paid by BACS |
| Arco Ltd                          | 232.92  | Paid by BACS |
| Eden Farm Hulleys                 | 135.71  | Paid by BACS |
| RGP Security Services Ltd         | 192.00  | Paid by BACS |
| Kamarin Computers Ltd             | 3912.00 | Paid by BACS |
| KISS Communications               | 48.00   | Paid by BACS |
| Good Evans Art                    | 192.50  | Paid by BACS |
| Trade UK                          | 14.98   | Paid by BACS |
| CamAlarms Ltd                     | 204.00  | Paid by BACS |
| Mr R Morgan                       | 84.60   | Paid by BACS |
| ECDC                              | 144.00  | Paid by BACS |

**17. FINANCE CONTINUED .....**

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|------------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd     | 132.59  | Paid by BACS |
| H C Electrical                     | 1912.56 | Paid by BACS |
| East Air Conditioning Services Ltd | 774.00  | Paid by BACS |
| Star Editions Ltd                  | 989.33  | Paid by BACS |
| ATS Heritage                       | 234.00  | Paid by BACS |
| Zaun Ltd                           | 1012.80 | Paid by BACS |
| Ellgia Ltd                         | 176.84  | Paid by BACS |
| Ely Central Heating Services Ltd   | 360.00  | Paid by BACS |
| Lauren Rouse                       | 35.00   | Paid by BACS |
| Take One Media Ltd                 | 732.00  | Paid by BACS |
| Fullpip Ltd                        | 234.90  | Paid by BACS |
| Cambridge Art                      | 723.60  | Paid by BACS |
| Grocer's Brokers Ltd               | 191.76  | Paid by BACS |
| Trade UK                           | 52.95   | Paid by BACS |
| G & G Gallo Enterprises Ltd        | 506.97  | Paid by BACS |
| We Are Blushed Ltd                 | 72.00   | Paid by BACS |
| March Stationery & Print           | 82.18   | Paid by BACS |
| P Myerson HVAC Maintenance Ltd     | 278.98  | Paid by BACS |

*The following invoices had already been paid prior to the Full Council, due to due date of payment with the approval of the Chairman*

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| Savills                     | 338.09  | 114327 |
| Konica Minolta Bus Sols Ltd | 123.82  | 114328 |
| Jewson Ltd                  | 66.86   | 114329 |
| Mrs A J Morgan              | 45.00   | 114300 |
| G & J Peck Ltd              | 65.66   | 114331 |
| Thurlow Nunn Standen Ltd    | 50.09   | 114332 |
| Gordon Harrison             | 120.00  | 114333 |
| Two Bad Mice Publishers Ltd | 251.40  | 114334 |
| ESPO                        | 1854.00 | 114335 |
| Amazon Payments UK Ltd      | 351.25  | 114336 |
| ECDC                        | 420.00  | 114337 |
| Housden's Catering Ltd      | 624.00  | 114338 |
| Jewson Ltd                  | 344.40  | 114339 |

*The following invoices had not been paid prior to the meeting*

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| Securitas Security Services (UK) Ltd | 540.00   | 114344               |
| G & J Peck Ltd                       | 0.91     | 114340               |
| CAPALC                               | 1890.16  | 114343               |
| Zurich Municipal                     | 13203.12 | Paid by BACS         |
| FuelGenie                            | 325.46   | Paid by direct debit |
| British Telecommunications           | 299.60   | Paid by direct debit |
| City Cycle Centre                    | 47.95    | 114342               |
| Human Capital Department Ltd         | 178.80   | Paid by BACS         |
| Bidfood                              | 488.91   | Paid by direct debit |
| Liquidline Ltd                       | 486.97   | Paid by direct debit |
| Thomas Media Partners Ltd            | 357.60   | Paid by BACS         |
| ATS Heritage Ltd                     | 234.00   | Paid by BACS         |

