

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th November, 2018 at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, Girton, at 7.00 p.m.

Residents in the parish were invited to attend this meeting and to speak at Item 18/129.2

Present: (Cllrs) H Williams (Chairman), Buckler, Dashwood, de Lacey, Godby, Griffin, Hickford, Kettle, Rodger (from item 18/132.1 onwards), Thorrold.

Cllr L Harford (Cambs County Council)

In attendance: S Cumming (Clerk)

18/126 Welcome from the Chairman. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

18/127 Apologies and Reasons for Absence. Apologies had been received from Cllr Cockley and District Councillor Bygott, and the Chairman accepted their reasons for absence. Parish Councillors will send Cllr Cockley a get-well card and flowers from personal donations, following her recent riding accident.

18/128 Members' declarations for items on the agenda. None.

18/132.1 To Co-Opt new membership of Girton Parish Council. This item was brought forward to allow the newly-co-opted Councillor to join the table. Cllr Rodger's application for co-option was approved unanimously. She was welcomed and joined Councillors at the table at this point.

18/129 Public Participation session on agenda items and matters of mutual interest:

1. Presentation from County Councillor S Kindersley about CamBedRailRoad project. Cllr Kindersley did not attend the meeting, so this item was postponed.
2. Members of the Public. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.
3. County Councillor's Report (*Appendix A*) County Council staff earning over £25k per annum will be taking three days unpaid Christmas leave, and Cllr Harford suggests that members should take an equivalent cut in members' allowances. The implementation of unpaid leave gives a poor message about the County Council, which already struggles with the recruitment and retention of staff. Cllr Harford supports the County Council's ability to make income streams, of which Cheryl French's work is a good example. Cllr Harford will forward her observations about the High Street/Cambridge Road junction, that people are driving without due care and attention, and has forwarded information to Cllr Hickford as he is leading on Girton's Local Highways Improvements application. Hopefully, bollards will be installed this financial year. The Local Highways Officer is very good and would like 'Slow' painted on the road between St Andrew's Church and the Language School. There is adverse camber on the corner. Most drivers exhibited good driving behaviour. Cllr Harford is to talk to Cllr Hickford regarding what can be done outside of the Local Highways Improvement scheme. Cllr Harford will arrange for the Local Highways Officer to speak to the Parish Council regarding the request to move speed limits on Oakington Road, and will also enquire regarding progress on the children's safety posters. The Schools Admissions Panel is looking for people to put their names forward. The Chairman thanked Cllr Harford.
4. District Councillors' Reports (*Appendix B*) Regarding Cllr Bygott's report, Cllr de Lacey explained that the District Council does not have a statutory duty to collect green waste and

that it is unreasonable to call it a tax when residents are to be charged for requesting a second green bin. The Chairman thanked Cllr Bygott for his help in contacting the Council's former Finance Officer, to whom cheques are to be re-issued.

5. Police Report (*Appendix C*) The Chairman had attended the recent Police and Crime Commissioner's Parish Council Meeting at which police priorities had been explained, including people trafficking, drug running and protection of the vulnerable. Cllr de Lacey agreed to look into the decriminalising of parking.

18/130 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th October, 2018 (previously circulated). The Minutes having stated that nearby residents would be informed about the fireworks at the 'Battle's Over' event, it was noted that residents of Manor Farm Road had not been informed - Cllr de Lacey apologised that this had not happened. The Minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Godby, and approved with three abstentions.

18/131 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

18/121.1 The 'Battle's Over' firework display was successfully held on the Recreation Ground. Cllr de Lacey was congratulated on organising this successful event. Cllr Buckler extended the Parish Council's thanks to the Clerk and Girton Women's Institute for their help with the 'Battle's Over' event.

18/121.2 The donation to the Royal British Legion is included in this month's payments schedule. The Chairman thanked Mrs W Ripley for her sterling work as Girton's Poppy Appeal Organiser, the Clerk having reported that the total collected for the village plus Sainsbury's Eddington store was £8,771.57.

18/121.3 Club 55 have been notified about the Council's decision.

18/121.4 The Chairman has responded to the group of Parish Councils on behalf of Girton Parish Council.

18/132 Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council.

