

SOUTH AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

Tuesday 28th January 2014, Mandeville Hall, Burwell, 7:00pm

Panel Members Present

Cllr Tom Kerby (Chair)	East Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr Lavinia Edwards	East Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr Robert Stevens	East Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr Christine Bryant	Bottisham Parish Council
Cllr Pat Kilbey	Burwell Parish Council
Cllr Peter Taylor	Kirtling and Upend Parish Council
Cllr Elizabeth Mitchell	Lode Parish Council
Cllr Alastair France	Stetchworth Parish Council

Others Present

Julie Cornwell	Partnerships Officer East Cambridgeshire District Council
Darren Dixon	Head of Community Services East Cambridgeshire District Council
Noelle Godfrey	Connecting Cambridgeshire Cambridgeshire County Council
Terry Jordan	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Inspector Paul Ormerod	Sanctuary Housing
Lorna Easey	Democratic Services Officer East Cambridgeshire District Council
Adrian Scaites-Stokes	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllr Don Harrison	Burwell Parish Council
Cllr Pat Gay	Kirtling and Upend Parish Council
Cllr Jean Gilmour	Kirtling and Upend Parish Council
Cllr Helen Slater	Kirtling and Upend Parish Council
3 members of the public	

Apologies

Cllr David Brown	Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr Chris Morris	East Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr Mathew Shuter	Brinkley Parish Council
Cllr Michael Scarf	Burwell Parish Council
Cllr Hazel Williams MBE	Burwell Parish Council
Cllr Maggie Carvalho	Dullingham Parish Council
Ashley Parish Council	

SNP13/26 Welcome

The Chairman, Councillor Tom Kerby, welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the fire instructions.

SNP13/27 Chairman's Announcements and Consultation Items

The Chairman asked Members and Officers to sign the attendance sheet. He also asked that everyone complete the questionnaire, as the feedback was very helpful.

3 items of consultation had been circulated.

This was the last Neighbourhood Panel meeting. A report would be going to the District Council's Community Services Committee to look at a way forward. The preferred option could be to introduce a Parish Conference. All Parish Councils would be notified of the outcome of this review.

SNP13/28 Connecting Cambridgeshire

Noelle Godfrey, Head of Information Technology (IT) and Project Director for Connecting Cambridgeshire, explained about the programme to introduce superfast broadband across the county. The programme was being run by Cambridgeshire County Council supported by other local authorities. The programme was looking at ensuring the right IT infrastructure was in place and that it would be exploited to its maximum. This would drive growth in the area and provide access for the public to services.

The first priority would be to ensure that superfast broadband was rolled out across the county.

The County Council had intervened into the market to ensure access to broadband. It had talked to IT companies to find out where they would be providing broadband on a commercial basis. This helped identify areas that would not receive it. The County Council felt that the area needed significant investment and put aside a considerable sum to achieve this. More rural areas had bigger access problems, so would be the bigger beneficiaries of the programme.

A procurement team had been set up and had used its own framework, rather than the national one, to proceed with the programme. British Telecom had been awarded the contract and had started the rollout. The rollout was a very complex business and was very challenging. The programme was on track with the first green cabinets rolled out last November with a plan to upgrade 100 telephone exchanges.

A website had been set up to keep people informed on what was happening with the programme. Champions had been appointed to spread the message to increase the publicity for the programme.

Some areas would be getting commercial broadband but some were much harder to reach. This would result in a delay in getting broadband to those areas. The target was to reach more than 90% of people, although it was expected to reach 98% overall. The remaining 2% were usually those in very isolated locations, where it was unviable to provide broadband. The speed of the broadband would be affected on the distance between the dwelling and the relevant green cabinet, but they would be deployed where needed.

There were some issues with existing service providers, as there was pressure on services, which was a commercial issue. Provision of superfast broadband would give users a wider choice of more operators. Not much intervention had taken place with mobile telephone operators but they could help with broadband provision in the future.

SNP13/29 Update on District Council Actions Since Last Meeting

The Panel received a table giving an update on the actions undertaken by the District Council.

