

## **HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Hinxton Village Hall, on Monday 9th May 2022.**

Present:

Chair: Sam Nichols

Emma Senior

Ceri Williams

Sarah Robinson

Hugh Taylor

Chris Elliott

Clerk: Anne Charteris

4 Members of the Public.

#### **1. Introduction, Welcome and Apologies.**

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies received from Peter McDonald

#### **2. Reports from Village Organisations: Many of the representatives from the village were unable to attend so their reports were read out by member of the Council. See full reports below.**

**Friends of Hinxton Church – Kate Riley**

**St Marys and St Johns Parochial Council- Linda Russell**

**Churchwardens- Margaret Malcolm and Andrew Walker**

**Village Hall Committee- Jill Garnier**

**Ann Howsden Trust- Alison King**

**Allotments- Ceri Williams** One allotment available for rent, the water has now been switched on

**Playground- Sarah Robinson.** There is work to be done following the recent Safety Inspection, some woodwork to be replaced and then we will need to look at other equipment which may need removing or replacing. This may also depend on the land that we take over and how to incorporate it.

#### **3. Annual Report by the Chairman, and a Statement on the Parish Council accounts for the Year ending 31 March 2022**

Following the previous years disruption due to Covid, it was good to be able to hold face to face meetings again.

During the previous year, a lot of work had been done deciding whether to extend the Village Hall and also dealing with the development at the Wellcome Trust. This is ongoing and many changes will happen over the coming years.

The Financial report was given, the Clerk was asked to look into whether there was a better way to invest the money held in the various accounts as interest rates were still low.

**4. To invite the public to raise any matters of interest.** Nothing raised.

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**The Friends of Hinxton Church**

**Annual General Meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022**

**Secretary's Report 2021/22**

The last AGM was held by Zoom in May 2021.

Those present were; Colin Moses, Andrew Walker, Graham Smith, Merv Russell, Mike Boagey, Kate Riley

Apologies; Jane Chater, Margaret Malcolm

The Current Officers confirmed for the year;

Colin Moses (Chairman), Andrew Walker (Treasurer), Kate Riley (Secretary), Mike Boagey and Merv Russell.

Nominated members agreed to continue and were seconded by one another; Margaret Malcolm (Hinxton Parochial Council), Jane Chater and Graham Smith (Hinxton Parish Council).

The Committee has met in May, July, November and January.

In November 2021 Mike Boagey sadly and unexpectedly handed his resignation to the Chair.

It was again agreed at the AGM 2021 that the subscription rates remain the same for another year, particularly in view of the slow growing membership. These are;

£50 life members

£5 individual members

£10 per family

Currently there are 33 Life Members with 3 new and welcome Life Members being, Mr & Mrs Taylor, and Mr Paul Breen.

Over the year, The Friends have continued to support the work on the church building, mainly the guttering.

The Financial Statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 will be provided by Andrew Walker for approval by the Committee.

Alex Clarke of the Red Lion has again given in support of The Friends of Hinxton Church, as also Mrs Breen with sale of cards, and others by donation..

Events during the year have revived since the limitations of Covid. Once again we enjoyed the village Fete and Plant Sale; the Garden Evening and raffle in aid of Great Ormond Street; the Silent Auction when generosity prevailed as usual; and Peterhouse Choir, who returned to give a very welcome and strong performance in December. On Easter Monday we joined with others in holding a new village event in the Chater's field. The Car Boot sale was supported by Hot dogs and tea/coffee stall in aid of The Friends. My huge thanks to those who cheerfully planned & managed those.

We have also benefited from sales of The Hinxton Walk booklet , coordinated by Mike Boagey and contributed by a few regular walkers, and printed free of charge by Wellcome.

As another year develops we may hope to welcome new members of the Community and to involve many of them in supporting our village church building. My thanks to you all and the many unseen helpers who keep us going.

Kate Riley

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## **Churchwarden Report April 2022**

The highlight of the past year has been the arrival of our new incumbent Rev Lydia Smith who was licensed as the Parish Priest for Hinxton, Ickledux and Duxford on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Lydia's appointment is under the so-called 'House for Duty' scheme. As a group of churches we felt we could no longer afford a full-time priest but we could manage a part time appointment if we also took on a paid administrator for a few hours each week.

Prior to Lydia's appointment the Rev Hannah Cleugh had continued to work with us, taking services but also wisely guiding us through the process of re-advertising for a new priest, having had to abruptly terminate the process just prior to interviewing three potential candidates. This caused considerable distress at the time but in retrospect we don't have any regrets and have no doubt that Lydia is the right appointment for our parishes. She comes to us with her retired husband Jon and they live in the Duxford Rectory.

