

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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To Members of the Public and Press

9 July 2025

You are invited to attend a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council
to be held in Christchurch Community Centre
for the purpose of transacting the following business.

On Monday 14 July 2025 at 7.30pm

**Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council
at its Public Time from 7.35pm to 7.50pm**

Yours truly

Dave Gibbs

(Clerk/Proper Officer)

AGENDA

**Members are reminded that they need to declare any personal or prejudicial interest
and reason before an item discussed at this meeting, under the
Model Code of Conduct Order 2001 No 3576**

046/25-26 Apologies for Absence

To receive and consider apologies from those members not present

047/25-26 Chairman's Announcements

To receive such announcements as the Chairman may wish to make to the
Council

048/25-26 Public Time

To receive representations from members of the public regarding issues pertinent
to the Council

049/25-26 Confirmation of Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2025

050/25-26 Matters Outstanding

- a) Clarion garden project, Upwell Road
- b) Fenland District Council Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- c) Public defibrillators
- d) Community Centre valuation
- e) Whitemill Environment Fund
- f) Fens Reservoir

051/25-26 Police Report

To receive a report on policing matters in the area over the last month

052/25-26 County & District Councillors Reports

To receive reports from Cllrs Fisher, Galbraith, Roy and Summers

053/25-26 Clerk's Report

To receive a report on correspondence received

054/25-26 Members and Residents Issues

To consider any matters raised by Members of the Council and local residents

- a) Parking outside Townley School
- b) MVAS speed sign battery replacement
- c) Crown Avenue grass verges

055/25-26 Recreation Ground

To receive a report on progress since the last meeting

056/25-26 Nature Park Project

To receive a report on progress since the last meeting

057/25-26 Village Centre Regeneration Project

To receive a report on progress since the last meeting

058/25-26 Highways

- a) To receive a report from the Clerk regarding the 2024/25 Local Highway Improvements application for Sixteen Foot Bank
- b) To receive a report from the Clerk regarding the 2025/26 Local Highway Improvements application for Wayside Estate

059/25-26 Play Equipment Inspection

To receive an update on actions resulting from the recent annual inspection of the play equipment

060/25-26 Finance

To consider and resolve on the following matters:

- a) To receive an updated financial statement for the period to the end of June
- b) To receive and note the quarterly financial reconciliation
- c) To note the following sums received:

Fenland District Council (concurrent functions grant).....	£ 2,567.00
Fenland District Council (recycling credits)	£ 292.97
Barclays Bank (interest).....	£ 67.46
NatWest Bank (interest).....	£ 10.47

- d) To approve the following payments:

Clerk salary and home office allowance.....	£ 386.91
Lawn Boy Farm Services (mower repair)	£ 126.67
Fenland District Council (street light recharge)	£ 5,553.18
CAPALC Ltd (subscription).....	£ 445.03
Middle Level Commissioners (drainage rates)	£ 53.94
Upwell Internal Drainage Board (drainage rates)	£ 53.53

- e) To consider a grant application from Christchurch Women's Circle
- f) To consider a quote for the replacement of street light PC3 in Upwell Road

061/25-26 Consultations

To note current surveys and consultations from statutory partners and formulate an appropriate response if required

- a) Local Government Reorganisation - Fenland District Council
- b) Public Rights of Way Hierarchy - Cambridgeshire County Council

- c) Great Collaboration climate and environmental survey - The Great Collaboration

062/25-26 Public Time

To receive comments and suggestions from members of the public

063/25-26 Matters for Next Meeting

To discuss future agenda items from Councillors

064/25-26 Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Council as Monday 8 September

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Christchurch Parish Council held in the Community Centre on Monday 9 June 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs A Sparrow (in the Chair), J Bliss, B Burfield, R Feeney, J Hughes, S Potter, Cllrs S Fisher (CCC), C Galbraith (CCC), D Roy (FDC), D Gibbs (Clerk), two parishioners

025/25-26 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J Hayes, M Summers (FDC)

026/25-26 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

027/25-26 Public Time

Cllr Hughes mentioned that residents had reported hedges and trees overhanging and blocking pavements in Church Road, Wayside Estate and Crown Road. The Clerk will investigate the hedges and Cllr Burfield will inspect the trees in Crown Road.

