

GUILDEN MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

**The Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall
on Monday 21 September 2026 at 7.30 pm**

The Public and Press and County and District Councillors are invited to be present
**All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and
resolving upon business to be transacted as set out below**

Ben Stoehr

Mr Ben Stoehr, Clerk
14/09/2026

AGENDA

**Comments and observations from members of the public on items on the agenda below and from the
County & District Cllrs.** *(Please note that public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes and is limited to a
max of 5 minutes per person. The Chairman has discretion to restrict the time allowed for each speaker)*

- 1. To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest**
 - 1.1 To receive written apologies and reasons for absence
 - 1.2 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda
 - 1.3 To receive written requests for dispensations (if any) and to grant any requests as appropriate
- 2. To approve the minutes of the July meeting**
- 3. Matters arising from last or previous meetings carried forward for discussion/decision**
 - 3.1 (3.2) Provision of additional parking – to consider any further action required
 - 3.2 (3.3) Village Hall lease – to consider correspondence and the next steps ^(MEC)
 - 3.3 (3.4) To consider quotations to cut back the leylandii hedge behind the Village Hall
 - 3.4 (3.6) Notice board on Church Street – to consider styles and prices
 - 3.5 (3.10) Parking on the Recreation Ground on match days, pitch use and location for different sports
 - 3.6 (3.11) Works around the village – Recreation Ground, Cemetery and Craft
 - 3.7.1 Benches, fences and sign – to consider any quotations received
 - 3.7.2 Damaged picnic tables – to consider response from pub and consider the next steps
 - 3.7.3 To consider quotations for Memorial inspections if received
 - 3.7.4 Removal of large dead tree in Cemetery – to consider quotations if received
 - 3.7.5 Hedge planting in Fox Hill Road – update ^(CG)
 - 3.7.6 Report on discussion with tree surgeon regarding trees at the Recreation Ground ^(CG)
 - 3.7 (5.1) Resident request to cut back a large holly bush and remove sapling in the Churchyard – to consider quotations if received
 - 3.8 (6.3) Potential subsidence from trees in Bells Meadow – to consider quotations and advice from insurance company if received
 - 3.9 (9) To consider whether to include notice in Prospect about the outdoor gym equipment
 - 3.10 (9) To consider whether to hold a Guilden Morden fete
 - 3.11 To consider tenant/s' query regarding allotment contract update
- 4. Financial, procedural and risk assessment matters**
 - 4.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills
 - 4.2 Risk assessments including play inspections and tree reports
 - 4.3 To note actions taken under Clerk's delegated powers
 - 4.4 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety
- 5. Members, Working Groups items for discussion and decision**
 - 5.1 Proposal that the Parish Council considers seeking quotations for a tree root barrier to the complete length of the north side of the Village Hall ^(KL)
 - 5.2 Storm damage to the Floodlights – to consider a grant to the Floodlight Fund ^(TD)
 - 5.3 Proposal that the Parish Council considers the stopping up of CCC land in Ashwell Road to create additional parking space ^(TF)
 - 5.4 Proposal that the Parish Council considers the possible removal of the EAAA clothing bank due to unauthorised changing of the locks ^(CG)
- 6. To consider correspondence/communications received**
 - 6.1 Resident – request to reduce the height and size of the shrubs/trees in the Churchyard that block the view of St Mary's Church from the Trap Road/Fox Hill Corner

- 6.2 Resident – Request that the telephone box be refurbished and made watertight, and that the trees and shrubs surrounding the phone box be trimmed
- 6.3 SCDC – Proposed submission Greater Cambridge Local Plan final consultation (deadline 25 September)
- 6.4 CCC – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals & Waste Local Plan review – Scoping consultation and Call for Sites (deadline 12 October)
- 6.5 CPRE – Membership renewal invitation
- 6.6 CCC Cambridgeshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan Survey (deadline 11 October)
- 6.7 Cambridgeshire ACRE – Invitation to Annual General Meeting 2026 and impact report
- 6.8 CAPALC – CIPFA consultation on proposed new Proper Practices Framework (deadline 31 October)
- 6.9 SCDC – Six free trees scheme
- 7. To consider planning and tree works applications and decision notices received since the last meeting**
 - 7.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting – to be considered ^(MAC)
 - 7.2 Planning applications for which a response has been made between meetings using delegated powers – to be noted
 - 7.3 SCDC Decision notices, enforcement notices and planning correspondence for information only
 - 7.4 Tree works applications
 - 7.4.1 26/0967/TTCA – 10 High Street
- 8. Gamut Items – to decide what is to be included in the next edition**
- 9. Items for the next agenda and closure of meeting**

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Clerk Report to the Parish Council meeting on 21 September 2026

2. To approve the minutes of the July meeting

Attached.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 (3.2) Provision of additional parking – to consider any further action required

Nothing further has been heard at the time of writing.

3.2 (3.3) Village Hall lease – to consider correspondence and the next steps

Cllr Marian Chapman writes:

"I have been dealing with a Solicitor, Navroop Kaur, at Roythornes and I last emailed her for an update in July. Until now I have had no response (I have also emailed several times previously with no response). Roythornes now tell me '...Navroop left Roythornes earlier this year and so I have picked up your emails and will be assisting on this matter, with my colleague Anna Turnell, a Legal Director in the Commercial Property team. I apologise on behalf of Roythornes for any delay in communicating this change to you.'. Great service!

Anyway, at one time we had a working group - I am Convenor - but changes in the PC have resulted in just Ken and I remaining (Ken, as Chair, would have been the PC signatory for the lease I believe) so we need to reconsider how we now take this forward.

I have the VH requested amendments along with Roythornes comments so we need to consider them and respond accordingly. I suggest this is too detailed to be covered in a PC meeting especially as there has already been quite a bit of to-ing and fro-ing so maybe the way forward is for Ken, Tony and I to meet as a working group to progress this?"

3.3 (3.4) To consider quotations to cut back the leylandii hedge behind the Village Hall

Quotations will be brought to the meeting.

3.4 (3.6) Notice board on Church Street – to consider styles and prices

Links below from the two main notice board suppliers.

Greenbarnes - [Buy External Council Noticeboards, Church Noticeboards and Poster Cases](#)
[6 x A4 MmT Single-bay Lockable External Noticeboard Landscape Format](#) £617.61 plus VAT.
6x44 portrait. Polycarbonate glazed door, lockable but can have
Latch for public access with a pair of turn handle(£34.39)s. Header option (£51.98). Self healing
rubber backing, also option for magnetic backing with magnets (£101.67) Dark brown or golden
oak

[6 x A4 MmT Single-bay Unglazed External Noticeboard Landscape Format](#) £336.52 plus VAT.
Unglazed.

Single bay landscape, 6x44 portrait. self healing rubber pinboard, unglazed. Header option
(£51.98).