**17. FINANCE CONTINUED .....**

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| S Blake                     | 4500.00 | Paid by BACS (an explanation for this payment was given) |
| D Holt                      | 50.00   | Paid by BACS   |
| S Blake                     | 515.00  | Paid by BACS   |
| S Thompson                  | 33.30   | 114341   |
| The Kite Trust              | 500.00  | Paid by BACS   |
| TotalEnergies Gas and Power | 226.45  | Paid by direct debit                                     |
| British Telecommunications  | 265.21  | Paid by direct debit                                     |
| Worldpay                    | 180.40  | Paid by direct debit                                     |
| Worldpay                    | 306.80  | Paid by direct debit                                     |
| Worldpay                    | 319.54  | Paid by direct debit                                     |
| Worldpay                    | 242.32  | Paid by direct debit                                     |
| Liquidline Ltd              | 227.70  | Paid by direct debit                                     |

**Payments relating to staff since meeting on the 27th February 2023**

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Salaries and wages        | £34,883.77 |
| Inland Revenue (tax & NI) | £9,219.92  |
| Pension fund payments     | £10,191.30 |

Councillors noted and approved the bank reconciliation against the accounts for the period ending the 31st January 2023.

*The meeting closed at 7.46 pm.*





# Clrs Alison Whelan and Piers Coutts

## MONTHLY REPORT MARCH 2023

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### FULL COUNCIL

#### County Council Vacancies

There have been two resignations at the County Council and there will be byelections on 4<sup>th</sup> May for:

- Soham and Haddenham
- Arbury

#### Full Council meeting

The Full Council meeting on Tuesday 21 March saw motions passed on “Debate not Hate” and Voter Identification.

Councillors have been subjected to significant amounts of abuse, both in person and online. This was a factor in the recent resignation of a County Councillor in Cambridge.

Research on the impact of the voter ID requirements suggest that 2 million people do not have appropriate ID, yet only a very small number of voters have applied locally for a free Voter Authority Certificate so that they are not denied their right to vote.

A call for a referendum on a congestion charge in Cambridge did not pass. Such polls are blunt tools that are not able to deal with complex matters. This is an issue that is about the significant growth in Cambridge and the resulting congestion, pollution and the lack of public transport. It is more appropriate to see what the 24,000 plus responses to the Connecting Cambridge consultation say.

However, we have concerns about the proposals in the consultation which we would not support as they are not beneficial to the people of East of Cambridgeshire.

The decision to create a public transport link connecting existing and planned settlements at Cambourne, West Cambourne and Bourn Airfield to Cambridge also came to the Council. These settlements are the best alternatives to development in the green belt, and this clustered development protects the vast majority of South Cambs villages from unsustainable growth.

A key point of contention for the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge Busway is at Madingley and Coton where different options have been debated. The eight years of consideration included a detailed independent audit in 2021.

Officers have given a clear steer that the proposed on-road route was not good enough to meet the needs of Cambourne and further planned growth, and risks disturbing Madingley Wood, an ancient and hugely biodiverse site. The preferred route involving the loss of trees at Coton Orchard, a private site without public access, is regrettable. The final route will be aligned to reduce to a minimum the number of lost trees, almost or potentially all of which will be commercial fruit trees around 30 years old.

The next stage will almost certainly be a public inquiry at which the integrity of the scheme and objections to it will be tested.

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## SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

Cambridgeshire County Council has announced two new senior appointments as it completes work to refocus its senior team entirely on the county - with Martin Purbrick taking up the role of Executive Director for Children, Education and Families, and Patrick Warren-Higgs as Executive Director for Adults, Health and Commissioning.

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## PENSIONS

The triennial pensions valuation was approved by the pensions committee last week. The pension fund is currently 140% funded and this has enabled a more prudent approach to investment to be undertaken and, more importantly, enabled a number of employers to reduce their contributions.

The fund continues to pursue its Responsible Investment Policy that has seen approval of £179m being moved into investments aimed at carbon-reduction.

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## ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT

### Waste contract

The County Council's long-term waste disposal PFI contract with Thalia at Waterbeach continues to be a major preoccupation of the Council. Work is

continuing on options for the odour emission abatement required by the Environment Agency, and Government changes to food waste collection arrangements are proving challenging.

### **Swaffham Prior**

There continues to be ongoing media interest in the Swaffham Prior renewable energy project, including from the BBC1 national morning magazine programme and the property section of the *Sunday Times*. The first homes in the village are already receiving heat from the new system.

### **Wisbech incinerator**

The Council's case against the planning application for the Wisbech incinerator was presented to the Planning Inspectorate's Examination on Thursday 24 February.