1. To co-opt new membership of Girton Parish Council. This item was moved forward (please see above).
2. To approve a contractor for the repair/replacement of basketball court fencing at Girton Recreation Ground (*Appendix D*). The Chairman proposed that the Council accepts the lowest quotation with the proviso that the contractor meets requirements that the posts' wood treatment comes with a 10-year warranty. Seconded by Cllr Hickford and approved unanimously.
3. To approve a contractor for repairs to damaged play equipment at Girton Recreation Ground. The Chairman proposed that the full quotation from Wicksteed Play Equipment be accepted at a cost of £975.40 plus VAT. Seconded by Cllr de Lacey. Approved unanimously.
4. To agree a submission from Girton Parish Council to the Transport Minister and others with regards to the proposed development of Girton Interchange. The Chairman is to write to Heidi Allen MP and the Transport Minister and ask if our concerns are to be taken into account. The Chairman clarified the Coalition of Parish Councils, and that Girton Parish Council needs to make our own case. Support would be sought from Oakington and Histon & Impington Parish Councils and Girton College.
5. To review the responses to the proposal for play equipment on Mayfield Triangle (Correspondence item 18/134.1) The Council noted that legitimate concerns were raised by residents' correspondence. There is already play equipment not far away from the proposed site/ The Chairman will write back to the young correspondent who'd requested the play equipment.

18/133 Finance and Resource Management

1. To approve the payments schedule for the past month (*Appendix E*). Cllr Godby had checked the Payments Schedule before the meeting. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Godby, and approved unanimously.
2. To receive a financial update. The latest balance sheet plus profit and loss statement prepared by the Council's accountants are to be circulated by the Clerk.

18/134 Correspondence (to be received)

1. Residents' correspondence regarding the request for the installation of play equipment on Mayfield Triangle. Received by the Council.

18/135 To receive reports

1. Chairman's Report (*Appendix F*). Regarding GTC projects, a wooden raised bed planter has been installed by the bus shelter, which is not on the plans. This will be considered at a later meeting. There has been no response from insurers regarding the removal of trees at Duck End.
2. Girton Town Charity Report. No report this month.
3. Girton Youth Project (*Appendix G*)
4. Footpaths Officer. No report this month.
5. Water Management Report. No report this month.
6. Energy Schemes (*Appendix H*) Cllr Dashwood was thanked for her report.

18/125 Items which the Council need to discuss at the next meeting.

An update on the Local Highways Improvements Grant application will be given.

Updates are needed on progress with CCTV and Mayfield bus shelter.

The Council could consider Youth Parish Councillors from Girton Youth Club.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm

APPENDIX A

Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report

October/November 2018

Finance: In response to the Head of Paid Service's decision to ask all staff earning over £25,000pa to take three days unpaid leave at Christmas there is a cross party proposal for councillors to respond. Although only a fairly small number of councillors' allowances are over £25,000 pa a motion to Council will propose that all councillors take a 1.2% cut in their allowances. Whilst the saving is small, approximately £9,000, I anticipate that this motion will have universal support to demonstrate member support for Officers. I shall support the motion but still believe that the proposal to cut staff salaries in this way was wrong. I continue to press for the Council to find ways to create new income streams rather than seek 'savings'. Whilst I believe that the creation of 'This Land', the Council's development company has not been a good example of this stream of effort, the work being done by Officers through the Corporate Energy Strategy approved by Council in March 2017 is progressing well. The Director of the Mobilising Energy Investment project is making great strides with her team to progress the stated aim of the strategy: 'to reduce energy bills, generate income for our services and lead our communities to adapt to a low carbon future'. There are several strands to the strategy including a scheme to help residents save money on their energy bills: 'Cambridgeshire Energy Switch', a new solar farm at Soham, the use of park and ride sites as smart energy grids and a programme of using County buildings including schools to install solar panels. The exorbitant cost involved in trying to make connections for generated energy has provoked the team to progress further its work on energy storage with a wide range of stakeholders. Working with those stakeholders the plan now is to investigate how to make more effective use of the grid and establish other storage facilities. This energetic team saw its efforts acknowledged earlier this year when it was the winner of the Pioneer category of the Renewable Energy Awards. Details of this stream of work: <https://bit.ly/2QUmhhQ>

Education: The County Council is currently seeking more volunteers for Cambridgeshire's School Admissions Appeals Panel. Every year a number of pupils fail to secure a place at the school of their choice because that school is oversubscribed. The parents of these pupils can appeal against the decision and those appeals are heard by an independent panel as part of a process required by law. Qualifying applicants may or may not have educational experience but must be totally independent of

the County Council and the school governing bodies. They must also be able to listen to both sides of a case and weigh up evidence objectively and impartially. The Council is keen that panels reflect the diverse communities living in Cambridgeshire. As volunteers the roles are not paid but travelling expenses and training are provided. The time commitment is usually a minimum of five working days each year. To find out more or get an application form, email

harriet.snape@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or rob.sanderson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or write to Harriet Snape, SH1102, Shire Hall, CB3 0AP. The closing date for applications is 18 January 2019.

