

Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting – October 2022

I am pleased to report that the No entry sign has been painted on the road to stop drivers entering the One Way Street adjacent to the green the wrong way.

The Planning Officer has provided me with the following update on the Land east of Ivy Way planning application –

The officer has received an objections from the affordable housing and urban design teams, both of which have requested significant changes to the design as well as a reduction in the number of dwellings. The applicant has therefore been asked to withdraw this application with a view to resubmit with revisions, otherwise the application will be refused as it stands. The officer will allow approximately a week for a response from the agent.

This year's applications 23/24 for LHI funding will commence on the 31st October and close in early January 23, with the Panel meeting in May 23

There are some important changes to the LHI process, the process will be amended by the introduction of two process routes ie Non complex and Complex Schemes . Non Complex schemes would be parking restrictions such as double yellow lines, street lighting, speed limits & MVAS etc. Complex schemes would be raised features, pedestrian crossings, foot/cycle paths etc

The maximum contribution from the County for Non complex schemes would be £10,000 and for Complex schemes would be £25,000.

The overall funding level for the schemes will remain the same, which means there has been a 13% cut in funding in real terms for next year.

If the village is looking for 20mph zones or speed limit. These should not be put through the LHI process, as they will not be accepted. A new scheme for 20mph zones will be put to the Highways & transportation Committee in December and will come into effect Countywide in the new year. At which time parishes will be able to apply.

The Huntingdon Market Town Proposals can be viewed up until the 28th October and everyone is invited to comment. The review is looking at the regeneration of the Town Centre with a Food Court, Housing, improvements to the Riverside Park, additional trees, café etc and the removal of the ring road around the Town Centre which deters access to the Town and the neighbouring parks etc.

District Council meetings are now being live streamed on the you tube channel , you can view Full Council, Development Management and Overview and Scrutiny , Employment and Licensing and Protection Committees

The County Council has prepared an active Travel Strategy for Cambridgeshire, which sets out the approach for improvements to active travel across the county.

The Huntingdonshire transport strategy has been developed to tackle the existing transport problems and address future growth in the District and support the achievement of carbon net zero in Cambridgeshire by 2045. The plan provides a holistic approach to how people will be able to travel where they live and work, of which active travel provides an important option, for those who are not able to travel by car. The active Travel strategy aims to make active travel the go to option for local travel.

The County Council and the Greater Cambridge Partnership are to launch an extensive consultation on proposals to transform how people travel around Greater Cambridge.

The proposals will see New Bus Routes and more frequent services from our Market Towns and Rural areas into the City. The frequency of services would be 6-8 buses per hour from the Market towns and hourly from Rural Areas. Along with longer operating hours from 5am to 1am. Flat fares would be introduced of £2.00 to get into Cambridge To enable this to happen a Congestion charge in Cambridge would be introduced within the Sustainable Travel Zone, which would extend out to the Park & Ride Sites, but not include them. The daily charge would be £5, payable by everyone entering Cambridge including residents and would operate between 7am & 7pm. The hospital will be within the congestion charge zone.

There would be exemptions for Blue Badge Holders, buses etc.

The implementation of the congestion charge is linked with improved bus services to Huntingdon, Alconbury Weald, St Neots etc. With costs likely to be £2 each way

The County Council has launched an urgent appeal to encourage residents to consider becoming Foster Carers

The County Council will provide you with:

Local training and development close to you

Generous pay and benefits including a startup package

24/7 support from a Supervising Social worker as well as an amazing first year next steps training programme.

Local support groups with other Foster Carers and peer mentoring

To become a Foster Carer, you must be over 21, have a spare bedroom and be willing and able to provide a stable and loving environment in which a child or young person can thrive

The District Council has successfully prosecuted a fly tipper from Huntingdon, for fly tipping on Priory Hill, St Neots. The offender was fined £2000 and ordered to pay costs of £1800 as well as being disqualified from driving for 28 days.

The district Council are undertaking

If this is you, please get in touch

Visit: cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering

Email: fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact preferably by email on Ian.Gardener@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or ian.gardener@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Kind regards

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