The administrator post was advertised quite widely in the area. Mrs Carolyn Meadows who was already on the PCC at Duxford was the most obvious candidate and since her appointment has enabled the administrative aspect of the work of the three churches to move forward effectively.

During the past year there have been other changes of personnel. Mrs Julie Baillie who had been a Licensed Lay Reader for the past 21 years had reached the 'cut-off age' retirement. She has been an amazing asset to all three churches over the years and her service and wisdom will be much missed. Thankfully she remains living in Hinxton, has continued on the PCC and is also leading Compline services on a regular basis.

Dr Derek Munday and his wife Mary moved into Hinxton 18 months ago. Derek was a licensed Lay Reader in the church in Wales, from where they came, and Ely Diocese has transferred his license for him to serve in our three parishes. Derek brings a different flavour of ministry which complements that which is already established here.

Covid has continued to have its effect during the past year. By the time Lydia arrived we were back to having 'in person' Sunday services but we were still observing the hand washing and mask routine. Also Communion Services had resumed but only with bread being dipped into the wine, and for a while the elements being distributed to communicants still seated in the pews. All these restrictions are being gradually reduced and hopefully it won't be long before everything is back to normal.

Fund raising social events have also had to take a back seat during the past year, The 2021 fete had to be cancelled but we were able to hold a modified Silent Auction which was a great success.

## **BUILDINGS**

Thanks to Andrew's care and attention our church building remains in very good repair although inevitably there is always a 'to do' list. There have not been any major repairs during the past year but we are beginning to consider whether we can somehow incorporate a WC and small kitchenette into the building. There are no definite plans as yet but the PCC has agreed in principle for exploratory discussions and there has been a tentative consultation with the church architect.

The flood lights have been in need of attention. One has just been replaced and the remaining two should be replaced in the near future.

Finally and looking back as well as forward: Andrew has decided that the time has come to resign from being church warden having served for the past 22 years. We owe him an enormous debt of gratitude for all that he has done over the years, in particular for his oversight of the building itself. Without his care and attention, we would have a building which would be facing much bigger bills. He along with Julie Baillie have done a great deal to keep the Friends of Hinxton Church involved and keep financial worries at bay for which we can all be extremely grateful.

So Andrew, to say 'thank you' is very inadequate, but we really do want to underscore the word – and not just for what you have done but for who you are and the contribution you have made to the life of our church and to many of us individually.

And for the future: well we need others to take up the baton. May our congregation grow, physically and spiritually and others step forward to serve in many ways, some as PCC members and – hopefully before too long – we'll find another churchwarden.

*Margaret Malcolm*  
*May 2022*

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## **Hinxton PCC.**

### **Churchwarden's Report for year ended May 2022.**

Through no fault of the Hinxton Church PCC the church year of 2021/22 has continued to be a somewhat frustrating period of time. The Covid Pandemic has affected all of our lives to a greater or lesser extent. Prevented from mixing socially and in regard to church has caused Communion services to be somewhat strange. Whilst brave efforts have been made to keep the show on the road with such devices as "zoom" I believe we are all glad that it is now over.

Clearly the most important event of the year was the safe arrival of our new House for Duty Vicar. I believe we have acquired a fine new incumbent in Lydia Smith and I hope she will be well supported by all three congregations.

We have also acquired by happenstance a new Reader just at the moment that Julie has chosen to retire.

We all wish Derek well in the role of Reader and thank him for being prepared to step up to the plate. I find it hard to say "following in Julie's footsteps" for this would be a burden too great to lay at anybody's door. In no way is that to diminish Derek's potential here but it is simply an expression and indication of just what an amazing contribution Julie has made.

Julie came to Hinxton but a very short time after Virginia and I arrived in 1981, so over 40 years ago, just as her much loved husband George had retired. They both

contributed to this community immensely. George with his DIY skills which touched the properties of so many Hinxtonians (to the good!) and Julie with her quite exceptional skills in supporting the church both in the spiritual sense and from the point of view of maintaining the church itself.

There could be an entire report about all the things that she achieved both in having the Tower reinforced and the bells made safe but also as the supporter and mentor to so many in times of distress. Her calm and firm nature was a gift not given to many and never was it more clearly seen than when she was taking funerals. It may sound strange to say it, but, she was absolutely the “go to” person for so many. We wish her well in her retirement from these important duties.