It was noted that the large tyre dumped in Halfpenny Toll Road last year has been removed, apparently by the District Council.

028/25-26 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12 May were correctly recorded and signed as being a true record.

029/25-26 Matters Outstanding

- a) Household items outside property in Upwell Road - Cllr Roy and the Clerk met with Rachael Nicholls from Clarion Housing Group to discuss the issues and future use of the site. As the tenants have no use for the plot, it was agreed that Clarion would create an easy-maintenance shared public space to be managed jointly with the Council.
- b) Fenland District Council Infrastructure Delivery Plan - The Clerk is awaiting a response from the Clerk of Manea Parish Council.
- c) Public defibrillators - Cllr Feeney reported that he believes that the Dun Cow defibrillator has been registered on The Circuit. Cllr Burfield reported that the Townley School defibrillator was supplied by the Ambulance Service for specific pupils and is not available for public use. At the last meeting, Cllr Hayes offered to investigate the possibility of connecting the Farmer's Boy defibrillator to a power supply. Cllr Sparrow will clarify whether any progress has been made. Cllr Bliss asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the defibrillators. The Clerk advised Members that the defibrillators were not provided by the Council, but that it was important to ensure that they were always available and ready for use, so if nobody else was undertaking this role, the Council could do so.
- d) Community Centre valuation - The Clerk has found a company able to provide a full valuation remotely, based upon information supplied by the Council. He has asked for a quote for this service for comparison with a conventional survey from a local surveyor.

030/25-26 Police Report

The Clerk reported that he hopes to meet Sergeant Lee Lombardo soon.

031/25-26 County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Fisher introduced himself and reported that he has arranged a monthly meeting with Highways officers to monitor progress in addressing maintenance issues.

Cllr Galbraith introduced himself and explained that he is a member of the County Council's Highways and Transport Committee. He is keen to work on residents' issues and concerns.

Cllr Roy commented that Clarion intended to clear the site in Upwell Road within the next few weeks and he would be keeping an eye on it to ensure that they do. The latest meeting of the District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the Diagnostics Centre at the North Cambs Hospital. The District Council is pushing for more services to be introduced and a lack of awareness about the facility was noted, even amongst local doctors. At the same meeting, Inspector Basford from Cambridgeshire Police confirmed that speed camera vans are now available for local communities, but only where Speed Watch data shows a need. There is currently no Speed Watch group in Christchurch. Cllr Hughes will download data from the MVAS machine for discussion at a future meeting. Finally, he encouraged those present to join Neighbourhood Watch, if they hadn't already done so, as membership brings many benefits, including discounted premiums from some insurers.

032/25-26 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on meetings attended and correspondence received, including a County Council public rights of way hierarchy consultation, the launch of the Tiger 7 bus route, and a Cambridgeshire ACRE online cancer awareness session.

033/25-26 Members and Residents Issues

- a) Unsupervised dogs - The Clerk reported that a member of the public had contacted him regarding unsupervised dogs behaving aggressively towards their dog. The Clerk had advised the resident to report the incident to the Police, but it was not clear whether or not this had happened. Members discussed the situation and agreed to provide relevant information on the Council's Facebook page. Cllr Feeney will collate this.
- b) Burst water main in Church Road - Members discussed the recent issue that had caused flooding in several gardens. Members had attended the incident to assist, but Anglian Water turned off the supply promptly. It is unclear whether any of the adjoining properties experienced water ingress.
- c) Roadside verge cutting - The Clerk reported that he had tried to ascertain when the verges were due to be cut, but information from Highways was sketchy and confusing.
- d) Communications - Cllr Feeney reported that he and Cllr Hayes had attended the recent Car Show on behalf of the Council. Public engagement was limited. He offered to prepare a slideshow of the Council's activities and achievements to be used at future events.
- e) Annual report to residents - Members agreed to include a report in the August edition of The Heron. Cllr Hughes will prepare the report.
- f) The Chairman expressed his thanks to John Scott and Son for cutting the verge at the top of Padgetts Road.

