

Southern Fringe Community Forum

7pm, Thursday 29th January 2016

Trumpington Village Hall, Cambridge.

Chair

Cllr Shapour Meftah

Cambridge City Council

Lead Officer

Liz Bisset

Director of Customer and Community Service
Cambridge City Council

Presenters

Peter Biggs

Head of Planning at Barratt Eastern Counties

Jonathan Gimblett

Associate Director - Development at Countryside
Properties

Sally Roden

Neighbourhood Community Development Manager
Cambridge City Council

Vicky Hathrell

Community Development Officer (Southern Fringe)
Cambridge City Council

John Jones

Head of School, Trumpington Community College

Clare Gibbons

Development Officer South Cambridgeshire
District Council

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all and introduced the agenda.

1. Trumpington Meadows

Presentation given by Peter Biggs (*see attached*) which included:

Up-date on completed parcels so far and detail on forthcoming parcels Phase 9, Riverside, Spine Road, Local Centre and the last two phases nearest the M11 junction. This covered density, form, affordable housing, unit numbers, planning application dates, service and drainage need, interest from retailer's and a desire to make the local centre a real focal point of the development.

Q. What is the height of the residential blocks facing the park?

- A. These will be 2 storeys going up to 4 storeys the further back from the park the development gets. This was agreed through the design code and a desire to be sensitive to the environment.

Q. Will there be opportunity for small business units?

A. This sort of enterprise and all others will be considered. The design of some of the residential units is flexible to allow change of use to business.

2. The Clay Farm Centre and engagement

Up-date by Sally Roden on issues regarding the Clay Farm Centre progress.

Construction is on-going with handover of the completed building expected at the end of August with fit out and system installation complete ready for opening in late Autumn of this year. Its initial period of running will be undertaken by the City Council until the Centre and community become established and then operational management re-assessed thereafter. Recruitment of a centre manager is underway and a survey to help shape the activities within the centre can be accessed at; <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/trumpington> .

A round up of community projects taking place within the new developments was given by Vicky Hathrell which included;

- The drama group which now has a parents committee to oversee it and will be performing Peter Pan in June – anyone interested in joining please contact Vicky.
- Cooking club focusing on budget and healthy eating.
- Credit Union work with advice on saving, budgeting and borrowing.
- A mini festival organised locally due to be held in the summer.
- Community chest fund. A reminder that small amounts of money are available for residents to put on events to benefit the community (e.g. parties, hobbies, dance classes, neighbourhood watch etc.)

Q. What vehicular access will there be to the new Centre?

A. Access will be from the South on the Spine Road.

Q. Why is the allotment allocation taking so long and why can't new residents access the existing ones where there is capacity and vice versa? It makes for an unwanted division in the communities.

A. The community infrastructure for the new developments has to follow triggers within the legal requirements of the s106. There are also safety implications for the use of allotments whilst construction is still underway. Allocation policy will be followed up. (*see post meeting notes*).

Q. The use of the Spine Rd for cyclists is problematic with casual closures and temporary barriers, why is this?

- A. The Spine Road should open at all times for pedestrian and cycle users, however on occasion and for safety reasons temporary arrangements have to be made.

3. Trumpington Community College

John Jones, Head Teacher at Trumpington Community College, gave an up-date on progress at the secondary school development.

The school is due to open in September and 47 pupils from the new developments are currently on the role and are bussed daily to Parkside School. From summer there will be a number of events to introduce the school to parents and the community which all will be invited to. A separate company will be procured to run the community sports facility and work is on-going to engage that partner. Access and safeguarding is of utmost importance to the school and monitoring the development and routes to school will be on-going. At present timed walk from the Park and Ride, Long Road and Anstey Way are proving easy and quick and all staff will be encouraged to park away from the school and walk in. An autism centre is planned for the school, hosting 10-12 students and when full the schools capacity will be 750.

4. Parking regimes and access routes

Johnathan Gimblett up-dated the forum on parking issues and access routes. The access to the community facility from Foster Road will remain and won't close but the further link through to Addenbrookes will change from a public right of way to a public highway and will be an improved surface. The Spine Rd to guided bus route will close temporarily with a diversion signpost.

The parking remains problematic with visitor spaces being used by residents. Prior to adoption a 8-6pm parking zone restriction implemented with timed & dated permits in use. When the roads are adopted, the controlled parking zone will follow the rest of the city and work with the County Council is on-going to ensure a smooth transition between the two.