[AF58 Range 6 x A4 Lockable Aluminium External Noticeboard](#) £251.16 plus VAT. Aluminium,
square, glazed (polycarbonate standard or toughened glass £74.84). 58mm deep, silver finish
(standard) or powder coated colour (£62.79), magnets (standard) or self healing rubber (£74.84),
optional header in 2 formats (£62.79), can get extra keys

The Notice Board Company (UK) Ltd - [Notice Board Company UK | Buy Online | External Wall,
Post, & Rail Mounted | Lockable | Supplier | Bespoke Sizes](#)
[Tradition 30 Wall Mounted External Notice Board | From £140.00 | Parish Council | School |](#)
[Notice Board Company \(UK\) Ltd](#) £249.00 plus VAT

Side hinged door with plexiglass, magnetic backboard, locked

[Tradition 30 Wall Mounted External Notice Board | School Notice Boards | Lockable | Signage](#)
£321.00 plus VAT 350x350 mm, 30 mm deep

[Classic 58 Wall Mounted External Notice Board | Notice Board Company](#) £380.00 plus VAT
58mm deep, painted frame

3.5 (3.10) Parking on the Recreation Ground on match days, pitch use and location for different sports

Deferred at the last meeting.

3.6 (3.11) Works around the village – Recreation Ground, Cemetery and Craft

3.6.1 Benches, fence and sign – to consider any quotations received

Despite seeking several quotations, none have been forthcoming at the time of writing. Do members know of any suitable contractors who might be able to carry out the repair/installation of benches & small fence repair?

3.6.2 Damaged picnic tables – to consider response from pub and consider the next steps

The landlord of the Edward VII pub has replied:

“Just to be absolutely clear, neither of the picnic benches on the rec are anything to do with me ...in fact one of them is made of some kind of plastic resin...all of my benches except one are in my pub garden the other is at the front of the pubit baffles me as to why someone from the parish council didn't just pop in and ask me ...especially as the meetings are next door in the village hall.”



3.6.3 To consider quotations for Memorial inspections if received

Quotes will be brought to the meeting if received. An alternative is for a councillor(s) to be trained to carry out the testing.

<https://www.iccm.uk/training-courses/management-of-memorials>

3.6.4 Removal of large dead tree in Cemetery – to consider quotations if received

Quotations will be brought to the meeting.

3.6.5 Hedge planting in Fox Hill Road – update ^(CG)

“We have free hedging arriving via the Woodland Trust in November. I can then put a message on the local Facebook to get volunteers to help plant them.”

3.6.6 Report on discussion with tree surgeon regarding additional trees at the Recreation Ground ^(CG)

3.7 (5.1) Resident request to cut back a large holly bush and remove sapling in the Churchyard – to consider quotations if received

Quotes will be brought to the meeting if received.

3.8 (6.3) Potential subsidence from trees in Bells Meadow – to consider quotations and advice from insurance company if received

Quotations will be brought to the meeting. At the time of writing no additional information has been received from the 3rd parties insurers.

3.9 (9) To consider whether to include notice in Prospect about the outdoor gym equipment

Proposed at the last meeting.

3.10 (9) To consider whether to hold a Guilden Morden fete

Proposed at the last meeting.

Other to note:

Memorial bench now installed on the Craft. The relatives have written: “Thank you to the parish council for allowing us to have the bench, it means a great deal to my mother and I.”

4. Financial, procedural and risk assessment matters

- 4.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills – attached.
- 4.2 Risk assessments including play inspections and tree reports
All Councillors are requested to submit their reports to the meeting.
- 4.3 To note actions taken under Clerk's delegated powers
The Clerk has used emergency powers to give order number 26082601 to a locksmith to make safe the Village Hall changing room door. The Parish Council to consider whether a grille is still required.
- 4.4 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety

5. Members' items

- 5.1 Proposal that the Parish Council considers seeking quotations for a tree root barrier to the complete length of the north side of the Village Hall ^(KL)
- 5.2 Storm damage to the Floodlights – to consider a grant to the Floodlight Fund ^(TD)
Cllr Dean writes:
“I've recently had a meeting with Christine Furmston (along with Michael and Cynthia) regarding the Church Floodlights.

We discussed the damage that the lightning strike had done to the floodlights, the cost of the repairs and the amount of available funds.

From our conversation it would appear that the floodlight fund will be about £2000 short of what is needed to do a proper repair.

Two things then come to mind -

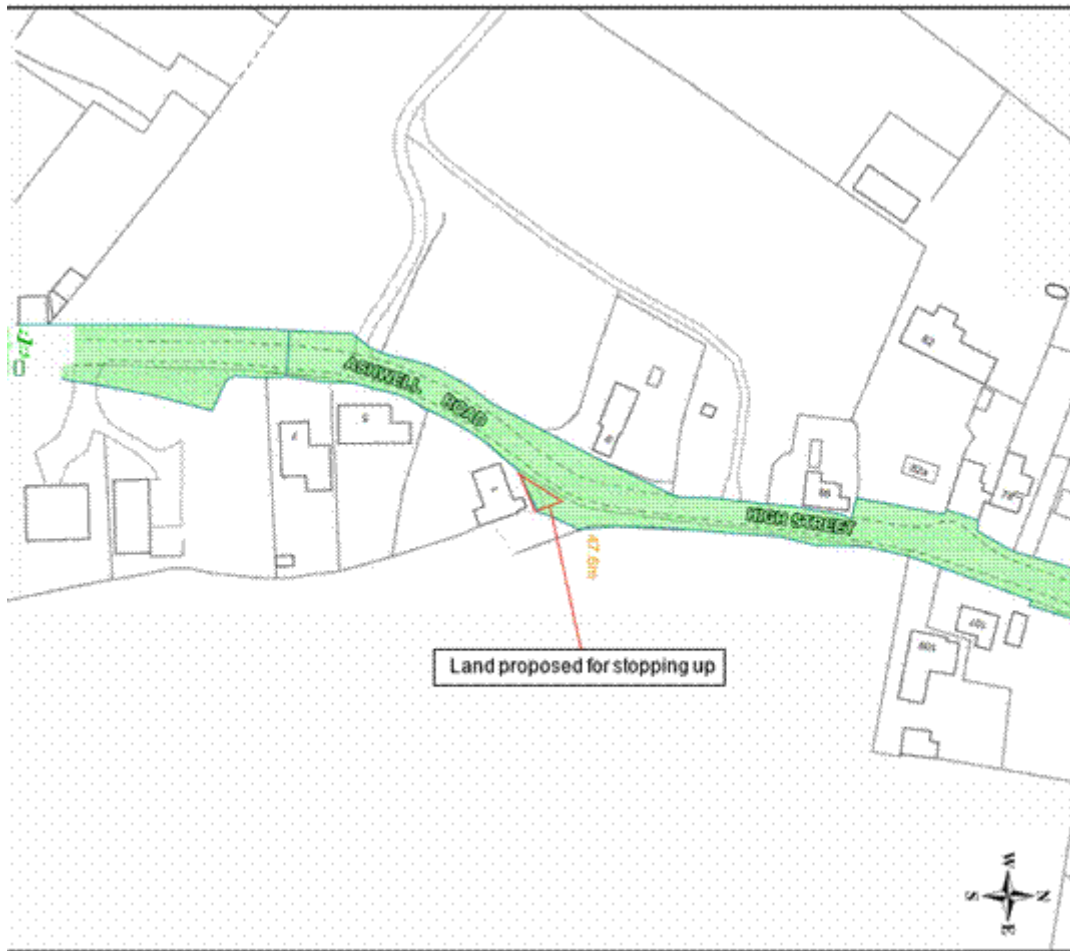
- 1. Who has access to the funds - so that the electrician can be paid for the call out and estimate? Please see the rest of this email for details of payment.
- 2. Could the PC give a grant to the floodlight fund (from R106, or whatever it's called, maybe)? If this is a possibility, could you put it on the next meeting's agenda.