Returning to Churchwarden matters, it has been something of a privilege and mostly a pleasure to have served as a Churchwarden and member of the PCC in Hinxton for the better part of 20 years.

I close wanting most particularly to thank those who have supported me over a long period of time. Without their help little of what has been done could have been achieved. You know who you are and, I thank you so very much. I wish all well in their tasks in the future.

**Andrew Walker, 9 May 2022**

#### **Hinxton Village Hall Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

Opening balances:	at bank	37,796.37	
	cash in hand	<u>- .23</u>	37,796.14
Add receipts:			
	Private Hire	620.00	
	Church etc	64.00	
	Commercial Hire	422.00	
	Donations	<u>450.87</u>	1,556.87
			39,353.01
Less payments	Cleaning	1046.00	
	Utilities	1253.21	
	Insurances	444.18	
	Maintenance	476.80	
	Sundries	99.65	
	Social events	170.57	
	Donations	<u>385.87</u>	3876.28
Closing balance:	at bank	35,450.46	
	cash in hand	<u>26.27</u>	35476.73



The Ann Howsden Charity  
Charity Number: 233086

**REPORT FROM  
THE ANN HOWSDEN TRUSTEES  
FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HINXTON PARISH COUNCIL  
09 May 2022**

The trustees met on six occasions during 2021:

18 January  
11 February – extraordinary meeting  
19 April  
03 May – extraordinary meeting  
19 July  
15 November

Due to social distancing requirements, the first four meetings of 2021 took place via Zoom, with the remainder in the traditional format, face to face in the Village Hall. Although historically AGMs have been held in November, last year, it was agreed for the sake of external review of the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements, and to allow feedback, the first meeting of each calendar year is to be in the form of an AGM. (The first AGM following this pattern took place on 21 February 2022, where the Report and Statements for the year ending 30.09.21 were approved.)

A number of annual financial donations were agreed during 2021: a sum towards church heating/restoration and churchyard maintenance, Christmas gifts and heating disbursements for a number of Hinxton pensioners and funding towards 'Light Up Hinxton' and Christmas gifts for children. Trustees have also delivered a number of cards, and given flowers or baskets of fruit to Hinxton residents who have been bereaved or unwell.

A lifeline alarm system continues to be financed for one of the pensioner tenants and refreshments are funded for those who enjoy monthly coffee mornings in Hinxton Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee very kindly allow use of the Hall rent free for these events, and for face-to-face Charity meetings.

There have been a number of changes during 2021, not least new tenants in two of the bungalows. Trustees are pleased to know that they are now extremely well settled. Redmayne, Arnold and Harris, property management agents, continue to provide exemplary support managing the properties and conducting regular inspections on behalf of the Charity.

The current trustees are: Virginia Walker, Ian Pearson, Kate Riley, Andy Brown, Chloe Brown, Chris Elliott, Paula Loveday-Smith and Jenny Goodwin, who was reappointed Chair in November 21. Nicholas Cliff, a chartered accountant and resident of Hinxton, kindly supports the Charity as Treasurer. Trustees bade farewell to *ex officio* Rev Simon Talbott in May of 2021, and subsequently welcomed *ex officio* Lydia Smith who, although extremely busy, makes time to attend and support the Charity.



## The Ann Howsden Charity

Charity Number: 233086

In April of 2021 trustees considered, and approved, a framework to support future decision making when in receipt of requests of financial support. Application form templates for individual households and organizations have since been agreed. This process has been established for the sake of fairness and transparency, and to assist with any audits that may occur. There is no wish to deter or discourage anyone from applying to the Charity for support and trustees welcome the opportunity to consider ways of helping and supporting the residents of the Hinxton community. Notices about the Charity's purpose and being available to help have been placed in the Village Hall and at bus stops, and occasional reminders are posted on the Hinxton Facebook page. Importantly, due to the longstanding knowledge and established relationships with residents in the village, a great community network often means individuals feel able to reach out.

I would like to thank the trustees for their compassion, empathy and dedication shown, helping in so many ways to ensure the integrity and future security of this very special and valuable village charity.

If anyone in the village knows of cases of illness, hardship or need, they are encouraged to contact any Charity members directly or alternatively we can all be reached via the email alias [annhowsdentrustees@groups.outlook.com](mailto:annhowsdentrustees@groups.outlook.com). All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

*Alison King*

**Alison King, Administrator, Ann Howsden Charity**  
**05 May 2019**

## **Hinxton Secretary's Report on the year ending 31st December 2021 for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting: 9th May 2022**

Between January 1st and December 31st 2021, there were seven PCC meetings, as well as the APCM.

