

CPC News

Welcome to the first CPC newsletter of 2021!

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Cottenham Parish Council

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New Village Hall and Nursery



1 - New Village Hall front entrance

Things are moving along apace now with the fitting out. The bikes racks at both the Hall and Nursery are now installed and the double-headed EV charging point is in situ in the carpark. The nursery building is all but complete and handover will take place shortly.

In the Hall the interior fitout is nearly finished and it is anticipated that the building will be handed over mid-February. Externally the emergency access road to the nursery is being installed. Over the next month the landscaping works will be completed - front flower beds, hedging along the length of the car park and reinstatement of the football pitch. We will also be moving our office from the Community Centre during March.

It is anticipated that the Kids Club will move into the downstairs main room after the February half term. During that week the portacabin will be removed.

At the time of writing, the Covid-19 restrictions won't allow for the building to be open to the public however we are utilising this extra time to kit it out properly and find out how everything all works. If you would like to know more about what facilities we now have to offer then please get in touch or check our website for details. Restrictions permitting, we may be able to offer small tours of the building – please look out for further information.



2 - New emergency access road



3 - Nursery front entrance



4 - Nursery baby room with milk room, sleeping room and changing area



5 - Nursery toddler room



6 - Nursery pre-school room

Highways

Following pressure from Cottenham Parish Council and our County Councillor, Tim Wotherspoon, County Highways ordered jetting of the entire system of gullies within Cottenham. During December 2020 the majority of these gullies have been jetted, with further, more extensive cleansing due to take place in areas which have experienced problems with flooding.

We should know shortly if we have been successful in our bid for LHI funding towards speed reduction measures on Oakington Road. The proposed measures include a 40 mph buffer combined with a chicane feature, and additional road markings to emphasise vehicles are entering a 30mph zone. Our Highways Committee have also been exploring the feasibility of a 20mph zone within the centre of the village. We are currently working on our four year strategy for Highways improvements within the village. If you have any suggestions for what we should include, please contact Beth Fleetwood, our Assistant Clerk at asstclerk@cottenham-pc.org.uk. Details of all our meetings can be found on the Parish Council website, under Highways Committee.

Development Updates



The Bellway site should now be complete however they still have some finishing off to do in terms of the pavement and amendments to the culvert under the access road.

Persimmon are coming in for a lot of flack due to the missing pavement connecting the site to the village; under planning conditions this should have been in place after a number of occupations. Part of the hold up is due to getting the technical design approved by County Highways but also they need Bellway to complete some works first. The matter is being strongly pursued by the Parish and District.

Redrow are progressing well and expect the proper access road to be tarmacked at the start of February. However they will continue to use the 'agricultural' access (closer to the village) until mid-March until a link road is completed between the two access roads. There is still a substantial amount of road works in the pipeline around Oakington Road and Rampton Road over the next year or so, not least the roundabout works near the almshouses which are expected to take place over the summer holidays.

This Land, the County Council's developer, approached us to find out how they could better meet the requirements for Cottenham. It now seems that Kier are interested in purchasing the site and have met with our Speculative Development working party to give us their initial ideas - these include a reduction in the number of houses and removing the controversial row of houses behind the existing ones on Rampton Road. Expect a revised application around April. This Land have also mentioned that in tandem with the new application they intend to appeal their refusal; a process which is expected to take several months.

More developments – you may be aware of a social housing application by Prime Crest Homes for 34 units on land off Histon Road; this is currently working its way through the SCDC planning system.

We have also been approached by an agent on behalf of a developer looking at a larger development site off Broad Lane for 50 houses, which wraps around the side of the Tenison Manor estate. Our major development team have met with them and for transparency the notes from that meeting are available on our website.

A Swift Project?



As part of ecology measures for the new village hall, we have installed a 'swift brick' (small hole on the Ladybirds side of the building) along with other bird and bat boxes plus a hedgehog superhighway at the new nursery. As an extension to these works we are currently working with Action for Swifts to look into the viability of a project to install further swift bricks or boxes on the Hall and Pavilion.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

We are delighted that we have been successful in obtaining funding from South Cambridgeshire District Council towards additional cycle parking for some of our green spaces at WARG field (off Histon Road), and Fen Reeves Wood on Twenty Pence Road. Please keep an eye out for these being installed over the coming months.