If we are able to support the floodlight fund, I think it would be useful for Michael and myself to chat with the electrician, to ensure that we are getting the best for our money.”

- 5.3 Proposal that the Parish Council considers the stopping up of CCC land in Ashwell Road to create additional parking space ^(TF)
“We live at [redacted], Guilden Morden, and we are currently applying to purchase a small triangle of land at the front of my property, as shown on the map below. The land in question will not affect the footpath or field access.

When we first moved into the property, parking was limited. Although parking on the road is not restricted, concerns raised by local residents made it clear that vehicles parking nearby created a real hazard for drivers, given our house's position [redacted]. As a short-term measure, we extended the parking area in front of the house to accommodate our two cars. However, with three children, it is only a matter of time before this issue arises again.

For this reason, we are applying to purchase the land, with the aim of expanding our parking and future-proofing this issue. As the land is owned by Highways, we are going through the stopping-up process. This has already been approved as part of the initial searches and reviewed by the council, and we have been asked to contact you directly to raise any concerns you may have.”



- 5.4 Proposal that the Parish Council considers the possible removal of the EAAA clothing bank due to unauthorised changing of the locks^(CG)

The padlock on the East Anglian Air Ambulance clothing bank has been changed on several occasions by person(s) unknown.

They write:

"This is the third time a new padlock has been added now and each time has meant we have had to cut off with specialist equipment. We are going to have to remove this bank I think as the thieves seem very determined!"

Cllr Camilla Greenwood writes:

"Unfortunately it looks like we will be losing our clothing bank due to thieves swapping the locks. This has happened 3 times already apparently. Do we have any other more secure areas this could be located?"

6. To consider correspondence/communications received

- 6.1 Resident – request to reduce the height and size of the shrubs/trees in the Churchyard that block the view of St Mary's Church from the Trap Road/Fox Hill Corner

"Would it be possible to significantly reduce the height and size of the shrubs/trees in the churchyard that block the view of St Mary's Church from the Trap Road/Fox Hill Corner?"

- 6.2 Resident – Request that the telephone box be refurbished and made watertight, and that the trees and shrubs surrounding the phone box be trimmed

"The telephone box in Church St, that I maintain as a free library for GM residents, would benefit from a refurbishment. Perhaps some new paint, a new light and a clean? The phone box floods if it rains, I wonder if it could be made watertight? Trimming of the tree and shrub surrounding the phone box would also help."

- 6.3 SCDC – Proposed submission Greater Cambridge Local Plan final consultation (deadline 25 September)

"Please see the below news release regarding the launch of the final consultation on the Proposed Submission Greater Cambridge Local Plan consultation. The consultation is the last opportunity

for communities to comment on the Plan before it is submitted to Government and examined by an independent Planning Inspector.

Overview

- The eight-week consultation on the Proposed Greater Cambridge Local Plan opens today (Monday 3 August 2026) and runs until **5pm on Friday 25 September 2026**.
- Unlike earlier consultations, this final stage is more narrowly focused on whether the Plan is "sound" and meets national planning requirements. Responses will therefore need to focus on whether the Plan is justified by the evidence, effective in achieving its objectives, deliverable and consistent with national planning policy.

How to Take Part

- Visit our website: www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/local-plan
- Paper copies of the Local Plan are available at the councils' offices in Cambridge and Cambourne and at Cambridge Central and Cambourne libraries.
- A programme of in-person and online events will run during the consultation, starting with an online webinar on Tuesday (4 August) at 5:30pm which [you can register to attend now](#).

Action for Councillors

- Please help raise awareness of the consultation in your communities.
- Encourage residents, businesses, and local groups to take part and share their views.

News release

This is a joint release on behalf of Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, which share the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service.

Monday 3 August 2026

Final chance to share views on Greater Cambridge Local Plan

Residents, businesses and organisations are being urged to share their views on the "soundness" of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan – during the final round of consultation which opens today.

The consultation is the last opportunity for communities to comment on the Plan – which at this stage is called the Proposed Submission version - and its evidence base. After this stage, the Plan will be submitted to Government and examined by an independent Planning Inspector.

The Greater Cambridge Local Plan will help determine how Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire grow over the next 20 years, influencing where new homes, jobs and community facilities are located, how development supports climate goals, and how infrastructure keeps pace with growth.

Current forecasts indicate that around 50,000 new homes will be needed between 2024 and 2045. Around 37,000 of these homes are already planned through existing permissions and allocations, but future growth must be carefully managed to ensure communities have the transport links, services, green spaces and utilities they need.

The Plan has been developed jointly by Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council - shaped by years of public engagement. Over 8,400 comments submitted during the most recent consultation prompted further work by officers and helped refine the policies and proposals across the Plan. As a result, a number of changes from the previous plan published late last year have been made in the version now being consulted upon.

The updated Plan also reflects the ongoing work to address some of Greater Cambridge's most significant challenges, including housing demand, water supply constraints, transport infrastructure and future employment needs.

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Get involved

Lots of engagement events will take place during the consultation, giving people the opportunity to find out more and ask questions. The first of these is an online webinar on Tuesday (4 August) at 5:30pm and [you can register to attend now](#). There will also be a series of 14 in-person exhibitions held across Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire.

To view the Plan, submit comments and find details of the events, visit www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/local-plan

Paper copies of the Local Plan are available at the councils' offices in Cambridge and Cambourne and at Cambridge Central and Cambourne libraries.

Cambridge City Council's Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Planning and External Partnerships, Cllr Katie Thornburrow, said: "Greater Cambridge faces significant challenges, from meeting housing needs and supporting a growing economy to tackling climate change and ensuring the right infrastructure is in place. This Plan sets out a long-term vision for sustainable growth that balances new homes and jobs with the services, transport connections and green spaces communities need. The Plan will also provide the starting point for decision making on planning applications by the Council and the Government's newly established Greater Cambridge Development Corporation. We therefore encourage everyone to have their say in this final consultation."

Cllr Henry Batchelor, South Cambridgeshire District Council's Lead Cabinet Member for Planning, : "The Greater Cambridge Local Plan will shape how our communities grow and thrive for decades to come, which is why it is so important that people take part in this final consultation. Thousands of residents, businesses and organisations have already helped us develop and then refine the Plan. Now, at this stage of the process, we are asking people to comment on the soundness of the Plan. This is a technical term which asks whether you think the Plan has been positively prepared, and if it is justified, effective and consistent with national policy. This will be the last opportunity to share your views before the Plan is submitted for independent examination."

The consultation closes on Friday 25 September 2026.

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning is a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils.

