

Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting 10 December 20

COVID 19

The County Council would like to remind people that if they need help during this pandemic, they should go onto either the County or District website's or phone the Countywide Hub on 034504552

Cambridgeshire County Council pledges wide ranging winter support for more people than ever. Working closely with the District Councils, the community and district hub network and voluntary organisations in the area.

The Winter Support Packages to families will ensure that no child goes hungry whether they are eligible for free school meals or in a range of other categories. The CC will also look to support families or individuals who might be struggling with other essential bills such as utilities.

The food support will come via a voucher sent to families automatically, using a system many schools are already using. Each eligible child will receive a £15 voucher for each week of the school holidays (two weeks at Christmas and one week in February)

Those eligible for the voucher will be those:

Eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium, Funded Two Year Olds, Free school meals and on a 16+ Bursary

In addition to the food vouchers the scheme is also available to support these same families and individuals with other immediate needs including (but not limited to) other essential supplies and food, household energy and water bills, boiler servicing and repairs.

Those eligible for this additional support will include:

Households who receive income related benefits

Households facing financial hardship – who the councils are aware of

Families identified as just about managing by schools

Anyone with an Education, Health and Care Plan

Care Leavers

Young Carers

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough launched their Contact Tracing Service on 19 November. From this date officers from each council who have undergone special training with regard to contact tracing, will be following up on people who have tested positive for Covid 19 but have not responded to a call or email from the National

Service and will ask them for details of close contacts. If they do not respond after 48 hrs, a council officer will call round to the address to speak to them personally and provide advice and get details of their contacts to enable the National system to be updated

When we make contact we will also see if they need any support or help through our coordination hubs, this could be financial support, support to shop for food, get medication or undertake essential household chores.

From the 2 December, Cambridgeshire will be in Tier 2 restrictions for details go to the Government website : <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

Health – Over the past year and moving forward, the CC has signed a joint section 75 agreement with Peterborough City Council for health visiting and school nursing services, with funding from this Council of just under £9 million per year. Our Best Start in Life Strategy developed across Council directorates and partner organisations will make sure that health visiting services, work seamlessly with Children’s Centres and Early Education Services and support good outcomes for our children and families.

In Adult Social Care an additional £800,000 has been invested into our three year enhanced Falls Prevention Pilot. Integrated with the Adults positive challenge programme. This will reduce Hospital admissions for falls amongst our vulnerable older people, which in turn often triggers residential social care placements. This should help to improve outcomes for our older residents and make savings for both the NHS and Adult Social Care.

The Combined Authority (Mayor) who is responsible for Public Transport (buses) in Cambridgeshire is looking at a Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) scheme for West Huntingdonshire. West Huntingdonshire has been picked as a trial location for the scheme which it is hoped to commence in January 2021 and will last for 6 months. Residents would order the bus via an App or by telephoning the call centre.

When I get more information I will update the PC accordingly.

Motorists are being reminded that misusing blue badges can result in them facing heavy fines, following a recent prosecution. A 30 year old man from Cambridge was ordered to pay fines and costs of almost £500 after pleading guilty to displaying a stolen blue badge in his vehicle in Chesterton.

Councillor Steve Count, Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council said “ Blue Badges are vitally important as they help people with disabilities or health conditions with their parking needs. This case shows that we take Blue Badge misuse seriously and will not tolerate such offence in Cambridgeshire,

If you have concerns about the misuse of a Blue Badge you should get as much detail as possible and report the misuse here : https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Blue_Badge_Misuse

The Council will then investigate the matter and take appropriate action if necessary.

For more information about the Blue Badge scheme and to check whether you are eligible visit the County Council Website.

With regard to the A14 I am informed that Highways England are currently engaged in a review of Junction 15 (Bythorn/Keyston) with a request again to look again at possible signing improvements as part of a full review of the 2017/2018 study.

The New Shire Hall" building at Alconbury is taking shape, however the impact of Coronavirus has delayed the completion date. The project will deliver much better working conditions for our staff.

Solar Together Cambridgeshire if you are interest in Solar PV Panels and batteries for your property you can still register on

<https://solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire/home#>

With regard to the New Arrivals Flightpaths into London Luton and the Holding area centred over Grafham Water I would remind the Parish Council that the District Council is looking for your views by the 15 December so they can be incorporated into the District Councils response to the consultation.

The consultation ends on the 5th February 2021. The parish Council can also make its own representation to the Consultation as can private individuals.

You can respond to the consultation using the feedback form published on the CAA website.

I will be representing your views at the County and District Councils in their submission to the consultation

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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