Successful applicants will be notified by March and asked to attend training the following month.

Health: Committee members had only one decision item on the agenda for its most recent meeting. Asked to agree a recommendation to adopt a Dynamic Purchasing System for Public Health Primary Care Commissioning, members were unanimous in their view that the report to committee didn't provide sufficient detail for them to make a decision. They deferred the decision to December's meeting and asked Officers to go back to the CCG for further information.

Commissioning of Primary Care services is something that I am carefully looking into at the moment as the current contract for the Maple Surgery at Bar Hill comes to an end in March 2019 and the procurement process has caused concern amongst local residents. The longer I sit on the Health Committee, the more amazed I am at the lack of transparency that the NHS has hitherto offered and the complexity of its processes which seem designed to aid that shortcoming. Having said that the organisation is striving to improve and the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group is currently consulting on the recommissioning of carers services. Details are available at:

<https://bit.ly/2QVokCk>

Cambridgeshire **Police** held a Day of Action on Friday 02 November to target driving transgressions in Cambridgeshire Police's biggest road safety event. During the 24 hour multiagency operation more than 800 motoring enforcements were handed out targeting the use of mobile phones whilst driving [25], speeding [534], failure to wear a seatbelt [25] and driving under the influence of drink or drugs [no figure published so let's hope there were none]. Additionally 7 motorists were reported for going through a red light. Speed Watch volunteers caught 150 people speeding; they will now receive warning letters. 291 vehicles had their tyres checked and one driver out of the 40 whose eyesight was checked at the roadside failed the test. 260 cyclists were handed warnings about not having lights. The operation also allowed for road safety training to be delivered to around 1,000 children and teenagers in pre-schools, schools and colleges across the county. More than 350 officers, PCSOs, staff and volunteers took part in the event. Last year 48 people were killed in Cambridgeshire, 436 were seriously injured and a further 2,307 were injured

in collisions. The police are also offering opportunities to local people to influence the service they deliver. These opportunities will be offered through a series of events that they will be holding over the coming weeks. They remind us that pressures on police forces have never been so complex; that it is difficult to manage demand and deal with the challenges of modern day policing. Their objective is to be as efficient and effective as possible bearing in mind that they have to balance the need to manage national, regional and local issues and they acknowledge the value of active public participation in deciding priorities. Local officers will attend the events to give an overview of the challenges followed by opportunities for public questions. Do look out for details of local events.

Meanwhile the **Greater Cambridge Partnership** is consulting on two options for more Park & Ride spaces south west of Cambridge to address the identified need for greater provision to cope with planned growth. Option 1 is to create a multi-storey car park on the existing Park & Ride site at Trumpington and Option 2 is to create a new Park & Ride site north west of Junction 11 of the M11. This is a separate proposal to the works to expand the current Trumpington Park & Ride site by 274 parking spaces and 5 additional bus spaces. Although not unanimous members of the Joint Development Control Committee - Cambridge Fringes [JDCC] despite some reservations, granted delegated approval to address the short term need to alleviate demand pressures at this, the busiest of the Park & Ride sites. The consultation will run until Friday 21 December 2018 and a series of exhibitions is planned. Further details of the consultation at:

www.greatercambridge.org.uk/parkandride

I attended my first meeting as a member of the **Fire Authority** this month. You will recall that earlier this year the Police & Crime Commissioner made a bid to add the Fire Authority to his

current responsibility for the police. My own response to the consultation was a firm 'no' as was the formal response of the County Council. The request for a Judicial Review has now been granted and, whilst we wait for the outcome, I feel completely vindicated in my original view that it is an unnecessary change. My first impression is that we have a very well run Fire Service and that, whilst both the Fire Service and Police currently collaborate and plan to continue to do so regardless of the outcome of the Judicial Review, there is no need to change the status quo nor benefit to be found by so doing.