### **Waste water treatment plant**

Anglian Water have withdrawn their application for the move of the waste water treatment plant from North East Cambridge to Horningsea, which we expect to be revised and resubmitted.

### **Water industry consultations**

A number of water industry consultations are in progress at the moment, including Anglian Water's Water Resources Management Plan, and their Storm Overflow consultation.

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### **PRIORS FIELD GP PRACTICE, SUTTON**

The announcement of the closure of the GP surgery at Priors Field in Sutton with effect from the end of 31 March has shocked residents.

This would have a major impact on Ely as patients were to be allocated to the GP practices in Ely and Haddenham.

Although a 1 year agreement has now been put in place, it is important that a permanent solution is found to prevent a reduction in GP services in Ely.

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### **HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

#### **Local Highway Improvement schemes**

LHI bids will be considered at a panel meeting on Friday 12 May.

From now until 28 April, applications for new 20MPH speed limits can be submitted by any person as long as they have the support of their local parish or town council and county councillor. Once an application has been submitted it will be processed and prioritised, until all schemes have been delivered.

### **Ely 20mph Scheme**

All Ely Councillors have been asked for their feedback on the proposed 20mph scheme for Ely. This will then enable the plans to go to public consultation.

### **Road Network**

The business plan agreed by the Council in February this year included a budget of £32.76 million for maintenance of the highways. This is an increase on the previous budget as proposed by preceding administrations. The dire condition of our roads, and their poor management under the previous administration were a key issue. More money was firstly put into dealing with the catastrophic failure to clear gullies, and now into highway maintenance.

The Council as Highway Authority seeks to prioritise highways maintenance country wide as best it can within the resources available. The Highways Maintenance service use road condition information and forecasts to determine where best to target our limited funding for the best long-term benefits to road users across the county. Due to the very tight budget limitations we have to strike a difficult balance between dealing with the immediate challenge of potholes, and preventative maintenance which helps to avoid the longer-term deterioration of the road network. We have a system of inspections to identify and repair safety maintenance requirements. Our 5 year forward Highways Maintenance Capital Maintenance Programme was approved in March by our Highways and Transportation Committee following discussion with County Councillors from all parties.

The impact of the recent droughts followed by heavy rain on stretches of road such as Black Bank and Hundred Foot Bank has been severe. The nature of the peat soils on which many of our roads sit makes many of our rural roads more vulnerable to extreme weather. In the last few years, we have seen a significant increase in deterioration of these roads and the effect of this on communities.

The impact of climate change on our infrastructure is not yet well understood and is recognised as a major risk for the County Council. It is disappointing that the urgency of the need to reduce our carbon emissions in order to reduce our climate risk is not supported across the political spectrum within the County.

Cambridgeshire County Council is leading discussions on the impact of climate change on our road network along with similarly affected neighbouring authorities and with the Department for Transport and are seeking technical support and ultimately a sufficient level of funding to address the issues and adequately maintain the network for the future.

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### Meanwhile on the Combined Authority

The Combined Authority Board continues to focus on its Improvement work. It has agreed to appoint an Executive Director Resources & Performance, and an Executive Director Economy & Growth.

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**Cllrs Alison Whelan and Piers Coutts**  
County Councillors for Ely North and Ely South



# District Councillor Report 03-04-23 by Cllr C Whelan

## **Operational Services Committee 27-03-23**

There was a presentation given by Lizzi Wales who is the Youth and Community Coordinator. The slides and presentation can be seen on the youtube link below. I do not have the slides available, but it is worth watching and is at the beginning of the meeting.

There was a report on the replacement of vehicles as 10 Refuse Collection Vehicles are coming to the end of their life and need replacing.

There was a debate from the report on the best use of fuel which would produce low CO2 admissions. It was unanimously agreed by the committee that the best form of fuel for the replacements would be HVO Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil. The older vehicles will be converted to use this fuel as well. In cab technology will be installed to improve the service of the collections.

The rest of the agenda was reports and they were either unanimously supported or just for noting.

The full agenda and decision list can be found on

<https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/operational-services-committee-27032023>

The full meeting can be viewed on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3XLon891u8>

## **The Finance and Assets meeting was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> March**

The full meeting can be viewed on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Es-csTDjJ6c>

The full council which was scheduled for April has been cancelled.