034/25-26 Recreation Ground

Cllr Burfield reported that the Community Service Payback teams have completed their work in the Recreation Ground and are now working in the Community Centre Car Park.

035/25-26 Nature Park Project

Cllr Burfield reported that he has mowed the dog run but this had resulted in damage to the mower due to the rough ground. Cllr Sparrow thanked Cllr Burfield for his assistance in maintaining the dog run. Members discussed the damage to the mower and agreed to cover the cost of the repair, amounting to £105.56.

Cllr Sparrow noted that the field is once again overgrown and needs immediate treatment, especially with black grass close to the adjoining field of barley. He has obtained a quote for flailing the field, amounting to £350, with a further £805 for spraying. The contractor expressed concern about the presence of a large quantity of branches from the pollarding of the willows. These could be chipped to be used as mulch along the hedge at a cost of £320. Members considered the three elements and resolved to proceed with all three at a total cost of £1,475.

The Clerk reported that the grant payment from the Whitemill Environment Fund has not been received.

036/25-26 Village Centre Regeneration Project

Cllr Sparrow has prepared an initial project plan. Members will discuss this in detail at the next meeting.

037/25-26 Highways

- a) The Clerk informed members that the closure of the Sixteen Foot Bank is now scheduled for 18 and 19 August for the installation of the new signs and lines included in the 2024/25 Local Highway Improvements application.
- b) The Clerk updated Members on the progress of the 2025/26 Local Highway improvement application for Wayside Estate. The project will be presented to the assessment panel on Friday 25 July. The panel's scoring will be presented to the County Council's Highways and Transport Committee on 14 October for confirmation of funding.

038/25-26 Play Equipment Inspection

Members discussed the report on the inspection undertaken by Online Playgrounds on 16 April. Whilst there is no provision in the budget for works in the current year, it was agreed that there are a number of minor items that could be completed immediately.

Members agreed the following actions:-

- i) Roundabout - obtain quote for replacement of rotten wooden sections and two seats
- ii) Swing seats - obtain quote to replace two cradle seats
- iii) Activity trail - remove rotten element
- iv) Soft play surface - make provision in 2026/27 budget for replacement
- v) All equipment - obtain quote for jet washing where required
- vi) Uneven ground and trip hazards in fenced area - infill with clean soil and reseed
- vii) Skatepark ramps - treat rust and repaint
- viii) Teen shelter - treat rust and repaint
- ix) All equipment including outdoor gym - obtain quote for replacement of missing caps and tightening of loose bolts/fixings etc.

039/25-26 Whitemill Environment Fund

The Clerk explained that the District Council is looking for members for a new community panel to promote the availability of funding and to consider applications. Cllr potter offered to represent the Council on the new panel. The Clerk will notify the District Council.

040/25-26 Fens Reservoir

Members considered a letter from Manea Parish Council proposing a collective response to the Reservoir project. They agreed to join with neighbouring Councils and Cllr Feeney offered to represent the Council on a joint working party for this purpose.