I look forward to receiving any questions or comments that you have about the items in this report or any other matters either at your November meetings or by email.

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APPENDIX B

District Councillors' Reports

i) Report from District Councillor Douglas de Lacey 15. 11. 2018

I have felt over the past few months, and been told that others have also felt, a change of tone at South Cambridgeshire. It manifests itself in little things, like the glass tumblers on our tables and the mugs in Members' pigeon-holes, ousting single-use plastics; our new Members generally are much more engaged than before. And the new administration is involving the Members as a whole much more in decision-making through briefings and workshops, whose results are built in to our policy making. A truly democratic way of working.

On 16 October I attended the opening of Arlington Court, the new care home in Girton: I have followed its progress over the years from the very first plans through several changes of ownership (and of the plans, with enormous improvements) and am delighted to see such a wonderful asset in Girton. As I write it is undergoing its CQC assessment which will enable it to begin welcoming guests, some of whom are expected to suffer from severe dementia.

Again I had to miss the Scrutiny meeting because of a clash with a Parish Council. I would really be interested in your views on how I should settle such conflicts. And at the end of October I had the melancholy duty of presiding over a hearing on a Parish Councillor accused of a breach of the Code of Conduct. It is good that such issues are taken seriously; vitally important that all Councillors take our duties with utmost seriousness; and disappointing when we are perceived to fail. We concluded that no breach had taken place, but it is still unfortunate that a breach had been perceived in the first place.

We have had several reports of frighteningly inappropriate attempts to get past bin lorries, and our comms team has put out a press release asking for sense and patience. If you use social media you can see our comments at <http://tinyurl.com/ybafsyus> (twitter) or <http://tinyurl.com/y7oa4nwn> (facebook). Please treat our binmen with respect; they are doing a great job for you. In better transport news, the Whippet X3 bus service appears to have been saved. I'd like to think my little helped.

Over the Remembrance weekend I was involved in no fewer than 6 commemorations, including South Cambs' own involvement in the national 'Battle's Over' event which I organised. Having got the timing wrong and being left with a long gap before the 2 Minutes' Silence, I was grateful to my honoured guest the High Sheriff who gave us an extempore description of his grandfather's war. The contributions from Jane Bower and our trumpeter Zoë Perkins were also much appreciated. My thanks to the Parish Council and our groundsman for allowing me to use the Recreation Ground for the fireworks and the Pavilion for refreshments. We must never forget the horror which is war; we must strive to celebrate, maintain and extend the benefit of peace.

ii) District Councillor's Report - Cllr Tom Bygott

£35 Extra green bin tax

2,300 households in South Cambridgeshire, out of around 66,000 households in total, have more than one green bin. The householders using these bins thought that they were doing the right thing by collecting more green waste for composting. However the Council's Cabinet on Wednesday 7 November decided that these community-minded householders could be an additional source of revenue for the Council.

Rather confusingly, the new tax will be introduced in two stages:

- From 1 March next year, South Cambridgeshire residents wanting to have an extra green bin picked up will be asked to pay a £20 tax to cover the collection of additional green bins from March to October.
- From October 2019, the tax will change to £35 annually for a 12-month cycle of collections. The new tax is per bin and covers collections for only one year, with an additional charge, which could be increased, in each subsequent year. Residents with extra green bins will have to decide by early next year whether they want to pay the new tax. If three quarters of residents that currently have more than one bin decide to pay the extra tax, accountants estimate that the scheme would raise around £80,000 a year for the Council's coffers.

There are two potential dangers that this change of policy direction could lead to:

- The Council's refuse collectors will have to add administrative duties to their current rubbish collection duties by knowing which households have paid the tax and which haven't. This might mean that they have to wander around with bits of paper, trying to work out who is allowed to put out an extra bin, and be distracted from picking up the bins efficiently. More worryingly, some form of technology might have to be introduced.
- Charging to dispose of waste can lead to fly-tipping. Many Councils that charge for dropping off waste at Household Recycling Centres have found that people who do not want, or can't afford, to pay the charges just dump their waste in the street, often immediately outside the Recycling Centre. This can be very expensive to clean up, defeating the initial aim of trying to grab more money.

