

Receipts and Payments

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Chairman's report

Alan James

This is my first Annual Report for the branch. However, the title is misleading. I have only been in post since March 2018. Nevertheless, the branch has coped remarkably well without a chairman for eighteen months.

My predecessor, Michael Monk, vacated this post to become regional chairman for CPRE East of England. Despite his heavy regional workload, Michael has made himself available to advise me whenever requested and for that I am most grateful.

The branch team consisting of our trustees and committee members, our volunteers and of course our branch administrator Tracey Hipson, have provided me with fantastic support. Ali Sargent has reminded me of the rules of interviews and press releases. Jean Prince has worked tremendously hard to improve the web site and our Twitter presence. Sally Jackson has held the fort in the north making a significant contribution to the Peterborough Local Plan consultation and now the inspector's examination of it. Gareth Ridewood has briefed me on the Cam-Ox arc. Nick de Chenu has kept us financially strong and legal. Shirley Fieldhouse has forensically examined the detail of planning applications and other issues and written many succinct briefings and letters, all compatible with CPRE's policy objectives.

There was a well-attended AGM at St Ives Corn Exchange in October and the Planning Workshop for Parish Councils held in November seems to have been a great success. Thanks to Nick and Tracey's careful management the branch is in a stable financial position and has a new computer.

Here in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough we face some enormous challenges. We have two vibrant, technologically strong cities, linked by what the planners like to call a "growth corridor", surrounded by the food bowl of the country, parts of which contain some of the most deprived rural communities in the country. In the centre of the "growth corridor" we have the Great Ouse Valley whose transition to an Area of Outstanding Natural

Beauty (AONB) we are supporting. Close to that we have the A14 construction which is impacting villages like Hilton, Papworth St Agnes, the Offords and Buckden.

My attention has been gripped by three major issues:

- The proposed waste incinerator and power plant next to the major development site at Waterbeach,
- The Cam-Ox arc and associated new "garden" towns and villages. (When did "sustainable" get replaced by "garden"?),
- The complete distortion by East Cambs. District Council of the Community Land Trust (CLT) concept. A movement which CPRE supports nationally is being used to breach development envelopes with major private housing estates containing less affordable housing than the council's own policies require. The worst case being Kennett on the Suffolk/Cambridge border.

In parallel, the branch has responded formally to fifteen other planning applications; considered or advised on another thirteen; contributed to the CPRE national response to the NPPF consultation; met with Cambridge MP Daniel Zeichner to discuss the NPPF; met with BCN Wildlife Trust to establish a principle of cooperation on countryside issues; supported the Great Ouse AONB; produced a Spring Newsletter; revised its web site; implemented privacy policies and procedures to comply with GDPR; effected office risk assessments; assisted the halting of the AgriTech park at Hinxton; participated in the greenbelt debate; produced a volunteer recruitment leaflet and contributed to the CPRE "purpose" project.

This is a tremendous workload for a small team of volunteers and I really am proud of all of you. Thank you.

We desperately need more people to play an active role in our activities from litter-picking to fund-raising, to being a trustee. Whatever relevant skill or volunteer time you can offer, we need you. We also need your membership, your donations and your support to help us campaign for a vibrant, thriving, nature-friendly, communal and responsibly farmed countryside.

Huntingdonshire report

Gareth Ridewood

We continued to monitor planning applications across the District and provided support to several residents.

We responded to the Local Plan to 2036 consultation submitting over 30 comments - including recognition of sites of conservation designation of national importance, the need to support climate change adaptation, the addition of the Nene Valley to the list of strategic green

infrastructure, and the addition of green infrastructure provision to support healthy communities.

We challenged the proposed housing growth capacity and pointed out that development in service centres, local service centres and small settlements would need to be in conformity with other policies in the plan. We have been working with other Branches to monitor the proposals for the Cam-Ox Arc.

South and East Cambridgeshire, and Fenland

Shirley Fieldhouse

Local Plans

The Inquiry into the Cambridge and South Cambs Local Plans (2014) concluded in July 2017 and approval still awaited. So we are still working on the 2004 and 2005 plans until the final acceptance by the Secretary of State is received. The inquiry started in June 2018 into the East Cambs Local Plan 2015 review. Up-to-date Plans are urgently awaited as they will then demonstrate a five year housing land supply. In the meantime, developers seek to exploit this loophole and are submitting applications for large and small development outside village envelopes, causing a lot of work for district councils and for CPRE, although it is helpful that South Cambs announced in May 2018 that they do have the required housing land supply.