- *See Countryside issue up-date document.*
- *For future correspondence with Countryside contact: Customerservice@cpplc.com - Title the email by way of the issue and giving the address of the issue.*

Q. Why are the roads not finished? There are trip hazards and weeds everywhere.

- A. Countryside are waiting for confirmation from Anglian Water that they are satisfied with the drainage under the road, this has been the delay for a number of months but we are chasing them weekly. Once that confirmation

has arrived then the top surfacing can be done and the adoption process undertaken with the County Council.

Q. Does the parking scheme mean that after 8pm there is a free for all?

A. It means that after this time the developments will be under exactly the same restrictions as the rest of the City.

Q. What vehicular access is there from Foster Road to the developments?

A. Other than the existing one at the southern end of Foster Rd to the allotments, there is no vehicular through route. Any established access rights need to be discussed with the City Council and Hill residential.

Q. What up-date is there on the footpath from Abode to the busway?

A. This is subject to on-going discussion with the City regarding the lighting issues but in principle there is not a problem.

Q. The track through the woods from Royal Way is very muddy any good will gesture to improve the surface on a temporary measure would be most welcome.

A. Noted, we shall see what can be done.

5. Haslingfield Parish - community governance review.

Clare Gibbons (South Cambridgeshire District Council) gave a presentation regarding the review of the Governance of the Haslingfield Parish Council (see *presentation*). This follows the Trumpington Meadows scheme build out from the City boundary in to the Parish. It covered the timing, arrangements, naming and necessary consent procedure for changes to reflect a new community.

See post meeting notes for up-date.

6. General questions from the floor

Q. There is amount of rubbish up to the bridge on the Addenbrookes access road as well as grit on the road and neglected verges.

A. This is a County Highways issue which they will need to address.

Q. Access to the lake has been restricted.

A. It shouldn't have been, Countryside to take this away to look at.

Q. Access at the top of Fawcett School is becoming unsafe with the amount of construction traffic.

A. This is a well-known issue with the 7 constructors on site at present. Representations have been made to all to ensure their construction vehicles are not impeding, these requests will be repeated.

Meeting closed 8.25pm.

Post meeting Notes:

Allotments. Information from the City Council's Streets & Open spaces officers. See also: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/allotments-on-growth-sites>

Residents from the Trumpington ward can put their name on the waiting list for either allotments run by the Council or allotment associations in Trumpington and should not be turned away.

The Clay Farm allotments are nearing completion. Plot allocations have been worked out and agreements ready to issue. Water needs to be connected, temporary storage installed and defects addressing. Safe crossing over the haulage route also needs addressing by Countryside and planning dept.

The Green Corridor/Country Park: Again, safe access to the Green Corridor is paramount and still needs addressing by Countryside. There are still historic outstanding defects on the green corridor, which will need to be amended by Countryside when the site dries out.

Other sites: Awaiting confirmation from Legal section that transfer has taken place on Skanska, parcel 19, (probably within the next couple of weeks) and also progressing the transfer of three green spaces on Trumpington Meadows (Bean Tree Lap, Southern Lap and Anstey Leap) which is estimated by March.

Governance review: South Cambridgeshire District Council has embarked on a Community Governance Review for the parish of Haslingfield to address the population growth resulting from the new housing development of Trumpington Meadows. The population of Haslingfield parish is set to grow from 1,273 (July 2015) to a forecast 2,351 by 2021, with the growth coming in the main from the new housing at Trumpington Meadows. This review will consider whether the creation or alteration of existing parish boundaries and any consequent changes to the electoral arrangements for the parish(es) should be recommended. The timing of the review takes into that account that the likely number of electors within the Trumpington Meadows area will exceed 150 by the time review concludes.

The process commences with the publication of the terms of reference governing the review (15 February 2016) which is published on our website, <https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/community-governance-reviews> and also available to view at the village halls of Haslingfield, Grantchester and Hauxton and the community reception of Trumpington Meadows Primary School as well as at the district council's offices in Cambourne.

Briefings will be given over the month following at the meetings detailed below:

- Trumpington Residents' Association meeting, Fawcett Primary School, Wednesday 24 February, 7.30pm
- Hauxton Parish Council meeting, Hauxton Parish Hall, Wednesday 2 March, 8pm
- Drop-in session at Haslingfield Village Hall, from 5pm, then presentation at the meeting of Haslingfield Parish Council, 7.30pm, Monday 14 March
- Briefing to the meeting of Grantchester Parish Council, public welcome, the Reading Room, Monday 14 March, (agenda item, 8.30pm)