For further information contact:

- Communications Support Officer – Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Lauryn Snow on lauryn.snow@greatercambridgeplanning.org or
- The South Cambridgeshire District Council's Communications Team on communications@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713 025 or
- The Cambridge City Council Communications Team, email: communications@cambridge.gov.uk or tel: 01223 457290.
- Or the political contacts below:

South Cambridgeshire District Council:

Cllr Henry Batchelor (Liberal Democrat), Lead Cabinet Member for Planning on 07973 549541 or Cllr.Batchelor@Scambs.gov.uk

Cllr Heather Williams (Conservative) on 07885 774775 or Cllr.WilliamsH@Scambs.gov.uk

Cambridge City Council:

Cllr Katie Thornburrow (Labour), Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Planning and External Partnerships, email: katie.thornburrow@cambridge.gov.uk or 07480 246939

Cllr Kathryn Fisher (Green), kathryn.fisher@cambridge.gov.uk or 07562 578721

Cllr Katie Porrer (Liberal Democrat), email katie.porrer@cambridge.gov.uk or 07971 012797

Lauryn Snow | Communications Support Officer – Greater Cambridge Shared Planning.

6.4 CCC – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals & Waste Local Plan review – Scoping consultation and Call for Sites (deadline 12 October)

“Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review - Scoping Consultation & Call for Sites – Have Your Say

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are working jointly to prepare a new Minerals and Waste Local Plan for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to replace the current Plan which was adopted in July 2021 and would like to hear your views on what a new Minerals and Waste Plan should contain and how we should engage you as we prepare the Plan.

The current Minerals and Waste Local Plan was adopted by the Councils in July 2021, and it sits alongside the Local Plans prepared by the city and district councils in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Together, the policies in these plans, and other supporting documents such as masterplans and design guides, are used by the relevant planning authorities to make planning decisions, guiding where future developments should be located.

A Scoping Consultation document and Draft Engagement Strategy have been published on our website, and we would welcome your comments during the consultation period below.

A Call for Sites is being run alongside the Scoping Consultation, and operators and developers are encouraged to submit potential future minerals and waste sites for consideration for inclusion within the new Plan. Comments are also invited on the Proposed Site Assessment & Selection Methodology and the Cross Border Issues Paper.

The public consultation runs from Monday 3 August 2026 to Monday 12 October 2026.

To view the consultation documents and make your comments, please see our website at: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mwlp-review “

Yours faithfully,

County Planning, Minerals and Waste Team
Cambridgeshire County Council

Planning Policy Team
Peterborough City Council

6.5 CPRE – Membership renewal invitation
Attached.

6.6 CCC Cambridgeshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan Survey (deadline 11 October)
“I write from Cambridgeshire County Council's *Place and Sustainability* directorate. The County Council is currently reviewing its Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP), and we would like to

understand you/your organisation's priorities for the future of countryside access in Cambridgeshire.

The County Council is committed to creating a greener, fairer, more caring Cambridgeshire. This aim is supported by ambitions to make travel across the County safer and sustainable, to help people live healthier lives, and to help communities and nature thrive. Our approach to managing and improving the public right of way network, and promoting countryside access, plays a part in bringing about the achievement of these goals.

The ROWIP forms part of the County's transport strategies and outlines what the Council intends to do to protect and enhance our public rights of way network and countryside access over the next ten years. This includes actions for a range of issues, from how we respond to development, to how we manage our rights of way data. You can view the current ROWIP here: [Rights of Way Improvement Plan | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

You/your organisation have been shortlisted as a core stakeholder in our rights of way network and the Cambridgeshire countryside. We would value your comments on key questions about our rights of way network, and the priorities you would like to see in a revised ROWIP. You can provide comments via our questionnaire here: [Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2026](#)

The deadline for responses is **Sunday 11th October**. We would be extremely grateful to have your feedback.

If you have any questions about completing the questionnaire, please write to Rowip2026@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

6.7 Cambridgeshire ACRE – Invitation to Annual General Meeting 2026 and impact report

“You are warmly invited to attend Cambridgeshire ACRE's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 7 October 2026, from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. The meeting will take place online via Zoom.

Our AGM is an opportunity to hear how, together with our members, partners and supporters, we are helping rural communities across Cambridgeshire to thrive. We will share highlights from the past year, reflect on the difference our work has made and look ahead to our plans and priorities for the future.

Link for more information and to register to attend.

[Cambridgeshire ACRE Annual General Meeting 2026 • Cambridgeshire Acre](#)

Alongside our AGM, we are pleased to share our Impact Report for 2025-26. It highlights the difference we have made with rural communities across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough over the past year, from supporting community buildings and delivering affordable homes to reducing isolation and protecting our waterways. None of this would have been possible without our members, volunteers, partners, funders, trustees and staff.”

Link to impact report:

[Impact Report 2025-26](#)

6.8 CAPALC – CIPFA consultation on proposed new Proper Practices Framework (deadline 31 October)

“The Smaller Authorities Proper Practices Panel (SAPPP) has launched a consultation on proposed changes to the Proper Practices framework for Category 2 Authorities in England. The current framework has been in place for more than a decade and is now being reviewed to ensure that it remains relevant, proportionate and fit for purpose. The review is being undertaken by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) on behalf of SAPPP, with support from the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA).

The consultation covers two proposed documents:

- **Proper Practices Code for Category 2 Authorities (England)**
- **Code of Practice for Internal Audit of Category 2 Authorities (England)**

The proposed codes aim to provide clearer and more consistent guidance for councils in areas including governance, financial management, accountability, financial reporting and internal audit. This is the second stage of the review, following an earlier consultation which highlighted a number of areas where the existing framework could be improved, including accounts preparation, internal audit arrangements, training and the usability of the guidance.

The current consultation is seeking views on whether the proposed new codes are clear, practical and sufficient to help councils meet their statutory responsibilities. Councils are particularly

encouraged to consider the proposed changes relating to the **Annual Governance Statement, reserves, the presentation of accounts and internal audit.**

We would encourage member councils to take the opportunity to review the proposals and provide feedback. Your views will help to shape the final framework and ensure that it works effectively for smaller authorities.

The consultation closes on 31st October 2026. Subject to approval, the new framework is expected to be introduced for the 2027/28 financial year.

[Consultation on the Governance and Accountability of Category 2 Authorities in England](#)

Link to complete the consultation:

[Consultation on the Governance and Accountability of Category 2 Authorities in England](#)

6.9 SCDC – Six free trees scheme

“All parishes and towns in South Cambs are now invited to apply for the sixth round of South Cambridgeshire District Council's [Six Free Trees Scheme](#).

The Six Free Trees scheme offers 6 free whips (small trees) or 1 large container grown tree to every parish/town in South Cambridgeshire – it has helped to plant more than 950 trees to date!

Free trees from the scheme can be planted on parish-owned land, school grounds and other publicly accessible areas (with landowner permission and subject to the Council's approval). As each parish is entitled to one order per year, schools and landowners are advised to liaise with their parish council if they would like to plant trees on non-parish-owned land.

Whips will come with bamboo canes, biodegradable protective spirals, and biodegradable mulch mats. Larger container grown trees will come with a stake, tree tie, mulch mat and an optional root irrigation kit.

Once delivered, applicants are responsible for planting and caring for the trees – extra care will be required in the first three years after planting while the trees establish.

APPLY NOW by filling out this webform: [Apply for Six Free Trees](#)

Please note: the Terms and Conditions are included in the webform. A link for photo consents will be sent out once trees have been delivered.

If you have any questions about the scheme or the application, please email climateandenvironment@scambs.gov.uk.”

7. Planning

7.1 Planning applications received

None at the time of writing.

7.2 Planning applications for which a response has been made between meetings using delegated powers – to be noted

7.2.1 25/04116/OUT – Land adj Morden Farm, Trap Road – Amendment – Outline application for the erection of 4 no. self-build dwellings including access way to Morden Farm – The Parish Council objected to the application.