041/25-26 Planning

a) Members considered the following application:

F/YR25/0420/F - Retention of an existing control building and associated infrastructure, including the adjacent auxiliary transformer and generator, for the continued use by Coldham Solar Farm for the duration of the Solar Farm's operational lifespan - Control Building at Coldham Estate, March Road, Coldham

They resolved to offer no objection.

b) Members noted the following applications:

F/YR25/0401/PNC04 - Change of use from 1 x agricultural building to 2 x dwellings (Class Q (a) and (b)) - Barns 1 and 2, Whitehall Farm, March Road, Tipps End

F/YR25/0402/PNC04 - Change of use from 1 x agricultural building to 2 x dwellings (Class Q (a) and (b)) - Barns 3 and 4, Whitehall Farm, March Road, Tipps End

042/25-26 Finance

a) The management accounts as at 31.5.25 showed income of £11,361.33 and expenditure of £1,740.33, resulting in a surplus of £9,621.00 and total funds held of £47,646.54.

b) Members noted the following sums received since the last meeting:

Recreation Ground Charity (payment received in error)	£	240.00
NatWest Bank (interest)	£	10.12

c) Members ratified the following payment issued since the last meeting:

Recreation Ground Charity (repayment)	£	240.00
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d) Members noted the following card payment:

Asda (refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting)	£	11.78
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e) Members approved the following accounts for payment:

Clerk salary and home office allowance	£	386.91
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f) The Clerk advised Members that he is implementing all of the agreed recommendations from the Internal Auditor's report.

g) The Chairman reported that he had discussed issues relating to the Clerkship of the Council with the Clerk. They will implement fortnightly catch-up calls between meetings. An annual appraisal will be conducted in October. The workload varies from month to month and no alteration to the core hours is proposed at this point. Major projects such as the Nature Park and Village Centre Regeneration may require additional hours, to be agreed at the time. Additional hours to be included in project budgets. He thanked the Clerk for his positive feedback in this process.

043/25-26 Public Time

None.

044/25-26 Matters for Next Meeting

None.

045/25-26 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 14 July.

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Agenda Item No.	053/25-26	Christchurch Parish Council
Meeting Date	14 July 2025	
Report Title	Clerk's Report	

1. Purpose of Report

To report on correspondence received.

2. Report

Cambridgeshire County Council

Roadworks and events bulletins
Traffic order for the closure of Sixteen Foot Bank - 18/19 August
Traffic order for the closure of Laddus Drove - 11-22 August
Cambridgeshire Matters newsletter
Local Highway Improvements panel meeting - 25 July
Public rights of way hierarchy consultation
Flood and Water newsletter
Transparency report on highway maintenance
Waterbeach Waste Education Centre newsletter
Appeal for Food Waste volunteers
Holiday Activities and Food programme

Fenland District Council

New free and low-cost social and activity classes and events
The Fenlander newsletter
Landlord and property manager prosecuted for illegal eviction
Community centre upgrades supported by Net Zero funding
Consultation on local government reorganisation launched
Pride in Fenland Awards presented
New Travel Buddies project launched
Rural businesses encouraged to apply for grant funding
£400 bill and criminal record for allowing waste to be fly-tipped

NALC - Events update, Chief Executive's bulletin, new edition of Local Councils Explained

CAPALC - Bulletin, local government reorganisation update

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority - Members newsletter

Cambridgeshire ACRE - Staying in Touch newsletter, water care newsletter

Queen Elizabeth Hospital - Modernising our hospital newsletter

Steve Barclay MP - news update

3. Recommendations

Members note the report.

Report Author	Dave Gibbs
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Christchurch Parish Council - Receipts & Payments Summary as at 30.6.25

Income	Year to Date	Budget	%
FDC Precept	£ 11,100.00	£ 22,200.00	50.00
FDC Concurrent Functions Grant	£ 2,567.00	£ 2,567.00	100.00
Allotment Rents	£ -	£ -	0.00
Allotment Rates	£ -	£ -	0.00
Community Centre	£ -	£ -	0.00
Grants	£ -	£ 10,000.00	0.00
Donations	£ -	£ -	0.00
Recycling Credits	£ 292.97	£ -	#####
Bank Interest	£ 99.26	£ 450.00	22.06
VAT Refunds	£ -	£ 3,275.04	0.00
Miscellaneous	£ 240.00	£ -	#####

Total Income	£ 14,299.23	£ 38,492.04	37.15
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Expenditure