The first meeting on **14th January**, by zoom, (chaired by Mr Andrew Walker), was convened to discuss and agree on the necessary documentation for the appointment of an administrator. (The PCC had previously agreed the necessity of appointing an administrator.)

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Our next meeting, by zoom, on **8th February**, (chaired by Mr Walker), was called to enable the PCC to discuss Hinxton's position regarding the details of engaging an administrator for the three parishes. The meeting discussed and established a view on finance, the timing of the appointment, hours of work and the contract. Mrs Malcolm to liaise with Ickleton and Duxford regarding our preferences.

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The zoom meeting on **22nd March**, chaired by Rev Hannah Cleugh, discussed the date (July 15th) and form of Rev Lydia Smith's forthcoming licensing in Hinxton church. Ickleton has offered to host in Hinxton's place if numbers wishing to attend might exceed our capacity to host in view of necessary covid precautions.

Also discussed were Easter arrangements, the Fete, and the Hinxton Garden Centre.

Income, though down, was not too dreadful given the circumstances.

Mr Andy Brown offered his help and experience regarding researching payroll for a new administrator.

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The APCM, chaired by Rev Cleugh, took place in Hinxton church on **22nd April** attended by eleven people.

Mrs Smith, as electoral roll officer, informed the meeting that membership now stands at 21.

All reports had been previously circulated and read in order to streamline proceedings, and all authors were thanked for their efforts throughout the year. There was of course no vicar's report due to the interregnum.

In discussion of the finance report, Rev Cleugh felt that the importance of tax-efficient giving, along with fundraising events, should be rightly valued.



The Churchwardens commented that it had been a difficult, but also paradoxically an encouraging year. Gratitude was expressed for the services of Rev Cleugh and Mrs Julie Baillie. Mrs Frances Payne's school report was felt to be very encouraging despite the difficulties posed by the fire and Covid.

Rev Cleugh noted the importance of the position of Deanery Synod representative.

YOUTHINC has been going well for the last five years.

Mrs Malcolm informed the meeting that all safeguarding training and practice is up to date.

Rev Smith's licensing was discussed.

Dr Munday, at Rev Cleugh's request, gave a resume of his Christian life. He hopes to transfer his Reader's licence from the Diocese of Bangor to Ely.

During the brief meeting of the PCC, the Churchwardens informed the meeting that they would like to begin to investigate the possibility of building on to the church to include a toilet and kitchenette.

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Mr Walker chaired the next PCC meeting in Hinxton church on **22nd May**.

There was much discussion of details concerning Rev Smith's licensing in Hinxton church on 15th July. Paintings of each church have been commissioned as a 'thank you' gift to Rev Cleugh.

A fellowship group will meet regularly on Thursdays in the Old Dairy. There should be no conflict with attendees at Compline.

Mrs Baillie will become Reader Emeritus on October 2nd.

Mrs Russell was nominated (as were all secretaries) to liaise with Mrs Carolyn Meadows, our three parishes' administrator, re priorities before Rev Smith's arrival.

Other topics for discussion included: Hinxton Open Gardens, the Fete, YOUTHINC's running costs, the Parish Giving Scheme, and improved facilities for the church. The PCC were asked to give this last item some thought, and bring ideas/suggestions to the next meeting.

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The PCC meeting of **15th June**, chaired by Mrs Malcolm, was called to discuss planned Hinxton church events in response to Covid restrictions being extended until July 19th.

The meeting decided, on health and safety grounds, to take Ickleton up on their kind offer to host Rev Smith's licensing in their larger church, and to offer our help and support with any and all aspects of the organisation.

Hinxton Fete is cancelled, and the Garden Evening to be rearranged.

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Mr Walker chaired the PCC meeting in Hinxton church on **17th August**, which was called to discuss Dr Munday's licensing service at the end of the month, and to discuss and initiate tentative planning for toilet and kitchenette facilities.

During discussion re: the latter, it was mentioned that Jenny Roux, (retired architect), thought the 'glory hole' suitable for a kitchenette, next to the usual 'mixing' area when serving refreshments. The disabled toilet to perhaps be located in the vestry.

Mrs Baillie had researched the substantial grants offered by the National Churches' Trust for new facilities, and was thanked for her efforts.

Mr Brown felt it a good idea to consult a firm of architects who could investigate all possibilities. The Churchwardens felt they now had backing and a sense of direction.