7.3 SCDC Decision notices, appeals notices, enforcement notices and planning correspondence for information only

7.3.1 25/01268/CONDB - Willow Barn, Pound Green – Submission of details required by conditions 3 (Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) and Tree Protection Plan (TPP), 4 (surface water and foul water), 6 (boundary treatment), 8 (Ecological enhancement scheme), 9 (water efficiency), 10 (cycle parking) and 12 (Wi-fi) of planning permission 25/10268/FUL – Condition discharged in full.

7.3.2 25/02538/CONDB – Thatchways, Little Green – Submission of details required by condition 5 (cementitious render) of listed building consent 25/02538/LBC – Condition discharged in full.

7.3.3 26/02298/HFUL – 20 Fox Hill Road – Installation of an air source heat pump to the front of the property – Withdrawn.

7.4 Tree works applications

7.4.1 26/0967/TTCA – 10 High Street

8. Gamut items

9. Items for the next agenda and closure of meeting

GULDEN MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 20 July 2026 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: T Frost (Chairman), D Brigstocke, Michael Chapman (MAC), Marian Chapman (MEC), J Davis-Roach, T Dean, C Greenwood and P Greenwood.

In attendance: 5 members of the public including Frank Huffer and Ray Thompson, District Cllr H Williams and Mr Ben Stoehr (Clerk).

1. To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

1.1 To receive written apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Lock.

1.2 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda

Cllrs C Greenwood and P Greenwood declared an interest in any items relating to the allotments, as allotment tenants.

Cllr Dean declared an interest in any items relating to the allotments, as his wife was an allotment tenant.

1.3 To receive written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) and to grant any requests as appropriate

None.

2. To approve the minutes of the May and June meetings

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 18 May be approved and signed by the Chairman, after an amendment under item 7.18, line 1, to change "Marian" to "Michael." (Prop JD-R, 2nd MEC, unanimous)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 15 June be approved and signed by the Chairman. (Prop MAC, 2nd JD-R, unanimous)

3. Matters arising from last or previous meetings carried forward for discussion/decision

3.1 (Open) Presentation on development proposals for the proposed Change of Use of existing agricultural land at Beverley Farm

Mr Frank Huffer presented the plans for conversion of 1.5 hectares of land into a dog park. He explained the pressures on the farming industry and that in recent years there had been very poor harvests. Dog parks were now very popular. The proposal carried a 58% biodiversity net gain and more tree planting was planned, for which the requirement was only 10%.

There would be a very low and controllable level of additional traffic due to the nature and booking of the facility.

Comments and observations from members of the public and from the County and District Councillors

Mr P Furmston reported that the container had now been painted. There were a couple of outstanding points to be completed. It had previously been agreed that trellis would be placed on the far side, but they were now using tantalised timber and were not planning to paint the wood. It will be necessary to plant in pots due to the concrete base. The Parish Council had previously agreed the costs.

With regard to the other container, Pat Heavey is talking to the Huffers regarding removal but this will not happen until after the harvest.

Parking on the Recreation Ground – the only concern was about people's willingness to park next to an active football pitch.

A resident spoke about subsidence affecting her property. Having had various surveys carried out, she requested that four trees identified in the report be removed. The Chairman explained that the report indicated that more evidence was required.

Ray Thompson reported that he had joined several allotment groups and all had a rule that 75% of the plot must be cultivated.

It was noted that there were some plots which were not up to standard and should be written to.

A resident commented that there were three holly shrubs at the Church which should be removed, not just one.

It was reported that the Church had been struck by lightning and several floodlights had been damaged. The Floodlight Trust is to consider this and discuss insurance with the Church.

District Cllr Heather Williams reported on:

- The outcome of the Delegation meeting for the planning application opposite the Cemetery. This will be going to the Planning Committee in August.
- Local Government Reorganisation. The outcome for Cambridgeshire had not yet been decided. The authorities are supposed to set up joint committees ahead of the elections to give shadow authorities a chance of being ready after one year. There was insufficient time between knowing the proposed set up and the pre-election period.
- Cllr Williams was trying to publicise the summer holiday activities.
- Community Infrastructure Levy. Cllr Williams was not supportive of the plans and observed that the issues in Guilden Morden would not be solved by plans for Cambridge. If the village had a Neighbourhood Plan it could access more of the CIL funding.
- The proposals for 10,000 houses at Odsey station were not in the SCDC plans but the Development Company could change the situation.

3. Matters arising from last or previous meetings carried forward for discussion/decision (continued)

3.2 (9.1 of 18.5.26) Provision of additional parking – to consider any further action required

There was no update.

3.3 (9.2) Village Hall lease – to consider any updates

Cllr Marian Chapman reported that the Village Hall Management Committee did not seem to have any concerns. Nothing had been heard from the solicitors.

3.4 (9.3) Village Hall survey – to consider any updates including fee proposal from Andrew Firebrace Partnership

The recommendations from the Andrew Firebrace Partnership were noted. Cllr Michael Chapman noted that many of the investigations had been carried out previously.

The report had highlighted that the changing room extension had not been built to the required specification, the drains were poor, and the leylandii hedging was encroaching. The initial report had indicated that neighbouring trees were at fault.

A proposal was made that the leylandii hedge be cut back hard to the boundary to minimise encroachment. A discussion took place about damage to the rear door.

RESOLVED to obtain quotations to cut back the leylandii hedge to the boundary.

The door repair is to be carried out by the VHMC.

3.5 (9.4) Painting of the lych gate – report following meeting and contractor responses – to consider the next steps

RESOLVED that the paint could be scrubbed and patched.

RESOLVED that Cllr P Greenwood is to carry this out and to treat the rotten sections.

3.6 (9.5) Notice board on Church Street – update

Cllr Frost reported that he had discussed this with the residents at Avenells and they had agreed for the notice board to be replaced.

RESOLVED to obtain quotations and options for 6 A4 size non-wood notice boards, without locks, for the next meeting.

3.7 (9.7) Offer of free beech tree – to consider possible locations

RESOLVED, noting that there was a dead memorial tree in the Cemetery, that the tree be removed.

RESOLVED to confirm acceptance of the offer of a beech tree as a possible replacement and notify the family.

3.8 (10.4) To consider the RoSPA report and any work required

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from OLP, noting that the chain had already been untangled.

3.9 (11.1) Allotment tenancy agreements – to consider report

RESOLVED to defer this item to later in the meeting.

3.10 (11.4) Parking on the Recreation Ground on match days, pitch use and location for different sports

There were no updates.

3.11 (3 of 15.6.26) Reports on work required at the Recreation Ground, Cemetery and Craft

3.11.1 Benches, fences and signs – To consider response from Ron Newman if received

RESOLVED, noting that a response was awaited, to ask contractors whether the benches at the Recreation Ground (3) and the Craft (2), are capable of being repaired, and if so to seek quotations for repair/refurbishment, but if not, to request quotes for the installation of new replacement benches.

RESOLVED to seek quotations for the broken fence in the south west corner of the Recreation Ground to be repaired.

RESOLVED to write to the Edward VII pub asking the landlord to remove the two damaged picnic benches, on the Recreation Ground and near the car park, which belonged to the pub.