Clerk's Salary	£ 1,160.53	£ 6,125.00	18.95
Fees	£ 265.00	£ 470.00	56.38
Subscriptions	£ 445.03	£ 590.00	75.43
Admin Expenses	£ 19.83	£ 350.00	5.67
Insurance	£ -	£ 1,600.00	0.00
Drainage Rates	£ -	£ 120.00	0.00
Recreation Ground	£ -	£ 2,500.00	0.00
Nature Park	£ -	£ 9,500.00	
Village Centre	£ -	£ 3,000.00	
Churchyard	£ -	£ 745.00	0.00
Community Centre	£ -	£ 2,000.00	0.00
Street Lights	£ -	£ 5,800.00	0.00
Section 137 Payments	£ -	£ 1,000.00	0.00
Highways	£ -	£ 4,000.00	0.00
Recoverable VAT	£ -	£ 1,750.00	0.00
Tree Works	£ -	£ -	0.00
Miscellaneous	£ 240.00	£ -	#####

Total Expenditure	£ 2,130.39	£ 39,550.00	5.39
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Summary

Total Income	£ 14,299.23
LESS Total Expenditure	£ 2,130.39

Net Surplus or Deficit	£ 12,168.84
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Balance Sheet

Balance B/fwd	£ 38,025.54
Surplus or Deficit	£ 12,168.84

Balance C/fwd	£ 50,194.38
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Represented by

Barclays Community Account	£ 7,205.23
Barclays Business Premium Account	£ 20,375.91
NatWest Current Account	£ 11,397.41
NatWest Deposit Account	£ 11,215.83
Cash / Cheques	£ -

£ 50,194.38

Christchurch Parish Council
Bank Reconciliation as at 30.6.25

Cash Book

Balance brought forward from 31.3.23	£	38,025.54
<u>ADD</u> Income received	£	14,299.23
	£	52,324.77
<u>LESS</u> Expenditure incurred	£	2,130.39
	£	50,194.38

Bank Accounts

Barclays Bank Community Account	£	7,205.23
NatWest Bank Current Account	£	11,397.41
<u>LESS</u> Outstanding Cheques		
	£	-
	£	-
	£	-
	£	-
	£	-
Barclays Bank Business Premium Account	£	20,375.91
NatWest Bank Deposit Account	£	11,215.83
	£	50,194.38

Signed:

Date:



Press Release

19 June 2025

Have your say on plans for the future of local councils

Communities across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are being given an opportunity to have their say on a once in a generation opportunity to shape the future of local government.

An [engagement survey has launched today](#) (Thursday 19 June) and focus groups are being run in June and July so people can help inform the biggest shake-up of local government since the 1970s.

It follows a national government requirement to replace current district, county and city councils with single-tier councils.

From April 2028, rather than dealing with separate county, city, and district authorities, residents will access all services - from road maintenance and bin collections to education, planning, social housing, social care, and support with benefits - through a unitary council.

Where areas have parish and town councils, these will not be affected and will continue to operate as they do now.

The national government believes these changes will improve services, making them simpler and more efficient, as well as supporting economic growth and delivering much needed housing.

Since the changes were announced in December 2024, all seven existing county, district and city councils have been working collaboratively to identify viable options for new unitary councils across the region.

No decisions have yet been made on what these new arrangements could look like, but the government has made it clear that it wants these councils to be unitaries (providing all services and covering all county and district functions).

Three proposed options for reorganisation were [shared last week](#). Council leaders now want to hear the views of residents, businesses and local stakeholders like town and parish councils and community groups, to inform the business cases being developed for each of these proposals. Those business cases will then be submitted to the government in November. The final decisions on which new local government

structures are put into place in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will ultimately be made by national government.

The engagement focuses on the connections that people feel they have to different areas; where they work, socialise or get healthcare, for example. It also covers what priorities they think new unitary authorities should have and what is important to them when it comes to dealing with local government.

