

PARISH CLERK'S REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 1 December 2015

South Cambs' annual Community Awards are open for 2016.

For full information on the individual categories and for nomination forms please see <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-awards>.

Pedestrian Crossing

Following an on-site meeting, it was confirmed to County Highways that the new drawing is acceptable as it is in line with the decision taken at the Parish council meeting on 3rd November. This means the crossing is offset so that it is not directly in front of the door of the Baptist Chapel.

Local Highways Improvement (LHI) Application 2016-17

An application has been lodged for a grant towards 40mph buffer zones at the entrances to the village. This will be considered by County Highways at a meeting on 22 January 2016

Employment Tribunal Costs

An application to the tribunal for costs has been refused. Whilst the council had been advised that an application could very well not succeed, because of pressure from members of the public, and the significant public funds the Council had been obliged to spend on this matter, councillors felt it to be only right that an application should be made. Because of the Employment Tribunal rules, it is not surprising, if disappointing, that the application failed.

Electoral Review South Cambridgeshire

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is conducting an electoral review of South Cambridgeshire District Council. Under their proposals there will be 12 fewer District Councillors They are asking local people and organisations for their views as to the best pattern of wards for the district. For more information go to www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk and choose South Cambridgeshire from the menu. The consultation runs until 1 February 2016.

Christmas Closure

The Parish Council office will be closed over Christmas and New Year. This will be for the two weeks beginning 21 December, opening again on Monday 4 January. The Groundsmen will also take holiday during that time. We will put the phone numbers of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parish Council on the answerphone in case of emergency.

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES on 26 November 2015:

Close Brothers Bank:	£51,396.27
Cambridge and Counties Bank:	£52,552.58
Cambridge Building Society:	£36,685.29
Barclays Bank:	£72,137.12