If you go outside and have a look at any of your wheelie bins, you will see on the underside of the top rim, on the left hand side, a circular compartment about the diameter of a £2 coin. This feature is manufactured in the shape of the plastic to hold a microchip. In South Cambs, this compartment is currently empty. Many councils use microchips in this location to spy on their residents' rubbish disposal and recycling habits. When my group introduced the blue bin system to South Cambridgeshire, one of our top priorities was to ensure that this microchip compartment would remain empty, and residents would be free from authoritarian oversight and intrusion. There are currently thought to be no plans to introduce microchips, but the introduction of a complex system of extra bin taxes might one day create the need for such a system.

Council borrowing cap lifted for council houses

In this year's autumn budget, announced in late October, the Chancellor, Philip Hammond MP, gave confirmation that the cap on the amount authorities can borrow to invest in new Council homes will be lifted. The borrowing cap has been widely seen as the greatest restraint on the ability of Councils to build new homes.

The HRA – Housing Revenue Account – is a ringfenced budget which operates separately from the Council's other operations. The HRA gets its income from tenants in the form of rents and service charges, and the money it spends is for maintaining existing housing stock and increasing that stock (i.e. building more homes). Currently councils are limited to how much they are allowed to borrow which is far tighter than the value of their assets (e.g. the housing stock). These limits or cap on borrowing were originally introduced as a means to control public borrowing. Clearly councillors and councils will need to exercise caution when borrowing money to invest in the HRA, with a clear business plan and vision of what can be achieved that is manageable in the long term. I believe that this change by the Government to allow councils to borrow could have a huge impact in getting some

councils increasing their own stock again.

Even with the borrowing cap in place, the authority has amassed extensive experience in building high-quality Council homes. 100 have been built in South Cambridgeshire, or have started being constructed, since 2015. This includes new affordable housing already completed in Gamlingay, Swavesey, Linton, Foxton, Great Abington and Waterbeach. On top of this, the Council already has plans for up to a further 200 new Council houses to be built across the district over the next five years, including in Waterbeach, Teversham, Caldecote, Great Abington, Hardwick and other villages. The Council is looking forward to receiving the full detail so that it can build more desperately needed homes across South Cambridgeshire.

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APPENDIX C

Police Report for October/November 2018

Girton - Weavers Field

19/10/2018 17:00 – 21:00. Unknown offender(s) have broken into a property and carried out an untidy search and have stolen jewellery. Crime Ref 35/38916/18

Girton - Thornton Court

Between 22/10/2018 21:00 to 23/10/2018 09:00 Offender pulled out a fencing panel from a communal fence and used the panel as a makeshift ladder to climb over the fence into neighbouring properties. Crime Ref 35/39689/18.

Girton - Northfield

10:00 – 22:30 on 09/11/2018

Rear door of a property forced open and untidy search conducted with items of jewellery being stolen. Garden shed also accessed however nothing stolen. Crime Ref 35/43917/18

APPENDIX D

Quotations received for basketball court fencing repair

JB Fencing - £1,300 plus VAT

Town & Country Fencing Services - £860.00 plus VAT

P Martin Fencing - £475.00 plus VAT

APPENDIX E

Payments Schedule for November 2018

(circulated separately)

APPENDIX F

Chairman's Report

15th November 2018

The work on the GTC aspects of the car park/footpath/fence/bus shelter work has progressed but is not yet complete. Work to install the artistic fence, complete the bus shelter and the footpath final surface is expected to be finished by the end of the month. The raised bed

planter that has appeared adjacent to the bus shelter has been queried as it did not appear on any plans that we have seen. We have requested that we revert to the planned ground level planting. The effect of the delays on the timetable for the car park refurbishment work being undertaken by Mead is unclear but they have begun work this week..

In response to the report received on the need to remove trees adjacent to 1 Duck End I have written to the Insurance Underwriters asking for a more detailed justification for their actions which do not appear to be supported. I have also asked to be informed of plans to replant with suitable new trees. No response has yet been received.

Following discussion at our last meeting I drafted and circulated a response to the coalition of Parish Councils requesting that any new developments to the A428 and Girton Interchange should not exacerbate the existing problems of noise and pollution to our village. After some initial resistance my changes were accepted and we will lend our support to the letter provided our immediate neighbours are also in favour. We do need to make our own case to the Minister however and I shall draft a submission for discussion at our meeting next week. This month saw the annual Remembrance Ceremony at the War Memorial on the 11th, which was well attended in this Centenary year. District Councillor de Lacey also hosted a “Battle’s Over” beacon-lighting and fireworks event at St Andrew’s Church/Girton Recreation Ground, in the evening which again was well attended. Girton Glebe School also held a short ceremony for some pupils on Friday 9th.