Councillor Chris Boden, Leader of Fenland District Council, said: “Not all of us believe that this is the best way to reorganise local government, but it is the way the government has chosen so we must make the best of it in the interests of local residents. This engagement survey gives local residents a chance to input into the decision-making process about the future delivery of local government services. I hope that as many residents as possible choose to make their voices heard.”

Councillor Cameron Holloway, Leader of Cambridge City Council, said: “Cambridge residents told us last year that they wanted us to explore in more detail options for a unitary authority for Cambridge. In response to the government’s plans for local government reorganisation, we’ve listened to residents’ feedback and worked with all local authorities across the county to examine options for our area.

“It’s vital that the new council structures serve our residents’ best interests, and work for our city and the surrounding area. Residents can help by letting us know what matters most to them – whether that’s services, structures, or sense of place.”

Councillor Lucy Nethsingha, Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council, said: “This is a moment of significant change for local government across our area, and it is essential that the voices of Cambridgeshire residents are heard clearly in shaping what comes next.

“We want to ensure the authorities that follow are not only efficient and financially sustainable, but also deliver high-quality services and strong local accountability. This engagement is a vital first step in developing proposals that genuinely reflect the needs and aspirations of our communities.”

Councillor Anna Bailey, Leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: “Councils in Cambridgeshire are facing the biggest change to local government in over 50 years. While I very much support the idea of unitary councils, where residents can access all services from one council instead of two, I do not support the government’s move to larger, more remote structures. We must make sure we do not take the “local” out of local government and we are determined to maximise the opportunities, to get the best arrangement we possibly can for East Cambridgeshire residents, businesses and organisations.

“I would therefore urge all our residents, community groups, businesses, and everybody we work with, and for, to share their views and help us shape what the future looks like for our district.”

Councillor Sarah Conboy, Executive Leader of Huntingdonshire District Council, said: “Our aim, as always, is to achieve the best solution for our

communities, ensuring our local areas remain great places to live, work and invest, now and long into the future.

“As part of this, it's vital that we hear from our communities themselves, so we can understand their priorities and hopes for the future of local government. I urge everyone to get involved - whether you are a resident or represent a business or community group - your views are equally valued, and we want to hear from you.”

Councillor Dennis Jones, Leader of Peterborough City Council, said: “This is the biggest shake-up of local government in a generation and therefore it is only right that we understand the opinions of our residents before we submit a proposal to government.

“Change is coming, and we have a fantastic opportunity to secure Peterborough's future prosperity whilst continuing to provide high quality public services, whilst maintaining a strong connection with the residents that we serve.

“We are urging the public, businesses, community groups and all others to learn more about the government's proposals and to tell us what their priorities are so that the plans we submit to the Minister later in the year reflect these as far as possible.”

Councillor Bridget Smith, Leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council, said: “Local government reorganisation will shape how our communities and businesses access vital frontline services for decades to come. It will also mean changes in how important local decisions, that affect all our lives, are made. We would not all have chosen this path - but we of course want the best for our residents. That's why it is so important our communities share their thoughts, ideas and concerns now. The local knowledge and views gathered during the next few weeks will help us to continue developing ideas for how local councils could change.”

The [survey](#) will run from Thursday 19 June to the end of the day on Sunday 20 July.

Hard copies will be available at council offices and in all libraries.

Once there is a proposal for a new system of local government agreed by government, further engagement consultation would take place at that point. Ultimately, the government will have the final decision on what new structures are put in place.