Housing

South Cambridgeshire

Cottenham

Cottenham has been besieged by applications. Three along Rampton Road, to which we had objected were finally approved by SCDC or on appeal:

- (S/2413/17/OL: resubmission of S/1411/16/OL) for 200 dwellings and care home (Gladman).
- (S/1606/16/OL) for 126 dwellings (Persimmon).
- (S/2876/16/OL) for up to 125 dwellings (Cambs County Council).

A further proposal (S/0012/18/OL) for 50 dwellings at Beach Road, Cottenham came forward in February. The application - to which we objected - is undecided.

Thriplow

The application (S/3566/17/FL) for a grain store was refused on grounds of being in the Green Belt and (S/3591/17/FL) for an estate of 36 houses was refused as being unsustainable with negative impact on the area and setting of the village.

Milton

While we support the provision of affordable homes, we objected to (S/0904/18 FL) for 36 affordable dwellings in Fen Road because the site is in the Green Belt and outside the village envelope. It is awaiting decision.

Papworth Everard

(S/1783/18/OL) for 175 houses was a resubmission of the 2015 application. We objected. It is awaiting decision.

Waterbeach

The site for a new town at Waterbeach (policy SS/5) in the Local Plan is the 2007 Local Plan. Urban & Civic submitted outline planning (S/0559/17/OL) for 6,500 dwellings on the barracks land in 2017. RLW Estates have applied for full planning (S/0791/18/FL) to relocate Waterbeach station to the North of the village and outline planning

(S/2075/18/OL) for 4,500 dwellings on greenfield land adjoining the barracks outside the Local Plan. We objected as the site needs to be considered as a whole. Waterbeach village has also had 350 new dwellings approved though speculative development outside the village envelope.

East Cambridgeshire

Haddenham

Objections were made to (18/00803/FUM) for 24 dwellings in Bury Lane and to (17/01756/FUM) for 54 homes on land west of Hardwick Fields, West End, where the Community Land Trust propose to build 19 affordable homes and 38 market houses on a site outside the village (approved July 2018).

Witchford

An objection was made to application (18/00778/OUM) for 40 dwellings (reduced from a previously refused 55 dwellings).

Sutton

An application (16/01772/FUM) for 77 dwellings (although this site was allocated in the Local Plan) for an edge of village site was refused and went to appeal. We supported the ECDC in their reasons for refusal, i.e., over-development and increased traffic on local roads.

Kennett

Application (18/00752/ESO) is for a Garden Village of 500 houses, of which 150 are affordable to be administered by a CLT. Kennett is a small village (353 population) on the boundary with Suffolk. Although the site has been allocated for housing in the Local Plan review, we are strenuously opposing the application as this is the wrong place to put 500 houses.

Incinerators

Waterbeach

Waste Recovery Facility (S/3372/17/CW) for heat and power plant comprising biomass energy from waste and chimney, adjacent to AmeyCespa's current A10 site. Objection was made on grounds of height (80 metres) chimney, landscape, and nearness to Denny Abbey. We are also concerned about possible air pollution.

Warboys

Application (H/5002/18/CW) for construction of heat and power plant comprising biomass energy from waste and waste water treatment plant, 25 metre high chimney, adjacent to current landfill site. An objection was submitted on grounds of landscape, possible pollution of two SSSIs, light spillage, and traffic. Now approved.

Business

Hinxton

Application (S/4099/17/OL) was submitted by Smithson

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Press and publicity Ali Sargent

Our new Chairman, Alan James, hit the ground running as a spokesperson for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CPRE. Within weeks of his appointment in February, he had made two appearances on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, where threats to green spaces continue to be an issue which provokes much interest.

He showed himself to be the master of the soundbite with the quote “CPRE is not a NIMBY organisation. We do need more housing, particularly affordable housing, but we need that housing to be planned properly.” That’s the sort of quote that gets “lifted” from a longer interview and used repeatedly in news bulletins throughout the day, thus increasing our media exposure to a wider audience.

The other interview was on fly-tipping. Rubbish is always a popular subject with the media – so we are hopeful of getting a fair amount of coverage when CPRE launches its “Green Clean” campaign in the autumn. This litter-pick campaign will support CPRE’s calls for a comprehensive deposit return system for bottles and cans.