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The last meeting of the year, chaired by Rev Smith and held in the warmth of Hinxton village hall, took place on **10th November**.

Rev Smith thanked the PCC for making her and Jon so welcome. Our gratitude to Rev Smith and John for joining us was voiced by all.

Rev Smith reported that Duxford toddlers had restarted. Interest has been shown in baptisms. YOUTHINC is currently recruiting a leader.

Mrs Baillie expressed her thanks for the church service and lunch in the village hall, and the generous gifts, on the occasion of her retiring from being a Reader. She was warmly thanked by us all for her many years of dedicated service.

There was positive discussion of Rev Smith's suggestions for Hinxton's Carol Service, and of Christmas arrangements.

The Silent Auction (to take place on 27th November), a large fundraiser for the Friends and church, was discussed.

Mrs Smith informed the meeting of balances, and a much lessened Deanery share due to no longer employing a full time priest. We will continue to assist Duxford financially.

Simón Talbott has accepted the post of Senior Chaplain.

Mr Walker reported on progress re: kitchenette and toilet facilities. Rev Smith spoke of the advisability of consulting the Diocesan Advisory Committee, with their wealth of experience.

The administration of Safeguarding for the three churches has been taken over by our administrator. Mrs Malcolm remains Hinxton's Safeguarding Officer.

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Linda Russell

April 2022



## **Annual Parish Report 2022**

I have represented Duxford Division since February 2020 which includes Duxford, Hinxton, Ickleton, Babraham, Pampisford, Foxton, Fowlmere, Shepreth, Thriplow, Heathfield, Heydon, Chishills, Whittlesford.

The key change in Cambridgeshire occurred in May 2021 with a change to a new Joint Administration. The Council has an inherited gap of £80m+ over 5 years in its budget which it is now addressing. The JA agreement is here

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The Joint Administration proposes in 2022/23 to raise the County Council share of council tax by 4.99% (3% council tax plus 1.99% for Adult Social Care). That will mean an extra charge of £1.04 per week for a Band B, and £1.19 for a Band C household. More than half of all homes in Cambridgeshire are in these two bands.

In Highways the JA priorities are stated as:

- *“We will focus on modal shift to encourage more residents out of their cars, along with infrastructure development, the encouragement of sustainable travel, and securing safe routes and connections for pedestrians and cyclists.*
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- *We will continue to work on ways in which we can limit HGVs rat-running through villages and urban communities.*
- *In partnership with local communities, we will make the option of 20MPH zones more widely available, and easier to obtain.”*

Outside of Highways the focus is on an evaluation of ‘This Land’ – the Council property company which has been loaned £120m. It is also bringing forward a report on the award of a County Council farm tenancy to the Previous Deputy leader Roger Hickford who resigned and left the Council.

My responsibilities are serving on:

- Highways Committee as Chair,
- Strategy & Resources,
- Fire Authority and
- County Farms Group as a member

Currently we are working on 20 mph implementation, Civil Parking Enforcement and HGV strategy to mitigate impacts of HGV on local villages.

Peter McDonald

May 2022





# South Cambs District Council

May 2022

Councillor Peter McDonald

District Councillor for Duxford, Ickleton, Hinxton, Babraham, Pampisford

# Key Changes 2022/2023

- Fourth year of New Administration in the Council from May 2018.
- Continued with Conservative Councillor as Chairman of Scrutiny Group.
- 45 Councillors instead of 57.
  - Lower cost to residents.
  - More work for us !
- Massive C19 support continued in 2021:
  - Community groups formed
  - Officers moved from normal duties to C19 support.
  - Business Grants paid:
    - £43.9 million in government Covid grants
  - Other Grants:
    - £78,000 to support work with young people.
    - 70 grants to covid groups
    - £58,000 in Community Chest grants a year
  - Others
    - 600 free trees
    - £1.4 mil to 102 businesses and start ups to help them grow.
    - £164,000 to voluntary groups
    - 900 hot meals over the covid Christmas period.

# Financials

2022/23

- SCDC takes c.£160 of the £1,500 of Band D Council Tax.
- Council Tax Increased this year by 3.4% or £5 to £160.
  - Correcting a deficit of £500k in 2019/20
  - Continuing C19-related expenditure
  - Councillor expenses increased in line with staff increase in 2021.
  - SCDC still looking to generate 25% of income from investments (to protect Council & residents)
- County C Tax Increased by £60 or 4,99%.