For more information, visit: www.fenland.gov.uk/LGR

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Notes to Editors

For media enquiries, please contact the Fenland District Council press office on 01354 622226 or email: communications@fenland.gov.uk

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Proposals - Local Government Reorganisation

Information on the three potential options for a new arrangement of councils

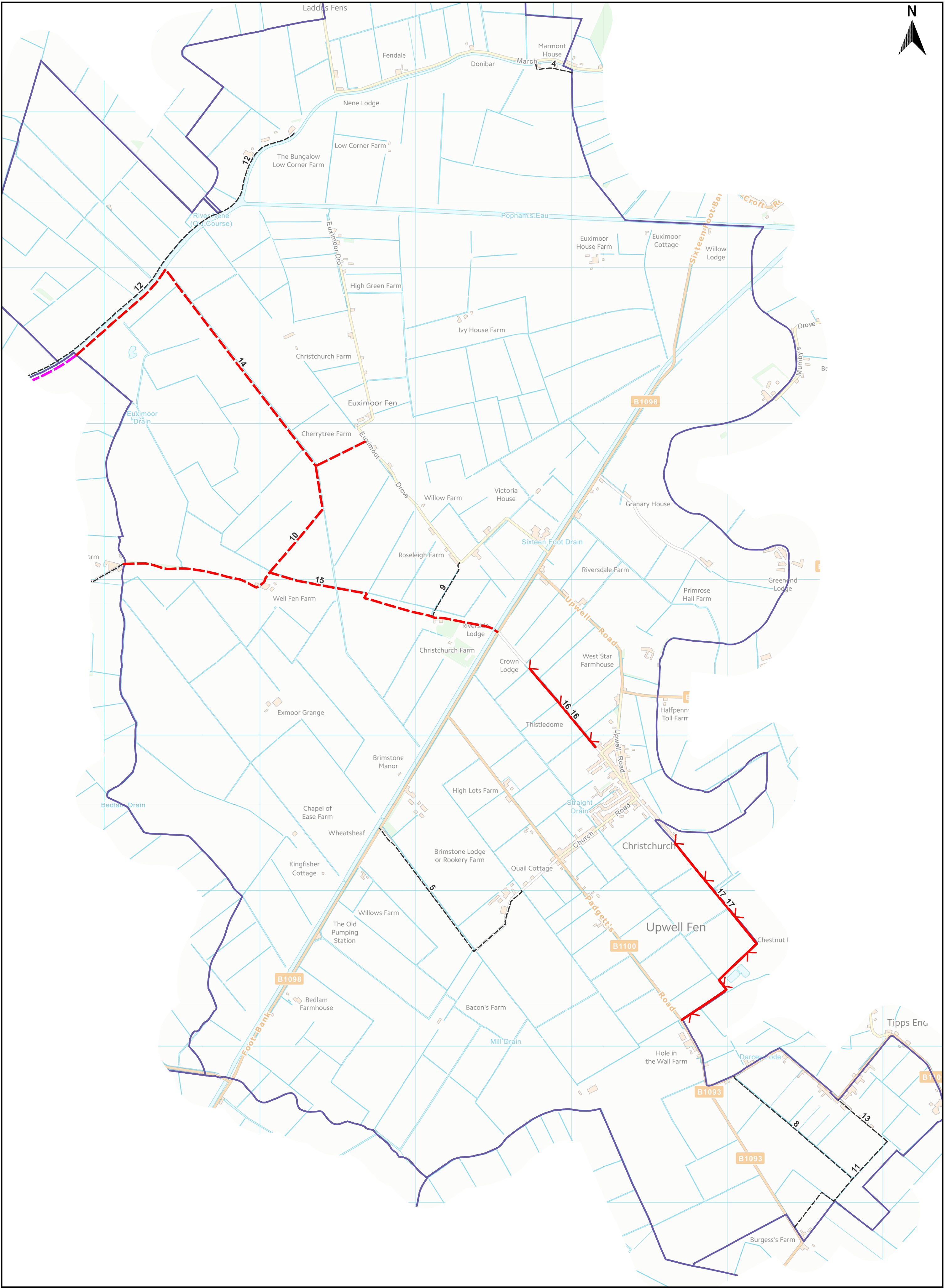
All seven of the councils in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have been working together to discuss potential options for a new arrangement of councils. Three options - based on existing Council boundaries - are currently on the table.