Issue No and Description	Further Comments
2. Rubbish bin, Ashley	The dog bin had been sorted out.
4 & 6. Wheelie bins, Burwell and Kirtling	It was hoped that the issues had been resolved. The rollout of bins had been completed. A significant increase in recycling had been seen – the figures would be included in the newsletter.
8. White goods, Woodditton	White goods were collected for a small charge.

SNP13/30 Update on County Council Actions Since Last Meeting

The Panel received a table giving an update on the actions undertaken by the County Council.

Issue No and Description	Further Comments
1. Parking, Bottisham Village College	Lines could be provided but would have to be funded by others.
2. Traffic calming, Quy	The scheme had been reviewed. It could be possible to reduce the speed limit. This could be done by local communities if they met the costs. Physical measures may also be needed to achieve this.
3. Transport Strategy	The County Council were working with the district councils to get a county-wide scheme. Consultation on this would take place in the spring.
4. Archive Network	This had been handed over to voluntary groups and migrated to a new website, available upon subscription.

SNP13/31 Update on Sanctuary Housing Actions Since Last Meeting

There was no timescale for health and safety visits but if a request was received then a visit would be arranged. Sheltered housing schemes were arranged on a scheme-by-scheme basis.

SNP13/32 Update on Police Actions Since Last Meeting

The Panel received a table giving an update on the actions undertaken by the Police. Priorities from the last Panel meeting were: 1) anti-social behaviour in Burwell, 2) shed and garage burglaries.

Issue No and Description	Further Comments
1. Acquisitive Crime	Regular patrols had been carried out, concentrated on the major routes, due to the large and rural area that had to be covered, particularly overnight. The focus has been on known persons. Information had also been shared with colleagues from neighbouring areas. The force's Impact Team had been working with similar teams from neighbouring colleagues. In addition, some Burglary Prevention surgeries had been held. This should be kept as a priority.
2. Parking in Woodditton	Patrols had been undertaken, focussing on the areas identified by the Panel, but overall there was no evidence of any big parking problems. This could be discharged as a priority.
3. Crime figures	The figures showed an increase in crime over the last few months, but no one issue stood out.
4. Emerging Issues	Acquisitive crime was still an issue. Shed and garage burglaries were still occurring. There were some dwelling burglaries.
5. Emerging issues	There had been a number of incidents of vans being broken into and tools being stolen and vehicle thefts. Burwell appeared to be a focus for this.

Responses to Panel and public questions:

Jewellery was a very popular item to be stolen, so anything should be used to deter people entering homes. A number of vehicles had been broken into in Cheveley but not much had been taken.

SNP13/21 Discussion of Neighbourhood Issues raised by Audience and Panel Members

PARISH	ISSUE OF CONCERN	
Ashley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
Bottisham	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
Brinkley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	

Burwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglaries in the village. • Pavement on North Street – level with the road and very narrow. It is very dangerous for pedestrians especially as there is no curb to distinguish between the road and the pavement. No's 9, 11, 15 & 17 and opposite 12 & 12a. Please can action be taken to address this. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police • County Council
Burrough Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Cheveley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Dullingham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Kirtling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Lode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign to have a cycle path from Quy to Lode is starting. Feasibility study has been completed and there are now 3 options. Anyone interested in learning about the options should contact Lode Parish Council. Concern that there is a lack of cycle infrastructure and whether there are opportunities to improve it in the general South of the District. Would particularly like to hear from Burwell and Swaffham Prior to see if there are any opportunities for joint working. Also are there any opportunities for drawing down government money. • Route 51 (Sustrans route) Cambridge – Newmarket – It would help if the path that runs parallel to the A1303 if at the turning at Bottisham if the cycle path could be extended along there it would be much safer and encourage more users. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Council to comment and offer advice about funding and opportunities to improve the infrastructure.
Reach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Stetchworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Swaffham Prior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Swaffham Bulbeck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Westley Waterless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Woodditton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking at the school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police

General issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in hearing more about recycling rates in the last Panel newsletter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECDC to arrange
POLICING PRIORITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisitive Crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police
OTHER PRIORITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figures are needed to show how many people are using the subsidised bus routes to help inform parish council responses to the Future Transport consultation/engagement process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Council

The meeting closed at 8:28pm.