## 5 yr Business Plan

- South Cambs receives no Government grant.
- Savings planned of £1.5m next few years.
- By the end of March 2024, Council investments are forecasted to return an income of just over £5 million a year which will be used to protect the services people want and need.



# Services, Business Plan & Business Support

1. My South Cambs Portal & Call Back service
  - To increase customer service.
  - Single Golden number for enquires and new call back service.
2. Improving planning with new shared service and IT platform.
3. Higher number of planning delegations
  - Previously <5%, now c 25%-30%
4. Re structure of the Council Management
  - New CEO in 2020.
  - New officer structure.
5. Business Plan Focus
6. Call for Sites Process
  - Engaged with residents/Parishes
  - 200+ people attended Guildhall meeting in 2020
  - Focus on carbon & water resources.
7. New 6.1 yrs housing land supply
  - prevents speculative development which happened pre-2018.
8. New Business Support
  - 4 new staff
  - Focus on SME < 10 employees
  - Focused on the business growth/expansion.
  - New Visit S Cambs Wesbite

# My Priorities

- 1. Monitor & influence planning projects.
  - Influence the local plan process/call for sites.
  - Monitor the 5 year housing land supply.
  - Work with villages on Wellcome Genome Campus development & housing covenants.
  - Gonville & Caius 800 houses were not included in call for sites.
  - Maarnford Close Duxford will be developed.
  - Whittlesford Depot will be re-developed.
- 2. Keep residents up to date
  - Monthly report for every Parish.
  - Facebook & Twitter.
  - Focus leaflets – 8 x since Election in 2018.
- 3. Carry out effective case work on:
  - Planning
  - Housing
  - Highways
- 4. Seek a solution to a path around Duxford school.
- 5. Represent the villages on Grants Advisory Committee.
  - Community chest - £58k
  - Community led £50k
  - Biodiversity- £10k
  - Zero carbon Grants £120k
- 6. Work effectively on Cabinet
  - Business Support responsibility

# Cambridgeshire County Council

Represent 11 Parishes: Duxford, Whittlesford, Foxton, Fowlmere, Hinxton, Ickleton, Pampisford, Shepreth, Thriplow & Heathfield, Chishills, Heydon, Ickleton.

# County Budget Headline

For 2022-23,

- First year on budget-setting of the new Joint Administration.
- Current year deficit of £22m- £80m over 5 years left by previous administration
- Council Tax increase of 4.99% is 3% (half of inflation) plus 1.99% adult social care.
- New Joint Administration Agreement
  - [https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/cambridgelibdems/pages/5179/attachments/original/1620984611/County\\_agreement\\_2021\\_FINAL.pdf?1620984611](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/cambridgelibdems/pages/5179/attachments/original/1620984611/County_agreement_2021_FINAL.pdf?1620984611)
- Independent Member is Chair of the Council

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# Other Areas of Focus

## Budget:

- The Household Support Fund – with a £20 payment now available to all 39,000 Cambridgeshire people on universal credit – as well as additional help if people need it for specific bills or replacement of essential things like cookers, washing machines or fridges.
- Continued funding for Free School Meals of £15 per week for each eligible child throughout the school holidays.
- A 100% council tax rebate for Care Leavers until they are 21 – and a targeted fund to support them, if they need it, until they are 25.
- A £1m 'catch up' fund to help children catch up on activities which help them learn skills, build self-confidence and make friends.

## Other Areas:

- This Land
  - A full review has been done and the Board re structured in the County Council property company which has been loaned £120m.
- Ethics
  - It brought forward a report on the award of a County Council farm tenancy to the Previous Deputy leader Roger Hickford who resigned and left the Council.

# My Priorities

- 1. Two committees:
  - Highways
    - I have Chaired this committee in 2021/22
  - Strategy & Resources
    - Oversees general financial position
- 2. Highways Matters
  - 20 mph zone policy being progressed
  - Civil Parking Enforcement being progressed
  - Scanning of the highways initiated to get a proper view of the priorities.
  - New gulley scanning & cleaning programme initiated
- 3. Thakeham Action Group- SWCAG
  - Fighting the proposed new 25,000 house development
  - Thakeham are quiet (for now)
- 4. Infrastructure
  - A505 plan for next 10 years
  - Foxton & Whittlesford Travel Hubs.
    - Ensuring these are multi-modal hubs with benefits for the community.
- 5. School support
  - Post C19
  - Duxford school re-build
  - Supporting Foxton on the pre school provision.
- 6. Represent you on County Farms
  - Currently 33,000 acres
  - Environmental Land Management
  - Tree planting
  - New farm acquisition.