RESOLVED to monitor the stump in the play area.

RESOLVED that Cllr P Greenwood should remove the cricket net. The cricket square had already been mown.

RESOLVED to ask the grass cutting contractor to trim the cycle humps.

RESOLVED that Cllr P Greenwood should scrub and patch the lych gate. The footpath gate had already been repaired.

RESOLVED that Cllr P Greenwood should fit a new padlock on the shed.

RESOLVED, noting that some graves were leaning, to seek quotations for Memorial testing

RESOLVED to obtain a quotation for the removal of the large dead tree at the rear of the Cemetery.

RESOLVED that Cllr P Greenwood should attach the uprooted dog sign at the Craft to the gates.

RESOLVED to plant a hedge made up of native trees, such as hornbeam, in the gaps where the fencing near Fox Hill Road is missing.

3.11.2 Tree works at the Recreation Ground – To consider quotation received

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Root to Crown and ask them to meet with Cllr C Greenwood on site to discuss this.

3.11.3 To consider outstanding items not covered under items 3.1 and 3.2

RESOLVED that Cllr Frost and Cllr C Greenwood should discuss the remaining items.

On a proposition by the Chairman, the order of business was varied to take item 6.3 at this point.

6.3 Trinity Claims – Potential Subsidence by trees in Bells Meadow

The arboricultural report was considered. It was noted that the report indicated that evidence of the trees' involvement was required.

RESOLVED to defer this item pending receipt of additional evidence but in the meantime to obtain a quotation for removal of the trees and to obtain advice from the Council's insurance provider.

3.12 (5) Proposal for two MVAS solar powered speed signs

Cllr Marian Chapman reported. It was noted that the manufacturer of the existing Morelock signs was no longer trading.

RESOLVED that Cllr Marian Chapman is to proceed with the application for 2 solar powered MVAS units plus posts.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should assess the locations for the existing battery operated MVAS equipment when the outcome of the application is known.

4. Financial, procedural and risk assessment matters

4.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

RESOLVED that the financial report be received and considered, and questions were asked and answered.

RESOLVED that that the payments as listed in the financial report (below), plus A Reeves (Defibrillator battery and pads) £218.99, ICCM (Membership fee) £110.00, CAPALC (Affiliation fee) £446.06, CAPALC (Training) £75.00, SCDC (Election) £135.00, MD Landscapes (Grass cutting) £1,485.00, LGS Services (Admin support May) £1,027.50, LGS Services (Admin support June) £804.96, and P Furmston (Expenses, Promain Thinners) £37.80, should be paid.

Salaries		£869.13
Resident	Water usage	£25.00
Parish Council Websites	Website hosting	£331.20
MD Landscapes	Grass cutting	£1320.00
Guilden Morden Village Hall	Room hire	£108.00
P Heavey	Mower fuel	£8.95
Fresh Air Fitness	Outdoor Gym 100%	£11,047.20
WJP Software	Website domain name	£43.20
LGS Services	Admin support	£965.41
LGS Services	Admin support	£1027.50

Credits, including investment interest and cemetery fees, were noted.

4.2 Risk assessments including play inspections and tree reports

RESOLVED to receive the reports. No issues had been reported.

RESOLVED to re-send the tree survey maps.

4.3 To note actions taken under Clerk's delegated powers

None.

4.4 To consider any matter which is urgent because of risk or health and safety

None.

5. Members, Working Groups items for discussion and decision

5.1 Proposal that the Parish Council seeks quotations to prune back a large holly bush in the Churchyard and remove a small sapling growing within it

RESOLVED to defer this item, noting that no quotations had been received.

5.2 To consider plaque for Queen Elizabeth II Memorial oak tree

RESOLVED that a plaque without a picture was preferred.

RESOLVED to purchase a plaque with the wording for the sum of £117.50.

6. To consider correspondence/communications received

6.1 Resident – Containers on the Recreation Ground and car in the Village Hall car park

It was noted that the container had been painted and the old container is being removed.

6.2 Resident – Parking issues at Trap Road

It was noted that CCC were responsible for enforcement, as the Parish Council does not have any powers.

- 6.3 Trinity Claims – Potential Subsidence by trees in Bells Meadow
Taken earlier.

- 6.4 Complaint about condition of an allotment plot
On a proposition by the Chairman, at 9.40 pm, carried unopposed, in accordance with S1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that is, matters relating to allotment tenancies, the meeting was temporarily closed to the public. No members of the public remained.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at approximately 9.50 pm.

7. To consider planning and tree works applications and decision notices received since the last meeting

- 7.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting – to be considered

- 7.1.1 26/02514/FUL – Beverley Farm Ashwell Road – Change of use from agricultural land to a dog walking fields and associated car parking, access, lighting, field shelter, fencing and landscaping
RESOLVED to support the application.

- 7.1.2 25/02538/CONDB – Thatchways, Little Green – Submission of details required by condition 5 (removal of cementitious render) of listed building consent 25/02538/LBC
RESOLVED to support the application.

- 7.1.3 26/02298/HFUL – 20 Fox Hill Road – Installation of an air source heat pump to the front of the property
RESOLVED, noting that the Environmental Health Department had objected due to the sound and proximity to neighbouring properties, that the Parish Council objects to the application on the same grounds.

- 7.2 Planning applications for which a response has been made between meetings using delegated powers – to be noted
None.

- 7.3 SCDC Decision notices, appeals notices, enforcement notices and planning correspondence for information only

- 7.3.1 21/03250/CONDB – Orchard Cottage, 15 Dubbs Knoll Road – Submission of details required by conditions 5 (Scheme of ecological enhancement) and 6 (Water efficiency specification) of planning permission 21/03250/FUL – Condition discharged in full.

- 7.3.2 26/00799/LBC – 60 High Street – Replacement of 13 no. existing windows – Withdrawn.

- 7.4 Tree works applications
None.

8. Gamut items – to decide what is to be included in the next edition

RESOLVED to include a reminder to residents to use the outdoor gym equipment.

9. Items for the next agenda and closure of meeting

RESOLVED to discuss at the next meeting whether to include the notice about the outdoor gym equipment in Prospect.

Consideration of a Guilden Morden fete is also to be an agenda item for the September meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.57 pm.

Signed _____ dated _____



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CPRE Cambridgeshire

Dear Members

It's time to renew your membership.

Thank you for being part of a movement committed to protecting our countryside.

For a century, CPRE has helped shape the countryside we know today – from campaigning for the first Green Belts and our National Parks to protecting hedgerows and dark skies, and stopping fracking. Our history is proof that when the countryside needs a voice, together we step up and make change happen. Here are some of the campaign wins we've achieved together over the past 12 months:

- Our petition for smarter solar policy gained over 6,000 signatures and the backing of 40 MPs as Rooftop Solar Champions. We're proud that this momentum helped lead to the announcement that by 2027, most new-build homes in England will be fitted with solar panels — a major step toward the Rooftop Revolution.
- After decades of calling for a joined-up approach to land use, we welcomed the government's decision to launch a consultation on the current Land Use Framework. We submitted our response, outlining our main priorities including protecting greenfield land, better management of urban fringes and enhancing protected landscapes.
- We have been at the heart of the debate about planning reforms such as the Planning and Infrastructure Bill and the revised National Planning Policy Framework of 2024. We also engaged with many different stakeholders and policy-makers ahead of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act of 2023 which helped to secure key gains on social housing and protected areas.