Until Alan’s appointment, Michael Monk, our former Chairman, (now Regional Chairman) continued to fly the media flag for us with a number of broadcast interviews, not least the hugely contentious issue of plastic recycling which attracted a lot of interest in March. Unfortunately National Office didn’t give us advance notice of the release of this information, so we were not able to reap maximum benefit from it. Once a story has hit the nationals, it’s crucial to be ready to run with a local version straight away. 24 hours is a long time in the world of journalism.

Peterborough report Sally Jackson

The main concern for the Peterborough area has been the evolution of the new Local Plan. This is being updated from the 2011 Core Strategy to make sure we have a robust five-year land supply and are compliant with the government’s National Planning Policy Framework.

Hopefully this will prevent further unplanned development outside the Village Envelopes, as happened in Barnack last year.

Peterborough City Council have put forward a sustainable plan that concentrates development in the urban areas and the urban extensions, leaving 5% of the new houses, roughly, to be shared amongst the rural areas. However, there are some anomalies which have resulted in some villages, like Helpston, getting way in excess of this and other villages of the same size getting minimal amounts. We feel this leaves these villages open to future challenges by developers and would argue for a fairer distribution. We strongly support the proposed policy on ‘no development outside Village Envelopes’ but have argued that in some cases loosening these boundaries, with the support of the residents, can help all settlements to grow and flourish.

An Inspector has been appointed to examine the soundness of the plan and during August she has heard the views all those concerned. The next stage will be in October, when individual site allocations will be discussed. We shall be there expressing our support for sustainable development in the countryside. If you would like us to put forward any concerns you have please get in touch (contacts page 8).

Cambridgeshire, South and East, and Fenland

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Hill for an AgriTech Park agricultural land near A1301 and A505 for business (not R&D) premises with up to 4000 employees. This application was refused. We had objected on grounds of speculative development.

Nearby, the Wellcome Trust have submitted application (S/2209/18/E2), a scoping document, for employment space and up to 1500 dwellings. We are keeping an eye on this.

Transport

Cambridge South East Transport Study

Greater Cambridge Partnership consultation.

We objected to the Mass Rapid Transit route, a new road through countryside between Granta Park and the Biomedical Campus at Addenbrooke’s.

Cambourne to Cambridge Better Bus Journeys Consultation

The section along Madingley Road to Scotland Farm.

A Park & Ride site at Scotland Farm was preferred to one at Madingley Mulch and we objected to Route C (in the green belt) and to Route A (no bus lane) on Madingley Road, but approved Route B (tidal flow bus lane).

Volunteers and new members needed!

You’ll see that we have enclosed a flyer asking for members or volunteers with this mailing. We always welcome support. If you’d be interested in volunteering for us, please get in touch (contacts page 8).

Alternatively, if you know someone who might be interested in supporting us, perhaps you could pass the flyer on to them? We’d also be delighted if you could arrange for the flyer to be displayed where you live - in a community centre or library for example. We’d be happy to send you additional copies. Thank you for your support.

Financial statements for the period 1.4.17 to 31.3.18

The independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

This reports on the accounts of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2018 is in respect of an examination carried out under s145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act 2 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to -

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts with

those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or,
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination of which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M C A Pettifer FCA

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Section A: Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted funds (To the nearest £)	Restricted funds (To the nearest £)	Endowment funds (To the nearest £)	Total funds (To the nearest £)	Last year (To the nearest £)
Subscriptions (from CPRE)	9,219	–	–	9,219	9,231
Training Seminar income	1,960	–	–	1,960	660
Donations	163	–	–	163	206
Interest	38	–	–	38	78
Lottery	173	–	–	173	176
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,553	–	–	11,553	10,351

A2 Assets and investment sales (See table)	–	–	–	–	–
Sub total	–	–	–	–	–

Total receipts	11,553	–	–	11,553	10,351
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Section A: Receipts and Payments continued