Following initial work between all seven local councils, these three options are all deliverable and have different strengths.

The current options are:

Proposal A North-West/ South-East Option	Unitary 1	Peterborough City Council, Huntingdonshire and Fenland District Councils - along with County Council functions
	Unitary 2	Cambridge City Council, East Cambridgeshire and South Cambridgeshire District Councils - along with County Council functions
Proposal B A North/South Option	Unitary 1	Peterborough City Council, East Cambridgeshire, Fenland and Huntingdonshire District Councils - along with County Council functions
	Unitary 2	Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council - along with County Council functions

Proposal C An East/West Option	Unitary 1	Peterborough City Council, East Cambridgeshire and Fenland District Councils - along with County Council functions
	Unitary 2	Cambridge City Council, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire District Councils - along with County Council functions



Rights of Way by proposed priority (A is highest priority)

Priority A	Priority B	Priority C	Priority D	Parish
Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Footpath	Parish
Bridleway	Bridleway	Bridleway	Bridleway	
Byway	Byway	Byway	Byway	

Draft Public Rights of Way Hierarchy Christchurch

THE GREAT COLLABORATION

Survey for the East Anglia pilot May 2025

The Great Collaboration is a co-operative venture supporting town and parish councils and their communities to work together on climate and environmental action. The free online services at www.greatcollaboration.uk are being extended and the results piloted in East Anglia before being spread around the country.

This survey aims to understand what groups around East Anglia are already doing. Please help us to develop support for your area by completing this survey on behalf of your group or council.

Council or group name	
Contact name	
Email	
Telephone (optional)	
Your role in the group	
Location (town or postcode)	
County	

1. Has your council or group taken any steps to manage climate change and boost biodiversity *(please tick all that apply)*
 - Not yet started
 - Just beginning
 - Declared a climate and/or nature emergency
 - Working with the community on a joint action plan
 - Adopted a biodiversity policy
 - Begun local projects
 - Preparing a carbon reduction plan
 - Other (please specify)
2. Please tell us what projects you are already doing *(please tick all that apply)*
 - Allotments
 - Community composting
 - Community energy project
 - Community orchard
 - Electric vehicle charging points
 - Energy efficiency measures such as building retrofit e.g. insulation/heat pumps/solar panels
 - Equipment library
 - Land management
 - Nature recovery
 - Public transport
 - Repair café

- Shared transport
 - Tree planting
 - Renewable energy – solar, wind or hydro (please specify)
 - Other (please specify)
3. Would support be helpful in any of the following areas (please tick all that apply):
- Biodiversity audit
 - Climate action planning
 - Electric vehicle charging points
 - Energy-saving building improvements
 - Flood risk management
 - Funding advice
 - Getting local engagement for climate action
 - Reducing carbon emissions
 - Renewable energy
 - Other (please specify)
4. Do you know of any other people or groups in your area who are involved in either climate or environmental projects? Please tell us more and please share this survey with them.
<https://forms.gle/4m5TK5AkPSDBhFJ59>
5. Does your area have a vacant property that could be used for a temporary or permanent climate emergency centre (a hub for local community and environmental projects to work with local people, businesses and councils – see more at www.climateemergencycentre.co.uk). Please give as much information as you can e.g. location, address, postcode, or any further information.
6. Would you be willing to work with the Great Collaboration and others on any of the following *(please tick all that apply)*
- Advice and guidance working group
 - Communications and publicity working group
 - Corporate administration
 - Fundraising working group
 - Knowledgebase development
 - Website and digital mapping development
 - Pilot team - developing more activity and support in your county
 - Work with your local community to develop a Community Climate Action Plan
 - Work with neighbouring parishes and groups on joint projects

Many thanks for completing this survey, which will be enormously helpful in planning the next steps for everyone's benefit. Please return it to office@greatcollaboration.uk or by post to The Great Collaboration, 17 High St, Mitcheldean GL17 0AT, and we look forward to staying in touch.