This progress is thanks to you, but there is still much to do and your continuing membership is crucial.

As you renew your membership, would you consider increasing your contribution? We know that not everyone will be able to make a change, so whatever you decide, thank you for your support.

I understand that the renewal of your CPRE membership needs to be approved by your organisation, and that this approvals process can take up to two months which is why we're sending your renewal notice now.

Our vital work is only possible because of our loyal members. Together we can protect what we love, regenerate what's been lost and help shape a future for the countryside that sustains us all. Thank you.

Best wishes



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Your Membership

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Your annual Parish Council Membership of £60.00 by BACS is due. Your membership needs to be renewed so that you can continue to be part of a movement dedicated to helping to protect your local countryside and to gain discounted entry to attractions, gardens, houses and museums.

To renew your membership, and if you can, to increase the amount of you pay, please complete the form below and return it in the enclosed FREEPOST envelope or to pay by credit/debit card call our Supporter Care Helpline on 020 7981 2870 Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm.

Thank you.

Step 1: Renewal

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Yes, I want to renew my Parish Council Membership.

☐ I would like to increase my payment to the new rate of £_____

☐ I would prefer to continue at £60.00

Payment Method

☐ One-off payment with a cheque to CPRE for £_____

OR

To pay by BACS Direct Transfer please use the following information:
Account number: 65724623 | Sort Code: 51-50-03 | Reference: O100066

OR

Annual Direct Debit

☐ £60.00 or ☐ Other amount £_____

Please complete the direct debit mandate below, and return it in the FREEPOST envelope enclosed



Name and full postal address of your Bank/Building Society

To: The Manager	Bank/Building Society
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Instructions to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay CPRE Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction will remain with CPRE and, if so, my details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature(s)

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Date

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Banks and building societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of account.

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Cambridgeshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) Stakeholder Engagement Survey

Overview

Background

Cambridgeshire County Council is your local highway authority, and is responsible for managing over 3,200km of public rights of way. A public right of way is a legally protected route across land that the general public have a right to freely use. There are four classes of public right of way:

- Public Footpaths (open to use by people on foot or using mobility aids)
- Bridleways (open to use by people on foot, those using mobility aids, cyclists and horse riders)
- Byways Open to All Traffic (open to use by all types of user, including motor vehicles, but are generally unsurfaced)
- Restricted Byways (open to use by people on foot, those using mobility aids, cyclists, horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles)

You can view a map of public rights of way in the County using our My Cambridgeshire portal, [here](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/countryside-access/rights-of-way) <<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/countryside-access/rights-of-way>>

The **Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)** is a statutory document that every local highway authority has to produce. It sets out how the authority will manage and enhance its public rights of way and countryside access. The ROWIP must also consider cycle tracks in accordance with the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

Every ten years a local highway authority is required to review its ROWIP to assess:

- the extent to which the local network meets the present and future needs of the public;
- the opportunities the network presents for exercise and outdoor recreation;
- the accessibility of the network to people with mobility or sensory impairments.

This questionnaire is to help Cambridgeshire County Council understand the concerns and priorities of key stakeholders in our local public rights of way network, to support us in undertaking the above assessment.

This will allow us to develop an updated ROWIP that identifies the needs of our communities in relation to public access, so we can plan and publish our intended actions to meet those needs over the next ten years.

There will be a full public consultation further on in the process, during which the general public will have the chance to comment on a drafted Plan.

Completing the survey

Wherever possible, please answer the questions on behalf of the organisation that you are representing. When answering on behalf of an organisation, such as a parish council or a charity, please take care to ensure only one response is provided.

The survey is divided into sections and if you feel a section is not relevant to you/your organisation, you can move to the next section.

Whilst you are not required to answer every question, please answer as many as you can to enable us to gather a wide range of input. This will help our understanding of key issues to be as broad as possible.

If you have any questions about completing this form, or if you require a printed version, you can email rowip2026@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The deadline for completing the survey is Sunday 11th October 2026.

Data protection notice

You do not have to give us any personal information. We will not publish any personal details you do give us, but may publish your response, and include it in public reports, with personal details removed. Personal data will be held securely, in accordance with data protection legislation. We will only store it for 12 months after the results have been analysed and the report is published.

We may share your responses with our consultants, AtkinsRéalis, our partners in this work. Personal information such as your name or email address will not be shared.

For more information on how we collect and protect your data, please visit: [Privacy statement | Cambridgeshire County Council](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/data-protection-and-foi/information-and-data-sharing/privacy-statement)
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Why your views matter

By taking part you will help to shape the future of public rights of way and countryside access in Cambridgeshire for the coming years. We are grateful for your input into this process.

General

1 What organisation are you representing?

2 Please provide your name

3 Please provide a contact email address

4 What category does your organisation represent?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- ☐ Government Body
- ☐ Local Authority
- ☐ Parish Council
- ☐ User Group
- ☐ Charitable Group
- ☐ Landowners / Land Managers
- ☐ Other

5 What level of geographic area is your organisation chiefly concerned with?

Please select only one item

- ☐ National
- ☐ Regional
- ☐ Cambridgeshire
- ☐ A single district
- ☐ A single parish
- ☐ Other / Multiple areas

6 In what way are the County's public rights of way currently used by the organisation, community or customers you represent?

Select all those that apply.

(Required)

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Walking
- ☐ Wheeling (e.g. wheelchairs, mobility scooters etc.)
- ☐ Cycling
- ☐ Horse riding
- ☐ Carriage driving
- ☐ Off road motorcycling
- ☐ Off road vehicles (e.g. 4x4s)
- ☐ Land management / Agricultural access
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Don't know / Not applicable

7 For what purpose are the existing rights of way primarily used by the organisation, community or customers you represent?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Recreational journeys (e.g. dog walking, rambling, cycling for pleasure, horse riding etc.)
- ☐ Journeys to access schools, work, shops, community services etc.
- ☐ Relatively equal use of the above
- ☐ Don't know / Not applicable

Public Rights of Way Network and Awareness

In this section we are asking about the general quality and awareness of Cambridgeshire's public rights of way.

8 How would you rate the Cambridgeshire public rights of way network for the following types of use?

	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor	Don't know / Not applicable
Users of wheelchairs, mobility vehicles or other mobility aids <i>Please select only one item</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Accessing schools, work, shops and community services <i>Please select only one item</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Walking, including dog walking <i>Please select only one item</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Running <i>Please select only one item</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cycling <i>Please select only one item</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Horse riders <i>Please select only one item</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Carriage drivers <i>Please select only one item</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Off-road motorcyclists <i>Please select only one item</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Off-road vehicles (4x4s etc.) <i>Please select only one item</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

9 Overall, how would you rate the changes you have seen on Cambridgeshire's public rights of way over the last 10 years?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Significant improvements
- ☐ Moderate improvements
- ☐ No change
- ☐ Moderately worse
- ☐ Significantly worse
- ☐ Don't know

10 Is the current provision of signposting and wayfinding markers adequate to use public rights of way without a map?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

11 How aware do you feel local people are of the public rights of way in Cambridgeshire?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very aware
- ☐ Aware
- ☐ Not aware
- ☐ Don't know

12 How aware do you feel visitors to Cambridgeshire are of the public rights of way in the county?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very aware
- ☐ Aware
- ☐ Not aware
- ☐ Don't know

Service

This section asks about the service directly provided by Cambridgeshire County Council for the resolution of public rights of way issues and how information is shared.