Councillor Vacancy



We currently have a vacancy on the Council which we will fill by co-option. Are you interested in parish matters and would you like to find out more? Would you like to be part of decision-making committees, commenting on local planning applications, helping with community projects and generally making Cottenham an even better place to live, work and visit? If you're interested in being a Parish Councillor then please contact the Clerk or visit our website for more information.

Snippets

- Cllr Rex Collinson is continuing his recovery from Covid-19 and is expected to leave hospital early February, followed by a period of recuperation.
- Look out for further bike racks around the village - both County Council and developer funded.
- Cambridgeshire ACRE are hoping to proceed with their habitat enhancement projects at WARG Field, Fen Reeves and the Old Reclater in the spring.
- Pelham Way - our Local Highways Officer is looking at funding to get the pavements resurfaced.
- Broad Lane - the 'dragon patcher' is expected to visit to fill the potholes.
- High St - urgent repairs are expected to a pavement trip hazard near Dentons Carpets.

Useful contacts

[Anglian Water](#) – sewage flooding

[Cambridgeshire County Council](#) – report a flood

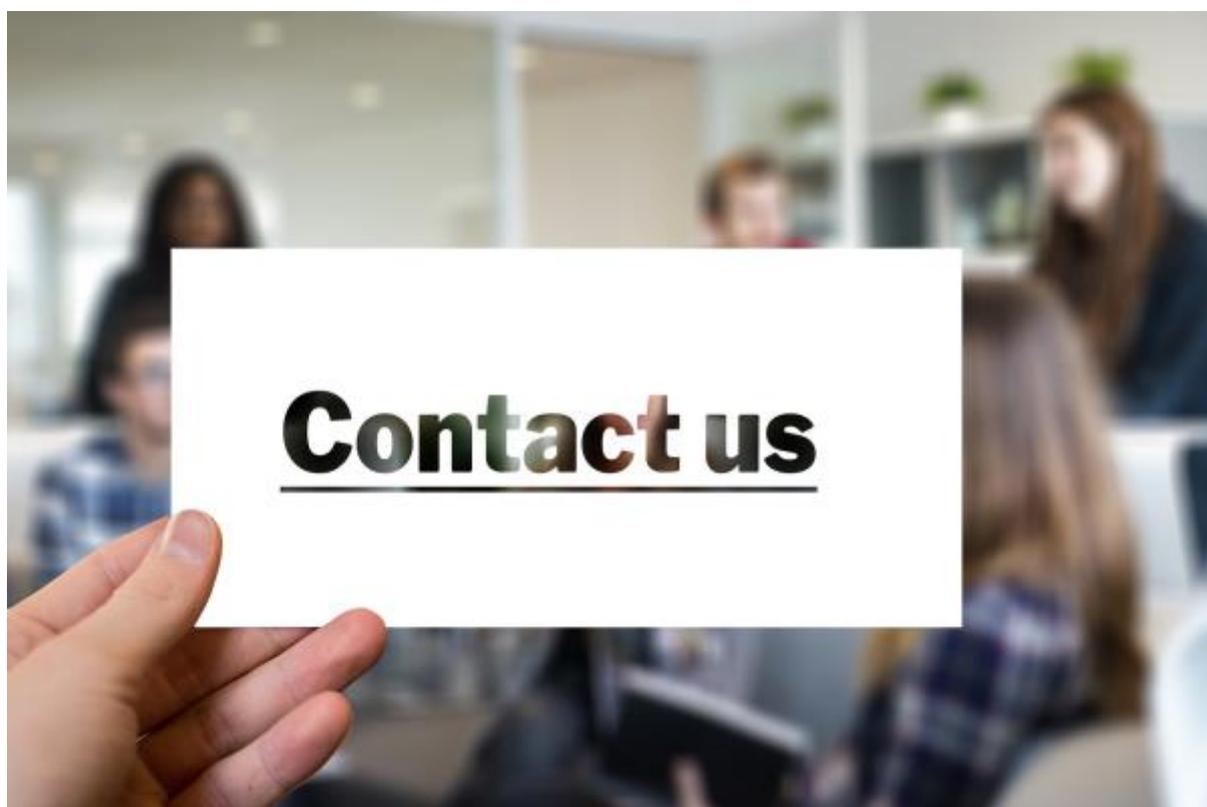
[UK Power Networks](#) – power cut

[scamb.gov.uk](#) – South Cambs District Council

[cambridgeshire.gov.uk](#) – Cambridgeshire County Council

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