Due to adverse personal experience I have had occasion to complain to Stagecoach on behalf of myself and the village about failure of the number 5 bus service to Cambridge on successive Saturday evenings. This has attracted little more than glib excuses and apologies but my request to update their display/App systems to warn of cancelled services seems to be being given some attention.

We have had a number of responses to our request for opinions on the suggested addition of exercise /play equipment on Mayfield triangle. These will be discussed at next week’s meeting.

We have received further reports of accidents at the junction of Cambridge Road and High Street. It is hoped that safety measures can be included in the consultation with Highways Officers if our improvement grant application is approved. If it is not approved then we shall need to independently agree installation of appropriate signage. We have also received a request for movement of the 40mph speed limit to beyond Camboro Business Park. This will be explored.

It is sad to report that Cllr Gill Cockley has suffered quite a serious injury in a riding accident and is likely to be out of action for some time. I am sure all will join me in wishing Gill a speedy recovery.

Haydn Williams

APPENDIX G

Summary of Girton Youth Project Report – October 2018

Frances visited the club during a Thursday session this month as part of her transition into the new role, which will officially begin on the 19th of November, I will make myself available to Frances as part of her induction and I have created a crib sheet for her to follow until she has found her feet. I am sure she will introduce herself to you all in good time, however, I can tell you that the young people received Frances positively, with great feedback. Frances had experience in working with young people in many different avenues including Brownies and Special Educational Needs and I am sure the staff alongside the young people will make her feel at home instantly.

We will be undergoing PAT testing of all electrical goods over a year old in November,

facilitated by Cotton Hall Trustees.

The YMCA have been reminded that a new service agreement needs to be given to GTC for the extended budget proposal to be finalised. Fiona has assured me that GTC should be receiving this soon.

Rachel Rason

APPENDIX H Energy Schemes Report

1. Carbon Smart: Community Energy Funding for Parish Council

<http://www.carbonsmart.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/170306-Parish-Councils-RCEF-grant.pdf>

Parish Councils are eligible to apply for grant funding to assess the feasibility of a local, renewable energy supply for the area. Carbon Smart is working with Parish Councils to facilitate applying for the funding and to deliver the feasibility study.

Recent successes include Woolpit Parish Council (Mid-Suffolk) who has just secured £18k to carry out their renewable heat feasibility study.

Need to:

- Benefit residents contributing to long-term future of the rural community
- Generate additional income streams for the community via government
- Reduce energy costs for e.g. Village Hall, local school, sports facilities, or vulnerable households.
- Cut carbon emissions; protect against future price volatility, provide local employment

Carbon Smart is working with Parish Councils, charities and community groups to develop local energy projects. Parish Councils are suitable candidates for:

grant funding via the Rural Community Energy Fund ("RCEF").

Parish Councils are using this funding to explore projects including:

- Solar panels on schools giving pupils low cost electricity while tackling fuel poverty
- Heat networks at a medical centre ensuring low cost, low carbon heat at critical community facilities
- Community owned solar farm in Oxfordshire generating returns for local share holders.

2. WRAP (Waste Resources Action Programme)

<http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/rural-community-energy-fund>

Seems largely concerned with recycling and sustainability

3. Community Energy England: Funding Opportunities

<https://communityenergyengland.org./pages/funding-opportunities-2>

includes: **South Cambridgeshire Community Energy Fund**

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to voluntary and community sector groups and parish councils to support the delivery of local energy saving and green initiatives. Applications are accepted at any time, until funding runs out, and can completely or partially cover the costs of a project, equipment or work. Further details [here](#).

4. Renewable energy: A practical guide to developing community renewable energy projects

<http://www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk/UserFiles/Files/Documents/Community/ACRE/Renewable Energy.pdf>

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5. Community Energy Coalition: Start your own community energy project

<https://www.ukcec.org/start-your-own-community-energy-project>

Guide provided by the DECC (Department of Energy and Climate Change)

6. The Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership (South Cambs District Council)

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/sustainable-parish-energy-partnership>

page could not be found. Apparently SCambs has launched a new website.

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16/11/2018