13 Please rate the ease with which the public can report problems with public rights of way:

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very easy
☐ Easy
☐ Fair
☐ Poor
☐ Very poor
☐ Don't know / Have not tried to report a problem

14 On average, how would you rate the resolution of public rights of way problems that you have reported to CCC?

Good

Poor

Don't Know / Not Applicable

Please select only one item

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Please select only one item

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15 How useful is the public rights of way information on the Cambridgeshire County Council website?

[Cambridgeshire County Council website front page](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/) <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Very poor
- ☐ Don't know / Have not tried to access information

16 If you answered fair, poor or very poor, can you please explain why.

Accessibility

Please consider the experiences of different users, including disabled people, older people, families with young children, people using wheelchairs, mobility scooters or pushchairs, people with sensory impairments, and those who may face other barriers to accessing the countryside.

17 What issues do you or your organisation's users experience with the accessibility, current condition, or maintenance of rights of way?

18 What should be the priorities for improving access to rights of way for everyone?

Please consider both physical improvements (such as surfaces, gates, steps, ramps and signage) and wider accessibility, including information, wayfinding, safety and inclusive design.

- 19** Have you or your organisation any information or suggestions that can help the Council to understand the need to provide better opportunities for those who face challenges to access the countryside.

This could include barriers experienced by disabled people (including those with visual impairments), older people, families with young children, or others who may face challenges accessing the countryside.

Development and Public Rights of Way

Cambridgeshire is experiencing widespread development which affects public rights of way and public access land. These questions are to understand views on the impacts of these.

- 20** In what ways do you consider the impacts of development have led to negative outcomes for the public rights of way network?

- 21** In what ways do you consider the impacts of development have led to positive outcomes the public rights of way network?

- 22** What do you consider Cambridgeshire County Council could do reduce the harms, or maximise the benefits, for public rights of way that may arise as a result of development?

Environment and Wellbeing

Public rights of way and access to land can provide both challenges and positive benefits for wellbeing and environmental biodiversity. These questions are to understand organisations' views on this.

23 Please rate the adequacy of access to green spaces and the natural environment in Cambridgeshire.

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Very poor
- ☐ Don't know

24 How could maintenance practices on public rights of way (e.g. mowing regimes, vegetation clearance etc.) be improved to support biodiversity?

25 Do you have any ideas on how wildlife habitats could be enhanced along public rights of way corridors?

Path Status and Surface

Path status designates which classes of users can use specific public rights of way.

Path surfaces can be natural, semi-sealed or sealed and can have a large impact on the usage and enjoyment of using public rights of way.

Surface type examples:

Natural (e.g. grass)

Semi-Sealed (e.g. hoggin)

Sealed (e.g. asphalt)

Hoggin

Hoggin is a natural, unprocessed mix of clay, sand and gravel. When compacted, it forms a firm, buff-coloured, and semi-permeable surface.

26 What is your opinion on changing the status of path to allow a wider range of users?

For example, a public footpath for pedestrians being changed in status to a bridleway, which would also allow cyclists and horse riders to use the route.

27 What is your opinion on changing the paths from natural surfaces to either sealed (e.g. asphalt) or semi-sealed surfaces (e.g. hoggin)?

Safety

Safety in this context covers the risk or incidence of accidents, injury or crime.

28 How safe is it to use the public rights of way in Cambridgeshire?

This could include safety risks arising from traffic, other persons, animals or the physical environment.

Please select only one item

- ☐ Very safe
- ☐ Fairly safe
- ☐ Unsafe
- ☐ Very unsafe
- ☐ Don't know / Not applicable

29 If you answered 'Unsafe' or 'Very unsafe' can you tell us why and what could help resolve this? If you answered 'fairly safe', what could be better?

30 Has your organisation or its members been impacted by rural crime in the county (e.g. hare coursing, fly tipping, trespass etc.)?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Yes, it has a large impact
- ☐ Yes, it has some impact
- ☐ Whilst it occurs, the impacts are minor
- ☐ Not directly affected, but aware it is a concern
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Looking Forward

The next set of questions are to gather input into what steps could be taken to improve public rights of way and countryside access in the coming years.

31 When considering countryside access and public rights of way in Cambridgeshire, what do you think could be done better or differently?

32 What do you think are the THREE most important improvements that would make using/visiting the Cambridgeshire countryside easier and more enjoyable?

Please select 3 options. If you change your mind you can deselect a choice by clicking it a second time, and then reselect.

There will be the opportunity to suggest improvements not listed here, in the following question.

Permissive paths

Permissive paths are those that the landowner grants permission to user categories (e.g. walkers, cyclists, horse riders etc.) that they wish. The permission can be withdrawn at any time, unless the landowner has entered into an agreement with terms attached to its closure.

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3
Better road crossings Please select only one item	☐	☐	☐
Clear overgrown paths more frequently Please select only one item	☐	☐	☐
Improve access to green spaces from public rights of way Please select only one item	☐	☐	☐
Increase circular routes Please select only one item	☐	☐	☐
Increase network length Please select only one item	☐	☐	☐
Increase the number of permissive paths Please select only one item	☐	☐	☐
Increase the status of existing paths, to allow a wider range of users Please select only one item	☐	☐	☐
More signposting / waymarking Please select only one item	☐	☐	☐
Provide information on accessible routes Please select only one item	☐	☐	☐
Removal of gates and stiles Please select only one item	☐	☐	☐

33 Is there anything else you would like to add which you think would benefit or improve people's use and enjoyment of the countryside in Cambridgeshire?

34 What do you think can be done to accommodate the widest range of people who use the public rights of way network?

35 How can your organisation support improvements to public rights of way?

e.g. volunteering, funding, land access, partnerships etc.

36 Are you aware of any national or local policies or initiatives that affect PROW and countryside access - please tell us about them here.

Whilst we are aware of many policies, guidelines and initiatives, we may still have gaps, which is why we are asking.

Landownership

37 Are you or your organisation a landowner or involved in land management?

This could include managing land or sites where people may wish to have access. For example: private estates, farms, tourist sites, nature reserves, watercourses, etc.

(Required)

Please select only one item

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Landownership questions

38 What type of land is managed by your organisation or its members?

For example: managing private estates, farms, tourist sites, nature reserves, watercourses, etc

39 Do you have any of the following on your organisation's land in Cambridgeshire?

Public rights of way include public footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways to which the public have permanent rights of access.

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Permissive access land is similar, in that the landowner permits the public to access to part of their land and can with withdraw that access if they wish.

Select all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Public rights of way
- ☐ Public open spaces (e.g. village greens, common land, public parks etc.)
- ☐ Permissive paths
- ☐ Permissive land access
- ☐ None of the above / Don't know

40 Would your organisation be willing to consider having permissive paths across its land?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, if the right incentives were available
- ☐ Not sure, I would need more information
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable

41 Where public rights of way or other types of access currently impact land management practices, what improvements could better balance public access with your operations?

This could include measures such as preventing trespass or crime, or supporting stock management etc.