

Notes taken from the Virtual Meeting Cabinet and Parish Councils Liaison Wednesday 15 April 2020

Chaired by Cllr Bridget Smith Leader SCDC, Liberal Democrats

1. **Cllr Bridget Smith** introduced the meeting and explained the difficulties they were experiencing but emphasised that they continue to offer support to sole traders and local businesses and she 'meets' with the Councillors on a daily basis together with the CEO. Both Cllr Bridget Smith and Liz Watts the CEO went onto to thank the Parish Councils for the help and support they were giving to their villagers.
2. **Cllr John Williams (Finance)** explained that they have cash flow problems and are experiencing difficulties. The precept payment which are usually paid in April and October, now a quarter will be paid in both April and June and it is hoped that the balance will be paid in October. Three quarters of people pay by direct debit and a few householders had defaulted on these payments. Any one experiencing difficulty should contact SCDC on Revenues@scambs.gov.uk
3. **Cllr Tumi Hawkins (Housing)** explained that planning applications are still being dealt with, albeit remotely. Cambridgeshire has been split into three areas and each area has an Area Manager, we are in Area 3 (North/ North West and including Western part of the City) and our Area Manager is Lorraine Casey Lorraine.Casey@greatercambridgeplanning.org mobile: 07704 018466. and the Planning Officer is Sumaya Nakamya sumaya.nakamya@greatercambridgeplanning.org Many yellow site notices are now not being displayed and it was suggested that perhaps a Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk may be asked to put up these planning application notices.
4. **Cllr Bill Handley (waste collection)** confirmed that green bin are currently not being collected. This is due to the reduction of the numbers of drivers. It is hoped to start the collection again from 2 May 2020.
5. **Cllr Peter McDonald (Business Support)** explained that there was help available to all businesses in South Cambridge, both in advice and grants. Anyone needing help should contact businessgrants@scambs.gov.uk or check on the website <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/grants-and-funding/>

There is a wealth of information on SCDC's website <https://www.scambs.gov.uk> which is easy to access or just phone on 03450 450 500 or email on scdc@scambs.gov.uk

Cllr Jenny Jullien
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