A3 Payments	Unrestricted funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted funds (to the nearest £)	Endowment funds (to the nearest £)	Total funds (to the nearest £)	Last year (to the nearest £)
ADMINISTRATION					
Accommodation	446		–	446	174
Office equipment	30	–	–	30	–
Postage	216	–	–	216	129
Salaries	5,097	–	–	5,097	5,138
Staff expenses and training	52	–	–	52	188
Stationery	156	–	–	156	125
Subscriptions	154	–	–	154	174
Telephone	841	–	–	841	420
CAMPAIGNS AND PROJECTS					
Training Seminar costs	1,030	–	–	1,030	–
COMMUNICATIONS					
General PR	2,400	–	–	2,400	2,400
Newsletter	336	–	–	336	787
Web site	30	–	–	30	–
GOVERNANCE					
AGM	575	–	–	575	283
Annual Report	–	–	–	–	–
Independent examination	288	–	–	288	276
Insurance	261	–	–	261	260
Trustee expenses and training	610	–	–	610	385
Volunteer expenses and training	61	–	–	61	80
MISCELLANEOUS					
Miscellaneous	120	–	–	120	66
Sub total	12,703	–	–	12,703	10,885

A4 Asset and Investment purchases (See table)	Unrestricted funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted funds (to the nearest £)	Endowment funds (to the nearest £)	Total funds (to the nearest £)	Last year (to the nearest £)
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Sub total	–	–	–	–	–
Total payments	12,703	–	–	12,703	10,885
Net of receipts (payments)	(1,150)	–	–	(1,150)	(534)
A5 Transfers between funds	–	–	–	–	–
A6 cash funds last year end	33,720	–	–	33,720	34,254
Cash funds this year end	32,570	–	–	32,570	33,720

SECTION B: Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Category	Details	Unrestricted funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted funds (to the nearest £)	Endowment funds (to the nearest £)
B1 Cash Funds	Barclays Current	100	–	–
	CAF Cash	1,735	–	–
	CAF gold	18,195	–	–
	COIF deposit	12,500	–	–
	Petty cash	40	–	–
	Total cash funds	32,570	–	–

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B2 Other monetry funds	None	–	–	–

Category	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B3 Investment Assets	None	–	–	–

Category	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Filing cabinet	Unrestricted	20	–
	Computer	Unrestricted	100	–
	Printer	Unrestricted	30	–
	Display boards	Unrestricted	100	–

Category	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	None	–	–	–

Treasurer's report

Nicholas de Chenu

Financial Report for the 12 month period ending 31 March 2018

Income

The membership subscriptions have held up £9,219 being received compared to £9,231 last year.

During the year we have led a most successful and well attended training session which generated an income of £1960. There were costs attached to this income (shown in the Expenditure section of the report) and the net result was a surplus of £930. However, the event was not planned as a means of generating income, it was rather a means for CPRE to exercise its expertise in training and passing on much needed information concerning the planning process to the attendees.

The total income for the year was £11,553 compared to the prior year £10,351.

Expenditure

Accommodation costs were £446 which was less than the budget of £1,000. The budget anticipated that we would have shared the costs of the office space with the CPRE

East of England Region, but this expenditure will now commence with effect from 1.4.2018.

Salary costs were £5,097 but in 2018/19 they will be some £500 higher due to an increase in salary, new pension costs and a slight adjustment in the proportional sharing with the Region.

Costs listed under Training Seminar costs of £1,030 were discussed with the income above.

Trustees expenses of £610 were higher than the previous year's £385, which reflects greater activity and is well within the area of reasonableness, and less than provided for in the budget.

The total expenditure for the year was £12,703 (which included the £1,030 training seminar costs) compared to the prior year £10,885. The net result was an excess of expenditure of £1,150 which was very similar to last year's net outflow of £534.

Cash Position

The total balance of all the bank accounts at the end of the year was £32,570 a small reduction from last year's closing balance of £32,720.

About CPRE

We campaign for a beautiful and living countryside. We work to influence how we plan our towns and cities to make them better places to live and work, to ensure the countryside is protected for all to enjoy for now and future generations.

Our Patron is Her Majesty the Queen.

We have around 60,000 members and a branch in every county. CPRE is a powerful combination of effective local action and strong national campaigning. Our President is Emma Bridgewater.

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Keeping in Touch

CPRE Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are happy to help you. As well as this report and our printed newsletter, there are lots of ways to keep in touch with us. Please contact our office: Tel: 01480 396698.

If you have an email address, sign up for our occasional e-bulletin: office@cprecambs.org.uk

Our website is frequently updated with both local and national news and issues. Have a look and tell us what you think: www.cprecambs.org.uk.

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CPRE Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is listed on www.everyclick.com, the search engine that helps charity.

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/clickcpre> to do all your searching. It does not cost us, or you, a penny - so it's a great way to support us every day.

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