

Babraham Parish Council: Agenda 14th March 2024

To members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Babraham Parish Council to be held on **Thursday 14th March 2024 at 19:30 at Babraham School** for the purpose of considering and resolving the business as set out below.

Please could Councillors ensure they read the agenda notes and any supporting documents circulated via email prior to the meeting.

Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council at this meeting during the Public Participation Time.

Members: 5 Quorum: 3

	Part I: Non-Confidential Information
2403/01	To receive and approve apologies for absence
2403/02	To receive members' declaration of interest for items on this agenda
2403/03	To sign and approve minutes of meeting dated 8th Feb 2024
2403/04	Exclusion of the public To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded
2403/05	Report from South Cambridgeshire District Councillor P McDonald
2403/06	Report from Cambridgeshire County Councillors Brian Milnes and Maria King
2403/07	Report from Babraham Research Campus (BRC) representative
2403/08	Village Hall
2403/09	Cambridge South East Transport scheme. The recent announcement means the GCP can resume work on the project and take it to the next phase of development after it was paused last year due to rising inflation and construction costs. A paper will be presented to the board in June where members will be formally asked to set out the next steps for the project, which would create a public transport scheme and walking and cycling route from a new travel hub at the A11 to provide more reliable journeys to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and the city.
2403/10	Public participation time – 15 minutes allowed
2403/11	Forest Garden Project. Members of steering group to discuss with the PC future Governance and development of the Forest Garden,
2403/12	Neighbourhood Plan
2403/13	Review Policies: Standing Orders Equality and Diversity Financial Regs Freedom of information Risk Register Health and Safety Data Protection Publication Scheme Action Plan Complaints Procedure Lone Working Disciplinary and Grievance

2403/14	<p>General Village Matters and new items for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes • Adding some interest to Pocket Park for children eg wooden Trim Trail • Gritting: can anyone store the grit spreader, shovel and PPE until next winter? • Fly Tipping <p>FINANCE</p>																		
2403/15	<p>Receipts and Transfers (as of 8th March 2024) Cambridge Building Society Interest £1538.76</p>																		
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2403/19	<p>Applications received</p>																		
2403/20	<p>Planning decisions:</p> <p>The South Cambridgeshire District Council (Public Footpath No. 12, Sawston (part) and Public Footpath No. 9, Babraham) Public Path Stopping Up Order 2023 confirmed 18 August 2023.</p> <p>On 12 February 2024 the Highway Authority Cambridgeshire County Council certified that the works required under Part 2 of the above Order have been carried out to a satisfactory standard. The order therefore became operative on 12 February 2024. The following public rights of way have been created and made available as replacement for the stopped-up public footpaths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An alternative public bridleway commencing at a junction with Church Lane at TL 4913 4945 and proceeds along Public Footpath No. 14, Sawston generally east for approx. 460m to a gap in the hedge-line at TL 4959 4947. The Public Bridleway then continues north north-east, to the west of a hedge-line for approx. 349m to a point at the southern boundary of a field at TL 4965 4981. The Public Bridleway then continues generally east-south-east along a field edge for approx. 59m to TL 4970 4980. The Public Bridleway then continues generally north-north-east for approx. 173m to TL 4975 4996. The Public Bridleway then continues generally north-west for approx. 144m to a junction with Babraham Road (public road) at TL 4962 5003. 																		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An alternative public footpath commencing at a junction with the alternative public bridleway at TL 4962 4968 generally east for approx. 13m to a junction with Public Footpath No. 2, Pampisford at TL 4963 4968. • An alternative public footpath commencing at a junction with the alternative public bridleway at TL 4974 4990 generally east- south-east for approx. 14m to a junction with Public Footpath No. 1, Pampisford at TL 4975 4989.
<p>2403/21</p>	<p>Correspondence. Subject: Review of Highways Operational Standards in Relation to Weed Management</p> <p>I am writing to provide you with an update on the recent review of the Highways Operational Standards (HOS) in relation to weed management in Cambridgeshire. The review aimed to assess the impact of changes implemented in April 2023 and gather stakeholders' feedback to inform further improvements.</p> <p>The review identified the need for revisions to the HOS and recommended their approval for consultation with local stakeholders. This aims to improve environmental performance, reduce carbon emissions, and enhance road user safety through proactive weed management.</p> <p>In January the Highways and Transport committee decided to reinstate the use of chemical weed control across the county, the report findings confirmed that the use of chemical weed control remains to be the most effective method for weed control as well as being the most financially viable option.</p> <p>The paper submitted to the committee can be found here.</p> <p>Additionally, we would like to inform you that a one off non-chemical weed removal program will be implemented to cleanse all areas affected by weeds. This program will serve as a deep clean measure before the cyclical chemical weed treatment program, which will take place twice per annum, is reinstated in May 2024.</p>
<p>2403/22</p>	<p>Items for inclusion in the next meeting</p> <p>Date of next meetings: Thursday April 11th 2024 7.30pm Thursday 9th May 6.30pm Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm</p>
<p>2403/23</p>	<p>Part II: Confidential Information</p> <p>Exclusion of the Press and the Public: To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting.</p> <p>Signature: <i>Anne Charteris</i> 8th March 2024 10 Duxford Road, Hinxton, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1RB 01799 531827</p>